

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB”

Revelation 5:1-14

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INTRODUCTION

This may well be the most exciting chapter in the Bible!

We have a certain future because of Revelation 5; this is a unique chapter – one-of-a-kind.

The key to its interpretation is Daniel 7:13-14

- I. THE UNIVERSAL _____ OF HUMANITY (1-4)
 - A. Human Destiny and Inheritance (1)
 1. Description of the Book
 - a. Scroll
 - b. Writing inside and out
 - c. Seven seals
 2. Views of the book
 - a. Book of Life
 - b. NT fulfillment of the OT
 - c. Book of Revelation
 - d. Book of revelations
 - e. Book of _____
 - B. Human Helplessness (2-4)
 1. The Challenge of the Strong Angel (2)
“Strong”, “proclaim”, “loud voice”
“Who is worthy?” Moral worth—resulting in authority and power
 2. The failure to meet the challenge (3)
No one in: Heaven, Earth, under the earth—**No created being was** _____.
 3. The sorrow of the prophet (4)—**The expression of the tears of the ages!**
- II. THE UNIVERSAL _____ OF THE LAMB (5-7) **STOP WEeping—there is someone worthy!**
Here we see the focal point—the center of the entire scene.
 - A. His Description
 1. Lion (Gen. 49) of Judah
 2. Root of David (Is. 11:1)—both source and descendant
 - B. His Victory—“Has Overcome”—**He can thus open the book that has 7 seals!**
Is His power the basis of His worth? NO!
 - C. His Sacrifice (Is. 53; cf. Jn. 1:29, 49)—**John does not see a lion—but a** _____!
“Slain”—mortal wounds
“Little lamb”—yet a warrior who conquers
 - D. His position: standing [**He’s** _____]
 - E. His Power: 7 horns
 - F. His Knowledge—7 eyes (cf. Zech. 4:10)
 - G. His relation to the Holy Spirit—sent out into all the earth (cf. Jn. 14:26)
*He takes the book—see **Dan. 7:14***

Heaven and all creation cannot contain their excitement; we see a quick succession of worship in concentric circles around the throne.

III. UNIVERSAL PRAISE OF THE LAMB (like the arrival of the emperor.

A. Living Beings and Elders (8-9)

1. Their position (fell down)
2. Their possessions: _____ —Praise; Golden Bowls with incense (cf. 8:3; Ps. 141:2)
The _____ of the saints of all ages—preserved and remembered before God!
“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth.”
3. Their Song: “Sang, saying”
“New Song”—of redemption, accomplished and applied

WORTHY: Why?

- a. He was _____ [*historical fact*]
- b. He has _____ [purchased—*interpretation of that fact*; for God]
 - Price—the _____
 - People—men from every tribe, tongue, people, nation: **Universal**
- c. He has made men a “kingdom of priests” to our God [*result of that fact*]
Not just a part of that kingdom, for **“they will reign on the earth.”**

B. Angels (11-12)

1. Their number (11): innumerable “ten thousands times ten thousands, and thousands of thousands”
2. Their Praise (12)
7-fold praise: 1-4: Qualities He possesses (Power, riches, wisdom, might)
: Responses of men and angels (honor, glory, blessing)

C. All Creation (13-14) (Cf. Phil. 2)

- Every created being: in heaven, on earth, under the earth, on the sea, all things in them
- He finally gets the praise that He deserves!
- The Lamb receives **same praise** as the Father
- Blessing, honor, glory, dominion
- Forever and ever!
- The four living beings kept saying **“Amen!!!”**
- The elders fell down and worshiped. !

THIS IS THE EARTH’S FUTURE; THE LAMB’S FOLLOWERS REIGN; ALL PRAISE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIM!
Where do you stand?