

The Perfect Book

Revelation chapter 4 ended with praise of Jesus Christ as Creator of all things.

Revelation chapter 5 will end with praise of Jesus Christ in all things.

Chapters 4 and 5 are centered on the divine throne in heaven.

Chapters 4 and 5 deal with the source of the visions and even the judgments which are to follow in the study of Revelation.

Chapters 4 and 5 are about heaven and the primary person is Jesus Christ. The chronology of the book commences with chapter 6.

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Revelation Chapter 5 The Seven Sealed book, the book is introduced.

Revelation 5:1 I (John) saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne (Jesus Christ) a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

Right now, everything is about the opening of this book, with the first question: *Who is able to open this book?* The seven seals symbolizes the completeness of the sealed book.

Who is worthy to open this book?

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?”

Revelation 5:3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

Revelation 5:4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it:

What is this book? This book is what the Bible and history is all about!

1. It was the Title Deed to the inheritance of the earth.
2. This inheritance was lost by Adam when he fell in sin. This means all humans were excluded from the inheritance of this book (Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:22-23). The book could be opened only by someone who is *worthy*. Humans were lost to and unworthy to open this book because it was lost by a human being, by Adam, and due to sins, were not able to open this book. And this means that

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some human being other than Adam or other humans had to open this book.

3. The content of this book is Secret.
4. This book is Sealed.
5. God has opened this book to those who would read it.

Isaiah 45:15 Truly, you are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!

Isaiah 45:19 I have not spoken in secret, In some dark land; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, Seek Me in a waste place; I, the Lord, speak righteousness, Declaring things that are upright.

Isaiah 48:16 Come near to Me. Listen to this; From the first I have not spoken in secret, From the time it took place, I was there, And now the Lord God has sent Me, and His Spirit.”

Isaiah 29:11 The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the one who is literate, (Knowing) saying, “Please read this, he will say I cannot for it is sealed”

Even though Isaiah chapter 29 is related to the destruction of Jerusalem, in the ‘Lion of God’ it is speaking of the events of Revelation chapter 5.

The one worthy to open this book!

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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.**

Revelation 5:6 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.

As the God-man, He has Triumphed.

So that He is able. to open the scroll.

1. The Lamb is Jesus Christ.
2. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah—the Royal tribe!
3. This is now the Second Advent of the Messiah who is the King of Kings as in Revelation 19:16.
4. He shall bring blessing on Israel and on the whole earth.
5. He shall be like a Lion, crush His enemies.
6. He is the root of David. Psalm 110:1
7. He is Lord and Creator.
8. But He is also the Lamb who was slain.
9. The 4 Living Creatures were found in Revelation 4:6-8: a Lion, a Calf, the face of a man and the fourth was a flying eagle.

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10. The Death of Christ is the basis of the Redemption, not only of all sinners but of the whole earth. Rom.8:18-22

In Revelation 5:5 The ‘seven horns’ (mentioned in verse 6) denotes fullness of the Holy Spirit of God the ability to produce the intended result of the judicial administration over the earth.

Revelation 5:7 And He (Jesus Christ) came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

This was recorded in Daniel 7:13-14.

This one verse is something that all history has been waiting for! Angels have waited and man has waited. Now it becomes a reality—Once Jesus takes and opens this book.

Now in verse 8 we have the response in heaven: praise and worship.

Revelation 5:8 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.

The ingredients of incense was strictly specified in Exodus 30:24 where Moses is tasked with specific spices.

What are these prayers? These are not your prayers for things throughout our lives.

1. Prayers for all those believers alive during the tribulation, concerning the persecution of believers through the tribulation.
2. Prayers for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in Glory.

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3. Prayers for the defeat of the seven-headed dragon and the Anti-Christ and the false prophet, both of whom are Indwelt by Satan himself.

Now a New Song.

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

The redemptive price was Christ's own life. 1 Peter 1:18-20.

The New Song is why Jesus Christ is worthy to take the book and open the book. It proclaims what He has already accomplished. It ends with praising Him for what He will accomplish.

What was the Old Song? Chapter 4 –the song of Creation the New Song is a song of redemption.

