

REVELATION

Worthy is the Lamb

(Revelation 5:1~7)

*Daniel 7:13-14: I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a **son of man**, and he came to the **Ancient of Days** and was presented before him. And to him was given **dominion** and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

Where did God promise
an everlasting king?

2 Samuel 7:16: God
promised David that his
throne would be
established forever.

John 5:22-23: For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

To whom does the judgment of the people of the earth belong?

*John 5:26-27: For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him **authority to execute judgment,** **because** he is the Son of Man.*



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❖ Revelation 5:1-2: Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”



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1. What is written on the scroll?

- ❖ Perhaps a title deed to the earth: showing ownership of the earth
- ❖ Perhaps rest of Revelation: God's judgment on sin and hope for believers
- ❖ Perhaps God's law: breaking the law brings judgement on sin

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2. Opening the scroll leads to the judgments of the Tribulation.

- ❖ Revelation 6 begins to show the breaking of the seals bringing judgment.
- ❖ Being worthy to open the scroll and break its seals includes being worthy to initiate judgment on the earth.

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B. When the offer is made, no one is found worthy.

❖ Revelation 5:3-4: And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

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- ❖ Why did John weep?
- ❖ It's clear that opening the scroll brings God's plans for the future of earth.
- ❖ As a believer, John faces opposition and rejection, so he longs for the day when God sets things right.

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❖ Revelation 5:5: And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”



John is an active, visible participant in this scene.

❖ John can stop weeping because Someone *is* worthy to open the scroll.

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A. The true King of the universe is worthy to open the scroll.

1. Christ is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

❖ Genesis 49:9-10: Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

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2. Christ is called the Root of David.

❖ Isaiah 11:1-2: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

- ❖ Isaiah 11:3-4: And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ❖ This ruler will bring peace where the wolf will lie down with the lamb and the leopard with the goat.

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3. The Lion of Judah and Root of David is worthy to open the scroll *because He conquered*.

- ❖ The Lion is a Conqueror who has won a great victory.
- ❖ John stops weeping because he is told of a conquering Lion: what does he see?

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B. John sees a slain Lamb standing.

❖ Revelation 5:6: And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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C. The great paradox of history.

❖ How did the Lion of Judah conquer and show Himself worthy to take the scroll and execute judgment?

1. Jesus conquered by dying for us.

❖ The Jews in Jesus day were looking for a conquering King, and many missed the need for the Messiah to conquer sin and death.

The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ



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- ❖ Jesus Christ *is* worthy to rule and reign as King as well as open the scroll and execute judgment on the earth.
- ❖ Christ demonstrated His worthiness by dying for us and providing salvation (Rev 5:9-10).

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❖ John may have expected a conquering Lion, but he saw a slain Lamb.

❖ Philippians 2: Jesus is in very nature God, yet He becomes a servant to die on a cross for us.

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❖Philippians 2:9-11: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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❖ Jesus is not exalted to a new *place*, but for a new *reason*.

❖ Jesus was already exalted as God (Phil 2:6) and Creator (John 1:3). But now He can also be exalted as *Savior*.

❖ One day *all* in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow the knee to the King who alone is worthy.

- In Revelation 1-3, Jesus Christ is revealed as the Head of the Church. In Revelation 5, He is revealed as the King of the universe.
- As King, He has the authority to execute judgment on the earth.

Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

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- In Revelation 2-3, the promises are given to the overcomers, the ones who conquer.



NEXT TIME:
REVELATION 5:8-14

- Worship of
the Lamb