

BEWARE THE LAMB



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Chapter 05

Rev 5:1-14

- [1] And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
- [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
- [3] And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- [4] And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
- [5] And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- [6] And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- [7] And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
- [8] And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
- [9] And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
- [10] And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
- [11] And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts 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 that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
- [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, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
- [14] And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Chapter 4

Some OT links in Rev 4-5

- 4:1 Isa 26:20; Ezek 1:1
4:2 Isa 6:1; Ezek 1:26-28; Dan 7:9
4:3 Ezek 1:26, 28; 10:1; 24:10
4:4 1 Chr 24:5
4:5 Ex 19:16; 25:37; Isa 11:2; Ezek 1:13
4:6 Ezek 1:5, 18, 22, 26; 10:1, 12
4:7 Ezek 1:10; 10:14
4:8 Isa 6:2-3; Ezek 1:18; 10:12, 14
4:9 Deut 32:40; Dan 4:34; 6:26; 12:7
4:11 Gen 1:1

Chapter 5

- 5:1 Ezek 2:9-10; Dan 12:4, 9; Zech 5:1-2
5:2 Lev 25:23-25
5:5 Gen 49:9-10; Isa 11:1, 10; Hos 5:14
5:6 Isa 11:2; Zech 3:8-9; 4:10
5:8 Ps 111:2
5:9 Ps 40:3; 98:1; 144:9; Isa 42:10; Dan 5:19
5:10 Ex 19:6; Isa 61:6
5:11 Dan 7:10

Things are 'falling' into place

When we began the Revelation study, 4 things were out of place:

1] The Church was on the earth

– she should be in Heaven with the Lord

2] Israel was out of place;

– she should be in the land that has been promised to her by God, possessing every part of it.

3] The Lord Jesus Christ was out of place;

– He should be through with intercession and be seated upon His own throne reigning instead of being seated on His Father's throne interceding for us who believe.

4] The devil was out of place

– he ought to be in the lake of fire; he is still roaming free.

At this point in the Study: #1 has been taken care of, #2 has begun, #3 is taking place, and the Lord is about accomplish #4

Rev 5 Intro

The scene high in the heavens above the earth.

It shows the glory surrounding the throne of God.

The Church - the saints - the salt of the earth - are now there, with the Lord in glory.

Matt 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

---- Stay 'SALTY' while you're here ----

The earth being derived of it's good 'salt' - it's preservation and flavor - begins a rapid decay. Evil and evil men begin to declare themselves.

2 THES 2:1-17 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

Rev 5 Intro

Jesus purchased the redemption of the earth through his death and resurrection long ago but the actual redemption - the cleansing and purging of the earth of the sin and evil that separates it from God - has been held back while God gave men a chance to restore relationship with him voluntarily.

LUKE 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (KJV)

EPH 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. (KJV)

With the true Church now gone from the earth, God begins the purging of the earth, pouring out His wrath on the unrepentant, unbelieving, evil motivated men that remain on the earth.... But even as God's wrath is being poured out on the earth there are some who will see their error and repent, coming to God again through Jesus Christ.

Their faith will be tested greatly, enduring the hardship of the natural events taking place on the earth and facing wrath, ridicule, persecution and martyrdom at the hands of an increasingly evil and rebellious world.

NOTE: While these people are saved, called and elect, they are NOT part of the Church whose age has closed and who is now in Heaven before the Throne...

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

BOOK:

In Bible times almost anything in written form; a clay, a stone tablet, a scroll - a roll of papyrus, leather, or parchment or a bound collection of flat pages..was called a book.

Scroll and book are often used interchangeably to describe a certificate or a bill, a legal document or receipt - any written notice certifying and documenting a contract or a decision Ex. 17:14

In the 2nd century A.D. the CODEX was introduced.

The codex was man's first attempt to stack sheets, fasten them together, and bind them on one edge.

From this point on 'book' was accepted to designate a "Codex" rather than a "Scroll".

(excerpted from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
(Copyright (C) 1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

Papyrus scrolls:

- Made from 8 x 10 inch sheets, joined horizontally.
- Written in narrow (3 in) columns;
- 2 1/2 in top & bottom margins;
- 3/4 in between columns.
- Rolled on a wooden roller.

The Book of Jude, 2 & 3 John, and Philemon each = 1 sheet.

Romans, 11 1/2 feet Mark, 19 ft.; John, 23 1/2 feet;
Matthew 30 feet; Luke and Acts, 32 feet; Revelation, 15 feet long;

Papyrus, or bulrushes were 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 Nile water and glue, they were pressed together, beaten with a mallet, and smoothed with pumice stone.

The front side, with horizontal grain, was called *recto* (where writing was normally done); back side (vertical grain), *verso*. A sheet written on the back was called an *opisthograph*, a sheet written behind. This was unusual since it was rougher and uneven.

Rev 5:1 Books ~~of~~ IN the Bible

Life	Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; 13:8; 17:8, 20
Covenant	Ex 24
Generations	Gen 5, Matt. 1:1, etc.
Law (Torah)	Ex 20, et al.
Curses	Num 5
Wars of the Lord	Num 21:14
Chronicles of Judah, Israel:	1 & 2 Chr
Purchase	Jer 32
Citizenship	Jer 22:30
Sealed	Dan 12:4

Rev 5:5; Rev 22:10, only the Son of God was worthy to open the seals of certain books.

