

The Book and the Lamb

~ Revelation 5:1-7 ~
(Chapters 4 and 5 are continuous - No break!)

I. The Book (Scroll)

A. It was in the right hand of God as He holds it out in an open palm.

B. A scroll written inside and on the outside (book)

1. Two Scrolls - For Those Needing to be Redeemed

a. Why the individual lost the inheritance (transgressions, failures, etc.)

b. An open scroll recording the conditions and qualifications for a kinsmen redeemer.

* Eventually it became one scroll

Inside - Reasons Outside - Conditions and Qualifications

c. Sealed with seven seals - Sealed by God! Opened only by one that God says is qualified!

How does this work? Picture in mind! Scroll –vs– A Book

The seals are broken and what is available to read up to the next scroll!

(1) Seven - the number of completeness

(2) Records - The complete transgressions and the acts of redemption.

(3) What is the plan for the redemption of creation and the judgment of the intruder and his team

*The outside (book) - the conditions of the “goel.”

Kinsmen - man Holy - God (sinless, perfection) The Price - shed blood for sin!

II. The Loud Voice of the Strong angel: “Who is worthy to open the book and break the seals?”

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Proclamation made in Heaven

Proclamation made on Earth

Proclamation made in the nether world (place of the dead)

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No one - “Not even one” - came forth!

III. John weeps - (As Jesus wept over Jerusalem)

To weep or groan with passion and pain!

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Why such weeping?

This is a book of redemption! It is God’s plan for restoring the lost inheritance. It has to be opened or the world and human race will always be under the control of sin and Satan - pain and suffering!

IV. Elder says “Stop weeping.” “Behold”

- A. The lion that is from the tribe of Judah (John the Baptist: “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”)
- B. The root of David (king)
- C. Has overcome so as to open the book

And I saw between the throne and the elders - a lamb standing, as if slain!

The Passover Lamb (lived 4 days with a family; loved by the family) is brutally slaughtered!

amnos - a lamb arnios - a baby or pet lamb

His throat is cut and blood spilled out on the alter of sacrifice!

V. He took the book from the right hand of God.— One of the most important verses in the Bible!

The Greatest Act of Revelation -



He lifted the title deed of forfeiture to give back to us our inheritance!