

## REVELATION 5

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**Revelation 5:1-14 (NIV)** Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

<sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." <sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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<https://www.istockphoto.com/photos/scroll-with-wax-seal> From last week (Ch. 4) until now, the worship scene in heaven has now escalated. God is sitting on the throne and holds a scroll—having never been opened. The importance of the sealed scroll cannot be over-emphasized. The scroll is the key to understanding the rest of the Revelation, the official document of the last days of human history. The world's future is about to be unfolded before one's very eyes.

**WRITTEN ON BOTH SIDES**-- They wrote on small sheets of papyrus. When the writing was completed, they rolled the "sheets" up and tied some thread around the roll. Each section would be sealed as it was rolled up.

They seldom wrote on the back side. This shows us...

- If a large amount of writing was to be done, they joined the sheets together—this scroll was extensive, noting the extensive judgments that were coming--it will take a great deal of time for all of them to take place.
- As soon as God can find someone worthy enough to open the scroll, He will reveal the end time to man.

We will see that the 7 seals are 7 sections...each opened separately and revealing something different.

A mighty (powerfully strong) angel proclaiming (preach 51 times—a public crier) in a loud (Gk. megas) voice. Proclaiming a question...who is able to break the seals/open the scroll?

**4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.**

Not one human being was worthy... which John said 'I wept and wept.' To sob or wail loudly—total despair.

**5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."**

A dramatic moment—one of the 24 elders speaks to John...WEEP NO MORE... SEE (BEHOLD)... Ta Da!  
The **LION** (Majestic, Authoritative Conqueror)

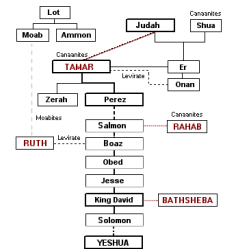


**THE ROOT OF DAVID** – One of the oldest living things on earth is a gnarled and twisted tree growing in the rocky soil of California's White Mountains. Named Methuselah, the Great Basin bristlecone pine has withstood drought, high winds and freezing temperatures for almost 5,000 years.

This remarkable feature of this tree symbolizes how Scripture pictures Jesus, God's Messiah would emerge. Through the prophet Isaiah, God revealed that **"Out of the stump of Jesse's family will grow a shoot, a new branch that will flourish and bear fruit (Isaiah 11:1).** A "stump"... a seemingly dead tree.

Jesse was the father of King David, whose descendant (JESUS) God promised would have a throne forever (2 Samuel 7:16). As the centuries went by, however, the line of Jesse only got weaker and weaker, until at last, it was cut off from the throne all together. The last king, Zedekiah, was taken away into exile by the Babylonians after **"he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God"** (2 Chr. 36:12). By the time Jesus was born, no king had been on the throne of Israeli for 580 years and the line of Jesse was one of poverty...seemingly dead.

<https://readingthebible2021.com/2021/04/25/1-chronicles-3-5/>



Jesse's family tree, which originated from his Jewish grandfather Boaz and his Gentile grandmother Ruth, had been felled. All that remained was a stump, but deep down, the root of Jesse was still alive. From it Messiah would come up **"as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground"** (Isaiah 53:1–2). As the "new branch" He would be the royal descendant to reign over both Jews and Gentiles (Job 14:7). Paul identifies Jesus as the root of Jesse in whom the Gentiles put their hope by pointing to these same promises: **"And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope'"** (Romans 15:12).

It is this Root, that the elder said to John is now the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!

The Lion...the Root of David... has triumphed/conquered/subdued! He's worthy ...He's able!

JESUS WAS DEAD...BUT NOW IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE...TRIUMPHANT!

**6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**

John sees a Lamb (Jesus)!!! In the middle of the throne...in the midst of the 4 powerful angelic beings and 24 elders. A.T. Robertson, the Greek scholar, points out that the word for *lamb* throughout the New Testament is *ho amnos*. But throughout Revelation John uses another word *arnion* [PWS: 2292](#), and he uses the word twenty-nine times for the crucified Christ. The difference is this: the word chosen by John stresses the slaughter, suffering, pain, agony, and humiliation of Christ. As Robertson says: **"The Lamb is now alive, but...yet, with the marks of the sacrifice"**

**SEVEN HORNS** = ABSOLUTE/PERFECT STRENGTH & POWER – THE SUPREME FORCE OF THE UNIVERSE

**SEVEN EYES** = PERFECT, COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE, INTELLIGENCE & WISDOM... OMNISCIENT.

**SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD** = THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ALL HIS FULLNESS—on duty, sent to the earth.

**7 He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.**

In dramatic fashion, Jesus walks over and takes the scroll—the book of destiny out of God's hand...

This has taken John from sobbing in despair, to observing and joining in majestic worship in heaven.

<sup>8</sup> **And when** he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a **harp** and they were holding **golden bowls full of incense**, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> **And they sang a new song:** "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> **You have** made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

**When Jesus**, the Lamb that was slain rose to take the scroll, the 4 living creatures/24 elders fell down in worship before Him.

**THEY HAD HARPS**—we know from the Psalms, David used the harp for celebration, praise & worship.  
**BOWLS FULL OF INCENSE**—symbolizing the prayers of God's people being held up before the throne.

**Just think of this:** the very beings closest to God offer up our prayers to Christ for us. The heavenly host is concerned over our welfare even as the Lord is. They long for us to be helped through the trials and temptations of life even more than we long to be delivered through them.

**SANG A NEW SONG**—To the only one worthy to take the scroll. He was worthy to be praised for...  
...With His blood He purchased men (humans) for God

**IN LISTENING TO A WORSHIP SONG 'WORTHY,' THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE COMMENTED...**

- [@corygreenwell1407 1 month ago](#) I died a year ago from drug overdose, Jesus gave me my life back and I'm 10 months sober
- I was homeless, got into drugs, went to prison, then i got to know Jesus, He changed my life... Now i have a home, a wife, a lovely daughter and a new identity... A child of God.. Hallelujah
- [@Korea2000songs 10 months ago](#) I was paralyzed in bed last year and I heard Jesus say out loud to me - If you believe in me get up and walk. I got up and not only walked but went for a walk outside. Praise God!!!! GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING!!!
- [@stefaniegiese2315 1 month ago](#) I was born a Muslim in Iraq. I was worried and depressed, sitting and looking at the Tigris River in my city. Jesus' face appeared to me in the water and told me. "Son, you're not alone!" I am now a Christian, and I pray every day at the edge of the river. Thank you Jesus for this grace. I'm not alone, Jesus is with me.

**...He made** us a kingdom! ETERNAL, NOT TEMPORAL! He made us priests to serve our God  
...He will lift us up to reign on earth!

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10K x 10K = 100,000,000      Singing is normal expression in heaven!

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**Never has** there been a chorus of worship as will be seen in the glorious day of redemption when all creation shall praise Him who is our Lord and Savior, even the Son of God Himself. And remember why:

- **Because** He is worthy to step forward and take the book of destiny out of the hand of God.
- Because He is worthy to rule and reign over all history, both now and in the last days and throughout all of eternity, world without end.

**LET'S JOIN** THE ANGELIC BEINGS...THE ELDERS... AND WORSHIP OUR LORD, OUR SAVIOR, OUR REDEEMER!