Books opened: **Dan 7:10f**

Remembrance **Esth. 6:1-2, Malachi 3:16**

a book with the names and deeds of people who had done special favors for the king. This custom originated in ancient Persia. The name of MORDECAI was written in King Ahasuerus' book when he saved the king's life by reporting a plot to kill him. Malachi refers to such a "book of remembrance" in which the names of those who fear the Lord and meditate on His name are recorded.

History; Personal Record **Luke 1:1**

Refers to a "narrative" of the account of the life of Christ.

John 21:25 indicates that such an account would be so long that "even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

The Bible sometimes uses the idea of book in a figuratively.

To "eat a book" **Ezek. 2:8-3:3**

- the need to absorb the Word of God into yourself
- make it part of you

The Hebrews symbolized what this meant...

On the first day of school 6 year old boys were given small cakes with Old Testament verses written on them to eat.

Their slates were coated with honey which they were to lick off...

They were told they must absorb the teachings of the Old Testament just as they had eaten these cakes and honey.

(excerpted from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)
(Copyright (C) 1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

The book with 7 seals

Similar scroll is described by Ezekiel 2:9-10 Is it the same scroll ???

EZEKIEL 2:9-10 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. (KJV)

The 'book' described in Revelation 5:1 would be a roll (scroll) not a book as we know them.

The scroll with 7 seals was likely made of something of high quality - similar to papyrus of John's day which could and would be written on the front and the back (due to it's expense).

Of course God is not limited to papyrus either due to its quality or expense – if it was papyrus it was for John's benefit so he would recognize it and to emphasize its value and importance...

Rev 5:1 SEAL

A device such as a signet ring or medallion or cylinder, engraved with the owner's name, a design, or both Ex. 28:11; Esth. 8:8 .

- used as a seal impression stamp leaving a raised or recessed signature or symbol when it was pushed on wax or moist clay leaving its mark Job 38:14
- strung on a cord and hung around the neck or worn on one's finger Gen 38:18, (RSV; Jer. 22:24)
- served to certify a signature or authenticate a letter or other document Neh. 9:38; Esth. 8:8; John 3:33

Pilate authorized a guard to be sent to secure the tomb where the body of Jesus had been laid:

"So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard" Matt. 27:66

Seal was used as an identifying, authenticating mark which when present and unbroken was used insure the contents had not been tampered with.

The Book of Revelation uses the word frequently in this sense Rev. 5:1; 7:2-8; 10:4

What is the 'Seal' placed on the believer? What is the 'Mark' / 'Impression' placed on us?

2 Tim. 2:19 *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

2Co 1:21-22 *Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

Eph 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Rev 5:1 A WILL

Roman law required that a will be sealed with 7 seals; often a sealed string with 7 knots (as was illustrated in the wills left by Augustus and Vespasian)

- witnessed & sealed by 7 witnesses each sealing it with their own personal seals
- could only be opened in the presence of those witnesses or their legal representatives.

This book which was sealed and for which only Jesus was worthy of breaking the seals could be God's "title deed" to creation – His "will and testament" – the Lord's inheritance for those who are His. It would indicate what God intended to have come to each 'heir' of creation – both good and evil.

All important documents were sealed with 7 seals to insure no unauthorized person could see or read its contents without being detected.

The 7 seals were not necessarily 7 seals across the opening edge of the scroll.

They were more probably placed at various points along the length of the scroll.

The 1st seal broken would allow the scroll to be unrolled or opened until the 2nd seal was reached.

The 2nd seal would allow the scroll to be unrolled further to the 3rd seal and so on

As each portion of the document was revealed, it would be read and the instructions given carried out at which point the next seal would be broken and that next portion read and acted upon...

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

PSALM 24:1-2 1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. (KJV)

PSALM 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth hath he given to the children of men. (KJV)

Luk 4:6-7 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

LEV 25:23-245 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. (KJV)

Satan became the god of this world when man through Adam lost his God given authority by yielding to Satan and knowingly ignoring God's command and will.

Adam became subject to Satan, surrendering his authority to Satan by yielding and submitting himself to Satan believing Satan as his source of truth; in effect calling God a liar.

Unforgivable sin: Justice requiring death in payment....

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. (KJV)

Satan's authority was temporary because Adam's authority was temporary - it was based on God's power of attorney. God was, is and always will be the owner and have final say in all matters...but Jesus paid it all ... He purchased both it and us...

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

1 PETER 1:18-20 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, (KJV)

JOHN 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (KJV)

1 JOHN 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Rev 5:1 LAND – TITLE DEED

A sealed book, with conditions on the exterior and sealed, suggests a title deed.

The title deed was rolled and sealed - the scroll was closed.

Often a duplicate - open - copy was made to show what was in the sealed, official will and title deed if necessary.

The sealed copy could only be opened by the rightful owner as identified in the open copy.

Until that rightful owner came forward to break the seal and claim his inheritance the 'redemption' of the land was not fully completed.

The man Jesus has 'redeemed' all men who wish to be redeemed and who by their own choice wish to be included in the articles of redemption.

