

Lesson 10: The Throne Room, Part 2

Key Text: Revelation 5

Chapter Outline

- I. The Double-sided Scroll! (5:1)
- II. Who is Worthy to Open the Scroll? (5:2-5)
- III. The Lamb Takes the Scroll (5:6-10)
 - a Description of the Lamb (5:6)
 - b The Lamb Takes the Scroll (5:7)
 - c The Lamb is Worshipped (5:8-10)
- IV. The Heavenly Choir Worships the Lamb (5:11-12)
- V. All Creation Worships the Lamb (5:13-14)

Chapter Synopsis

Revelation 5 builds on the scene of Revelation 4. Here John sees at the right hand of God, who is sitting on the throne, a scroll that is “written inside and on the back” and sealed with seven seals. He understands that nobody in the entire universe is worthy to open that remarkable scroll. Then, a Lamb/Lion-like figure, “the Sprout of David” which appears “as having been slain,” is found worthy to open the scroll because he has conquered. When he has taken the scroll from the right side of the One sitting on the throne, anthems of praise sound throughout the universe. Verses 9, 12, and 13 contain three hymns. The first two worship the Lamb; the third one worships God and the Lamb.

Key Terms (in order of appearance in chapter. OT references given during lecture)

- “A scroll”
- “sealed with seven seals”
- “strong angel”
- “Lion of the tribe of Judah”
- “Root of David”
- “seven horns and seven eyes”
- “seven Sprits of God sent out into all the earth”
- “harp and golden bowls full of incense”
- “a new song”
- “You are worthy...”
- “kings and priests to our God”
- “ten thousand times ten thousand”
- “worshipped Him”

Retrospect

Revelation 4 and 5 describe one of the great events in the plan of salvation, namely, the coronation of the ascended and glorified Christ on the heavenly throne at the right hand of the Father after the incarnation and his death and resurrection. Two events are yet to take place: the Second Coming and the subsequent final judgment when God’s plan of salvation will be brought to its conclusion. However, the enthronement of Christ seems to be the crucial point in the history of the universe. It is the event that has inaugurated Christ into his royal ministry; it is with Christ’s exaltation on the heavenly throne that the victory over sin and Satan is assured. Christ’s enthronement “marks the beginning of the end, defines the nature of the end of history, and describes who shall participate in the victory of the Lamb.” This is what makes Revelation 4–5 the pivotal section of the entire book of Revelation.

Next Week - Revelation 6: The Lamb Opens the Seals