

**"The Scroll and the Lamb"**

**Part 4**

**Revelation 5:1-14**

**Introduction:** In our study of the book of Revelation we have been in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter which has proved to be one of the most interesting chapters in the Word of God. In our study of this chapter we have looked at 3 points so far.

I. **The Scroll**

**Notice Revelation 5:1**

The scroll is the title deed to the earth and within the scroll are the judgments which God will pour out upon the earth in order to cleanse the earth and to return it to the original Owner who is Jesus Christ and He will then set up His Kingdom on this earth and reign for 1000 years

II. **The Search**

**Notice Revelation 5:2-4**

There was no man in heaven, on the earth, or under the earth that was even able to look upon the scroll. This broke John's heart for he knew how significant this was to find a man to open the scroll. If there was no one able and willing then the earth would be forever doomed to be under the curse. That would mean that sickness, disease, death and sin would continue forever. John knew the entire creation was waiting for the day when the curse would be lifted.

**Romans 8:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

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

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

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

### III. The Lamb

#### Notice Revelation 5:5

The announcement was that the Lion of the Tribe of Juda hath prevailed to open the scroll.

#### Notice Revelation 5:6

When John looked he saw a Lamb not a Lion and the Lamb was standing. This is what we looked at last week. The Lamb is Jesus and here we see He is no longer sitting as He is today. Today He sits as our Great high Priest interceding for us. But in this scene we are in heaven and now He moves from His seated to position to His position as the One who will judge the earth. The AGE OF GRACE is over at this time.

He is seen as a Lamb because as the Lamb He has paid the price of redemption for man and for the earth. This is a picture of GRACE and MERCY before JUDGMENT. God always gives a warning before the JUDGMENT falls.

The Lamb had the appearance as though he had been slain. This tells us that Jesus will carry the only man made thing in heaven and that will be the scars from the nails. This will forever be a reminder of His sacrifice for our sins.

This now brings us to where we are today in our study.

### IV. The Event

#### Notice Revelation 5:7

There have been many significant events that have taken place over the history of the world. The event here is second only to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a pivotal event which will change the world forever.

Age upon age has seen death, sickness, murder, disease, heartbreak, broken families all of which are the result of sin. Justice has been waiting in the shadows as the bones of men, women, children and the unborn have piled up. Now JUSTICE is about to come out of the shadows.

This marks the end of God's longsuffering. This brings to mind some verses from 2 Peter.

**2 Peter 3:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

<sup>8</sup> *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

<sup>9</sup> *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

When Jesus takes the scroll the Kingdoms of this world re about to become His Kingdoms:

**Revelation 11:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

<sup>16</sup> *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*

<sup>17</sup> *Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

<sup>18</sup> *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

**Psalms 2:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

<sup>9</sup> *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

Now while this scroll is changing hands in heaven, down on earth there is no awareness of what is about to unfold. When the first seal on the scroll is opened the Tribulation will begin and the world has no idea.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

*But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.*

<sup>2</sup> *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

<sup>3</sup> *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

## **2 Peter 3:10**

<sup>10</sup> *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

Both Paul and Peter tell us that the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night which means it will come expectantly upon those who are left behind following the rapture.

## **V. The Prayers**

### **Notice Revelation 5:8**

This verse is very interesting! I want to take some time and focus upon the GOLDEN BOWLS which are filled with the prayers of the saints.

Last week I had made a quick mention of this verse and pointed out that these are the prayers of the SAINTS and that the prayers of the unbelievers are not heard by God. Let me just back that up with a few verses.

### **Isaiah 59:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*

<sup>3</sup> *For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.*

### **John 9:31**

<sup>31</sup> *Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.*

Now let us get back to the prayers of the saints.

You may not realize this but the prayers which we offer up in the will of God are sweet smelling incense in the throne room of heaven.

**Psalm 141:1-2**

*Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.*

<sup>2</sup> *Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

**Revelation 8:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> *And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

<sup>4</sup> *And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.*

Now let me get you back to the verse.

**Notice Revelation 5:8 again.**

These are the prayers of the saints starting back in the days of Noah and going through today. Some are prayers which have not been answered for thousands of years. But when this future event takes place these prayers which have been preserved for thousands of years will be released.

Now with that thought let me also point out that these prayers are directly connected to the JUDGMENTS which will be poured out in the Tribulation. We know this because these prayers have been held for all these years. They were kept just for this time.

Remember how our Lord instructed His disciples to pray?

**Matthew 6:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> *But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.*

<sup>8</sup> *Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.*

<sup>9</sup> *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

<sup>10</sup> *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

This is part of what many refer to as the Lord's Prayer. It is not a prayer to be repeated but it is an outline to build our prayers upon and when we build our prayers and we pray for the coming of Christ's Kingdom those prayers are reserved for this very event.

So for thousands of years many believers thought that their prayers were never heard but really they were being held for this very event.

**2 Peter 3:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

<sup>8</sup> *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

This supports exactly what James wrote.

**James 5:16b**

*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

**Application:**

Let us know that when we pray in the will of the God it will be answered. It may not be in our lifetime but it will be answered.

**1 John 5:14-15**

<sup>14</sup> *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

<sup>15</sup> *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

VI. **The Praise**

**Notice Revelation 5:9-14**

There is one point I want to make concerning the praise for Jesus Christ here.

This event is so significant that when Jesus takes the scroll from the hand of the Father it causes all of heaven to break forth in praise.

**Conclusion:**

When we come back next week we will begin to see how the Tribulation will unfold on the earth. In this chapter we are able to see how it all begins in heaven and next week our focus will be taken to the earth.