

“The Worthiness of the Lamb and the Authority of Redemption”

Theme of Chapter 5: The worthiness of Christ to redeem and to rule.

Key Truth: History does not unfold randomly — it is governed by the risen, reigning, and redeeming Lamb.

Setting the Scene (Revelation 5:1–4)

“¹ 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. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.”

The Scroll in the Right Hand (v.1)

- The scroll is written within and on the backside and sealed with seven seals.
- **Meaning:**
 - Represents **God's sovereign plan** for judgment, redemption, and the consummation of history.
 - The seven seals indicate **completeness** and **divine authority**—nothing can be added or removed.

1. What Is the Scroll? The Scroll Represents:

- God's redemptive plan
- The title deed to the earth
- The unfolding of judgment and restoration (Rev. 6–22)

“Only someone worthy can open it — not merely strong, but morally qualified.”



2. The Search for the Worthy One (vv.2–3)

- A mighty angel asks: “Who is worthy to open the scroll?”
- **No one** in heaven, earth, or under the earth is found worthy.

✦ **Humanity, angels, and all created beings fall short!**

3. Why No One Was Worthy (vv. 3–4)?

No Created Being:

- *Has lived sinlessly*
- *Has conquered death*
- *Has authority to judge and redeem*

John's tears reveal the fear that history might remain unresolved — injustice unanswered, evil undefeated.

✦ *Without a Redeemer, history has no resolution!*

The Worthy One Revealed (Revelation 5:5–7)

“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. 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.” (NKJV)

4. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (v.5)

- An elder announces victory:
 - **Lion** → Kingly authority, power, fulfillment of Genesis 49:9–10
 - **Root of David** → Messianic fulfillment (Isaiah 11:1,10)

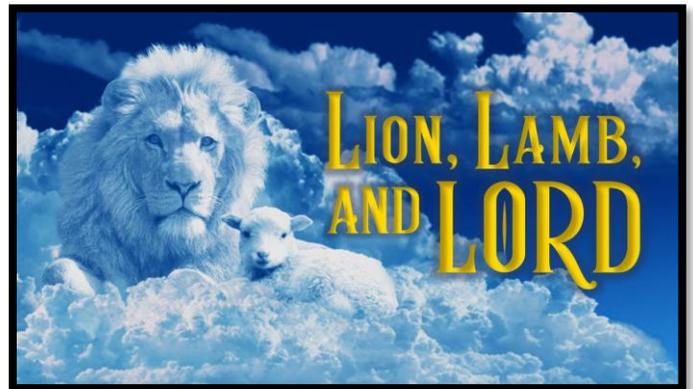
✦ *Jesus has conquered—past tense!*

5. The Lamb That Was Slain (v.6)

John looks for a Lion—but sees a **Lamb**.

- **Standing as slain:**
 - Slain → His sacrifice
 - Standing → His resurrection
- **Seven horns** → Perfect power
- **Seven eyes** → Perfect knowledge, the Spirit of God sent into all the earth

✦ *Power flows from sacrifice. Victory comes through the cross!*



This is the great paradox of the gospel:

- *He conquers as a Lion*
- *He redeems as a Lamb*
- *His victory comes through sacrifice*

Key Insight: *Jesus did not overcome evil by force, but by faithful obedience unto death.*

6. The Transfer of Authority (v.7)

- The Lamb takes the scroll from the Father's hand.
- This is a **coronation moment**—Christ receives authority to execute God's plan.

✦ *Jesus is not waiting to rule—He is ruling!*

Heaven Erupts in Worship (Revelation 5:8–14)

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

7. The New Song of Redemption (vv.8–10)

- The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fall down.
- They hold:
 - **Harps** → Praise
 - **Golden bowls of incense** → Prayers of the saints

🎵 The Song's Message:

- *Worthy because He was slain*
- *Worthy because He redeemed people* from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation
- *Worthy because He made them kings and priests*

✦ *Heaven sings about the cross!*

8. The Universal Chorus (vv.11–12)

“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!”*”

Myriads of angels proclaim:

- Power
- Riches
- Wisdom
- Strength
- Honor
- Glory
- Blessing

✦ *What the world denied Jesus on earth, heaven proclaims eternally!*

9. All Creation Joins In (vv.13–14)

“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 twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.” (NKJV)

Every creature in heaven, earth, under the earth, and the sea worships:

- **The One on the throne (the Father)**
- **The Lamb (the Son)**
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✦ *Jesus receives the same worship as God—because He is God!*

Major Theological Truths in Revelation 5

1. **Christ-Centered History**

- Jesus alone directs the future.

2. **Redemption Precedes Judgment**

- The Lamb opens the seals—not wrath without mercy.

3. **The Cross Is Central to Eternity**

- Heaven never moves past Calvary.

4. **Global Redemption**

- God’s plan includes every nation and people group.

5. **Prayer Matters**

- The prayers of the saints are preserved and presented before God.

