

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## Session 14

### Section 3: Jesus takes the scroll - Rev 4:1-5:14

#### I. THE LAMB WHO IS WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL – REV 5

##### A. The Scroll

##### 1. Inheritance – Will – Title:

a. Lk 19:11-27

b. Mt 25:34 – since the foundation of the world

c. Praetorium Will – Roman

(1) Seven witnesses with seven seals

(2) must be present when opened to validate their seal

d. Seven witnesses

(1) Gen 21:30 Abraham and Abimelech covenant of ownership

(a) 7 Ewe Lambs as witness

(b) Well and town was names Beersheba

(i) Well of the Seven

(ii) Isaac later re-digs the wells and again establishes a covenant with Abimelech

(2) Who are the seven witnesses to the scroll?

(a) The seven Spirits of God? Rev 5:8

(b) The seven participants?

(i) Seraphim (4x) (Rev 6:1;3;5;7)

(ii) Martyrs (Rev 6:9-11)

(iii) Creation (Rom 1:18-20; 8:19-23)

(iv) Altar (Rev 8:3)

(c) The seven angels who stand before God (Rev 8:2)

2. Whose Earth is it?

- a. Satan's? – did he actually usurp the rule of the earth from man when he deceived Eve? Colossian 1:13 speaks of his domain of darkness. Occupying army? Not fully until Rev 13:8 when the AntiChrist is given authority over every nation, tribe and language, people.
- b. Adam's? – he was granted stewardship over the earth but lost it when he sinned and was driven out of Eden. Gen 1:26; 3:22-24
- c. Jesus'? – as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, he was given the ends of the earth as his possession, but not until Revelation 5.
- d. God's earth – He is the creator and absolute sovereign

(1) Right to rule and reign

- (a) Job 38:4 – Where were you?
- (b) Exo 9:29 – You will know the earth is Yahweh's
- (c) Deut 10:14 – To Yahweh belong heaven and earth
- (d) 1Chron 29:11 – Yours is the greatness
- (e) Ps 24:1 – The earth is Yahweh's...
- (f) Ps 2 – Ask for the ends of the earth as your possession
- (g) Ps 96:13; 98:9 Right to judge and make war

3. Contents of the scroll

- a. Will declaring an inheritance
- b. Instructions to Execute the Will
- c. Zech 5 – the flying scroll of judgment
- d. Ez 2:9 Lamentations, Mourning, Woe
- e. The Battle Plan for His return and establishing His dominion over the earth as a Man, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam (1Cor15:45-49).

- B. Who is Worthy?
1. Strong Angel asks and a search is made
  2. None found!
    - a. None in Heaven – no angel, seraphim, saint, etc.
    - b. None on earth – no man alive, no creature
    - c. None under the earth – no man throughout history, no demon
  3. John wept much, loudly... why? Intercession
    - a. I Sam 1:10
    - b. Zech 12:10
    - c. Joel 2:17
    - d. Weep no longer, your intercession has been answered.
    - e. 24 elders given FULL bowls of incense – prayers of the saints
- C. Christ – the Mystery of God
1. 1 Tim 3:16 NKJV
  2. Fully God – Fully Man
    - a. Rev 5 – Lion & Lamb
    - b. SS 5:10 – Radiant & Ruddy
    - c. Is 9:6 – Unto us a child is born and he shall be call mighty God.
    - d. Micah 5:2 – “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”
    - e. Phil 2:5-11 – God found himself in the form of man
  3. Excellencies of Christ – p89-91.
- D. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah – Jesus as God
1. Gen 49:8-11
- E. The Lamb that was slain – Jesus as Man
1. The man
  2. 7 Horns – strength

3. 7 Eyes – omniscience – Zech 4:10
  4. Standing one slain
    - a. Ps 45:6-8 – Bearing the mortal wounds for eternity
    - b. Rev 13:8 – Slain from the foundation of the world
- F. He takes the Scroll as a man!
1. From the Hand of the One seated on the throne
  2. Jn 5:19-23 – All judgment is given to the Son because laid down His life.
  3. Dan 7:13-14 – Dominion, glory and a kingdom given to Him, an everlasting dominion, a kingdom that shall not be destroyed.
- G. He alone is Worthy!
1. Declared by the 4 Seraphim, 24 Elders, 1000's upon 10,000's of voices
  2. He receives the worship due only to the One seated on the throne.
  3. He alone is worthy – who can compare?
    - a. Ps 45:2 – Fairer than the sons of men
    - b. SS 5:8F – Outstanding among 10,000
    - c. Ps 89:5-7 – Awesome above all
    - d. Is 40:18, 25 – To whom will you compare me?
    - e. Is 46:5 – To whom will you make me equal?
    - f. Ex 15:11 – Who is like you?
  4. Christ is declared worthy for 4 reasons (Rev 5:9-10)
    - a. Slain – Phil 2:5-11
      - (1) willingly – laid down his life for his friends
    - b. Blood ransomed mankind
    - c. Made them royalty who will rule
    - d. Made them priests who will minister to God