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## Revelation 5

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Jesus holds the seven seals in his hands

Revelation chapter 5 describes a scroll that John saw in his vision and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) as the only one qualified to open it. This chapter highlights the central theological theme of the redemption of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His role in redemption and sovereignty. The revelation mentions two scrolls, the one in Jesus' hand with seven seals on it,

In the last chapter of the book of Daniel, the angel tells Daniel that the events of the last seven years of mankind have been sealed away and will not be revealed until the end of the days (Daniel 12:9); What will happen in the last seven years is the book sealed in Jesus' hands. The process by which the seven seals are unsealed is the seven seals of the book of Revelation, which is the preparatory or gestation period before entering the end of the world, which is called the end times. The ancient Israel's title deeds, written on sheepskins, rolled up and sealed with seals, and not opened until the appointed date, were not ordinary scrolls, but a very unique scroll, a heavenly legal document, a title deed for the whole land, a record of the destiny of the whole earth, and the perfect plan for the fulfillment of God's will. So, what is written in this "scroll" may be all the powers of the world, it may represent the fate of the world that unfolds to come (Psalm 139:16), "the things that shall come to pass" (4:1), including judgment, redemption, and the plan of the kingdom, but it may also represent the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb's inheritance to His people.

"Sealed with seven seals" (v.1) may mean that the scroll has seven sections, one for each section. The "seven seals" may symbolize the consummation of God's will, and only when all seven seals are opened can the contents of the scroll be fully fulfilled and God's will be carried out. The legal

documents of the time were sealed on the knots of the scroll, and the most important documents had to be sealed by seven witnesses, similar in form to the scrolls here.

The angel asks aloud, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and the seven seals' (v.3), referring to qualifications. This is a question that hits the heart directly: for both the elect of the Old Testament and the believers of the New Testament; There is no one worthy to open and look at the scroll" Generally speaking, only certain fiduciaries can break the seal and open the scroll, because John has not yet discovered that only the Lamb of God is worthy of all power (5:12), John saw the persecution of the church at that time, the martyrdom of many people, the cruelty of treatment, the lack of human security, the absence of economic and family freedom, and the fact that the Jews were not legitimate citizens, slaves of the nation, and even more, in the reign of King Neroth, they were blamed for all social problems. John wanted to see the scroll and wanted to know what the future history of the church would be, but he couldn't see it because no one was worthy of opening it. He was helpless by what was happening before him, and he couldn't help but cry when there was even one in the universe who was worthy of reading the scroll.

At this moment, one of the 24 elders in the worship came forward to comfort John, saying, "Don't weep! Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, who is victorious, is able to open the scroll, and to open the seven seals." Here, the lion in the tribe of Judah refers to the lion of the tribe of Judah, prophesied by Jacob, the ancestor of the twelve tribes (Genesis 49:9-10), and the Jews often use this metaphor to refer to the Messiah, the son of David. Jesus' victory was not through great strength, but through death; not by power, but by martyrdom;

In a desperate situation where people think there is no way out, in fact, God has been preparing for a long time!! It is the incarnate Jesus!! He is the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45), the first Adam sinned and lost ownership of the earth, the last Adam Jesus through the death of the cross, overcame Satan, overcame the powers of darkness, overcame sin and death, and achieved perfect salvation for man, so He regained ownership of the whole earth!! Only He is worthy to open the scroll and open the seven seals to carry out God's perfect purpose in this land, and to inherit the whole earth as an inheritance, and to reign in this land!

(vv.6-7) His death. Now there is a Jesus in heaven, the Jesus who has risen from the dead, who has received the penal punishment in the place of the world, who has borne the sins of the world, who died on the cross, and who has been resurrected! (v.6) Arise and 'take the scroll' from the Father's hand (v.7) and receive authority to carry out the will of the book. Heaven and earth knew that the opening of the book was imminent, and it aroused great worship and praise.

The seven spirits of God are the perfect Holy Spirit, the seven horns are the full power, and the seven eyes are the penetrating discernment, and the Holy Spirit of Jesus is sent into the whole world. These descriptions show us that Jesus is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent.

Jesus came and took the scroll from the right hand of the seated throne, the only heir to take over the earth! Only Christ Himself "was killed and bought us with his own blood" that he could "free us from our sins" once and for all, and truly "become a nation and a priest to God." Therefore, He is "worthy to take the scroll and to open the seals" because He alone can bring the kingdom to

earth completely. For example, the book of Hebrews says that Jesus was perfected by death and sacrificed to be worthy of the throne, which is a law of both man and God.

And in heaven appeared, "four living creatures and twenty thousand elders fell down before the Lamb, each with a harp and a golden furnace full of incense" (5:8). The object of worship in heaven shifts from God the Father to the slain Lamb, and it is clear that Jesus, the Lamb of God, is equal to God the Father. Offering incense is a standard ritual in the temple, and the harp is a musical instrument for worship in the temple; John makes it clear that "this incense is the prayer of all the saints" (5:8; Luke 1:10), as the Psalm says, "Let my prayer be displayed before you like incense." (Psalm 141:2) It was not until the first generation of mankind that Adam and Eve sinned, the second generation of Abel Cain offered sacrifices to cover their sins, and it was not until the third generation of Enos that God gave His name and allowed people to open their mouths to proclaim His name and ask Him (Genesis 4:26). The Old Testament requires that after the sacrifice has been sacrificed, a sinless person can only pray to God after he has been restored to his relationship with God. In the New Testament, Jesus offered us once and for all eternity, and in Christ we are sinless, have been restored to a relationship with God (Ephesians 2:14–16), and are ready to pray and can pray in all things. God knows our hearts and minds. Isaiah 65:24 And I answered, and they were still talking, and I heard. What we think in our hearts, God answers, and as soon as we open our mouths, God fulfills it. In fact, before we pray, God knows what we are praying for, just waiting for us to open our mouths.

Christians are despised and persecuted in the world, but their prayers are valued in heaven and are even offered to Jesus in a "golden furnace." But now that he is going to execute God's judgment and usher in God's kingdom, he is "standing" again.

In the book of Revelation, God the Father is always seated on his throne, worshiped by angels and hosts, and never leaves the table (4:8). Christ sometimes inspected the church in front of the throne among the seven lampstands, sometimes stood by the throne (5:6, 7), sometimes appeared on Mount Zion and sang with His 144,000 Guards (14:1), and sometimes returned to God and sat on the throne (7:10, 17). After the Lamb took the scroll, he initiated a worship of the unity of heaven and earth, and the image of worship before the throne changed instantaneously and ascended to a new climax. 'They sang a new song' (v.9) because the Lamb was about to open the seven seals, and there was no other hymn for this situation, and there had to be a special 'new song' to praise it.

This heavenly praise begins with a new song by the four living creatures and the elders (vv.8–9) and ends with the worship of the four living creatures and the elders. Then the angels, the saints, and all creation waited for the time when the Lamb would open the seals. When the seven churches of the earth were suffering and fighting, the Lord Jesus did not express sympathy or remove trials, but inspired this scene of great worship in heaven. Today, when the enemy is rampant and the church is under persecution, the Holy Spirit reminds us through a vision from heaven that God has "bowed every knee in the name of Jesus, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confessed that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," and that the fate of the enemy has been sealed. Therefore, "take the mind of Christ Jesus as your heart,"

following the example of the Lord Jesus, who humbled first and then exalted (Philippians 2: 6-9), faithfully and patiently waiting for the hour of redemption.

(vv.13–14) From the first to the second worship, Christ is referred to as having authority, wisdom, power, honor, glory, and praise. In the third paragraph, the worship of all creation speaks of "to the throne-sitting and to the Lamb," which means that Christ was worshiped as God. Christ with the scroll in his hand is worshiped with God, the Most High God, the First of all!

John also saw and heard that God had countless angels coming to worship the Lamb who had been slain, showing that He was worthy of worship (v.11). Countless angels have brought the sevenfold perfect song of salvation to the Lamb "power, riches, wisdom, power, honor, glory, and praise." Not only was this worship done in heaven, but John also heard the whole universe and all creation join in the heavenly worship, singing, "Praise and honor, glory and power be to him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb for ever and ever." (v.13) Heaven and the whole universe proclaim Christ as equal, glorious and powerful with God the Father. Finally, the four living creatures before the throne of God said, "Amen!" And the elders also fell down and worshipped. The church today is also influential on society! Christ is worthy of opening the scroll, he is the lion of Judah, he is God, the church will be the king in the future, become the head of all, not by its own struggle and hard work, but by the results of Christ's crucifixion in the past, the church will be more and more full of the power of the tree of life, full of the character of God, will be a pillar in the temple of God. The passages in Revelation 1–5 are the basis for understanding the end times and preparing us for the coming end times. As we continue to read, we should always recall the vision of Jesus the Son of Man, the call and exhortation of the overcomers of the church, the glorious throne in heaven and the worship day and night before the throne in heaven, and the opening of the scroll and the opening of the seven seals of Jesus. So that our focus can be fixed on God, no matter how difficult and challenging the situation of the last days, we can continue to believe that God is completely sovereign over all things, in order to accomplish God's ultimate will and bring in a perfect eternity in which God lives with men!

Let's pray:

Abba Father, we too will join us in this universal unity of worship and prayer by singing a new song, saying, "The Lamb of God is worthy to open the scroll and to open the seven seals"!! Together, we declare, "The Lamb that was slain is worthy of power, riches, wisdom, power, honor, glory, and praise." We are willing to bow down to You! Pray that the Lord will keep our hearts from being offended and help us to surrender completely.

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. amen

Revelation 5

5:1           And I saw that in the right hand of the man who sat on the throne was a scroll, written inside and out, and sealed with seven seals.

5:2           I also saw a powerful angel who preached loudly and said, who is worthy to open the scroll and unveil the seven seals.

