

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN! – A LAMB AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN SLAIN – A NEW SONG -- 5:6-14

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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 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.

*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 “in the midst of the elders” The **PERSON** Who can open the scroll with seven seals - 5-7 - His **centrality** - **Cf. 1:13; 2:1 and Matt. 18:20**

“stood a Lamb” - **He is the Lamb of God --** 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; *apviov* signifies a little or delicate or a pet lamb.

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 though 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. 2 Chron. 16:9; Zech. 4:10; **Joshua 6:2-5**

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 scroll - 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.

Proof of Pre-Tribulation Rapture #1--“twenty-four elders” Who are these sitting on these thrones? **If elders then the elders:**

Cannot be Tribulation believers – Rev. 7:13-14

Cannot be Angels – Rev. 7:11 (#1 view of all Post Trib--all the angels and the elders and the four living creatures)

Cannot be Israel – # 24 divisions of priests representing a larger body, occur in 1 Chron. 24 & 25 but we still have Israel on the earth during the Trib period –Rev. 7:5-8; persecution of Israel in chap. 12; Zech. 12:10

They sit on thrones – Rev. 3:21

They are clothed in white raiment – Rev. 3:5

They have crowns on their heads – Rev. 2:10; 3:11 –

Could not the elders represent the whole church, which is now in heaven?

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

2Ch 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Zec 4:10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

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Rev 5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the **four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,**

each having a harp,

and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Rev 5:9 And **they sang a new song,** saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Rev 5:10 **And have made us kings** (not kingdoms, as some translations read) **and**

priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth."

Rev 5:11 Then I looked, and **I heard the voice of**

many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 **saying with a loud voice:** "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom**, And **strength** and **honor** and **glory** and **blessing!**"

"fell down before the Lamb" Their **immediate reaction** - cf. Rev. 4:9-10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4

"each having a harp" It **involved praise** - **"each"** - masculine - can only refer to the elders because the word **"beasts"** (living ones) is neuter, not masculine

"harp/s" - 20 times in KJV; 3 in Revelation - 5:8; 14:2; 15:2

OT word for **"harp"** - kinnowr - used 42 times cf. Psalm 33:2-3; 43:4; 57:7-9; 71:22; 92:1-3; 98:4-6; 108:1-3; 147:7; 149:1-3; 150:3 **"and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.--"** It **involved prayer**." cf. 8:3-5 - cf. Psalm 141:1-2;

THE NEW SONG OF THE REDEEMED

"I saw" or **"I beheld"** - 5:1, 2, 6, 11; **"I heard"** - 5:11, 13

"they sang a new song" - Their **continual response** 5:9-10 **"sang"** - present active indicative - **"they are singing"** - **"new song"** - The **prophecies** of the - Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Rev. 5:9; 14:3

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals" The **preeminence of the Lamb**

"for (because) You were slain" The **place** of the cross - cf. Acts 2:23; Eph. 2:14-16;

"and have redeemed us to God by Your blood" The **purchase** of the redeemed - 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Pet. 1:18-19 - cf. Rev. 1:5

"out of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation" - The **people** who are redeemed - Cf. 7:9; 14:6; 15:4

"and have made us kings and priest to our God" - The **position** of the redeemed - cf. 1:6

"and we shall reign on the earth" The **promise** to the redeemed - cf. Rev. 20:6; 22:5

"the voice of ... saying with a loud voice"- **heavenly refrain**

"many angels" - The **Multitude** involved -- cf. Rev. 7:9 ...and behold, a great multitude **which no one could number**, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues,...

sevenfold description of the Lamb's worthiness- The **Message** proclaimed-- **power**, **riches**, **wisdom**, **strength**, **honor**, **glory**, **blessing**

Proof of Pre-Tribulation Rapture #2

Pronouns must agree in gender and number with the nouns they modify!. Therefore only the 24 elders can sing the song of the church and have a harp! This means that as representatives of the church, you and I can look forward to playing harps in heaven!

In verse 9, **And have redeemed us to God by Your blood**
The problem of the text - is it "US" or "THEM"?

In many Bibles there is a footnoted added to the effect: **"Most ancient authorities (early manuscripts) agree that it should be them/they and not "us"!"** I don't believe that is true!

Only 95 known Greek manuscripts that have the Book of Revelation are known to be in existence today.
Only 24 of them contain Revelation 5.

How many of the 24 read "us" in verse 9? 23 of 24!!!!
In verse 9, removal of **"us"** only found in **Codex Alexandrinus**.

The Latin Vulgate translation of Jerome reads **"us"** in both verses, as does the **KJV** of 1634 *a.d.*

The 24 elders, would certainly seem to represent the completed church, which is in heaven and are therefore all redeemed men.

The connection with Rev. 1:4-6 seems to settle the issue. **"to the seven churches"** - pronouns are first person plural - **"us"** Rev 1:5-6 **"and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved US and washed US from our sins in His own blood,"**[6] and has made **US** kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Rev 5:13 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, I heard **saying (kept saying):**

"Blessing and honor and glory and power

Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Rev 5:14 Then the four living creatures said,

"Amen!" And **the twenty-four elders**

fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

The **universal reverence for God the Father and God the Son** – vs. 13-14

"every creature" - **The adoration comes from every creature!**

"saying" - **Imperfect tense** – **"kept saying"**

"Blessing, honor, glory, and power" - The acclaim goes to the Father and the Son

The **Amen which comes from the four beasts**
(living ones - cherubim - worship leaders)

"fell down and worshiped" - The **act of worship** which characterizes **the 24 elders** - cf. 4:10; 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4

Rev 5:12 **saying with a loud voice:**
"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom**,
And **strength** and **honor** and **glory**
and **blessing!**"

5:13.... **"Blessing and honor and glory and power** Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

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Questions:

1. If you were limited to three words, can you think of a wonderful, complete prayer to our Lord?
2. Can you picture the Lamb as both a Redeemer and a Revenger?
3. Do you now play an instrument?
4. Do you think you will be playing an instrument in heaven? If so, which instrument?
5. In verse eight.... *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp,...how important is the tense of the pronoun “each”? What noun does it modify?*
6. Can you see the connection in how strong a proof, verses 8 & 9 are with respect to whether you are pre-Trib or post-Trib.?
7. About how many total known Greek manuscripts contain portions of the Book of Revelation--about 50? 100? 5000?
Of these how many contain chapter 5? About 10? 25? 50?
8. Of those containing chapter 5, how many read “us” in verse 9 and how many read “them”?

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Revelation Song

lyrics

*Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat*

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You*

*Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
to You the only wise King*

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You*

*Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery
Yeah...*

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come, yeah
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You*