

Revelation

Unlocking the Future



Lesson 07

Worthy is the Lamb

Revelation 5

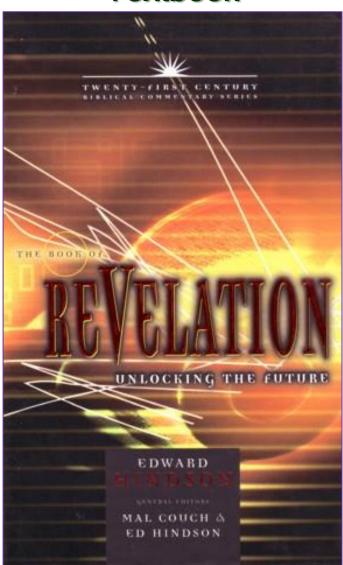
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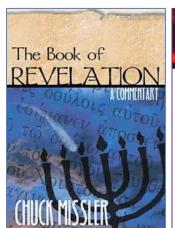


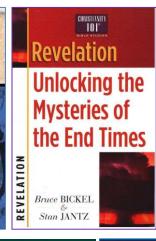


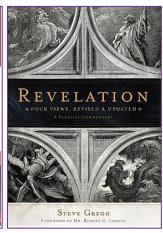


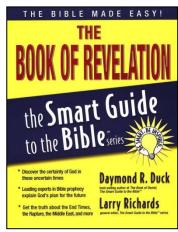
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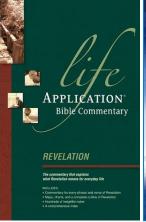


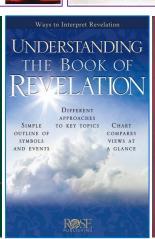


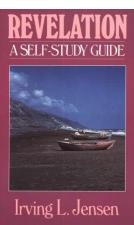








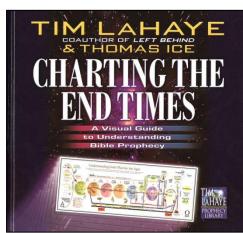


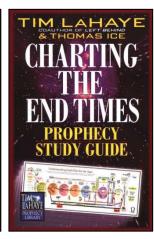


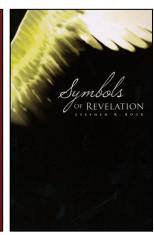


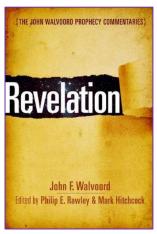
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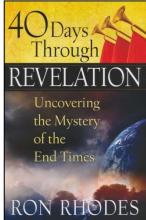


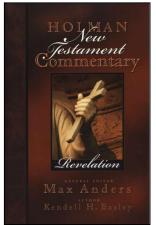


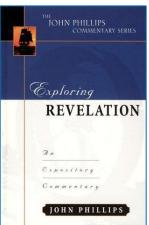




























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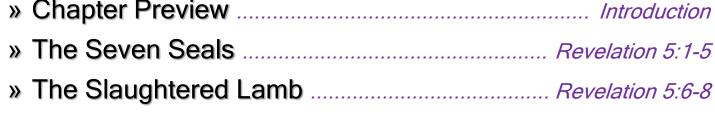
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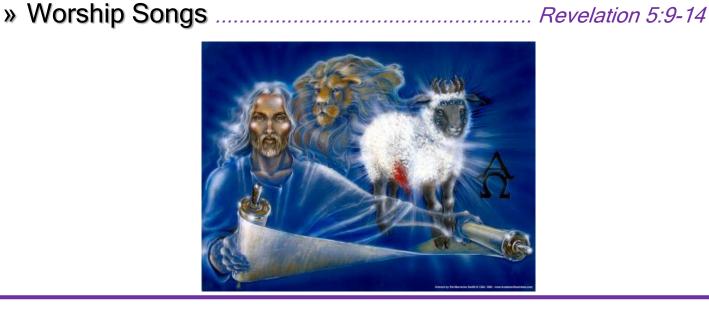


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Worthy is the Lamb

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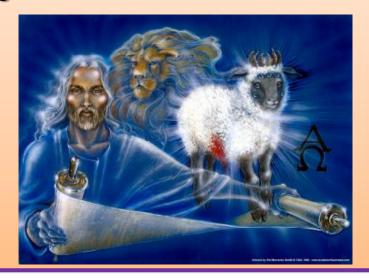
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» Chapter Preview Introduction

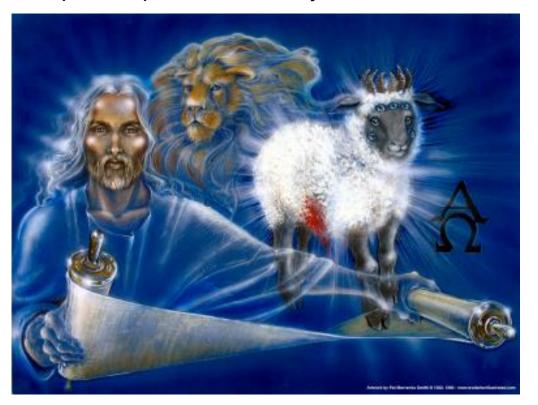


Chapter Preview - Introduction



Preview

The seven-sealed scroll remains unopened until the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) appears. In response to His appearance, all of heaven sings: "Worthy is the Lamb!" The expressions of praise and worship in this chapter emphasize the deity of Christ.



CHRIST IS PORTRAYED IN
HEAVENLY SPLENDOR AS A
SLAUGHTERED LAMB, THE
ONLY ONE WORTHY OF
UNLEASHING THE
JUDGMENT SCROLL OF
DESTINY. HE RECEIVED
WORSHIP FROM ALL THE
ANGELS AND INDEED FROM
ALL CREATED BEINGS.

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The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:1- OBSERVATIONS



The Seven Sealed Scroll

- John notices God on the throne with the seven sealed scroll in His right hand.
 - To be near the right hand of a king was considered the most prestigious position
- John notices the scroll was written inside and on the back and sealed with seven seals
 - Books were scrolls prior to 2nd century A.D.
 - · A book with pages is known as a "codex."
 - A sealed book, with conditions on the exterior and sealed, suggests a title deed.

Example: Jeremiah 32:6-27

Purchase of land for later redemption, [picture of Jesus] even though Jeremiah knew the Babylonian invaders would usurp the land for 70 years (Jeremiah 25:11).

IT WAS EVIDENCE GOD PROMISED THEM THEY WOULD RETURN...

5 And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

--- Revelation 5:1-3 ... NKJV

SCROLL IS THE TITLE DEED TO THE EARTH.

This is the greatest escrow closing in history

The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:2- OBSERVATIONS



The Strong Angel

- Not one of ...
 - the living creatures
 - the elders
- Same angel of Revelation 10:1 & 18:21
- Some suggest this may be the archangel Gabriel...
 Luke 1:19 ... The messianic message archangel
 - However, Scripture is silent on the actual identity
- John records the question of this angel ...

Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?

- Who is worthy to take possession of the deed?
- Who is worthy to break the seals and look inside?

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--- Revelation 5:1-3 ... NKJV

The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:3- OBSERVATIONS



Unable to Open the Scroll

- Quite a search is implied in that no one (man) was found worthy
 - A Man is sought a kinsman of Adam
 - Must qualify as a Goel Kinsman-Redeemer
 - Search is made in all places men exist
 - In heaven believers present with the Lord
 - On the earth the living
 - Under the earth .. deceased non-believers
 - No one is found
 - From Adam's fall man's dominion was usurped by Satan in the Garden
 - No one is qualified to open the scroll
 - No one is qualified to look at the scroll's contents

The Kinsman-Redeemer; the "Goel" had to be a kinsman; had to be able; had to be willing; and, had to assume all the obligations of the beneficiary ... He was also the "avenger of blood..." --- BOOK OF RUTH IS A GREAT ILLUSTRATION ... Boaz=Goel

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--- Revelation 5:1-3 ... NKJV

JESUS CHRIST IS
OUR GOEL - OUR
KINSMAN-REDEEMER

The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:4- OBSERVATIONS



No One Found Worthy

- We may be confused by what it meant for no one found worthy to open, read or look at the scroll
- John was not.

Another Triplet

He understood and sobbed convulsively

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that,* but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

--- Romans 8:22-23 ... NKJV

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

--- Revelation 5:4-5 ... NKJV

HANDLING SCROLL SEQUENCE			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	
Breaking the Seals	Opening the Scroll	Looking at the Contents	
John sees seals opened	John hears trumpets blown	John eats a little scroll	
Revelation 6-7	Revelation 8-9	Revelation 10	

The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:5- OBSERVATIONS



The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

- One of the elders answers the question asked by the strong angel in verse 2
- First John is told "Do not weep." No need to cry.
- Why?
 - Because the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.
 - Because our Kinsman-Redeemer lives.
 - His name is Jesus.
 - In the next verse He is seen as the Lamb

Jesus' 1st Coming: Lamb of God Jesus' 2nd Coming: Lion (King)

To rule from Mt. Zion ... Psalm 2:6

9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?

