

# THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN – WORSHIP OF GOD THE SON – THE SCROLL! 5:1-7

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Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – **Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221**; email – [ptwente@gmail.com](mailto:ptwente@gmail.com) For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersby and others.

### **Chapter 4 - worship of God the Father**

### **Chapter 5 - worship of God the Blessed Son**

Rev 5:1 *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne*

*a scroll written inside and on the back,*

*sealed with seven seals.*

Rev 5:2 *Then I saw a strong angel*

*proclaiming with a loud voice,*

*"Who is worthy to open the scroll*

*and to loose its seals?"*

Rev 5:1..in the **right hand** of Him..The **place of authority, sovereign control and power.** cf. Psalm 16:11; 17:7; 18:35; 20:6-7; 48:10; 63:7-8; 73:23; 89:13; 98:1; 110:1; 118:15-16; Is. 41:10; Acts 5:31; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22

*A scroll written inside and on the back* - That is, the book was full of solemn contents within, but it was sealed; and on the back side was a superscription indicating its contents. It was a labeled book, or one written on each side of the skin, which was not usual.

*sealed with seven seals* - As seven is a number of perfection, it may mean that the book was so sealed that the seals could neither be counterfeited nor broken; i.e., the matter of the book was so obscure and enigmatical and the work it enjoined and the facts it predicted so difficult and stupendous, that they could neither be known nor performed by human wisdom or power. Cf. Jer. 32:6-16; Dan. 12:4, 9 - Roman law required that a will be sealed seven times - the wills of Caesar Augustus and Emperor Vespasian were so sealed.

Rev 5:2 *A strong angel proclaiming* - As the herald of God.  
- One of the chief of the angelic host. He cannot be Jesus. *"strong angel"* - Gabriel (?) - cf. 10:1; 18:21 with Dan. 8:16; 9:22-23; 10:14-21; 11:2 cf. Luke 1:26-33

*Notice the problem with the scroll-- "Who is worthy to open the scroll"?* Who is the one who is able to do this?

*and to loose its seals?* - To loose the seals that he may open the scroll. Who can tell what this scroll contains? Who can open its mysteries? The scroll may mean the purposes and designs of God relative to his government of the world and the Church; but we, whose habitation is in the dust, know nothing of such things.

*Jer. 32:6-8* (Pastor Chuck's commentary) - "Hanamel's field is coming up for redemption. Maybe I ought to purchase it." You see, under Jewish law, when you went out and borrowed money on your property, you had a certain period in which to pay off the loan, or the property could be foreclosed on. Just like today. Or when you sold property. Usually when they would borrow money, they would more or less sell the property with redemptive rights. In other words, you could buy it back. Same kind of an idea. Within a specified period of time, you could redeem your property, or purchase it back again. Now, they would draw up these legal contracts, and they would draw up two contracts. One would be an open contract that people could see, and the other legal document would be a copy of that, but it would be sealed. When the time came when the specified time, and usually it was a seven year period. When the time came for the property to be redeemed, then you would come with this sealed document, which you had kept, and you would call the judges of the city, and you would bring in the witnesses, and you would break the seals of the scroll, and you would show the document that was the agreement that was drawn up. In this document, the amount of redemption money was specified. Let's say that it's a hundred shekels of silver. So you break the seals, you open the document, you show that the agreement was made that at this date, if you provided a hundred shekels of silver, the property was yours again. So, you would bring the judges and the witnesses together, you would open the seal, and you'd take and you'd count out the hundred shekels of silver, and they would all sign to it that the property is now yours once more. It's reverted back to you. Now, in this same law, if you, at the time of the, when the property was to revert back to you, if you, personally weren't able to come up with a hundred shekels of silver, if you didn't have the money yourself, and the property was valuable. Say, much more valuable than the hundred pieces of silver or hundred shekels of silver, or you didn't have the money, you could go to a relative. And of course your brothers would be the first. But any relative of yours had the right, and it would begin with the closest relative, and who ever could come up with the money, of your relatives, had the first right of redemption. They could step in and they could purchase the field, and thus the property remained in the family. That was the idea. To keep the properties within the family. So this reversionary clause that was in every contract, when property was sold, was provided also for the close of kin.

