

Revelation 5
The Lamb Who is Worthy

Scroll that is Sealed with Seven Seals (1-5)

Writing on both sides of the Scroll (Zechariah 5:1-4) **these are the judgments of God**
Who is worthy to open the Scroll? No one in heaven or on earth! **Not man's wrath**
Weeping: because there is none who is worthy. (James 4:12) **only God is worthy**
Worthy One – He is able! (Jude 24) **only God is able – He knows our hearts (Jer. 17:10)**

Slain Lamb (6-7) **What a picture – a slain lamb, the most powerful being in the universe!**

Standing in the Center of the Throne (Acts 7:55 / Colossians 3:1) **Jesus is there!**
Surrounded by the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders (Psalm 27:4; 84:1-4) **what a privilege**
Seven horns (Matthew 28:18) **All power and authority belong to Him**
Seven eyes (Hebrews 4:13) **He sees all that goes on (Psalm 139:7-12)**
Scroll is taken from God's right hand (I Timothy 6:15-16) **not possible for a creature**

Song of the Redeemed (8-10) **those purchased by the blood of Christ**

Preparation: face down in worship with instruments of praise and incense **bow in praise, prayer**
Proclamation: He alone is worthy **in heaven or on earth**
He was slain for us (I Peter 2:24) **our sins in His body on the tree**
His blood purchased men for God (Titus 2:14 / I Corinthians 6:19-20) **He bought us**
He cares about all peoples (I Timothy 2:3-4 / I John 2:2) **wanting none to perish**
Position: He has made us to be: **none of which we deserve – all His grace**
A kingdom and priest (I Peter 2:9 / Revelation 1:6) **from darkness to light to leader**
A people who will serve Him (Titus 2:14) **set apart for Him – eager to please Him**
A people who will reign on the earth (Revelation 20:6) **in righteousness and truth**

Song of the Angels (11-12) **who will witness the fulfillment of His glorious plan (Eph. 3:10)**

Ten thousand times ten thousand = 100,000,000 **more than can be counted**
Throne (including the 24 elders and the 4 living creatures) is surrounded **we are close to Him**
To declare in a LOUD voice **nothing held back**
The One who is to receive all: POWER, WEALTH, WISDOM, STRENGTH, HONOR, GLORY, PRAISE

Song of every creature (13-14) **all declaring Jesus as Lord!**

The Lamb is on the Throne (Psalm 2:6) **He who died and rose is in His proper place**
The Lamb is to be praised forever (Hebrews 1:8-12) **His kingdom will never end (Is. 9:7)**
Those near the throne agree and worship Him (Philippians 2:9-11) **bowing before the Lamb**

Discussion questions for Revelation 5

Why would John be weeping that there was no one who could open the Scroll of God's Judgments? (Malachi 3:2-4; 4:1-3) ***The promise for all to be made right requires His judgments. We would have no hope if Christ had not taken our judgment. God is patient for people to turn to Him, but we will not see all the glories of His Kingdom unless His judgment come first. Who is worthy? Only One!***

Why is Jesus worthy to open the Scroll?) (consider who He is and what He's done) (John 5:17-18, 22-23 / Philippians 2:6-11) ***He is the One appointed by God to be the Judge of all. His judgment is right, for He Himself bore our judgment. He understands and knows our condition and He has offered Himself for us. He who is sinless and all knowing has the right to bring judgment at the proper time.***

What is the focus of the song of the redeemed? (details) (Matthew 28:18 / Philippians 4:19 / Colossians 2:2-3 / Philippians 3:20-21 / John 5:23 / John 8:54) ***The Person and the word of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By His blood He has redeemed us a made us a part of His Kingdom. He has all power and authority. His riches supply all our needs. He is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. He is able to transform us to be like Him. All honor and praise and glory are due Him.***

What is God preparing us to be? – 3 things (I Peter 2:9 / Revelation 1:6 / Revelation 20:6)
***A holy nation – a part of His kingdom, serving as His priests (we are His chosen and privileged children)
A people made ready and eager to serve (everything we need in His Word and by His Spirit)
Rulers in His Kingdom (all who are part of the first resurrection – i.e. His Church)***

How is He preparing us now? (John 13:13-17 / Romans 8:5-9 / John 8:31-32; 17:17)
***Teaching us to serve even as He served us.
Teaching us to walk as He did, relying on the Spirit who dwells within.
Teaching us His truth through His Word – to free us from sins and sanctify us for His work. (II Tim 3:16)***

How can we become better prepared for our future roles? (Matthew 7:24-27 / Hebrews 5:13-14 / James 1:22) ***We must take in His Word: to transform our minds (Rm. 12:2) and to prepare us for His work (II Tim. 3:17). We must put the truths of His Word into action in our lives. To only hear and not obey is to build our lives upon sand, being self-deceived. We must put into practice the things we are taught – this is only possible when we yield our lives to the power of the indwelling Spirit of God.***

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