The first verse of this New Song is of redemption, praises of the one worthy to be the Redeemer.

The second verse That He was slain;

The third verse that by His death He redeemed those in creation;

The fourth that His redemption also included a position before God of the Kingdom and the priest

The fifth verse is yet to occur in the history of man—that is the reign of Jesus.

Read the New Song of Psalm 33:

Psalm 33:1 Sing for joy in the Lord, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright.

Psalm 33:2 Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings.

Psalm 33:3 Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

**Psalm 33:4 For the word of the Lord is upright,
And all His work is *done* in faithfulness**

Psalm 33:5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.

Psalm 40:1 I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock, making my footsteps firm.

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Psalm 40:3 And He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear, And will trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:4 How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, And has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

Psalm 40:5 Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, And Your thoughts toward us; There is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them They would be too numerous to count.

Read all of Psalm 96.

Koinos or “new” in Revelation newness of quality.

New name 2:17 and 3:12;

New Jerusalem 3:12 and 21:2;

New heaven and new earth 21:1;

I am making all things new; 21:5;

New song. Here in 5:9 and 14:3

Why is He worthy to take the book from God’s hand.

From verse 9: *for You were slain, and purchased for God with your blood.* This refers to the cross work of Jesus Christ. What is beautiful here is the *Passive voice*, where the subject, Jesus, receives the action of the verb, that is, Jesus Christ receives being crucified and He does that out of His love. The *indicative* records the reality of the cross and reality

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of all that results from it; like His being worthy and our salvation and His being our only Savior.

Also in verse 9 **and purchased for God with your blood, men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**

God, purchased by Jesus on the cross, *being slain*. He is worthy to purchase the book and open it. *He purchased:* means to go to the market to purchase, to buy or to Redeem.

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

1 Peter 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

And purchased for God. That is, He purchased for or in the interest of God. Jesus Christ was not slain for Himself, but for God the Father. This is a little phrase, *for God* but is so vital and so important.

1. Reveals His love in John 3:16, His love for all humanity.
2. Reveals relationship between God and Jesus Christ.
3. Reveals relationship between Jesus Christ and Creation.

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Want to see another impact of all God the Father has done for us through Christ?

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song saying, Worthy are you to take the book and to break its seal; for You were slain (sacrificed love of Jesus Christ on the cross;) and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation

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Directions of the cross:

Directed toward God: Doctrine of Propitiation *for God*.

Directed toward Sin: Doctrine of Redemption *and purchased*.

Directed toward Jesus Christ: Doctrine of *with your blood*.

Directed toward man: Doctrine of Reconciliation.

Men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ‘Men’, is not in the original manuscript. When the world is filled with racism, bigotry and factions, Jesus Christ is not a respecter of persons, of race, or wealth, or accomplishments etc., *whosoever may come to Him simply on the basis of faith*.

Revelation 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.

Not only saved us, not only redeemed us, **but** made us a Kingdom and Priests. Note carefully *to our God*, we are all redeemed to God then makes us a Kingdom and Priests to God.

Holy Spirit→ Jesus Christ→ God the Father

Man is taken from a lowly state----in need of Redemption and now exalted to a High Position of Priest and to Reign!

This is what God can do...Trust Him: for your salvation, with your life and for eternity.

This scene, of verses 11-14, depicts the glories of Christ

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 and myriads and thousands of thousands

Rather awkward that John says *I looked* while talking about singing of the New Song. But remember, the book of Revelation is about *visions*, *things he saw*, but he also heard a great deal of singing of praises.

Revelation 5:12 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.”

Note that the loud voice proclaims THE PERFECT SEVEN!

The first four are qualities He possesses, while the last three are praises due to all He is.

The sooner we get our minds set on all that He is, the sooner we will set our minds on Him and receive God’s perfect peace! And will be oriented to where History is going and where we fit in!

He is proclaimed as *blessing*—that is worship in acknowledging all that He has accomplished for mankind and angels.

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

Revelation 5:14 And the four living creatures kept saying “Amen” And the elders fell down and worshiped.