

The Book Of The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter Five

The Lamb

Focus Verse: **Revelation 5:12**

“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”

I. Introduction to Chapter Five - The Lamb

What we are dealing with here in this supernatural Book are clear revelations by Jesus Christ about several things:

- The first revelation is about Jesus Christ as he is NOW (Ch 1)
- The next thing that is revealed concerns churches (Ch 2,3)
- He then in Chapter 4 turns to the Rapture, and what’s going on in Heaven!
- Here in Chapter 5, the Lord reveals His plan to recapture this world and its kingdoms from Satan!

II. Lesson - Chapter Five - The Lamb (Rev 5:1-14)

1. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

A. **The Book** (5:1-5) - This is the _____ to the earth!

1. Note the “seven” seals (6:1). The removal of each of these seals brings about a judgment upon the earth. Once opened, the reading of this book will end this world’s occupation by Satan and his forces!
2. Check on the “sealing” of the Book in Daniel 12:4. See also Eph 1:13,14; 4:30. This is the end time, so the seals are coming off!
3. Why did John weep? (See Rom 8:19-23) _____
4. Who is NOT “worthy”? _____
5. Who then WAS worthy? _____

6. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

B. **The Lamb** (5:6-7) - Worthy to Fight, and Prevail for Possession of the Earth!

1. Whoever this is, He is called a LION (5:5)
2. Whoever this is, He is of the “Root of David” (family tree). See the following: 2 Kgs 19:30; Rom 11:16

QUESTION: I wonder who He prevailed against? See Col 2:14,15 _____. When?

3. Turns out to be “**the Lamb** of God which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). This Lamb had been slain - Jesus still retains visible scars from the crucifixion!
4. This Lamb has seven horns, and seven eyes (again, the seven Spirits of God as in 1:4; Isa 11:2)

5. This Lamb comes out of nowhere and steps right up to God the Father and takes the book out of His hand (5:7) - What authority!!!

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

C. **The Song** (5:8-10) - This is a Song of *Redemption* - Notice all the emphasis on Redemption!

1. The four beasts, and the 24 elders begin to worship the Lamb (5:8,9). They had been worshipping God the Father that sat upon the throne.

SPECIAL NOTE: All of heaven begins to worship the Lamb, while the Bible dictates that only GOD is to be worshipped (Ex 20:3; 24:14). Funny thing... Jesus MUST be God!!! (Matt 2:11; 8:2; 14:33, etc.)

Bedlam breaks out throughout heaven!

- a. Harps (See 1 Sam 10:5; Ps 43:4) - *Music* in heaven... I wonder what kind? Rock? Rap? Punk? Country and Western?
- b. Golden vials of incense - Prayers of the saints.
- c. Singing!

NOTE: The vials of odours are clearly interpreted as the prayers of the saints (5:8), explaining the purpose of the use of incense in the O.T. Temple - *it pictures prayer*.

PRINCIPLE: Prayer then is like incense. *How does your prayer-time smell to God?* (Eph 5:2). Is it stale, sweet, or sour!?

2. This is a NEW song (Ps 40:3) - about the Lamb, and Changed Lives!
 - a. What was music created for then? _____
 - b. What has our world's music degenerated to? _____
 - c. What is our music to be about? _____
3. This song is sung by redeemed people - redeemed by **BLOOD!** (Col 1:14) Here's that Blood again (see 1:5)! The Lamb turns out to be the **ONLY** Person worthy to **redeem ANYBODY** or ANYTHING!

MEANING: Redemption means to pay the ransom price required for a captive to go free again. But it does not stop there. Redemption carries the implication that if somebody paid for your freedom, they own you, instead of your previous owner (I Cor 6:19,20).

Questions: Didn't God possess the human race to start out with? How did man get in bondage to Satan and sin (Rom 7:14)? The human race is compared to *what* in Hosea that had to be "bought back?" _____

4. This song is sung about Someone who is about to redeem something: _____, which is worth singing about!
5. This song is sung by people who were redeemed out of **EVERY** kindred, tongue, people, and nation! **Now that's Missions!** (Cf 7:9)
 - a. Now we know our Lord's burden - it wasn't just that WE would get saved (I Tim 2:4)!
 - b. Now we Christians know our job, our MISSION!
 - c. Is there someone who will accept the CHALLENGE today (Luke 10:2)?!
6. These people "shall" reign on the earth - yet future. At this point, called 'elders', not Kings and Priests. Explains Rev 1:6

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, 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 strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
 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, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

D. The Glory (5:11-14) - This is the MOST neglected part of our attitudes as Christians!

1. Who gets the glory? _____ See Jude vs. 25; I Tim 1:17
2. What are they giving? Let's define each of the gifts being given to God:
 - a. Power (Mt 28:18) _____
 - b. Riches (Phil 4:19) _____
 - c. Wisdom (Eccl 2:26) _____
 - d. Strength (Rev 19:15) _____
 - e. Honor (Rom 13:7; Phil 2:9-11) _____
 - f. Glory (Mt 24:30) _____
 - g. Blessing (Ps 103:1,2) _____

God gave these things to us (Matt 25:14-30), and requires us to give them back with interest!!!
3. Who gives the glory and worship? _____ Shouldn't we now?
4. These saints number 10,000 X 10,000 = 100,000,000 ± a couple of million!!!

PRINCIPLE: We are miserable Christians because our _____ are based upon the love of and dependence upon things on this earth instead of things in heaven (Col 3:1,2), and so we glorify the creature and the creation more than the Creator! God promises that this world CANNOT satisfy (Matt 16:25,26).

E. The Judgment Seat

1. Now that all the *Welcome Home* festivities have taken place, two things occur for the Christian in heaven now: 1) the *Judgment Seat of Christ*, and 2) the *Marriage of the Lamb*. The Marriage of the Lamb is discussed in Chapter 19.
2. The Judgment Seat of Christ is a time when the Christians who were raptured, as well as those who have been waiting since Christ's resurrection and Ascension stand before Jesus Christ to receive rewards and crowns for serving Him (2 Cor 5:10). This is both a joyous time and a terrifying time (2 Cor 5:11) since the life of the Christian will be "replayed" before the multitudes and every part examined to see the motive behind each person's life! Once Jesus Christ saved a person, their life became owned by the Redeemer (1 Cor 6:19,20), and He expects the life to be lived for the Master. If the life was wasted, then rewards will be withheld. If the life was yielded to serving Him always (1 Cor 15:18; Gal 6:9), then rewards will be abundant (1 Cor 3:10-4:5)!

III. Conclusion - Next Chapter: The Beginning of the Tribulation

In preparation for studying Chapter 6:

1. Study the "seventieth week" of Daniel 9 (especially vs 27)
2. Study the end-time events that Christ taught about in Matt 24
3. Try to identify the rider of the first horse in Revelation 6
4. Discern the purpose of the Tribulation, and for whom it is intended.

IV. Some Questions

1. What probably is the *Book* that God holds in His hands? _____
2. Who alone was worthy to take and open that Book? _____
3. Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb as well as the what? _____
4. The Lord Jesus still retains in heaven what evidence of His life here on earth? _____
5. Prayers are pictured how in heaven? _____
6. Redemption is conditioned on what substance being shed? _____
7. The Judgment Seat of Christ is both a joyous and _____ time for the Christian.