

"The Scroll and the Lamb"

Part 2

Revelation 5:1-14

Introduction: Two weeks ago we started into the 5th chapter of the book of Revelation. This chapter is in the prophetic section of the letter. The prophetic section of the letter starts in Revelation 4 and goes through Revelation 22. In chapter 5 we are given the great privilege of looking into heaven as the Father moves to start into action the events of the Tribulation.

Now there is much for us to see within this chapter and we will not gather all the Truth but we are going to do our best to plow deep within the verses to uncover some amazing spiritual Truth. Let me now do a short review of what we looked at the last time we were together.

I. **The Scroll**

Notice Revelation 5:1

This scroll is the TITLE DEED TO THE EARTH. When God created the earth it was entrusted to man but man lost the earth and now the earth is in the hands of the enemy.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

³ *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

⁴ *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Ephesians 6:12

¹² *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Here in chapter 5 the Title Deed to the earth is going to be opened and inside will be the judgments which will fall upon the earth. The earth will be restored back to the way it was in the Garden of Eden after the Tribulation. Therefore, this scroll is a title deed to the earth and it contains the means by which God will cleanse it and restore it back to its original condition.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁶ *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

⁷ *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

⁹ *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

II. **The Search**

Notice Revelation 5:2

Now the strong angel asks with a loud voice a question:

"Who is worth to open the book and to loosen the seals?"

Now we must understand that the one who would open the book and loosen the seals had to meet several requirements.

1. He had to be a near relative to one who lost it.
2. He had to be able to pay the price to redeem it.
3. He had to have the ability not to just loosen the scrolls but to set the judgments in motion and bring to pass the full redemption.
4. He had to be willing to do all of this.

There is a picture of this in the Old Testament.

Ruth 4:1-6

Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

² *And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.*

³ And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:

⁴ And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

⁵ Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

⁶ And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

Boaz is a picture of Jesus Christ and Ruth is a picture of the church. The land is a picture of the earth as a whole.

Notice Revelation 5:3-4

This is an amazing statement! No man in heaven or on the earth was found worthy to read the book or even to look there on.

Oh, there are many who would like to rule the world but none are worthy to open the book or even look upon the words written.

John stood in heaven and he wept and sobbed because there was no man found worthy. Let me read what W. A. Criswell says concerning the tears of John.

"[John's tears] represent the tears of all God's people through all the centuries. Those tears of the Apostle John are the tears of Adam and Eve; driven out of the Garden of Eden, as they bowed over the first grave, as they watered the dust of the ground with their tears over the silent, still form of their son, Abel. Those are the tears of the children of Israel in bondage as they cried unto God in their affliction and slavery. They are the tears of God's elect through the centuries as they cried unto heaven. They are the sobs and tears that have been wrung from the heart and soul of God's people as they looked on their silent dead, as they stand beside their open graves, as they experience in the trials and sufferings of life, heartaches and disappointments indescribable. Such is the curse that sin has laid upon God's beautiful creation; and this is the damnation of the hand of him who holds it, that usurper, that interloper, that intruder, that alien, that stranger, that dragon, that serpent, that Satan-devil. 'And I wept audibly,' for the failure

to find a Redeemer meant that this earth in its curse is consigned forever to death. It meant that death, sin, damnation and hell should reign forever and ever and the sovereignty of God's earth should remain forever in the hands of Satan."

If there is no one to open the scroll then the earth is forever under the curse and the hope of the removal of the curse is non-existent.

Romans 8:20-23

²⁰ *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

²¹ *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

²² *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

²³ *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

Notice Revelation 5:5

Here we see that Jesus is given 2 titles and these titles are very significant.

1. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

This is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Genesis 49:1-5, 7-10

And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

² *Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father.*

³ *Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:*

⁴ *Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.*

⁵ *Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.*

⁷ *Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.*

⁸ *Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.*

⁹ *Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?*

¹⁰ *The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

2. The Root of David.

This is a very interesting Title for our Lord. Jesus was born in the line of David. God had made a covenant with David and we can see it in the Old Testament.

Psalm 89:33-37

³³ *Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.*

³⁴ *My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

³⁵ *Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.*

³⁶ *His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.*

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Notice Revelation 5:5 again.

The elder tells us here that the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David hath PREVAILED.

The word PREVAILED refers to the fact that the promise of Jesus Christ could not be destroyed.

The first promise was given by God in Genesis 3:15.

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ *And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

¹⁵ *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

From this prophecy on Satan did his best to defeat the promise of Jesus Christ.

- ✓ He convinced Cain to kill Abel.
- ✓ He sold to man a false religion which corrupted the entire population in Noah's day.
- ✓ He convinced Abraham to marry Hagar.
- ✓ He did his best to destroy the nation of Israel throughout the years.
- ✓ He convinced the Jews to crucify Jesus Christ.
- ✓ He convinced the Romans to allow the Jews to crucify Him.

It was just one attack after another but the promise of a victorious Messiah would not be stopped.

Let me show you what is recorded in Job.

Job 14:7-9

⁷ *For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.*

⁸ *Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;*

⁹ *Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.*

Jesus was the root of David. Satan tried his best to kill the root but Jesus prevailed.

Conclusion:

I want to raise a question in in closing today:

"What does all of this mean for me?"

Every promise which God has given for us will never be stopped!!

Matthew 5:17-18

¹⁷ *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

¹⁸ *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*