

REVELATION CHAPTER FIVE

Verse 1: *“And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.”*

As we read verse one, there are certain things that stand out to us. First, we notice the one on the throne has a book (scroll) in His right hand, and it is **“written within.”** This tells us that whatever this book is about, it’s something that has already been written prior to this vision. Then we notice it has been sealed up with seven seals. This lets us know that whatever this book is about is now longer being used for that purpose, but is being kept secure in the right hand of Christ (sitting on God’s throne as God), until the time has elapsed for it to remain sealed. We can see now that this book is very important, and one’s curiosity is stirred and one begins to wonder what is written in this book..., we really want to know. That’s the purpose for it being written and seen in this manner. It is to create a spiritual thirst within for what’s about to be revealed unto His Bride. So with those thoughts in mind, let us look to God for the revelation of it, as He now has opened the seven seals for us through the Lamb and His end time prophet for this age. As we understand that the “seven seals” have been opened to us, we now can have the full contents of the opened book as it is delivered unto us by the Mighty Angel of Revelation, chapter ten.

Now, let us look at this Chapter five from this perspective. The throne position lets us know that Christ has overcome as Revelation chapter 3, verse 21 shows. He did this by overcoming all the temptations the devil could throw at Him. Also, He was tried and tested in all points like as we are, yet was faithful in all situations. (Hebrews 2:9-18)

Here we see a differentiation between Adam and Christ. For when Adam was tempted, he succumbed to temptation and lost the title deed, but Christ overcame and took the book. That’s what is seen as the Lamb takes the book from the Father’s right hand later in this chapter.

Therefore when Adam lost it, the title deed to the earth and headship, it went back to the original owner which was God and no man could claim it, until Christ came and met God’s condition for returning ownership back to mankind. As this chapter shows, Christ met every condition that God set for a complete restoration of this position. Christ met those conditions and was given the power and authority to take back “all” that Adam lost in the Garden of Eden. That’s the little book in His right hand which is the authority of God given to mankind. He gave it to the church on the day of Pentecost (Acts, chapter 2), which was to the Jews to take out from among Israel a people to rule with Him in the millennial reign. But, when temptation came, the Jewish church succumbed to temptation and chose law above grace, as they sought righteousness by works (Romans 10:3-4), rather than by accepting it by faith in Christ. As they did this, God blinded them, so He could take a people out of the Gentiles for His Namesake, or to be

His Bride. (Acts 15:14)

Now, here is where the little book comes into the picture **that's sealed with seven seals**. It's what God gave to Adam and he lost it. Then He gave it to Christ and He gave it to the brethren, the Jews and they lost it. Then Christ gave the authority to His espoused or engaged Bride and gave them the apostle Paul to instruct them of how to please the Bridegroom. This is made clear by what Christ told Paul when he was struck down by a great light on the way down to Damascus (Acts 9:15), telling Paul that He would send him to the Gentiles. Later in the ministry, Paul wrote in Romans 11:13, "I am thee apostle to the Gentiles." Then he began to write to the Gentiles letters of instruction, encouragement and correction on how to please the Bridegroom; but they like all those before them succumbed to temptation and lost the little book. Then God let the church go into the seven church ages with the letters that Paul had written to them. What happened was..., God took the understanding off the Word and sealed it with seven seals. The only way the church received revelation from it, was through the seven spiritual angels and the seven church age messengers, as each church age came into being through time.

So at that time, God took back the spiritual part, or the power to make it live, and sealed it away for seven church ages, but left the instruction in written form here. Therefore, the full spiritual understanding would not be given back to the church for almost two thousand years. An example of what God did in taking the spiritual part of the book away....in the Garden of Eden, He took the Spirit of Eden away, but left the land area. That ended paradise, because the Spirit of paradise was removed, but not the land area. Not one grain of sand went with the Spirit of Eden; it is still here today. What I am showing you here is that not one written word of Paul's instruction went away with the little book. God took away the spiritual understanding off Paul's letters and it was not known, except as was allowed to be by those seven spiritual angels as they ministered through the seven earthly messengers, while Christ served as High Priest. It's cleared up in Revelation, chapter ten.

As the church fell from the pure Word, just the understanding was taken away and not the written Word itself. The understanding was sealed away for seven church ages. Thus we have seven seals on the little book. The seals concealed the journey that the church went through for this span of time referred to in Matthew, chapter 13 in seven parables as the Kingdom of heaven age; which is the seven church ages. Therefore, as the little book is taken by the Lamb in this chapter, and the seven seals are taken off, they clear up the "mystery" of this age; which is cleared up by the seventh church age messenger (angel), as Revelation 10:7 shows very clearly. As the seven seals were opened in heaven and sent down to earth by the seven thunders uttering their voices through the voice of the messenger to the seventh church age; this has already taken place as the 10th chapter of this book shows.

