



THE BOOK OF

REVELATION

...the great power
...the people
...will be needed to pluck
...roots.
7. Following Septuagint, Syriac, and Vulgate, Masorah



The Scroll & The Lamb

Revelation 5

“Worthy are you,
our Lord and God,
to receive glory and
honor and power,
for you created all
things, and by your
will they existed
and were created.”
(4:11)



“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty, who
was and is and is
to come!” (4:8)



Revelation 5:1-2 (ESV)

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

Revelation 5:3-4 (ESV)

3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

- The document rests in **God's right hand**, the dominant hand of power and authority.
- This scroll is **unusually full**. It overflows with communication; every inch is covered with revelations of the divine will.
- This scroll is **authoritatively authenticated**, sealed with seven wax seals perhaps by the seven-fold Spirit of God.



This scroll is a
document of
inheritance.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (**Matthew 5:5**)

“He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.” (**1 Samuel 2:8**)

“But he who takes refuge in me shall possess the land and shall inherit my holy mountain.” (Isaiah 53:17)

“I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.’” (Psalm 2:7-8)

“Then the King will say to those on his right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.’” (**Matthew 25:34**)

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers
or sisters or father or mother or children or lands,
for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold
and will inherit eternal life.” (**Matthew 19:29**)

“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:11-14)

“...An inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you... a salvation ready to be revealed
in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:3-5)

We are set to inherit **EVERYTHING**—the earth, the nations, a kingdom, dominion as God's image-bearing representatives, status as His honored sons and daughters.

Ours will be the future. Ours will be salvation. Ours will be all the promises and blessings. Ours will be eternal life.

What in heaven or on earth makes us
WORTHY of such an inheritance?

“Or do you not know the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you.” (1 **Corinthians 6:9-11**)

“I tell you this, brothers and sisters: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” (1 Corinthians 15:50)

“But what does the Scripture say? ‘Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.’”

(Galatians 4:30)

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’” (Matthew 21:38)

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12)

“For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land... But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace... The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever... Wait for the LORD and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.”

(Psalm 37:9, 11, 29, 34)

Revelation 5:5 (ESV)

5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

The speaker beckons John to **SEE**.

The Lion of Judah





The subversive
bait-and-switch

Revelation 5:6-7 (ESV)

6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.



- Slain, but resurrected
- 7 horns (fullness of authority)
- 7 eyes (divine omniscience & the Spirit of God)



Our Savior
conquers not as
a lion, but as a
LAMB.

How our Savior conquers is of the
utmost importance because it is how
we are to **CONQUER**.

How does a Lamb conquer?
By **LAYING DOWN ITS LIFE IN
RANSOM.**

Revelation 5:8 (ESV)

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

Revelation 5:9-10 (ESV)

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



“The lamb is a symbol
of a life that belongs
totally to God,
uncorrupted by evil
and death, and that
means death has no
rightful claim to it.”
(Mackie)



“It is not fair, but
because the lamb
surrendered its life it
can—so to speak—
give its life power for
others to open up a
way back to life with
God.” (Mackie)

Our Savior went to a cross for us.
There is only one proper response to
such a sacrifice: **WORSHIP.**

Revelation 5:11-12 (ESV)

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

Revelation 5:13-14 (ESV)

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

**Go and do likewise. We worship the
Lamb by conquering as He conquers.**