THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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- 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.
- 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"
- 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

- 4 Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;
- 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

- 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.
- 7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

- 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- 10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

- 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,
 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the
 - Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Place in the Book of Revelation

. What you have seen (Rev 1).

- What is now (Rev 2–3)—the seven churches of Asia Minor.
- What will take place after these things (Rev 4–22).

A. The Seven Seals (4:1-8:1)

- 1. John's Position (4:1–2)
- 2. John's Vision (4:3-8:1)
 a. "behold, a THRONE" (4:3-11)
 b. "I saw . . . A BOOK" (5:1-8:1)
 (1) The Scroll (5:1)





- Christ will break each seal, one at a time (6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1).
- The breaking of each seal reveals the next section of the scroll's contents.
- With all the interior revealed, the back of the scroll can be read.

Question for Discussion

What does the scroll contain and represent?

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 - (1) The Scroll (5:1)

(2) The Person Opening the Scroll (5:2–14)

The Question: "Who is worthy . . . ?" (v. 2) The Disappointment (vv. 3–4) The Answer: One is worthy! (vv. 5–14)

- The Lion of the tribe of Judah (5a)
- The Root of David (5b)
- The Overcomer (5c)



A Lamb (6–14)

- "standing"—living, not dead (6a)
- "as if slain"—as though freshly slain (6b)



A SLAIN LAMB

The Blood of the Lamb provides Pardon (5:5)

The Blood of the Lamb provides Peace (5:9)

The Blood of the Lamb provides Purity (7:14)

The Blood of the Lamb provides Power (12:11)

A Lamb

- "standing"—living, not dead (6a)
- "as if slain"—as though freshly slain (6b)
- "seven horns" (6c)—all powerful
- "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God" (6d)
- "took the book" (7)
- Praise to the Lamb (8–14)!

A New Song (vv. 8–10) The Angels' Song (vv. 11–12) All Created Beings' Song (v. 13) Responses (v. 14)

Question for Discussion

Why should we serve Christ without reservation?

Question for Discussion

How can we serve Christ as king-priests today?

Implications Regarding Jesus Christ

Everything in chapter 5 directs the attention to Christ.

- All heaven and earth give Christ praise.
- Only Jesus Christ can bring about the consummation of all prophetic history.