5:3           There is no one in the heavens, on the earth, or under the earth to open his eyes to the scroll.

5:4           Because he was not worthy to open it, to look at it, I wept aloud.

5:5           One of the elders said to me, Don't cry . Behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, he has been triumphed to open the scroll and open the seven seals.

5:6           And I saw that among the throne and the four living creatures, and among the elders, there stood a Lamb, as if he had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, the seven Spirits of God, sent into all the world.

5:7           The Lamb came and took the scroll from the right hand of the seated baby.

5:8           And when he had taken the scroll, and the four living creatures, and the twenty-four elders, he fell down before the Lamb, and each of them took a harp, and a golden furnace full of incense. This incense is the prayer of all the saints.

5:9           They sing new songs and say, "You are worthy to take the scroll and open the seven seals . For thou hast been slain, and hast bought men with thy blood from every tribe and tongue and tongue and nation to return them to God,

5:10           and that they may become nations and priests and gods . to hold the throne on earth .

5:11           And I saw and heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders. their numbers are in the tens of millions .

5:12           It is said that the Lamb that has been slain is worthy of authority, riches, wisdom, power, honor, glory, praise.

5:13           And I heard that all the creatures in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all that was created in heaven and earth, said, Blessed be the throne, and the honor, and the glory, and the power, to the throne and to the Lamb. until forever and ever.

5:14           The four living creatures said, A-Ah. The elders also bowed down and worshipped.

The fifth chapter of Revelation describes a vision of John. He saw God in his right hand holding a scroll with seven seals. An angel asked who was qualified to open this seal and open the scroll, but no one was considered eligible. John wept because no one could open the scroll.

However, an elder told John that the lion of the tribe of Judah, who was also the root of David, had been conquered and could open the scroll. John then saw what appeared to have been a slaughtered lamb who was able to take the scroll from God's right hand. The four living creatures and the elders praised the Lamb and sang a new song declaring that the Lamb was worthy of power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.

The Lamb began to open the seals on the scrolls, which triggered various events on earth, such as war, famine, and death. Opening the fifth seal reveals the souls who have been martyred for their faith. Opening the sixth seal triggers a great earthquake and other cosmic disturbances. Overall, the fifth chapter of Revelation emphasizes the value of the Lamb opening the scroll and depicts the consequences of opening the seal, which led to significant events on earth.

The key verses of the fifth chapter of the book of Revelation are in the Chinese version in the Harmony Version.

1. Revelation 5:5-6 - One of the elders said to me, "Do not weep, behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, who has overcome and is able to open the seven seals and the seven eyes on the seven horns." "Then I saw a Lamb standing in the middle, as if he had been slain, with seven horns and seven eyes, the seven Spirits of God, sent into all the earth.

2. Revelation 5:9-10 - They sang a new song, saying, "Worthy is you to take the scroll and to open the seals, for you were slain, and by your own blood you bought men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation to God and to make them kingdoms and priests to serve our God and to reign over the earth." "

Revelation 5:12-13 - They cried out, "The Lamb who was slain is worthy of power, riches, wisdom, power, honor, glory, and praise." "And I heard all things in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, saying, "Praise and honor, glory and power be to him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb who sits on the throne for ever and ever."

Revelation chapter 5 describes a scroll that John saw in his vision and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) as the only one qualified to open it. This chapter highlights the central theological theme of the redemption of Jesus Christ, emphasizing His role in redemption and sovereignty. Here are some highlights of the theological implications, theological thinking, and spiritual implications of chapter 5:

The Importance of the Book: Describes a scroll full of words that symbolizes God's plan and the destiny of history. The book seems to be unopened, implying that humanity is unable to understand and decipher God's plan and needs a special person to reveal.

The Honor of the Lamb: Jesus is called the "Lamb," which is the verse used in the Bible to describe Him. He is depicted standing before the throne, symbolizing his position as Savior and Master. It also underscores the incomparable dignity and power of Jesus.

The Importance of Salvation: The Lamb is known as the only one qualified to open the scroll, which highlights the crucial role of Jesus Christ in salvation. His sacrifice and resurrection made him the only one who could reveal God's plan and the center of salvation.

Praise and Worship: Angels, living creatures, and elders sing songs about the coming of the Lamb, glorifying His redemption and sovereignty. This expresses the worship and reverence of Jesus as Redeemer and Lord.

Salvation of All Nations: Describes the redeemed from all races, nations, and languages, emphasizing that Jesus' redemption applies to all mankind. This underscores the universality of the Christian faith and the universality of salvation.

In terms of theological thought and spiritual impact, Revelation chapter 5 emphasizes the atonement of Jesus Christ as a central theological theme. This chapter reminds us that Jesus' death and resurrection were not only historical events, but were the key to God's plan of salvation. It emphasizes the dignity and power of Jesus as the Lamb, encourages believers to put Him at the center of their lives, and celebrates His redemptive works in worship. This chapter also expresses the universality of faith that gives everyone the opportunity to come into God's presence and be saved by the redemption of Jesus Christ.