

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 5
Lesson 12

- As we continue our study of the book of Revelation, we come to a very important part of the text.
- The scene is a continuation of chapter 4, the throne room of Heaven, but something very important happens that sets the stage for the next 14 chapters

1) Verse 1

- a) First thing we must do is identify who it is who, “sits on the throne.” _____
- b) Secondly, let’s examine this “scroll” mentioned in v. 1
- c) Some translations say, “book,” but it wasn’t a book like we think of a book
- d) But this wasn’t any ordinary “scroll” for this one was, “written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”
- e) The question is, “What is written on that scroll?”
- f) Many scholars believe the scroll contains God’s plan for eternally _____ the world and all of its creation

2) Verse 2

- a) John describes an angel, a “strong angel” who asks a penetrating question, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals?”
- b) The angel is _____ .

3) Verse 3

- a) Sadly, “no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.”

4) Verse 4

- a) John is overcome with emotion, for v. 4 says, “So I _____ much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or look at it.”
- b) Think of everyone we’ve seen in the throne room so far . . .
- c) The 24 elders and the 4 living creatures, as great as they all are NONE of them can break the seals and open the scroll!

5) Verse 5

- a) Then one of the elders tells John, “Do not weep. Behold the _____ of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

6) Verse 6

- a) But who, or better what, does John see? Not a lion, but a _____
- b) Who does this Lamb represent _____

- c) John then describes Jesus, the lamb, as having “seven horns and seven eyes”
- d) Remember the symbolism of this book and the significance of numbers
- e) A “horn” represents the _____ and _____ of a king
- f) The Lamb has _____ remember that 7 represents perfection and completion, therefore this lamb has perfect and complete authority
- g) John then says the Lamb has, “seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”
- h) This reminds us that it is Jesus who sent the Holy Spirit into the world. These are not 7 different spirits, but reflects the perfect and complete unity of the Holy Spirit of God

7) Verse 7

- a) The Lamb then proceeds to the throne and removes the scroll from the right hand of God

8) Verse 8

- a) When the Lamb takes the scroll, the 4 living creatures and 24 elders jump to action
- b) Each has a _____ which represents the praise/worship that will take place and a “_____ of full of incense” which represents the burden of the intercession of the saints for God’s redemption of the world through the years

9) Verses 9-10

- a) Do you ever wonder what we will be doing in heaven . . . here’s a good picture!

10) Verse 11

- a) Notice “who” is gathered around the throne, “many angels . . . the living creatures . . . the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands and thousands.”

11) Verse 12

- a) Notice “what” we all will be doing together.
- b) This is not a song as much as it is a collective declaration of our adoration of the Lamb

12) Verses 13-14

- a) Not only was all this going on in heaven, but look what John says he saw then taking place on earth
- b) All of creation is worshipping the creator, “Him who sits on the throne” (God the Father) and “to the Lamb” (God the Son)
- c) Then we see the 24 elders and the 4 living creatures repeat that which they were doing chapter 4:10, they “fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever.”

Let’s renew our commitment together tonight to continue Jesus’ mission in the world today, “to seek and save that which is lost”