All the rest of God's creation (that which did not and does not have a choice) is included waiting - groaning' - for it's redemption, the time when the rightful owner will return and claim his inheritance.

ROM 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (KJV)

Rev 5:1 LAND – TITLE DEED

The price for all creation's redemption has been paid. It's actual redemption is waiting for the rightful owner to step forward and claim His inheritance and title deed.

Here there is only one scroll is mentioned and it is sealed tightly.

There is no open copy to identify the rightful heir.

The scroll is written on both sides however.

The back side of the scroll is exposed in the first wrap, identifying the rightful heir.

A second scroll would not be needed in this case...

But – the rightful heir and owner as described by the 'deed' must be found and identified in order for creation's full and complete redemption to be carried out and completed.

Rev 5:1 LAND – TITLE DEED

Jeremiah pictures this title deed / will principal in Jeremiah 25 and 32.

JER 25:11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. (KJV)

JER 32:10-15 And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open: 12 And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. 13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. 15 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land. (KJV)

Jeremiah purchased land that was currently occupied and possessed by the Babylonian invaders.

Jeremiah did this as an act of faithful obedience to God's promised return of the land to Israel and even though he knew that the Babylonians would hold and possess the land for 70 years.

The evidence of Jeremiah's ownership and the rights that would pass through his inheritance according to his will which was sealed and buried in a jar until the land was ready to be claimed.

Rev 5:1 THE SCROLL

The word used here for 'book' or 'scroll' indicates this was a small book

The word for sealed is an intense word, meaning closely and tightly sealed.

Ezekiel, is of a scroll that is written within and without, but which is spread open before the prophet;

Ezek. 2:8-3:3

Another scroll in Daniel, is tightly sealed.

Dan 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the scroll, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased"

Whether these 2 Old Testament scrolls are the same as this scroll is not certain but it is possible and very likely.

"And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed" Isa. 29:11

What has been secret is about to be revealed and explained...

Rev 5:2-4 Speak now or forever hold your peace

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (KJV)

The heir must be identified.

It must be established that Jesus Christ alone is qualified to break the seals and claim the title deed.

A 'strong' angel - powerful, with much authority and trust.

Perhaps the angel charged with guarding the scroll, steps up and in a loud voice asks if anyone believes themselves to be worthy and qualified to open the scroll.

The time of the actual purging of the earth has come

- The time for it's redemption and possession by it's rightful owner is very near
- The usurpers and squatters are about to be evicted and dispossessed...

Rev 5:2-4 What are your qualifications ??

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (KJV)

Certainly it is the qualifications for opening the scroll that are written on the exposed surface of the roll – the back side...

There are billions of men - some in heaven, some on the earth.

No one is found who is worthy of opening and reading the sealed scroll.

Eph 1:7 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; (KJV)

Even the redeemed are not worthy since they needed a Redeemer themselves and only that Redeemer is worthy.

The saints around the throne recognize that they are made like Christ because of God's grace and mercy and not through their own merit.

They cannot even look at the scroll.

Rev 5:2-4 In this case, silence is not golden....

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (KJV)

Rom 8:29 for whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (KJV)

John viewing these events becomes extremely concerned.

No one is stepping forward to claim God's promise of redemption.

The scroll will remain sealed - the completed redemption of man and all of creation will go undone until the seals are broken.

Authenticated rightful ownership and possession must occur.

John weeps and sobs in great despair and sorrow.

Rev 5:5-7 Watch this !!!

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (KJV)

One of the elder's speaks to John and points out the lion.

It was an elder - a redeemed man - that comes to comfort John.

An angel could not understand the concern and intensity of john's feelings at that moment.

Only a man - who had been given the promise and down payment on his redemption could understand John's reaction.

Perhaps this elder was Jacob who with his dying breath expressed a prophecy concerning the coming Savior. **Gen 49:8-12**

Rev 5:5-7 Beware the Lamb !!!!

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (KJV)

John looks to see a Lion and instead sees a Lamb that had been slain, it's wounds still obvious.

Jesus is the "lion of Judah" but here He acts in His role as "the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world"; "the Lamb that was slain"

He has put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself – the Lamb

He has prevailed over the powers of evil conquering sin and death.- the Lion

GEN 49:9-10 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (KJV)

By John's day, the sceptre had departed and Shiloh - Messiah had come.

Shiloh is in the midst of gathering the people and claiming His inheritance

Rev 5:5-7 Paid in Full

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

(REV 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

EZEK 21:27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

COL 2:14-15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (KJV)

He had triumphed (same word is translated "overcome") the one who had usurped creation.

Creation's debt to sin is **"PAID IN FULL"**

REV 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (KJV)

Rev 5:5-7 7 Spirits of God

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (KJV)

And He works with all the 7 fold perfection of the perfect Spirit of God. *Isa 11:2*

It is He, the risen Lord Jesus Christ, finished with His age-long work of mediation, who comes and takes the scroll from out of the right hand of Him that sits upon the throne.

It is He, Judah's Lion, the Root of David, who is about to fulfill all the promises which yet remain to be accomplished for Israel.

Jacob's dying blessing shall be accomplished. *Gen. 49:8-10*

And with the taking of the scroll, action is about to begin.

REV 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; (KJV)

REV 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. (KJV)

Rev 5:5-7 Joshua didn't fight the battle...

