REVELATION

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Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

- ACTS 4:11-12

REVELATION 5:1-12

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"



³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

⁴I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

THE REVELATION ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"





Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things [Gk. *paradoxos*] today."

- LUKE 5:26

THE SEARCH

I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

- REVELATION 5:1-2





But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

- REVELATION 5:3-4







THE SAVIOUR

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll..."

- REVELATION 5:5

You are a lion's cub, Judah... The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

- GENESIS 49:9-10

They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.

- HOSEA 11:10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him... with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.







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- REVELATION 5:6-7



This is the central message of Revelation: The crucial event of all time is the sacrifice of Calvary; that was the decisive victory which has ensured the final triumph of God's cause and God's people over all the forces opposed to them.

- F.F. BRUCE



THE SIGNIFICANCE

The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

- REVELATION 5:8-10





By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept... we hung our harps. - PSALM 137:1-2





When men worship Jesus Christ, they do not fall at his feet in broken submission, but in wondering love. A man does not say, 'I cannot resist a might like that.' He says, 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.' A man does not say, 'I am battered into surrender.' He says, 'I am lost in wonder, love, and praise.

- WILLIAM BARCLAY



For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5





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