Now we see Jesus is sitting in the position of the Father. God wanted

something to take place that would show what Jesus obtained by becoming the Lamb of God. That's why in this chapter, we see the Lamb come and take the book out of the hand of Him that sits on the throne. This is signifying Jesus Christ taking the authority of the Eternal God that He obtained by becoming the Lamb of God on earth, but since the Church failed, Jesus had to sit there as a mediator for two thousand years while the church ages ran their course.

Jesus Christ was sitting on the throne representing God, and God had the book. No man was worthy, but in the vision a little Lamb came forth and took the book. Do you see why no man was found worthy to open the book? It is because everybody was born in the sin of unbelief.

Therefore, not one from the seed of Adam could ever claim the book. After Adam, everyone was born in unbelief and could not do it. Then Jesus came. Who was He? He was the seed of God.

I want you to notice why it took a virgin birth. This is important. **No man that was born of Adam's race could claim back Adam's inheritance.** Not Elijah, not David, not any of them, but here came One that was born of God. The Bible says that Jesus was born not of the will of flesh, but of God. He wasn't Adam's seed. He was the seed of God, and therefore, He had pure, undefiled blood running in His veins.

The virgin Mary said, *"Be it unto me according to thy word."* She became pregnant. What by? Not by some man, but God overshadowing her, and **when that Son was born, there was One born who could take the book back.** The Bible says that *"He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth."* (I Peter 2:22) What does that mean? He always believed the Word of God.

Verse 2: *"And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"*

What does it mean when it says that he saw a "strong" angel? It means that he is putting emphasis on the book. It's the same as if I would write you a letter and wanted you to get a definite point; I would highlight it. So John saw a "strong angel" because importance was placed on the book in the vision.

The angel cried this in a loud voice. John knew the book was important, he knew somebody had to open the book or we would never be restored back to what Paul preached.

In the sixth chapter of this book you will find out that those seals were actually opened in 1963, and sent down to the earth by the Lamb to the seventh church age messenger to be revealed to the Church. What does it mean? It means that the time of Him claiming His redemption is about to climax.

Verse 3: *"And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."*

No man could even get close to claiming this book. They couldn't open, nor could they even look at it.

Can you understand what Jesus did for you at Calvary now? By becoming the Lamb of God, can you get a glimpse of what Isaiah the prophet meant when he

said in Isaiah 53:7--*"He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth."* Can you see what He did when He cried, *"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"* He was spit upon, beaten, rebuked, a crown of thorns was placed on His head, and the thorns were pushed through His brow; and yet in all this He opened not His mouth. Why? He was obtaining the authority to take the book, to redeem you and me. He was redeeming all of Adam's race from the Garden all the way through. The spear pierced His side and water and blood gushed out. He hung on the cross in agony for hours, and they tried to get Him to drink vinegar and gall which would deaden the pain, but He refused it. He drank the bitter cup. He died as the Lamb of God on Calvary's Hill.

Can you visualize Him being beaten, the blood running from Him, being spit upon, the pain and agony? And yet He had to take the book. He had to do something to obtain the authority to take the book. Can you see what He did in the Garden, and what He did on the cross when He said, "It is finished?" By giving His life on Calvary, He has redeemed all of the predestinated seed of God. All of Adam's seed that had failed, sinned against God, and come short of the glory of God, He redeemed. The Bible says that God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. He was smitten. Isaiah 53 shows us what He went through to become that Lamb; but here, He is exalted and sitting in the throne of God. How can anyone remain a sinner after seeing this?

Verse 4: *"And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon."*

I would weep, too; wouldn't you? If I knew that book had never been claimed and that nobody had ever bought back what had been lost, it would be something to weep about.

We are not in our rightful state now. That's why we have weariness at times. The whole creation groans and we know that we are not in our rightful position, but redemption will be claimed, the earth will be claimed, and the paradise of God will be right here on earth.

So, one of the elders spoke to John, and he stopped crying and started shouting when he saw that redemption was being claimed.

Verse 5: *"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."*

Who is the Lion of the Tribe of Juda? It's Jesus. He overcame everything, and is the Lion of Juda. **But He couldn't take the book just because He had the title of "The Lion of the Tribe of Juda."** It's because He became a Lamb.

Jesus is our King; but because He is King, that didn't buy redemption back. So when John looked, he didn't see a King and he didn't see a Lion. What did he see? Watch this. Here comes the revelation of it.

Verse 6: *"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and*

seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."

I believe that every one that has the Holy Ghost can see this. Here came a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes. **First, it shows what Jesus did in the earth when He became a Lamb.** Second, it shows that the seven horns and seven eyes are the seven angels that became so much a part of the Lamb's work in the church ages, that here at the end-time we can't get a true revelation of the working of the Lamb without seeing how the seven angels, or seven Spirits of God, revealed the Lamb to the seven church ages. This is made very clear in the tenth chapter of this book.

Notice, this was a Lamb that had been slain. Being slain, it was bloody. This signifies the blood on the mercy seat for seven church ages.

