The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ
The Seven-Sealed Book - Chapter 5
Study Pack 6

"The importance of this chapter in the book of Revelation cannot be overemphasized. It contains the key _____ . If we err here we will be wrong the rest of the way. The scroll in the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne is the _____, which determines the great crisis and climax of human history. The nations of the world hold no document in their possession as significant and accurate as this scroll. World leaders have made their plans and predictions, but they all must come to nought. We are about to see unfolded before our very eyes _____."

~~ Lehman Strauss, *The Book of the Revelation*, p. 138. ~~

I. THE SEARCH FOR THE ONE TO OPEN THE BOOK, 5:1-3

A. The chapter begins with the word "and" which connects it to chapter 4. God the Father holds a seven-sealed book.

B. The identity of the book.

1. Many commentators consider the book to be the _____ _____, see Strauss, Ironside, McGee, Pettingill. "The seven-sealed book is the title deed to the redeemed inheritance." Larkin, *The Book of Revelation*, p. 45.

   Christ possesses title rights in four areas:

   a. as the *Son of David* He has title to _____

   b. as the *Son of Abraham* He has title to _____

   c. as the *Son of Man* He has title deed _____

   d. as the *Son of God* He has title deed _____

2. Other commentators refer to this as the book of judgment or as _____ _____.

   It is clear that the opening of the seven seals outline the judgments of the tribulation period.

3. There is no reason why _____ cannot serve as title deed to the earth. Seven seals was the customary way of designating a will in the Roman world.

C. Satan's claim overturned.

Satan is a usurper making a false claim to the earth. He exercises authority only until the rightful owner returns - Matthew 4:8-9; John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2. Christ is about to take His rightful place as the king of the earth.

D. The announcement of the angel, v. 2.

A strong angel speaks. Gabriel and Michael would be examples of strong angels. The announcement is in the form of a question. "Who is worthy to open the book?"

E. The negative response.

No man is worthy to open the book. Not Moses or Abraham or David or Daniel or Jeremiah or any other Old Testament saint. Not Peter or Paul or Moody or Spurgeon or any other New Testament saint.

II. THE SOBBING SAINT, 5:4-5

A. John wept because no one was able to open the book.

B. One of the 24 elders tells John to weep not. He is told that _____ _____(Christ - Genesis 49:8-10; Hebrews 7:14) and _____ (Christ - II Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 11:1-9; Matthew 22:14-16; Psalm 110:1; Revelation 22:16; Luke 2:11; Luke 1:32-33) will open the book.

III. LAMB OF GOD, 5:6-7

A. John turns and sees a Lamb standing between the 24 elders and the four beasts, v. 5.

B. Jesus is _____ - Isaiah 53:7; Jeremiah 11:19; John 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32; I Peter 1:18-19. Jesus is called the Lamb of God _____ in the book of Revelation, v. 6.

C. The wounds of Christ are still visible after His resurrection and _____ _____(Lamb as it had been slain) - Luke 24:40; John 20:24-28.

D. Christ can assume many appearances, as can Satan.

E. The Lamb has seven horns (symbolizing authority) and seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God.

F. The Lamb takes the book from God the Father, v. 7.

IV. THE NEW SONG, 5:8-10

A. The 24 elders and the four beasts sing a song about _____ _____.
Only those trusting the shed blood of Christ for their redemption can sing this song. There is not self-praise or works in this song. No one trusting baptism, church membership, personal holiness or good works can sing this song.

B. The elders all have harps - the image of the redeemed playing harps in heaven come from this song.

C. The 24 elders are connected with the prayers of the saints - see chapter 8. John Walvoord writes: "Here in heaven the importance of prayer in the earthly scene is inferred. Later in the book, testimony is made to the continued witness on earth of those who trust in Christ during the time of dreaded tribulation. Their prayers are said to be of _____."
The Revelation of Jesus Christ, p. 117.

D. Believers are declared to be kings - Revelation 1:6, 2:26-27, 3:21, 20:4-6; Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:28-29; II Timothy 2:12-13.

E. Believers are declared to be priests - I Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6.

F. The believers are actually declared to exercise their reign _____ - shall reign. Most new translations read reign (present tense) _____ _____.

V. THE DOXOLOGY, 5:11-14

A. Millions and millions of angels join in the praise of the Lamb.

B. The Lamb is declared to be worthy of:

1. power
2. riches
3. wisdom
4. strength

5. honour
6. glory
7. blessing

C. The Universal Adoration of the Lamb.

All those _____, _____ and even _____ will join in repeating this praise for the Lamb. As difficult as this may be to believe, the account is repeated elsewhere in Scripture - Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 14:11.

This is probably a look ahead at the end of the tribulation period - man's final chorus.

D. Christ longs for the praise in the song of the redeemed singers. H. A. Ironside wrote, "What a host! You would think that God had enough without us. Old John Bunyan says, "Oh this Lamb of God! He had a whole Heaven to Himself, myriads of angels to do His pleasure, but this could not satisfy Him. He must have sinners to share it with him! If you are ever going to sing up there you will have to start in down here. Can you say, 'Thou wast slain and hast redeemed me by Thy blood?'"

~~ John R. Rice, *Behold He Cometh*, p. 125. ~~

E. Worship is provided by the four beasts and the 24 elders for Christ, v. 14.

Memorize for the Test:

Revelation 4:9-11

Revelation 5:4-6

Study and take Test 3