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*Rev 5:3 And **no one** **in heaven** **or on the earth** **or under the earth** **was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.***

*Rev 5:4 So I **wept much**, because no one was*

*found **worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.***

*Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep.*

***Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,***

*the **Root of David,***

***has prevailed***

***to open the scroll** and to loose its seven seals."*

*Rev 5:3 **And no one** - Ο υ δ ε ις . No person or being. **in heaven** - Among all the angels of God. **or on the earth** - No human being. **or under the earth** - No disembodied spirit, nor any demon. Neither angels, men, nor devils, can fathom the decrees of God. **or to look at it** - None can look into it unless it be opened, and none can open it unless the seals be loosed. cf. **Isaiah 59:16, 20-21; 63:3-5***

*Rev 5:4 **I wept much** - Because the world and the Church were likely to be deprived of the knowledge of the contents of the book. This term “wept” is a strong one! A term describing losing control of emotions! **“wept much”** used of Jesus in *Luke 19:41*; of Peter in *Matt. 26:75**

*Rev 5:5-7 The Person Who is worthy to open and read the scroll or to look at it ( and to loose its seals)*

*Rev 5:5 **Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,--He is the Lion of Judah** - Cf. **Genesis 49:8-10** (“lion” - 155 times in OT; 9 times in NT, 6 in Rev. **Symbol of destruction** - **Hosea 5:14**; **Symbol of strength** - **Judges 14:18**; **Symbol of boldness** - **Proverbs 28:1***

*the Root of David --He is the Line of David --the Root of David Cf. 22:16 cf. 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Psalm 132:11; (Mary was of David through Nathan) Isa. 9:6- (birth in first phrase, adoption in the second)7; 11:1-2 ; Rev. 22:16!! “I, Jesus, .....I am the Root and the Offspring of David. Also the “branch” Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8 Christ was the root of David as to his Divine nature; He was a branch out of the stem of Jesse as to His human nature.*

***Has prevailed** - By the merit of His incarnation, passion, and death.*

***To open the scroll** - To explain and execute all the purposes and decrees of God, in relation to the government of the world and the Church.*

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Rev 5:6 And I looked, and behold,  
**in the midst of the throne** and of the four  
living creatures, and **in the midst of the**  
**elders,**  
**stood a Lamb**

**as though it had been slain,**

**having seven horns and seven eyes,** which  
are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the  
earth.

Rev 5:7 Then He came and took the scroll out of  
the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Rev 5:6 3B. The **PERSON** Who can open the scroll with seven seals - 5-7  
1D. His **centrality** - "in the midst of" - 6  
Cf. 1:3; 2:1 and Matt. 18:20

"stood a Lamb" - no longer "seated" - perhaps a reminder that His work  
of intercession is no longer needed - now begins His work of intervention!  
Stood a Lamb - Christ, so called because he was a sacrificial offering;  
α π υ ι ο ν signifies a little or delicate lamb. 3C. **He is the Lamb of God**  
**186 times in Bible; 29 times in Revelation - cf. John 1:29, 36;**  
**1 Peter 1:19 (Greek - arnion)**  
**Cf. Rev. 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, 16; 7:9, 10, 14, 17; 12:11; 13:8, 11; 14:1, 4, 10;**  
**15:3; 17:14; 19:7, 9; 21:9, 14, 22, 23, 27; 22:1, 3**

"Lamb as though it had been slain"  
Cf. v. 12 cf. Heb. 9:11-28; 10:19-20; 13:20-21;  
1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7  
As it had been slain - As if now in the act of being offered. This is very  
remarkable; so important is the sacrificial offering of Christ in the sight  
of God that he is still represented as being in the very act of pouring out  
his blood for the offenses of man. This gives great advantage to faith:  
when any soul comes to the throne of grace, he finds a sacrifice there  
provided for him to offer to God. Thus all succeeding generations find  
they have the continual sacrifice ready, and the newly-shed blood to offer.

"having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God" cf.  
Zech. 4:10; Joshua 6:2-5 44  
Seven horns - As horn is the emblem of power, and seven the number of  
perfection, the seven horns may denote the all-prevailing and infinite  
might of Jesus Christ. He can support all his friends; he can destroy all  
his enemies; and he can save to the uttermost all that come unto God  
through him.  
Seven eyes - To denote his infinite knowledge and wisdom: but as these  
seven eyes are said to be the seven Spirits of God, they seem to denote  
rather his providence, in which he often employs the ministry of angels;  
therefore, these are said to be sent forth into all the earth.

Rev 5:7  
**He came and took the book** - This verse may be properly explained  
by John, Joh 1:18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only-  
begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath Declared  
him. With Jesus alone are all the counsels and mysteries of God.

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### Questions:

1. What is the significance of “the right hand” in verse 1? How does that make you feel about what’s going on throughout the world?
2. Who is the strong angel in verse 2? Can it be Jesus Christ? What does that suggest in Rev. 10:1; 18:21.
3. Is Jesus an angel? Is He a messenger of the Lord?
4. Why do we call the Great Tribulation, the Day of the Lord? Is it the day of a lot of people helping the Lord?
4. How would you describe that Jesus is both the “Root of David” and the “Branch or Offspring of David”?