

Chapter Ten

The Things That Will Take Place After These Things

(Revelation 5:1-14)

Chapter 5 is a continuation of the scene which began in 4:1. Here we have God sitting on his throne with a scroll in his hand. (5:1)

I. It was written on in the inside and outside. (5:1a)

II. Sealed with seven seals. (5:1b)

I. This kind of scroll was not a will but a deed or contract.

II. The contents of the contract were briefly described on the outside, then sealed.

Jeremiah 32:6-11(NKJV) ⁶And Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁷‘Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you, saying, “Buy my field which *is* in Anathoth, for the right of redemption *is* yours to buy *it*.”’ ⁸Then Hanamel my uncle’s son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Please buy my field that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance *is* yours, and the redemption yours; buy *it* for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who *was* in Anathoth, and weighed *out to* him the money—seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰**And I signed the deed and sealed it,** took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales. ¹¹**So I took the purchase deed, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open;**

Ezekiel 2:9-10(NKJV) ⁹Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book *was* in it. ¹⁰Then He spread it before me; and *there was* writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it *were* lamentations and mourning and woe.

III. Daniel gives us a thumbnail view of the scene that is unfolded before us in chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation.

Daniel 7:13-14(NKJV) ¹³ “I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an

everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

IV. I believe this scroll was the legal and authoritative deed to Christ's kingdom and rule over all peoples and nations.

III. The scroll and the lamb. (5:1-7)

I. The scroll in God's right hand. (5:1)

A. Written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

II. The proclamation by the strong angel. (5:2)

A. "Who is worthy?"

B. "To open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

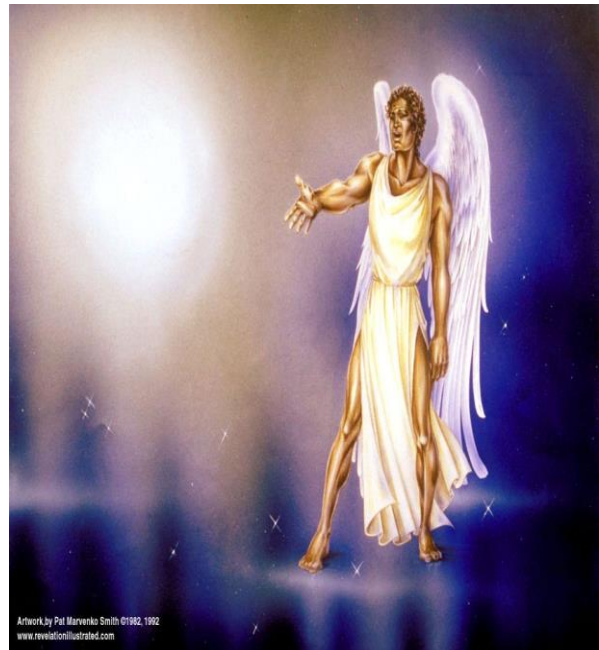
III. The initial response. (5:3)

A. No one, in heaven, on the earth, under the earth!

B. No one is able to open the scroll, or to look at it!

IV. John's reaction: "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy..." (5:4)

Worthy— "edynato" meaning to have the power or authority.



IV. The One Worthy To Open The Scroll. (5:5-7)

I. Comforting words of the elder to John. (5:5)

A. “Do not weep”

B. “Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David”

1) These were two O.T. titles of the Messiah.

2) Because of these titles some writers feel that the kingdom that Jesus will one day establish on earth will be a Jewish kingdom presided over by the king of Israel which is Christ.

Genesis 49:9-10(NKJV) ⁹ Judah is a lion’s whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.

Isaiah 11:10(NKJV) ¹⁰ “And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious.”

C. He “has prevailed.” (**On the cross he defeated sin, death, and the forces of hell**)

1) “To open the scroll.”

2) “To loose its seven seals.”

II. John's description of the Lamb. (5:6-7)

A. Standing in the midst of the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders.

B. A Lamb as though it had been slain.

1) Having seven horns – **indicates great strength, power, absolute power.**

2) With seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent into all the earth.

Isaiah 53:7(NKJV) ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

John 1:29(NKJV) ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:35-36(NKJV) ³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

1 Peter 1:18-21(NKJV) ¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you ²¹who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

In Revelation he appears as the lamb 31 times.

III. Who takes the scroll out of God's right hand.

V. The lamb is praised. **(5:8-14)**

I. By the four living creatures and twenty-four elders. **(5:8-10)**

A. When the lamb had taken the scroll. **(5:8a)**

1) The four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the lamb.

a) In (Rev. 4:9-10) the 24 elders fall down and worship the one who sits on the throne.

II. Each having: **(5:8b)**

A. A harp

B. Golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

III. They sang a new song... **(5:9-10)**

A. The Lamb is worthy! **(5:9b)**

1) To take the scroll

2) To open its seals

B. Why is the Lamb worthy? **(5:9c)**

1) Because he was slain

2) Because he has redeemed men to God by His blood out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation. (Purchased “**agorazo**” is a word for redemption that pictures slaves purchased in the market place then set free. At the cross Christ paid the price.)

3) Because he has made them kings and priests to God, to reign on the earth. (5:10)

VI. Thousands upon thousands of angels. (5:11-12)

I. Their voices heard around the throne, along with the living creatures and the elders. (5:11)

II. Saying with a loud voice: (5:12)

A. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

B. To receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing

VII. Together with him who sits on the throne. (5:13-14)

I. John now hears those in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea saying: (5:13)

A. “Blessing and honor and glory and power...”

B. “Be to Him who sits on throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!” (Here we see **endless blessing, endless honor, endless praise, endless glory, endless worship.**)

Psalms 69:34(NKJV) ³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

Psalms 150:6(NKJV) ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

II. Upon which: (5:14)

A. The four living creatures said “Amen!”

B. The twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever.