

Weep No More

Revelation 5
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The Big Idea: If man is left to their own devices, they cannot have any lasting hope whatsoever. What we see in the ups and downs in history is a Sovereign God who is working through those ups and downs. There is One King on a throne who reigns supreme and because He is risen and reigning, we can have hope. Jesus Christ is ultimately our sole hope for the future.

Revelation 5:1-7 (NASB95)

1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written
inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong
angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book
and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under
the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. 4 Then I began to
weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to
look into it; 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold,
the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has
overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." 6 And I saw
between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a
Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which
are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7 And He came
and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

The Hopeless

- The scroll contains God's plan for all eternity.
- No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it.
- Why does John weep? He recognizes the hopelessness of it all.
- The reason humanity feels so anxious and hopeless is because we have bought into the lie of our own sovereignty.
- "John's tears represent the tears of all God's people through all the centuries."- W.A. Criswell

The Hoped-For

- We often place our hope in temporal things.
- That which we have hoped for is the Lion of Judah and the Lamb slain for sinners.
- In Jesus we see both perfect power and perfect comfort.
- Jesus alone is Savior for the entire world.
- Everything that happens in this world between now and the second coming does nothing more than bring us closer to our King and kingdom.

The Hopeful

- Jesus Christ reigns now!
- The book of Revelation was written because the hopeful were feeling hopeless and needed a reminder of the hope that was in them.
- Do not go into the book of Revelation with the idea that it only explains things far into the future.
- Three things the hopeful must do in light of Revelation 5:
  - Stand in Awe of our Savior.
  - Weep No More.
  - Rejoice.

"At the center of everything is a throne- the throne of God. And we are called to ultimately trust nothing other than God on his throne. The future is not meaningless. It is not anonymous. It is not foreboding and empty like a soon-to-be occupied casket. No, the future is full and bright. And it is full and bright for Christians because of this throne."

-Mark Dever