

# REVELATION

## Lesson 7

### “The Lamb Receives the Scroll”

#### I. The Book of the Seven Seals (5:1-5)

Chapter 5 is a continuation of chapter four’s introduction of the second vision, the vision of the scroll. When John was first drawn up to heaven, he saw the glorious throne of God. His attention was diverted for a while to what he saw around the throne:

1. The elders
2. The glassy sea
3. The four living creatures

After John hears the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders sing their song of praise, John turns back to the throne itself and notices something.....

**vs1-2**

**him who sat =  
a scroll**

**What is unusual about this scroll? ...  
writing on both sides**

**seven seals**

**What do you think the scroll represents? 4:1  
“what must take place after this.”**

**right hand  
who is worthy**

**vs3**

**in heaven, on earth, under earth**

- 1.
2. (6:9-10)
- 3.
- 4.

**What does God say about fortune tellers in Rev. 22:14-15?**

**What only do Satan and departed unbelievers know for certain about the future?**

-what does the phrase .....**under the earth** mean?

- 1.
- 2.

**vs4**

**I wept**

**Why do you think John wept?**

**Why might the Christians at that time have a longing to know the future?**

**vs5**

**one of the elders**

**Lion of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:9,10)**

**Root of David**

**Isaiah 11:1-10, esp. v. 1 and 10.**

**“shoot from the stump of Jesse” and the “Root of Jesse”**

Who was Jesse?

**“Son of David”**

- the word *root* here evidently means *sprout*... a sprout that grows out of the root of David

**able to open**

**What does the fact that the Messiah is worthy and able to open the book indicate?**

II. The Lamb Before the Throne (5:6-8)

vs6

**Lamb**

Revelation = \_\_\_\_\_ times

books of the NT \_\_\_\_\_ times

**Who in the OT spoke of the coming Redeemer as a lamb?**

Isaiah 53:7 (**Acts 8:32**)

OT system of sacrifices

**I Peter 1:9**

**looking as if it had been slain**

**What does the phrase “looking as if it had been slain” indicate?**

**Why do you suppose John does not give us the details of the scene?**

**Why does John make no attempt to explain the significance of the symbolism?**

**standing in the center of the throne**

**seven horns and seven eyes**

**seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth**

**What are the seven spirits of God?** (1:4; 3:1; 4:5)

1:4            John speaks of **“the seven spirits before the throne”**

3:1            **“him who holds the seven spirits of God”**

4:5            **“the seven spirits of God”**

-but here the seven spirits are depicted as....

5:6            **“the seven horns and the seven eyes”** of the Lamb

-of what is John reminding us here?

**John 15:26**

**John 14:26**

there are, besides Rev. 5:6, only 6 passages in the NT that speak of the Spirit being “sent”..... Luke 24:49

Gal. 4:6        I Pet. 1:11    John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7

**sent out into all the earth**

-Jesus sends the Spirit from the Father into all the earth... why? **“to testify about him”**

**John 15:26**

vs7

**took the scroll =**

vs8

**John 5:23 “All men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father.”**

**elders**

**living creatures (Romans 8:21 “will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.”**

**each had a harp (vs. 9)**

**golden bowls of incense =**

**To what did the psalmist liken his prayers?**

**Psalm 141:2 “May my prayer be set before you like incense.”**

III. The New Song in Praise of the Lamb (5:9-14)

**vs9-10**

**new song**

**you are worthy**

**purchased men...from every tribe**

**made them a kingdom...and priests (1:6)**

**What kind of sacrifices do priests of the Lamb bring? I Peter 2:5**

**they will reign on the earth**

**Of what does Jesus' kingdom consist? Romans 14:17**

**vs11**

**ten thousand times ten thousand =**

**1Peter 1:12**

**encircled the throne**

**Daniel 7:10 "A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."**

**vs12**

**power... strength**

**Matthew 28:20 "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth."**

**wealth**

**-Why is Jesus worthy to receive wealth? II Cor. 8:9 "He had become poor for our sakes." Luke**

**9:58 "he had no place to lay his head."**

**wisdom**

**honor, glory, praise**

**vs13**

**To whom is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last hymn in this chapter addressed?**

**every creature in heaven**

**Psalms 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God."**

**vs14**

**Amen =**

**fell down and worshiped**