

Chapter 5

Chapter 4 focused on Trinity; here it is more on Jesus. Notice, He is no longer walking among the lamp stands. Rev 2:1

1. Holy Spirit is no longer Restraining Evil.
2. True Church of Salt and Light is removed - Depending on when you hold this happens?
3. Satan knows his time is short, so he makes the most of it.
4. Evil men are free to carry out their plans.
5. Judgment is directed by God.

Throne was the focus of Chapter 4, but the Lion and The Lamb is the focus of Chapter 5.

**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.”**

What is the scroll with 7 seals? , In Roman law a will was to be sealed 7 times. This is sometimes called the book of new covenant, book of judgment, God’s Revelation and Judgment & purpose for the world. Dr. J Vernon McGee called this the Title Deed to Earth. Jesus is given the title deed. Daniel 7:13 Jesus is given the World, Zach. Chapter 5 Flying Roll.



*Under the Mosaic [Law](#), land cannot be taken from God's people permanently. In ancient Israel, under the law when land was sold, the losses were written down in a scroll and then it was sealed. The conditions for getting the property back were written on the outside for anyone to read. If the person died a relative who could meet the conditions on the outside of the scroll, could purchase the property back. **This chapter is talking about a kinsman redeemer from Adam rightfully taking back possession of Adam's right to rule on earth. God gave that right to Adam but he apparently lost this stewardship to angels by allowing sin and death to come into the world. The conditions on the outside require a sinless person to open the scroll, This chapter tells us that Jesus paid the Kinsman price of redemption and will open the scroll and start the transfer of the administration of the earth from the prince of angels (Satan) back to man.***

*Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the [fish](#) of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Source: <http://www.thepropheticyears.com/The%20book%20of%20Revelation/Revelation%20chapter%205.htm>

What is in the scroll? Some say the 10 commandments that will be used to judge the world. Others say the New Covenant (Romans 11:26-27 (Israel’s promise -Isaiah 60 - Millennium), The New Covenant, (Hebrew 10:11-18 and Jer 31:33-34))

Old Covenant was dependent on Man – 10 commandments, as Dr. J. Vernon McGee put it “the problem in the Garden of Eden was not the fruit but the pair on the ground.”

New Covenant is dependent on the throne of God. John has a passion to know more about Jesus. He is crushed at the prospect that possibly no one can cure the earth of sin and evil once and for all.

**Rev 5:2-3** *“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.”*

Notice, how this is written as an eye witness account. **Also, why is the angel said to be strong/mighty?**

No man under Adam is worthy just as Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” **What does this mean to you? Is it easy or hard to be humble? Do you slip back into a works based mind set?**

**Rev 5:4-5** *“So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 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.”*

John Wept and Wept...**Why?** John is overwhelmed by the thought that there is no one to rid evil from earth. Roman 8:22-23 – Creation groans in pain till now. **Do you eagerly await His coming? Do you feel as if you are groaning in pain at times in this life just waiting?**

Notice the elders see him as the Lion...also “one of the elders” it implies that anyone of them knew this. They are illuminated with spiritual life/knowledge. Jesus is the worthy One – Lion of Judah (Genesis 49:9) Root of David (2 Samuel Chapter 7).

**How do you see the contrast of Jesus as both the Lion and the Lamb?**

LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDEA	LAMB OF GOD
Govt	Grace
2 <sup>nd</sup> coming	1 <sup>st</sup> coming
Majesty	meekness
Judge	Judged
Sovereign	Savior

**What is the symbolism of the horns, eyes and spirits?**

**Rev 5:6-7** *“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. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.”*

John sees the Lamb (the word here written as a little lamb willingly) –Slain denotes violently past tense, Standing speaks of Resurrection (no longer sitting on right hand of God and no longer walking among the seven lampstands)

Taking the scroll – He must judge in righteousness before he can rule in righteousness. You can’t start the remodel until you have the title. Also, **what is always the first step to a home remodeling project?**

**Rev 5:8-10** *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. 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, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”***

Harps denote praise – Elders are not said to be playing the harps. They are holding prayers (Bowls of Incense)...this maybe the prayers of the martyrs.

Sang a new song – note the number of Angels every creature even the fish in the sea. The first time I will be able to sing in tune. New song is about redemption. Notice they sing of the blood.

Notice the change in the pronoun to “Them and They and our” this is likely referring the tribulation saints. This is praising God for the Tribulation Saints who will not reign above but on the earth.

**Rev 5:11-14** *“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, 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!” 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!” Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever. Multitudes of Angels, All creatures everywhere. Universal Worship and the elders fall down and worship again.***

What do you think this moment will be like?

How does knowing that the world has already been paid for in full and is sitting in escrow help you with your daily trials and troubles?

Do your actions this week reflect that Jesus will take title or do they seem to be more in line with our current landlord in this World? Be honest....

What positive steps can you make today to move you closer to the Lord not our current landlord the power of the air? Focus on deepening your relationship. Remember, we can't earn our way. We have a relationship with Jesus not a religion.

**Galatians 5:1** *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”*

## Chapter 6