

Worthy is the Lamb

Revelation 5

I. A Book sealed with Seven Seals

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.” (Revelation 5:1)

A. The divine purpose of the Book

- The revealing of God’s judgments on the earth and mankind to reverse the curse of sin on the earth
- The unfolding of future events & the announcement of the consummation of all of history

B. The distressing predicament

“And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.” (Revelation 5:3)

II. The Appearance of the Lamb: Jesus Christ Himself!

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.” (Revelation 5:6)

A. His Identity

- **Pictured as a Lamb:** “Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)
- **“7 heads & 7 eyes”:** The Lamb not only bears the marks of death, but carries the signs of the fulness of omnipotence and omniscience
- **“The Lion of the Tribe of Judah”** — symbolizes power and authority; Jesus Christ is the rightful ruler of this earth...not Satan
- **“The Root of David”** — emphasizes his royal lineage and fulfills the Davidic covenant (2Sam. 7:16)

B. His Work (Why is Jesus pictured as a Lamb?)

- *Ever since the Fall, man has been trying to cover the guilt and shame of his sin.*
- *God chose to use the sacrifice of animals as a picture of the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ—“the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world”*

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” (1 Peter 1:18–19)

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C. His Exaltation

1. Christ won the victory at the cross.

- Through His death and resurrection, sin and Satan have been defeated.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;” (Hebrews 2:14)

- He is exalted at the right hand of the Majesty on High

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.” (Hebrews 1:3–4)

4. **Jesus Christ prevails to open the book** (v. 5, 7) — Jesus Christ is an overcomer; calling believers to be overcomers as well

- ➔ Not only has Jesus Christ won the victory at the cross, but He is now authorized by His Heavenly Father to take back the “title deed” of the earth. **Jesus Christ is the rightful heir!**

III. Three Hymns of Praise

A. The Song of the 4 Cherubim and 24 Elders

“And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:8–10)

- ➔ **Every language and people group will be represented before the Throne of God and Jesus Christ the Lamb!**

B. The Song of the Angelic Hosts

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.” (Rev. 5:11–12)

C. The Song of the Universal Choir

“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” (Rev. 5:13)