



## The Book of Revelation - Session 17: The Receiving of the Scroll Pt. 2

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### Revelation Chapter 5

*As we continue to go through this book, get the picture that.*

*God is in complete control of the future:*

**John 5:1** “I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.”

Chapter 5 begins by drawing our attention to a book, but it was actually a scroll with seven seals on it.



People of this time would have known this scroll that John was describing was a deed of ownership. This was the title of ownership for something or someone.

This scroll not only contained ownership, but it also describes the things which are to come.

*Because of the events that are about to come is written in the book, it lets us know that God is in control. Nothing that is about to happen will catch God by surprise. In fact, it is God ordain.*

Even though the book was sealed (which means the revelation of the book/scroll could not be understood). The righteous of the end times would have the capacity to understand. **Daniel 12:10, ...and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.**

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We see books/Scrolls mentioned here in the beginning of Revelation, and we also see books mentioned at the end of this book as well.

*As we read **Revelation 20:12-15**, it seems that books about everyone, and all that we do are written in these books.*

**Revelation 5:2-3 Then I saw a strong angel** (This let's us know that there are different rank of angels and some heavenly beings have greater abilities than others)

**...proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**

Who has the qualifications to take ownership of the scroll and what the scroll contains.

Father God has the scroll, but because the scroll is the title deed to the earth. It must be a man who opens the book/scroll, to take ownership of the earth because of what the word of God says.

**Psalms 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.**

According to God himself, (His Word), only a man can take this level of possession of the earth and God will never go against His word.

*For, He puts His word above His name! **Psalms 138:3 For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.***

This level of possession of the earth was originally given to Adam. Adam had ownership of the world, given to him by God with specific instruction on what to do with it. **Genesis 1:28**

*As long as Adam followed the instructions given by God, the earth was his to run and enjoy.*

We know Adam lost his right to control the earth when he gave in to the temptation of Satan.

We get a glimpse of how much control Adam lost, by how much control satan had over the earth. *After Adams rebellion.*

**Matthew 4:8-10 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."**

*Notice, Jesus never told satan that those kingdoms and the glory of those kingdoms wasn't his to give.*

*In fact, Jesus said that satan was the ruler of this world in John 14:30.*

*Paul calls Him the prince of the power of the air in Eph. 2:1.*



Therefore, satan was given control over the earth. The problem was, the earth was not made for satan to control, but it was made for mankind to control.

*The ultimate objective for the control of the earth was to be in the hands of humanity, and not any other being.*

But not just any man, one who is in the likeness of God, Holy and righteous as He is.

*Remember when God made Adam, He made him in His image according to His likeness.*

So, whoever the owner is, they have the right to do with it whatever they please within the will of Father God.

**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.**

So, John was given insight to the qualifications of the one who could open the scroll, he saw that there was no one anywhere with the qualifications to open it.

**4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.**

One of the reasons that John wept was because he knew that the scroll contains the title deed of the earth which is the inheritance of all the saints. If it could not be opened, then the saints would never be able to inherit the earth that they were made for.

*The same mandate that God gave to Adam, is still the same obligation that is place on every born-again believer under the leadership of Jesus Christ.*

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

The Greek word for prevailed is from the same root (νικᾶω [nikaō]) which describes "he who overcomes". Jesus has "overcome the world" (**John 16:33**). Because Jesus overcame the world, satan, and did not give in to temptation, He was the only one qualified to take the scroll and open the seals.

*Whoever is born of God shares in His inheritance as overcomer (1Jn. 5:4; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, & 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 17:14; 21:7). There are a lot of verses that talk about the rewards of the overcomer and we will include some of them in the notes.*

"At the cross He defeated sin (**Rom. 8:3**), death (**Heb. 2:14-15**), and all the forces of hell (**Col. 2:15; 1Pe. 3:19**).

*Believers are overcomers through His overcoming (**Col. 2:13-14; 1Jn. 5:5**). We earn the right to lay hold on the same inheritance Father God gave to Jesus. From eternal life to ruling and reigning over the earth.*

*Christ defeated Satan and his forces when He paid the redemption price by the shedding of His blood. Through the payment of that price, Christ defeated Satan and his forces and He gained the right to take possession of the earth away from them and rule the earth as the last Adam.*

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Jesus didn't defeat Satan and his forces just so He could inherit the earth (*As God, He owns it all*), but he did as the son of man, so we would have a right to inherit it with Him as well.

*All of what Jesus did was for us, because we are the key component to what God is doing in this seen world.*

*So, we see, Only Jesus can open the scroll because He is the only one who has the authority to execute the judgement. This is what Jesus told His disciples after His resurrection.*

**Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

*Look at the order in heaven, even though Father God has the scroll, He gives it to the Son to open because Jesus is the man who has the authority.*

**Revelation 5:6-7 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...**

This is how Jesus (the Lion of the tribe of Judah) qualified to open the scroll, by becoming the sacrificial Lamb that took away the sins of the earth.

*He qualified by living a life that we couldn't live, dying a death that we deserved and ascending to the right hand of majesty on high.*

Notice Jesus is standing, not seating, which means that He is ready to continue His mission.

**having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.**

God's "right hand" refers to His authority to translate the contents of this scroll and to put it into action. This scroll is the focus of John's attention in this chapter,

The Lamb (Jesus Christ) is awesome with His seven horns and seven eyes. The number seven represents the fullness of Christ's power in defeating His foes.

The horn is a biblical symbol for authority to rule with power.

The seven eyes represent the fullness of Christ's divine wisdom and discernment. **Zech 4:1-10.**

His eyes are the seven Spirits of God, (The Holy Spirit) (the seven manifestations of the Spirit) that communicate to Christ all that transpires.

This shows the oneness of the Trinity.

**Revelation 5:7-10 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne (God the Father). 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.**



**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, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."**

Now in one dramatic moment, Jesus Christ, the Lion-Lamb, boldly approaches the throne of God. In 5:7, Jesus exercises His sovereignty by coming and taking the scroll out of the Father's right hand. This symbolizes a transfer of authority from the Father, to the Son to reveal the future and to execute judgment.

*This is a level of authority that humanity has never seen before. This is the authority of the creator.*

**Revelation 5:11-14 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...**

Millions of born-again believers, (Like a sea of crystal) along with angels, living creatures, and the elders standing before Jesus worshipping Him.

**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!"** *this is what is being sung in heaven as the worship our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*But, At the same time there's another song being sung on the earth. 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: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*

Notice how there is total agreement in all of God's creation, which inspires great excitement through praise and worship.

Notice how every creature everywhere in the Heavens and on the earth will praise the Lord, the saved as well as the unsaved.

If we follow the book of Revelation in chronological order, we will see that this will be done right before the beginning of the tribulation. Somehow, some way, every being that has ever been created, spiritual and physical will fall down, and worship Jesus Christ the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world all at one time.

*This is going to be an awesome sight right after the rapture and right before the great tribulation every being everywhere will worship Father God and Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.*

*I imagine many on the earth will be saved by this one act.*

In Revelation 4 and 5, notice the sequence of praise. The first two are addressed to God, the next two, to the Lamb, and the last one to both.

It is God who is praised as the Creator, in **Revelation 4:11**.

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It is the Son who is praised in Revelation 5, as the Reconciler of creation (**Col 1:20**).

*Thus, every living creature praises both Father and Son. God the Father and God the Son are both equally to be worshipped forever and ever.*