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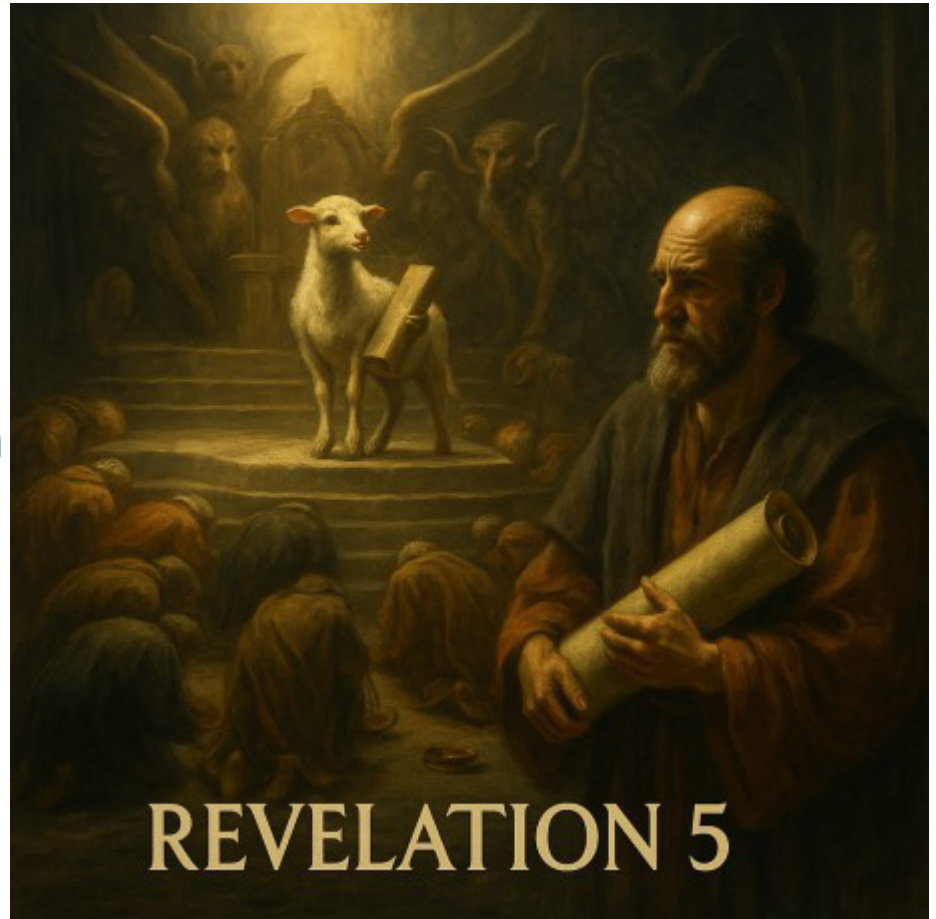
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## **Revelation 5**

### **Revelation 5:1**

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

† The scroll represents God's covenant purposes and judgment. The fullness of His decrees was sealed, awaiting the Lamb alone to open.

† Ezekiel 2:9-10 describes a similar scroll of lamentations and woes.

### **Revelation 5:2-3**

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it.

† No created being was worthy. This emphasizes the uniqueness of Christ as Redeemer.

### **Revelation 5:4**

Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

† John's weeping revealed the weight of God's plan being sealed. Without Christ, redemption and judgment could not be revealed.

### **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 scroll and its seven seals."

† The elder identified Christ as both Lion and Root, fulfilling Genesis 49:9-10 and Isaiah 11:1. He overcame by His death and resurrection.

### **Revelation 5:6**

And I saw between the throne with the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

† Christ is both Lion and Lamb, conquering through sacrifice. The seven horns symbolize perfect power, and the seven eyes symbolize perfect knowledge by the Spirit.

† The Dead Sea Scrolls (1QS 4.4-6) speak of God sending His

Spirit throughout the earth, a parallel image.

### **Revelation 5:7-8**

And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the scroll, 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 Lamb alone is worthy to take the scroll. The prayers of the saints are part of God's plan, rising as incense before Him.

### **Revelation 5:9-10**

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals, for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth."

† The song declares redemption through the Lamb's blood, fulfilling Exodus 19:6 and Revelation 1:6. Christ purchased people from all nations, making them His priestly kingdom.

### **Revelation 5:11-12**

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

† The sevenfold praise mirrors the completeness of Christ's worth. His sacrifice secured all honor and authority.

### **Revelation 5:13-14**

And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the

earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all things in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever." And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

† Universal worship culminates in this scene. Creation joins heaven in acknowledging the Lamb's eternal dominion.

† Chrysostom wrote that the worship of the Lamb with the Father proves His deity beyond question.

### **How it applies to us today**

† Christ is the only one worthy to open God's purposes.

† Redemption is rooted in His blood, securing our place as His kingdom and priests.

† Our prayers are incense before His throne, part of His unfolding plan.

† Worship belongs fully to the Lamb, who reigns now in glory.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

### **Source Index**

† Ezekiel 2:9-10 – scroll of lamentations

† Genesis 49:9-10 – Lion of Judah

† Isaiah 11:1 – Root of David

† Dead Sea Scrolls, 1QS 4.4-6 – Spirit sent throughout the earth

† Exodus 19:6 – kingdom of priests

† Chrysostom, Homilies on Revelation – worship proving Christ's deity

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