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

The 7 horns may be a call to remember how God empowered his people to enter into His promised land and reclaim it.

When Israel crossed Jordan after the wilderness wandering they came upon Jericho.

God ordered that after the people had done what God had instructed them to do, that the priests blow 7 rams horns.

At the sound of the horns, Jericho's wall fell in upon themselves.

Obedient and empowered by God, His people walked into their promise without a battle or the horrors of fighting a war ... this was God's battle not ours

Or the 7 horns may a symbol of "complete power" and "complete authority"

The Omnipotence of God !!

Jesus himself is called a 'horn of salvation' for us.

LUKE 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; (KJV)

The 7 eyes / 7 horns are a call to remember the power and ability of God and God's promise of salvation and redemption to the whole of creation.

Rev 5:5-7 7 Horns

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

The 7 horns represent the complete power, authority, and honor and the omnipotence of God who worked by the Holy Spirit in and through His people

The horn in Scripture is the symbol of authority and government.

When Samuel was born, Hannah came into the temple and prayed a prophetic prayer. In this the symbol of the horn is to be found for the first time in Scripture. Hannah said,

*My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, my horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation....The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed"
1 Sam. 2:1-10*

He shalt exalt the horn of His anointed, of His Messiah.

The same symbol is to be found throughout the Psalms.

"In my name shall his horn be exalted" Ps 89:24

"His horn shall be exalted with honor. The wicked shall see it and be grieved" Ps 112:9,10

The horn is the symbol of power and of government. The Lamb is seen with 7 horns. The days of His intercession are over, the full power of the government of God, to accomplish all of the purposes which have been eternally determined are finally come

Rev 5:5-7 7 Eyes

The 7 eyes represent the ever present, all knowing ,omniscience of God who worked by the Holy Spirit in and through His people

There will be no action upon partial knowledge. He has seven eyes, the perfection of vision that goes with omniscience. He knows all and sees all.

"All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" Heb.4:13

There are also references to this in Zechariah

ZECH 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. (KJV)

ZECH 3:8-9 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. 9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. (KJV)

Zerubbabel was in charge of rebuilding the temple after the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity. In that sense he was a 'type' of redeemer returning to his possession.

He used the picture of 7eyes of the Lord running to and fro over the earth - all seeing and all knowing.

Joshua was the high priest during Zerubbabel's time .

He was given an engraved stone that seven eyes will see and watch over and engraved with a promise that one day God would purify and restore the land in one day..

Rev 5:5-7 The Lion in the Lamb....

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. (KJV)

Jesus steps up and takes the book from the hand of God - who is on the Throne.

The slain, yet living Lamb - the sacrifice for all creation is the only qualified Redeemer.

He alone is worthy to possess and open the scroll asserting and transferring ownership and authority over creation to Himself.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Daniel saw these events - not 1st hand as John does - but in a vision.

DAN 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (KJV)

Rev 5:4-5 Lion of Judah / Root of David

(Jewish) Titles of Yeshua Ha Mashiach!

Lion: Jacob's final blessing on his sons: Gen 49:8-10 (cf. Hos 5:14; Heb 7:14; et al.)

Root of David: Isa 11:1, 10; Jer 23:5, 6; Rom 15:12; Rev 22:16; Mt 1:1.

He was the result of David's line, yet He was the one who brought David (and the line) into existence!

He used this paradox to baffle the Pharisees (Mt 22:41-46).

In God's covenant with David, his line was to rule over *all the whole earth*. (2 Sam 7).

This was confirmed to Mary (Lk 1:33).

This fulfills the promise in Ps 2:8.

Rev 5:4-5 Jesus the Nazarene – King of the Jews

Lion of Judah and Root of David refer to the King of the Jews,

The same title that Pontius Pilate posted over the cross.

When Pilate wrote the charges against Jesus which were to be posted on the cross, the particular wording he chose displeased the Jewish leadership and they asked him to change it.

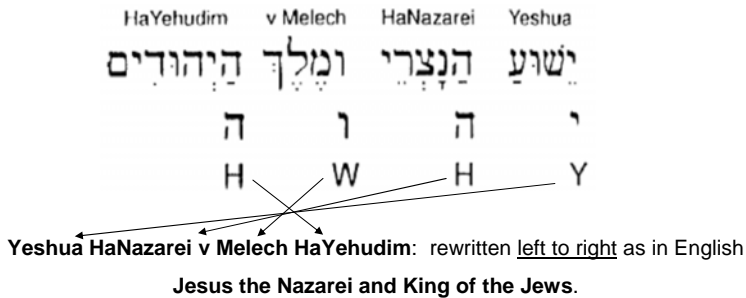
He refused.

And Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the cross. And the writing was, Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, [and] Greek, [and] Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written. John 19:19-22

There are some interesting aspects to this incident that are not apparent in our English translations.

Rev 5:4-5 Jesus the Nazarene – King of the Jews

Pilate refused to revise the epitaph he had composed. This may have more The Hebrew of Pilate's epitaph is shown below: (Remember, it goes from right to left)



In English we don't see that this is an acrostic. The first of each letter of each word spells out

Yahweh (YHWH) – The name of God!

If Pilate had rewritten as they requested him to, it would not have spelled out the Name of God. Did Pilate realize this? Was it deliberate?