--- Genesis 49:9 ... NKJV [JACOB'S LAST WORDS TO HIS SONS]

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OFTEN TAKEN AS A
PROPHECY THAT JUDAH'S
LINE WOULD PROVIDE
KINGS FOR THE NATION OF
ISRAEL, ULTIMATELY
FULFILLED BY THE MESSIAH

The Seven Seals - Revelation 5:5- OBSERVATIONS



The Root of David

Isaiah 11:1,10; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Romans 15:12; Revelation 22:16; Matthew 1:1

- He was the result of David's line, yet He was the one who brought David (and the line) into existence!
- He used this paradox to baffle the Pharisees ...
 Matthew 22:41-46
- In God's covenant with David, his line was to rule over all the whole earth (2 Samuel 7; Psalm 2:8);
- This was confirmed to Mary ... Luke 1:33.
- Has this happened?

No ... Not Yet!

- When will this be fulfilled?
 - Millennium Old Earth
 - EternallyNew Earth

8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet." --- Hebrews 2:8 ... NKJV

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--- Revelation 5:4-5 ... NKJV

PREVAILED

LIFE - DEATH - RESURRECTION

"IT IS FINISHED" ... [JOHN 19:30]

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[HEBREWS 2:8]

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The Slaughtered Lamb - Revelation 5:6 - OBSERVATIONS



The Slain Lamb

- John heard about the Lion in the previous verse
- Now he sees the Lamb in the midst (focal point)
 - As though it had been slain
 - Obvious reference to Jesus our Pascale Lamb
 - Whom John the Baptist had heralded as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world ... John 1:29,35-36

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"







⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

--- Revelation 5:6-7 ... NKJV

The Slaughtered Lamb - Revelation 5:6 - OBSERVATIONS



The Slain Lamb

- Having Seven Horns and Seven Eyes
 - Seven = the number of perfection or fullness
 - Horns = symbol of power ... Christ's Omnipotence

[Deuteronomy 22:17; 1 Kings 22:11; Zechariah 1:18; Psalm 75:4]

• Eyes = Holy Spirit Christ's Omnipresence



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--- Revelation 5:6-7 ... NKJV

The Slaughtered Lamb - Revelation 5:7 - OBSERVATIONS



Christ Takes the Scroll

- Jesus the Lamb takes the scroll from the Father's Right hand without objection
 - Jesus is at the right hand of the Father
 [Colossian 3:1; Hebrews 1:3, 13;8:1; 10:12; 12:2]
 - In this instance The Father is on the Throne
 - Both share the Throne in Heaven ... Revelation 3:21

²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. --- Revelation 3:21 ... NKJV [LAODICEA]

 This demonstrates the Lamb's worthiness and ability to unleash the judgments contained in the scroll. ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

--- Revelation 5:6-7 ... NKJV

The Slaughtered Lamb - Revelation 5:8 - OBSERVATIONS



Living Creatures and Elders React

- The immediate response ...
 - The creatures fall down and worship the Lamb
 - The elders fall down and worship the Lamb
- The Creatures and the Elders each have ...



A harp

- In ancient times the harp was a hand-held stringed instrument, functioning like a guitar
- The purpose of the harps was to accompany the song of verse 9
- Golden bowls full of incense prayers of the saints
 Revelation 8:3-4; Psalm 141:2
 - These bowls were shallow or saucer-like.
 - Incense was offered at the Tabernacle
 (Exodus 30:7)

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twentyfour elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

--- Revelation 5:8 ... NKJV

WHEN WE AS BELIEVERS
PRAISE AND PRAY TO
CHRIST, OUR WORSHIP IS
RECEIVED BY CHRIST IN
HEAVEN

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» Worship Songs Revelation 5:9-14



Worship Songs - Revelation 5:9 - OBSERVATIONS



A New Song

- John now hears the elders singing a new song
 - Original song Revelation 4:11 Creation Song
 - This song Redemption Song
- The first line of the song answers the question posed by the strong angel in verse 2
- Q. Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?
- You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals;
- Elders speak directly to the Lamb
- The basis of the Lamb's worthiness is

His willing sacrifice : You were slain

• The result of the sacrifice: You have redeemed us

Jesus is our kinsman-redeemer

Able to redeem : A Sinless Man

Willing to redeem : Laid down His life for you

• Take on the obligations : Great Exchange

Your Sin for His Righteousness

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

--- Revelation 5:9-10 ... NKJV

Worship Songs - Revelation 5:10 - OBSERVATIONS



Kings and Priests

Harkens back to Revelation 1:5-6

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Only Three King-Priests in God's Plan

 Melchizedek 	King of Salem, priest of God	
	Genesis 14:18; Psalm 110:4;	
	Hebrews 5:6-10; 6:20; 7:1-21	
 Jesus Christ 	King of Creation, our High Priest	
 The Believer 	Royal Priesthood 1 Peter 2:9	

- God made it clear there were to be no King-Priests in Israel
 - Saul sacrifices because Samuel delayed and God strips him of his kingdom ... 1 Samuel 13
 - David anointed king by Samuel ... 1 Samuel 15

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--- Revelation 5:9-10 ... NKJV