Verse 7: *"And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne."*

He came to claim what He had redeemed. This is taking place. In 1963, God opened the seven seals.

This Lamb comes and takes the book. This does not make two persons in the vision. There is still only one person in John's vision. This Lamb had seven eyes and seven horns. **It is not a person; it only signifies a work that took place in the earth.**

The seven horns and seven eyes are signifying that through the seven church ages He still remained the Lamb of God. His blood cleansed and made provision for the ignorance of the people that sinned in the Dark Age and on through.

This is at the end of the age when He takes the book, when the seven church ages are over. **Actually, time-wise it's 1963 when this began taking place.**

Verse 8: *"And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints."*

Remember that this is all in a vision. Jesus is sitting in the position of the Eternal God. He overcame and sat down in the Father's throne. The Lamb is typed out in the vision as Jesus Christ, showing His office work. So these beasts and elders fall down before the Lamb and begin to worship. They have harps and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. There isn't a prayer wasted of those saints that prayed in the Dark Age. All the prayers of the saints that have ever been prayed are still in the mind of God; so let's keep praying.

Verse 9: *"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"*

There's great joy in heaven just before He comes to earth, leaving heaven silent for about half an hour (Revelation 8:1) while Christ is in the earth. (Revelation 10)

He was worthy because He was slain. It shows that He was slain on earth. The bloody Lamb represents Jesus when He went to the cross. John had the

understanding of this. The elders had the understanding of it.

This not only reached the Jewish realm, but it reached the whole world, for it says: *"For Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."* Again, the seven horns, and the seven eyes represents the seven church age messengers, and the seven spiritual angels that Christ used during the time period of the seven church ages.

As this book is opened and dropped down to the Church, (Revelation 10), we don't take over the earth right then, but God is giving us a great time in the earth now.

Verse 10: *"And hast made us unto our God kings and priest: and we shall reign on the earth."*

What does this mean? It means the seed of Adam is redeemed back, and then He makes us rulers of the earth with Him. Do you see it now? That's going to take place in the near future; that's the millennial reign. He's a redeeming God. Do you see what He has redeemed for us? It's all in the book.

Everything God has for the Bride is typified as being in the book: Authority, knowledge, wisdom, the fruits of the spirit, etc., are all in the book. Aren't you glad your name is in it? That's the main thing.

Verse 11: *"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;"*

Do you see what it means? It put emphasis on the book and who was going to take it. These angels began to praise the Lamb. It means that He claims the authority that God gave Him, because we can't praise anything but God. He's the Lamb, He's the King, He's the Bridegroom; He's all of this. John just saw Him in a vision this way, so we can get it through our spiritual minds what God is doing. So they begin to praise God.

Verse 12: *"Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."*

These thousands of angels are saying, *"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."* That answers the question of who this Lamb is. He received power because He became a Lamb; not because He was a Lion, but because He became a Lamb. Isn't it beautiful how God takes this vision of John's and interprets it?

Do you recognize that Jesus Christ is among us? Do you recognize the offices that God set in the Church to interpret the Word to the end-time Bride, so we can get all of the spots out of our garments, and be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye to meet the Lord in the air? I'm so glad there is an apostle to help us understand this.

The angels said, *"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessings!"*

Verse 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, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the*

Lamb for ever and ever."

What is it? It's Revelation chapter 5 being interpreted in reality to the Church. When John saw this, it was all he could stand. He just had to shout a little. **John got a revelation of who the Lamb was and who it was sitting on the throne and knew it was actually the same One in different offices.**

Verse 14: *"And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and ever."*

"Amen" means *so be it*. Do you see what is in the fifth chapter of Revelation now?

In the Book of Daniel 7:13-14 it says, *"I saw in the night vision, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."* This was Daniel's vision of Jesus taking the authority that we've been reading about. At the time Daniel saw Him, he saw Him as the Son of God, for He had not yet fulfilled the Lamb's office. It also says in Daniel 7:18--*"But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."* What did John say? He said that He had made us kings and priests and we shall rule on the earth.

Whose right is it to reign? It is Christ's right and He gave us authority to reign with Him, but that will not be on this side of the millennial reign of Christ. On this side of the millennium, God wants us to perfect those virtues in us. (II Peter 1)

Just think of Jesus being crowned with thorns, spit on, and mocked; but He had patience, He had temperance. Everything that God had put in human beings was on trial that day, but it came out victoriously. That's why He said to this last church age, *"I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire."* (Revelation 3:18) Can you see that it has been tried in the fire and it came out perfect! I want that which has been tried, don't you?

In closing this chapter I want to say that the vision goes on after this, because it keeps referring to Him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb. John is still in this same vision even in other chapters of the Book of Revelation. It made an impression on John to see that Lamb come and take the book. And in chapter six, He begins to open the seven seals.

May God help us all to understand is my prayer. Amen.