



“Christ, Our Worthy Redeemer.”

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Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

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You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

14 The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:1-14

SUMMARY

God's wrath and judgment are central to the book of Revelation. Chapters 6-18 detail the events that unfold as Christ opens the seals of the scroll. Revelation 6 specifically describes the opening of the first six seals, revealing the conditions and judgments on earth during the Great Tribulation. The outcome of these six seals confirms God's supremacy and demonstrates that no one can withstand His holy wrath and judgment.

Passage Outline

- I. The Worthiness of Christ. (Rev 5:1-7)
- II. The Worship of Christ. (Rev 5:8-14)

Passage Principle

Only Jesus Christ is worthy to reveal and carry out God's redemptive will.

“Behind the imagery of the scroll with seven seals, therefore, is the idea of the believers' inheritance, and that inheritance is ruling with Christ over the world to come, that is, the one-thousand-year kingdom on earth to follow the second advent of Christ (Rev. 20:4-6; cf. Heb. 2:5).”

David MacLeod, *The Lion Who is a Lamb*, *Bibliotheca Sacra* 164 (July-September 2007): 330.

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.”

Revelation 5:5 ESV

9 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?

10 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.

Genesis 49:9 ESV

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

2 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 11:1-2 ESV

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying,
Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive
forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Revelation 1:17-18 ESV

Christ is Our Worthy Redeemer.

He is the Promised King.

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. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right
hand of him who was seated on the throne.

Revelation 5:5-7 ESV

22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ
crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the
called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.** 25 Because
the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:24 ESV (emphasis added)

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He is the Promised King.

He is the Risen Savior.

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell
down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the
prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:8 ESV

9 And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:9-10 ESV

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Revelation 5:11-12 ESV

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 5:13-14 ESV

Christ is Our Worthy Redeemer.

He is the Promised King.

He is the Risen Savior.

He is the Praise of Creation.

Can you praise Him for redeeming you?

“Dear hearer, you have heard about Jesus hundreds of times. Has He saved you? You know there is a fountain filled with blood, which cleanses from all sin—has it cleansed you? You know He has woven a robe of righteousness which covers His people from head to foot—has He covered you with it? You will never praise Him till that is the case, and you cannot go to heaven till you are ready for His praise.”

Spurgeon, Jesus the Delight of Heaven

Is Christ your Everything?

Let all God's people say:

“HE IS WORTHY!”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is Christ the only one worthy enough to open the scroll (vv. 4, 9; see Jn 1:29)?
2. In the passage, what titles are used to describe Christ?
3. What does it mean that He is both a Lion and a Lamb?
4. Where does Christ appear? What is the significance of this?
5. Analyze the three songs: How is the Lamb described? Who comprises the first musical group? The second? The Third? Who are the true kings and priests on the earth? What elements of praise do you sense here?
6. What would the visions in chapters 4 and 5 mean to the persecuted Christians of Asia?
7. What does this vision say to us in the twentieth century as we view our out-of-control world? Based on this, what actions will you take this week?
8. What was your takeaway from this week's passage?

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