When they requested a special guard for the tomb, Pilate said, "Make it as sure as you can." Had he begun to suspect that Jesus really was who said He was? Was Pilate really surprised when Jesus was resurrected after three days? There were no reprisals on the guard.

24 titles were used of Jesus Christ in Rev Ch 1-3.

These titles apply to Him in His present role and were revealed to the Church.

From now on in Revelation we see Jewish titles applied to the Lord.

Israel is coming back to center stage as the end of human history approaches. Daniel's 70th Week is about to begin.

The key to all that follows is Israel. All the earthly promises to Israel are now about to be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is addressing the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the 73 references to Israel in the NT. (Rom Chapter 9-11 >>).

Rom 9:3-4 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Dan 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Rev 5:5-7 Our Kinsman Redeemer, Avenger of Blood

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Qualifications for opening the sealed book

Jesus by having lived the perfect life in holiness and ultimately conquering sin and death by His own death in payment for our redemption is the only individual found worthy to handle man's affairs with God.

Jesus alone was worthy of possessing, and owning creation since He alone was the means for it's redemption.

A completely righteous man died to pay the penalty of sin and death so those who were guilty and worthy of death could live and be declared righteous – justified fully

He is our Kinsman – He is our Redeemer

The dominion given to the Lamb (Daniel's Son of Man) is about to be enforced by the Lion of Judah - the ruling Lord of all creation.

He is Our Kinsman Redeemer and Avenger of Blood

The Book of Ruth

The Book of the World's Destiny

Amo 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Review the Book of Ruth:

- **Boaz** - the Goel, the Kinsman-Redeemer;
- **Law of Levirate Marriage:** (Ruth, the Gentile bride); Lev 25:23-25
- **Law of Redemption:** land for Naomi (Israel);

Jer 32:6-27: Purchase of land for later redemption (even though Jeremiah knew the Babylonian invaders would usurp the land for 70 years (Jer 25:11)).

- **Redemption sealed:** Cf. Dan 12:4-9; Rev 10:8-11; Ezek 2:10; Zech 5:1-4; Isa 29:11f.
- **Avenger of Blood:** - Deut 19; Josh 20

Intercession ends; Judgment begins

Christ is no longer seated at the his right hand of His Father's throne...

His intercession for the church has come to an end – His Church is with Him

From this point on we see Him acting a conquering King and judge reclaiming His kingdom, punishing the rebellious, setting free the captive...executing the vengeance of God (Isa 61:1-2 >> ; Luke 4:16-38)– something He did not do during His first coming...

Every symbol here on out points to it.

Every name it. indicates it.

Every gesture demonstrates

The 'Church Age' is over.

The 24 elders representing the body of believers already have been glorified and have begun their praise for eternity.

This is the scene in Heaven after the rapture of the believers.

The Lord Jesus Christ rises from the Father's throne, removes the robes of His priestly mediation and puts on the robes of a King and the role of a Judge

From here forward He is seen with the symbols of government and the force and ability to execute the decrees of God.

Rev 5:8 When He had taken...

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (KJV)

When Jesus takes the scroll, all who witness the event fall on their faces before Him in worship.

“Had taken” = aorist tense: completed action; once and for all.

Worship and praise break out from the four living creatures and the 24 elders.

He is worshipped for

- Who He is;
- Where He is

Not in a manger, not in Jerusalem, not on the cross, not in the tomb

He is the Lamb-Lion standing in the center of Heaven before the Throne

- And for What He does.

Rev 5:8 Harps

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (KJV)

The 24 elders each have a musical instruments.

Each of the elders has a harp. A symbol of praise.

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.

Scriptures always seems to allude to "10 strings."

Current physics has postulated "String Theory" as the building block of creation.

String theory views all of creation existing on the basis of 10-dimensional strings!

Note that in [Gen 1:2](#) the Spirit of God 'moved' - H7363: rachaph: trembled; fluttered; move; shake; hover – in other word vibrated – over the face of the deep....????

Rev 5:8 Vials full of odors / Incense

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (KJV)

The 24 elders each have golden vials of incense; A symbol of worship.

VIAL small jug, flask or bowl; a vessel that held oil [1 Sam. 10:1](#); [1 Kin. 9:1, 3](#);

The word is also used for a broad, shallow bowl that symbolically holds and from which the wrath of God is poured out on the earth [Rev. 15:7](#).

The golden vials are full of odors [lit: incenses] representing the prayers of the saints.

Incense, odors = prayers These are the prayers of God's people.

Prayer is God's way of enlisting you in what He is doing ([1 Tim 2:1-4](#); cf. "Thy Kingdom come").

PS 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (KJV)

Rev 8:3-5 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Rev 5:8 Our incense

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (KJV)

Today, prayer consists of thanksgiving and worship, confession, and intercession and petition.

When we worship and give thanks, we are occupied with God alone.

When we petition, we are occupied with Self alone.

This is often nothing more than whining and complaining

When we confess, we are occupied with our sins.

When we intercede, we are occupied with the needs of others

There will come a time when:

There will be no more need for us to intercede or make personal petition.

Prayer will be emptied of its need for our confession.

