

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #30)

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Revelation 5:1 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. (NASB)

Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. (NKJ)

Revelation 5:1 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. (NLT)

The Seven-Sealed Scroll

- The Ultimate Escrow Closing...
 - Books were scrolls prior to 2nd century A.D.
 - A book with pages is known as a "codex"
 - A sealed book, with conditions on the exterior and sealed, suggests a title deed
- Roman law required that a _____ be sealed with seven seals
 - (as was illustrated in the wills left by Augustus and Vespasian)

Papyrus

- Papyrus, or bulrushes
 - 15 ft high, 6 ft under water, and thick as a man's wrist
 - Pith was extracted and cut into thin strips with a sharp knife
 - Rows were laid out vertically and then horizontally
 - Moistened with water and glue, they were pressed together
 - Beaten with a mallet, and smoothed with pumice stone
- *Recto*
 - The front side, with horizontal grain, (where writing was normally done)
- *Verso*
 - The back side, with vertical grain
- *Opisthograph*
 - A sheet that was written on the back - "written behind"
 - This was unusual since it was rougher and uneven
- Made into 8 x 10 inch sheets
 - Written in narrow (3 in) columns
 - 2 1/2 in top & bottom margins; 3/4 in between columns
 - Joined or "stitched" together horizontally; rolled on a wooden roller

- _____
 - Jude, II & III John, Philemon, 1 sheet each
 - Romans, 11 1/2 ft long
 - Mark, 19 feet
 - John, 23 1/2 feet
 - Matthew, 30 feet
 - Luke and Acts, 32 feet each
 - Revelation, 15 feet
- Example in Jeremiah 32:6-27
 - Purchase of land for later redemption
 - Even though Jeremiah knew the Babylonian invaders would usurp the land for 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11)
 - It was an evidence that God promised them that they would return

Jeremiah 32:6 And Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me, saying, **7** 'Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you, saying, "Buy for yourself my field which is at Anathoth, for you have the right of redemption to buy it.'" **8** Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the Lord and said to me, 'Buy my field, please, that is at Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for you have the right of possession and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. **9** "I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I weighed out the silver for him, seventeen shekels of silver. **10** I signed and sealed the deed, and called in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales. **11** Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions and the open copy; **12** and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard. **13** And I commanded Baruch in their presence, saying, **14** 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds, this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, that they may last a long time." **15** For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, "Houses and fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.'" (NASB)

Revelation 5:2 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; (NASB)

Revelation 5:2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" **3** And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. **4** So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. (NKJ)

Revelation 5:2 And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: "Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?" **3** But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it. **4** Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it. (NLT)

- A dramatic mystery thriller
 - A man is sought: a kinsman of Adam, able to qualify as a _____
- Title "deed" to the earth
 - Lost by Adam
 - Purchased by Jesus
- They reviewed the potential inventory in three places:
 - Heaven
 - In earth
 - Under the earth
- We may be confused; John was not
 - He understood and "sobbed convulsively" (Romans 8:22, 23)

The Book of Ruth

- Boaz = the Goel, the Kinsman-Redeemer (Type of _____)
- Law of Redemption: land for Naomi (Type of _____)
- Law of Levirate Marriage; Ruth, the _____ bride
 - (Leviticus 25:23-25)
- Redemption sealed
 - Daniel 12:4-9; Rev 10:8-11; Ezekiel 2:10; Zechariah 5:1-4; Isaiah 29:11
- The Kinsman-Redeemer
 - The "Goel" had to be a _____
 - Had to be _____
 - Had to be _____
 - Had to assume all the _____ of the beneficiary
 - He was also the "_____ of blood"

Revelation 5:5 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. (NASB)

Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." **6** And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. (NKJ)

Revelation 5:5 But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, "Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals." **6** Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth. (NLT)

- Revelation first three chapters we had 24 different titles of Jesus
 - These titles apply to Him in His present role and revealed to the Church
 - None of the titles are _____
 - Lamb not referred to in the "seven churches" letters
- These are all Jewish titles
 - From this point forward all titles are _____
 - John 1:29,36; Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19
- "Lamb," as John the Baptist first introduces Him publicly
 - In other places in the NT, the word is *amnos* (Greek) ἄμνος
 - John 1:29, 36; 1 Peter 1:19; Acts 8:32 (Isaiah 53:7)
- Here it is the word that Jeremiah uses
 - "I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter,"
 - Jeremiah 11:19, *arnion* (Greek) ἄρνιον
 - This emphasizes, "as it had been slain."
- The _____ = His 1st Coming
- The _____ = His 2nd Coming
 - He is to reign from Mt. Zion (Jerusalem)
 - Psalm 2:6

- "Seven horns"
 - Symbol of power
 - Deuteronomy 22:17; 1 Kings 22:11; Zechariah 1:18; Psalm 75:4
 - Symbol of honor:
 - 1 Samuel 2;1-10; Psalm 89:17, 24; Psalm 112:9, 10; 148:14
- "Seven Eyes"
 - Seven Spirits of God: Zechariah 3:8,9; 4:10

Yeshua Ha Mashiach

- " _____ "
 - Israel is coming back to center stage as the end of human history approaches
 - All of earth's history is moving toward a climax, and the key to it all is the nation Israel
 - Key Insight: Distinguish between Israel and the Church
 - Earthly promises (to Israel) are now to be fulfilled
 - The Holy Spirit is addressing physical descendants in the 75 references (in 73 verses) to Israel in the NT. (Romans 9, 10, 11)
- Lion:
 - Jacob's final blessing on his sons
 - Genesis 49:8-10 (Hosea 5:14; Hebrews 7:14)
- Root of David:
 - Isaiah 11:1, 10; Jeremiah 23:5, 6; Romans 15:12; Revelation 22:16; Matthew 1:1
 - He was the _____ of David's line
 - He was the one who "brought David (and the line) into _____"
 - He used this paradox to baffle the Pharisees (Matthew 22:41-46)
 - In God's covenant with David, his line was to rule over all the whole earth (2 Samuel 7; Psalm 2:8)
 - This was confirmed to Mary (Luke 1:33)

