

REVELATION CHAPTER 5

1. Introduction

- Here is a good outline courtesy of John Walvoord
 - Rev. 5:1-4—Sealed scroll in the right hand of God
 - Rev. 5:5-7—The Lamb declared worthy to receive the scroll and open its seals
 - Rev. 5:8-10—Living creatures and Elders worship the Lamb
 - Rev. 5:11-12—The worship of the Angels
 - Rev. 5:13-14—The worship of all Creation

2. The Scroll

- Scrolls were made from strips of leather (animal skins) in John's day
- They were very expensive and very valuable
- In fact, they were so costly the Hebrew scribes often wrote on both sides to save money
- This scroll in God's right hand has writing on both sides
- It's a very valuable document
(taken from *The Book of Revelation: the Smart Guide to the Bible series* by Daymond R. Duck; p. 70-71)
- What is the 7-sealed scroll? It is the TITLE DEED to the world lost by Adam (cf. Lk. 4:6, 1 Jn. 5:19)
- The strong angel who spoke is Gabriel
- "The book is upon the right hand "of the [One] sitting on the throne" (Greek). This is the fifth mention of the lone Throne Sitter (see 4:2, 3, 9, 10), thus stressing again the important fact that Jesus, who was still seated with the Father on His throne (3:21), has left His place of intercession at God's right hand, and the time has come for Him to put His enemies under His feet"
(taken from *A Revelation of Jesus Christ* by J.D. Smith)

3. Rev. 5:1-4—The Scroll in the Right Hand of God

- the right hand—source of authority and subject matter
- Who is worthy to open the scroll?
- v. 3—No one! To open, read, or look upon
- 7 seals: fixity, fullness and security re. contents
- John weeps! No one found

4. Rev. 5:5-7—Lamb declared worthy

- One elder is spokesman
- The Lamb is worthy—Why? Sacrifice & Deity
- v. 6—"in the midst of the throne"—significant
- v. 5—Lion of the tribe of Judah—Gen. 49:8-10
- Root of David
- Lamb....slain—bears the marks of the sacrificial death even in His glorified state
- 7 horns—omnipotence
- 7 eyes—omniscience
- The 7-fold Spirit of God: the Holy Spirit—see Isa. 11:25
- Incense—our prayers

5. **Rev. 5:8-10**—Living Creatures-Elders Worship
 - Only redeemed address Lord as “Thou art worthy”
 - vv. 9-10 can apply only to the elders
 - Praise on basis of Christ’s redemptive work
 - The Church Universal

6. **Rev. 5:11-12**—Worship of the Angels
 - Response to the elders
 - Around elders, living creatures
 - 10,000 largest Greek number
 - saying not singing
 - This is a theodicy—a vindication of God’s justice in Creation

7. **Rev. 5:13-14**—Worship of All Creation
 - Every creature from Adam on
 - God’s sovereignty, Christ’s sacrifice and their Eternity