There will be nothing remaining but what is symbolized by bowls of incense

All our prayer will be thanksgiving, praise, honor, and worship.

Are your prayers and communication with God a 'sweet smelling savor' in His nostrils or is it just a stench...

Rev 5:8 Prayers of the Saints

Jesus promised that no prayer uttered in his name, if prayed in faith, with pure heart (motive), prayed believing would go unanswered.

JOHN 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (KJV)

What does 'in my name' mean?

It does not mean to end your prayer with 'magic' words: "In Jesus Name, Amen" and then think that it somehow obligates God to give us what we asked.

It means to represent Him in the whatever task is at hand. To be furthering His kingdom – whether ministry, prayer or...

It means to be so in tune with His desires and will that we are acting or praying the same way He would if He were to do it directly Himself.

Many have unanswered requests. The Bible suggests many causes for this.

Either we are not really praying 'in Jesus name'

– or – God's timing simply has not yet come

These prayers are not ignored by God. They simply must wait for God's timing.

As Jesus claims his title deed over creation, the unanswered prayer of the saints are presented. As He reclaims creation those prayers receive the answer they have so long waited for. *Rev 8:3-4*

REASONS FOR UNANSWERED PRAYER

- 1) IT DOESN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING.
- 2) IT LACKS FAITH.
- 3) WE DID NOT WAIT ON GOD TO ANSWER, WE MOVED AHEAD OF GOD.
- 4) ACTION WAS REQUIRED ON OUR PART, NOT PRAYER.
- 5) WE SOUGHT TO CHANGE GOD'S DECLARED WILL.
- 6) IT DISREGARDED GOD'S KNOWN WILL.
- 7) OUR HEARTS ARE UNCLEAN.
- 8) WE LACK COMPASSION AND GRACE IN LIVING OUR LIVES.
- 9) WE ARE INVOLVED IN STRIFE.
- 10) OUR PRAYER WAS OFFERED IN PRIDE AND ARROGANCE.
- 11) OUR PRAYER WAS PROMPTED BY SELFISH, ULTERIOR MOTIVES.
- 12) WE HAVE ILL WILL AND HATRED TOWARD OTHERS.
- 13) IT IS INSPIRED BY CARNAL MOTIVE AND NOT BY THE SPIRIT.
- 14) IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY UNCONFESSSED, CONSCIOUS SIN.
- 15) IT IS AN EXPRESSION OF MEANINGLESS, THOUGHTLESS AND REPETITIVE PHRASES.
- 16) IT SEEKS TO AVOID NECESSARY AND DESERVED CHASTISEMENT.
- 17) IT SEEKS TO UNDO THE PAST.

Rev 5:8 Prayers of the Saints

These prayers have not been offered but have been 'stored' in the vials until the proper time for answering then arrived: That time has come !!

What did these vials contain? What were these prayers held in reserve until now?

*Rev 4:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and **golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.***

*Rev 6:9-11 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?** 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

*Rev 8:3-5 And another angel came and stood at the altar, **having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.** 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.*

*Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, **Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.***

Rev 5:9-10 What's wrong with the old songs...

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

"Us": These are the redeemed (cf. *Rev 13:8*).

A new song of praise is sung praising the Lord for his redemption work

He was slain
He purchased them with His blood
He gathered them into a kingdom
He made them to be priests
He appointed them to reign on the earth

The 24 elders, along with the saints in glory, accompanied by the mighty angels worship, thank a honor the Lord Jesus

The Greek has two words for new:

- **neos**, new in point of time, but not necessarily in quality; a thing which has been recently produced but may be only another one just like the previous one
- **kainos**, new in point of quality; a thing the like of which has never existed before.

Our life in Christ brings a new joy, a new thrill, a new strength, a new peace—the like of which has never been seen before.

Rev 5:9 What's new ???

9] "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us...":

"New Song": very common in the *Psalms 33:3; 40:3; 98:1; 96:1; 144:9; 149:1*

However, this is closer to *Isaiah 42:9,10* which declares the new creation.

One of the characteristics of Revelation are the "new" things:

New Name (*Rev 2:17; 3:12*);
New Jerusalem (*Rev 3:12; 21:2*);
New Song (*Rev 5:9; 14:3*);
New Heavens (*Rev 21:1*)
New Earth (*Rev 21:1*)
...all things new (*Rev 21:5*)

Rev 5:9-10 The inspiration for the new song...

This praise sums up the results for us in the death of Jesus Christ:

- 1) It was a **sacrificial** death; it had purpose in it. It was not an accident of history. *1 Cor 15:1-4*
- 2) It was an **emancipating** death: He gave His life a ransom (*lutron*) freeing us from the bondage of sin *Mark 10:45; 1 Time 2:6; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 1:19; 1 Cor 6:20; 7:23*
- 3) It was **universal** in its benefits: for every tribe, tongue, people and race (*1 Jn 3:16, et al.*)
- 4) It was an **availing** death: three aspects are pointed out:
 - He made us Kings; He opened to us the royalty of sonship of God. Man's humanity becomes clad with the royalty of God's divinity.
 - He made us Priests. In the ancient world, only a priest had the right of approach to God. When a Jew entered the Temple, he could make his way through the Court of the Gentiles, through the Court of Women, into the Court of the Israelites; but into the Court of the Priests he could not go. Thus, and no further. Now the "veil has been rent."
 - He has given us Triumph. His people shall reign upon the earth, and over *themselves*. (*John 16:33*). Victory of self, victory over circumstance, victory over sin.