Worship Songs - Revelation 5:11 - OBSERVATIONS



The Voice of Many Angels

- John now turns from his focus on the Lamb
- To those who surround the throne

Angels Very Large Number > 100 Million

Living Creatures Four

Elders Twenty-Four

Triplet Representing All of God's Creation

 Note the number for Ten Thousand was the largest that the Greek language could express ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

--- Revelation 5:11-12 ... NKJV

Worship Songs - Revelation 5:12 - OBSERVATIONS



Worthy is the Lamb

- Similar to the Redemption Song of the Elders
 - It starts with "Worthy ... "

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." --- Revelation 5:9-10 ... NKJV

- Dissimilar in that redemption is not mentioned
- Why?
 - Only the redeemed can sing that song
 - Not the Angels who are part of this group of singers

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Worship Songs - Revelation 5:12 - OBSERVATIONS



Worthy is the Lamb

Seven Possessions of the Lamb: to receive...

Possession	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCES
Power	He is not one who can dream and never realize; plan but never achieve. He is able.	Matthew 28:18; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:3; Mark 5
RICHES	There is no claim on Him which He cannot satisfy, no promise He cannot carry out.	2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 3:8).
WISDOM	Both secrets and practical knowledge.	1 Corinthians 1:24; James 1:5
STRENGTH	Which can disarm the powers of evil and overthrow Satan.	Psalm 24:8; Matthew 12:29; Luke 11:22).
Honor	Before whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord indeed.	Philippians 2:11; Psalm 104:1; 8:5; Hebrews 2:7-9)
GLORY	Which is His alone.	John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4
BLESSING	The inevitable climax of it all: He pours this all out of us — you and me.	Psalm 103:1-2

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--- Revelation 5:11-12 ... NKJV

Worship Songs - Revelation 5:13 - OBSERVATIONS



Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

- All of God's Creation now sings
 - Song of the Universe...
 - Blessing
 - Honor
 - Glory
 - Power

Directed at ...

- Him who sits on the throne [FATHER]
- to the Lamb [Jesus]

Forever and ever - Through All Eternity!

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twentyfour elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

--- Revelation 5:13-14 ... NKJV

Worship Songs - Revelation 5:14 - OBSERVATIONS

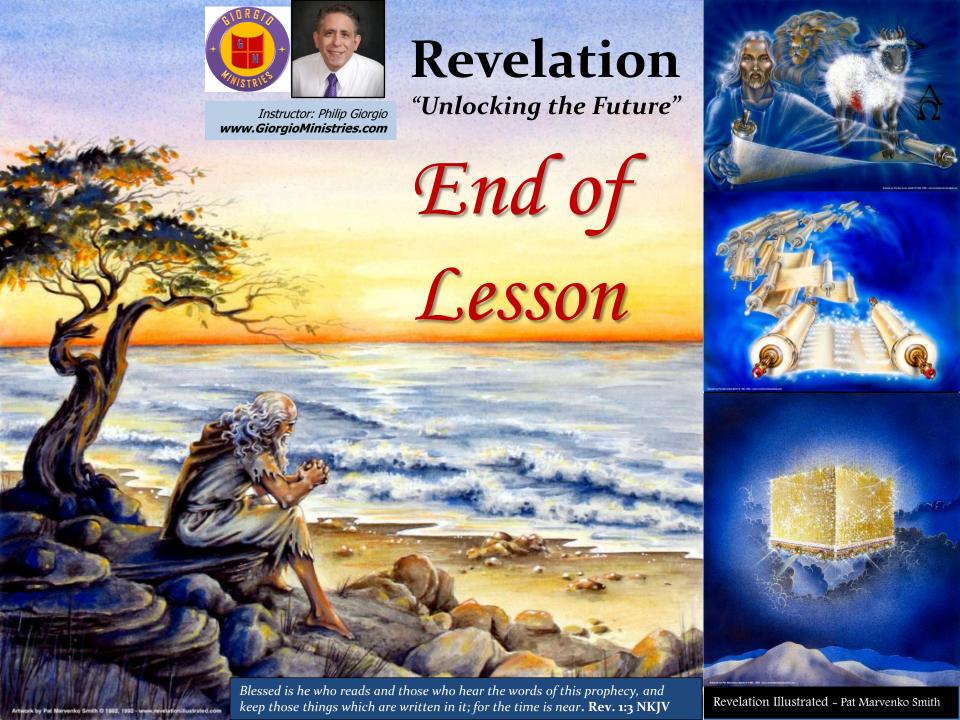


Living Creatures and Elders React

- The focus is now directed back to the central throne room setting from which the action/judgments in Revelation 6 will proceed
- FOUR LIVING CREATURES: Amen = "may it be so"
- THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS: conclude the final action by falling down to worship Christ Jesus the Lamb who lives forever and ever!

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Lesson 08:

The Wrath of the Lamb

[Revelation 6]

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