Pilate's Epitaph

John 19:19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." **20** Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. **21** So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" **22** Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (NASB)

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| HaYehudim | v Melech | HaNazarei | Yeshua |
| הַיְהוּדִים | וּמֶלֶךְ | הַנַּצְרִי | יֵשׁוּעַ |
| ה | ו | ה | י |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Unpronounceable Name Of God

- YHWH (yod-heh-waw-heh)
 - No vowels
 - "_____"
- Jehovah or Yehovah
 - Rabbis beginning in the 6th Century
 - Began adding adding vowels "vowel pointing"
 - Vowels from Adonai put into YHWH
 - "Yehovah or Jehovah is a false reading of the Hebrew 'YHWH'" - Websters Collegiate Dictionary (1973 edition)
 - "Yehovah or Jehovah a mispronunciation of the Hebrew YHWH the name of Elohim; the pronunciation of Jehovah or Yehovah is grammatically impossible." - Jewish Encyclopedia
 - In Hebrew "hova" means: ruin; destruction; mischief



Revelation 5:7 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. (NASB)

Revelation 5:7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. **8** Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (NKJ)

Revelation 5:7 He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. **8** And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God's people. (NLT)

- That's real access
 - "It is finished": tetelestai
 - Colossians 2:14; John 19:30
 - "Paid in full"
 - Hebrews 2:8
 - Incense, odors = prayers
 - Revelation 8:3,4; Ps 141:2
 - These are the prayers of God's dedicated people
 - We, the redeemed, actually contribute to the work of redemption through our
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- Prayer is God's way of enlisting you in what He is doing
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-4; "Thy Kingdom come"
 - A Praise Chorus ensues: 5:7-14

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- The 24 elders are there BEFORE He gets the scroll
 - They celebrate when He receives the book
 - When He begins to open the seals
 - The wrath of God begins on earth
 - "Great Tribulation"
 - Tribulation cannot start until:
 - The seals are broken
 - The seals cannot be broken until the Lamb receives the scroll
 - The Lamb cannot receive the scroll until the 24 elders cast their crowns
 - Another reason why we believe the rapture happens BEFORE the Great Tribulation

Revelation 5:9 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." (NASB)

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (NKJ)

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. **10** And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." (NLT)

- "...new song"
 - Very common in the Psalms
 - Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 98:1; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1
 - However, this is closer to Isaiah (42:9,10)
 - "us" in 24 manuscripts, including Codex Siniaticus; Basilianus (Vatican); Latin Coptic, Memphitic
 - vs. "them": only 1: Codex Alexandrinus

"Some churches tend to delete "by thy blood" from their hymnals (and sermons.) Perhaps that's why the Lord isn't going to embarrass them by taking them into heaven because they would have to sing about the blood up there."

- J. Vernon McGee

Revelation 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father –to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (NASB)

Revelation 5:11 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." (NASB)

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, 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 who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (NKJ)

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. **12** And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." (NLT)

- He is worshipped for _____ He is
- He is worshipped for _____ He is
 - not in a manger, in Jerusalem, on the cross, nor in the tomb
 - He is in the center of the Throne
- He is worshipped for _____ He does
- Harps are instruments of praise throughout the Psalms
 - Just as the strings of a harp vibrate in harmony
 - The whole of creation will vibrate in harmonious worship
 - It is interesting that the Scriptures always allude to “10 strings”
 - This is particularly provocative in view of current physics which views all of creation on the basis of 10-dimensional strings

Seven Possessions

- _____
 - He is not one who can dream and never realize; plan but never achieve
 - He is able
 - Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:3; Mark 5:1-20, 25-29, 35-43
- _____
 - There is no claim on Him which He cannot satisfy
 - No promise He cannot carry out
 - 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 3:8
- _____
 - Both secrets and practical knowledge
 - 1 Corinthians 1:24; James 1:5
- _____
 - Which can even disarm the powers of evil and overthrow Satan
 - Psalms 24:8; Matthew 12:29; Luke 11:22
- _____
 - Before whom every knee shall bow
 - And every tongue confess that He is Lord indeed
 - Philippians 2:11; Psalms 104:1; Psalms 8:5; cf. Hebrews 2:7, 9
- _____
 - Which is His alone
 - John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4, 40; 17:5, 24
- _____
 - The inevitable climax of it all
 - He pours this all out of us—you and me
 - Psalm 103:1-2

Revelation 5:13 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. *(NASB)*

Revelation 5:13 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, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" **14** Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. *(NKJ)*

Revelation 5:13 And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: "Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever." **14** And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb. *(NLT)*

Coming Sessions

- Four things are out-of-place:
 - The _____, (which is now) in Heaven
 - The _____, which should be in the Land promised to her
 - The _____, who ought to be in the Lake of Fire
 - _____, who is to be on His Own Throne
- So now the "fireworks" begin
 - Chapters 6 through 19 are a detailing of the traumatic events of the most documented period in both the Old and New Testaments
 - The "Seventieth Week" of Daniel

Next Session

- Read Daniel 9
 - Outline the "70 Weeks" (Daniel 9:24-27)
 - This supplemental background is the key to understanding the "last days"