It is not in His character as the Eternal YHWH that He receives this worship, but as the Lamb that was slain (*Mt 1:21; Phil 2:10*).

Notice: The believers shall *reign* over the earth (*cf. 1 Cor 6:2*). Jesus promised His own that they would rule with Him (*Mt 19:28; Lk 22:28-29; 2 Tim 2:12; cf. Rev 1:6; 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:4-6*).

From Chuck Missler's "Commentary Notes on Revelation"

Rev 5:9-10 Can you hear me now?

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

The angels praised at their creation

JOB 38:7 When the morning stars sang [lit: shouted] together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (KJV)

They shouted at Jesus 1st coming

LUKE 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, (KJV)

Now with the billions of redeemed (those who have been singing claim to have been redeemed out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation), the thunderous angelic shout of praise is heard.

Please note: The heavenly chorus is not embarrassed to shout of Christ's redeeming blood - the price of our salvation. Many of today's 'Christian' churches are embarrassed by it and would rather not raise the subject of Christ's blood.

There is only one group I can think of would be behind such a hush campaign regarding man's only means of salvation.

Rev 5:9-10 Kings AND Priests ???

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

Only three groups of people are both Kings and Priests

- Melchizedek (Heb 7:14f);
- Jesus;
- Members of His Body (Rev 1:6; 20:6).

3 times in Revelation it is stated that the believers - redeemed men are to be made kings and priests

REV 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

REV 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

REV 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. (KJV)

LUKE 19:17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. (KJV) [cf 1 Peter 2:9]

Rev 5:9-10 Where do you call home ???

During the millennial period there will be people (including unredeemed) still on the earth in their natural bodies. There will still be a ministry of evangelization and redemption. The saints will be in their glorified bodies, having homes in 'heavenly' places.

1 PETER 2:5-9 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (KJV)

HEB 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. (KJV)

The Lords promise to us is that we shall reign 'over' the earth.

Is this a reference to authority or place??

To reign 'Over' is far better than to dwell 'on'

The Believer SHALL reign

Definite statement – not Symbolic in any sense:

The believers shall reign over the earth.”

The Corinthian believers are commanded to stay away from worldly law courts in the settlement of their disputes in view of the fact that they themselves have in their destiny the high position of judge of all mankind (1 Cor. 6:2).

The overcomers in Thyatira are promised future power over the nations to join with Christ in this rule of the rod of iron, to join with Him in the crushing judgments of the nations. (Rev 2:27)

The Church is not ruling today.

The Church was never meant to rule in the present age. "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33).

No place of power and triumph in the present earthly scheme of things is ever promised to the believer. He is in the world, but not of it. (John 17:14-16)

At present Satan is described as the world's prince and the god of this age. (2 Cor 4:4)

Yet, nevertheless, Christ is to rule on the earth. He is to rule the nations.

The idea of symbolic language cannot change the phrase: "They shall reign on the earth," to make it say that it symbolically means: "They shall not reign on the earth."

Rev 5:11 How high can you count ??

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; (KJV)

An innumerable number of angels join the praise and worship.

Like David's worship in 1 Chr 29:10-12

Ten thousand is Gk: **myrias** – or – **myriad**: Myriad is translated elsewhere as 'innumerable'

LUKE 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy

HEB 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (KJV)

Assuming there are saints present number in the billions and that each saint probably has (or has had) more than one angel assigned to them as "guardian" (Elisha had a mountain full – 2 Kings 6) as well as all the angels assigned to other tasks in God's creation, the attendance here cannot even be estimated much less counted.

Note: Can't find anywhere in Scripture where it says that angels sang or sing. We are told they spoke and shouted; praised and worshipped and we just always assumed they sang.

The only beings in God's creation that is specifically mentioned in Scripture as singing are the Redeemed...

Rev 5:12 The is getting intense...

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

All these singing and shouting voices would be loud.

7 part praise of the new song - not the blessing of redemption (already been sung)
- Joy over the fact that Jesus is about to take the power and exercise dominion over His whole creation.

In **Rev 4:11**:

Glory (Doxa) None higher; none better

1 Peter 4:11; John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4, 40; 17:5, 24

Honor (Timee) Above all names; Every knee will bow - everywhere

Heb 2:7, 9; Phil 2:11; Psa 104:1; Psa 8:5;

Power (Dunamis) He can do...He is able

Matt 28:18; 1 Cor 1:24; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:3; Mark 5:1-20, 25-29, 35-43; Rev 1:16

In **Rev 5:12** they add:

Riches (Ploutos) He can supply...He is all sufficient

Phil 4:19; 2 Cor 8:9; Eph 3:8

Wisdom (Sophia) All knowing... Both secret and practical knowledge

1 Cor 3:19; 1 Cor 1:24; Jas 1:5

Strength (Iskus) He can enforce His will on the unwilling; Put down evil

Mark 12:30; Psa 24:8; Matt 12:29; Luk 11:22

Blessing (Eulogia) He prepared all this due to His love for you and me.

Rom 15:29; Psa 103:1-2

Rev 5:13 Calling all creatures...

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, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (KJV)

'Every Creature' ??? Does this literally mean every created being – could be so....

But, there are still many unbelieving men and evil to deal with on the earth at this point.

More likely it means that the innumerable count of those praising Jesus were praising Him from every place in creation they were located and all took part in the praise.

Note: God and the Lamb are here joined together: they both receive and share the praise.

All creation was affected by his redemptive work - all creation praises him.

ROM 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. (KJV)

All creation is presently groaning - then all creation will be praising.

Because I can't hear it with my physical ears doesn't mean its not happening.

The creatures referred to are on the earth, under the earth or in the sea

Might refer to the angels serving in those regions or may include living creatures existing in those areas.

Animals? Hos 2:18; Ezek 34:27; Isa 65:25; cf. Rom 8:22.

What creatures are "under the earth"? cf. Phil 2:10.

Rev 5:13-14 – Psalm 146-150

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. (KJV)

John certainly did not describe every event he witnessed and participated in during the praise session as Jesus received the scroll but simply summarized the main events.

Study Psalm 146-150 Many believe these 5 psalms describe this event in Heaven

PS 146 - Starts - Praise the Lord O my soul

Ps 150 - Ends - Let everything with breath praise ye the Lord

PSALM 146:1-2 Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. 2 While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

PSALM 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Praise the Lord = heb: hallelujah

It is used 4 times in the New Testament - all in Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6

Rev 5:13 Worthy is the Lamb !!!

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, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (KJV)

Psa 148:1-14 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

Note: all of Heaven's host join in the praise
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

There is definite angelic interest in the details of the plan of God.

Peter, speaking of the Old Testament prophets, pointed out that their great pronouncements had caused them to study their own writings to find out their meaning. The Spirit of Christ spoke through them and they then searched diligently to find out when the great victories of which they spoke should be accomplished.

1 Pet 1:9-12 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.
10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

The verb is a strong one. They fasten their attention upon the Scriptures, to study these problems thoroughly.

Note: all of Heaven's host join in the praise
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

When the Lord ends His role of intercession and takes the scroll from the hand of the Father, every angel knows that this is the signal that God's long day of patience – His Longsuffering - is ended.

Action, fierce, strong and just, is about to begin against those who have offended for so long.

Soon the Lord will go forth

"To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" Jude 15

It is "at the name of Jesus" that every knee shall bow (Phil. 2:10).

He will soon begin to enforce His plan.

Rev 5:14 “Make it so number one...”

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. (KJV)

Some believe Rev 5:14 was added by a transcribers error copying Rev 4:10.

I don't think so ... It is the response to the 'Call to Worship'

As the voice of praise dies down.

The cherubim cry, "Amen"; "So be it"

These mighty angels of God will announce when praise is ascribed to the Lord Jesus Christ

The praise celebration must have been some party.

The 24 elders who began it by initially falling before him, at some point got up, probably in the excitement; singing and jumping for joy (dancing) around the throne.

The redeemed ones - we ourselves - who have had such an active part in all this scene fall down again and worship Him.

Once again as things quiet down, they fall before Him in worship.

Rev 5:14 What time is it ???

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. (KJV)

His praise is to endure unto the ages of the ages because He will endure

This is the 3rd time that 'liveth for ever and ever' is used in the book of Revelation.

Some translations have it 'liveth unto ages of the ages'

- The Father who sits upon the throne liveth for ever and ever (4:9)
- The elders worship Him that liveth for ever and ever (4:10).
- Worship Him who liveth for ever and ever (5:14).

He has no end – ever – NEVER He is the final say The "I AM"

Eternity is not just a long time – It's outside of time completely

The Eternal God has no beginning and no end
– in the Eternal realm there is no such thing as time to measure it by.

Rev 5:14 Paid in Full – Open the Gift given...

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. (KJV)

This group assembled in Heaven is seen other times during the Revelation of Jesus Christ the Lord; King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

REV 7:11 REV 11:16-19 REV 14:3 REV 19:1-6

Finally this group is seen returning with the Lord to the earth at his Second Coming in [Revelation 19:11-16](#).

Jesus sacrifice has paid the debt.

He has been found worthy to take the scroll and claim His inheritance.

His undeniable revelation to His creation is at hand

It begins in Chapter 6 with the breaking of the seals and reading of the scroll

To the redeemed Jesus is seen as a lamb - loving and gentle

To the unredeemed He is seen as a lion - powerful and devouring.

Rev 5:14 The scene is about to change

Psalm 2 is a “trialogue” between the three persons of the Godhead.

Not “all things have been put under His feet” (**Heb 2:8**).

His present occupation is as our Intercessor (**Heb 8:1, 2**), but that is a temporary occupation (**Heb 10:13**).

The day is coming when every knee will bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Yeshua, Jesus Christ, is Lord.

Some will do so *gladly* because they have appropriated the sacrifice of Jesus for their own eternal lives.

Others will be forced to *reluctantly* confess His lordship.

When all the illusions—and delusions— upon which they based their lives have all been stripped away, they will have no choice but to join the rest of creation in openly confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord.

When that moment comes, will our hearts be filled with joy and gladness—or with fear and regret?

It is not a choice for the future, but a choice we must make *today*.