

Revelation 5

Key 1:19 *'write things seen'* Ch 1-glorified Christ—*'things that are'* ch 2,3 -
 7 churches-complete evaluation of church in every generation + 7
 periods church history--Eph-apostolic 1st C AD to Laodicea-apostate
 21th C. Now after these things-church in heaven

Ch 4 'door in heaven' John & Church around throne—OT & NT saints w/
 ecstatic praise *'worthy is the Lamb to be praised'* crying *'Holy, Holy, Holy'*—
 heaven a place of perpetual praise. In heaven around the throne...Ch 5
 intro prophetic events of 6-19

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book/scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look into it. 4 And I began to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look into it;

We turn from the glories of heaven & from Him who sits on the throne to something unexpected, intense & dramatic- *John weeping convulsively*^{KJ}
 Why? No one is stepping forward to take the scroll & break the seals.
 They can't! Not worthy or qualified-haven't earned the right. What is in this scroll that moves John to tears & terror?

Roman law says a will or legal document if valid is to be sealed 7 x's

In right hand-hand of authority. *7 seals*-official, detailed doc. Rolled w/ wax sealing it's edges. Then wax seal closes 7 times.

Strong angel-emphasize importance—mighty angel to announce or herald-
not just tell. Gabriel?

Title/trust deed to the earth—**HA Ironside**. John is overcome w/ grief at the thought that world system would continue under Satan's control.

Bible says *earth is the Lord and all that is in it*...Ps 24:1' His by right of creation?

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True at creation **but** not since A/E turned it over to Satan. God said *'be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and rule over it Gen 9:7'*.

Gave Title/trust deed to A/E.

If a father buys new car & signs ownership paper over to his child—it's what God did the earth to A/E.

But rebelled by double sin—disobeyed God & obeyed devil—in so doing gave Trust deed, ruler-ship of earth over to Satan.

Rom 6:16 *Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?*

A/E now slaves of sin resulting in death----Proof of devil's ownership

Mat 4:8,9 *Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."*

Jesus didn't argue or dispute Satan's claim. **YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'** Lk 4:8

Satan is a god w/ small g--meaning ruler, having authority. **1Jn 5:19** *We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. Jn 12:31* *"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. Eph 2:2* *in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. 2Co 4:4* *in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Devil dominates Hollywood, music, movies, tv, internet, governments, lifestyles, religion. **Eph 6:12** *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

People blame God for the devils dirty deeds—Insurance co *'Acts of God'*

Should be *Acts of the devil*. Here is what Satan's kingdom is really like—

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Rev 9:11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon (*destruction-minister of death and devastation*), and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon (*destroyer*). 'Acts of Satan'

Satan deceives, master of spin (*makes evil look good and good look evil*), slanders--**Joh 12:40** "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM."

Jesus came to redeem fallen man back to God. **Eph 1:7** *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace*

Redeemed by means of payment—bought off the slave block of sin. **1Pe 1:18,19** *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

Jesus is only one capable & qualified to take & break the seals

5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the **Lion** that is from the **tribe of Judah**, the **Root of David**, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." **6** And I saw between the throne with the four living creatures and the elders a **Lamb** standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. **7** And He came, and He took it out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Lion of Judah **Gen 49:9,10** *Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down; like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? 10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, a until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, b the one whom all nations will honor. NLT* King/ruler of earth from tribe of Judah

Root David **Isa 11:1** *Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.* Reference to M, root of David called the branch

Lamb take away sin **28 x's** and **Lion** as king and ruler **1x**.

One who owed a dept in OT who was sold into slavery--had option to pay debt-them or relative. Applied also to property. If land not redeemed w/in

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required period of time it permanently forfeited to one holding note or trust deed. The reason John is weeping.

Jesus--lamb after cross 'It is finished' sat after redemption Heb 10 but now He is standing--a position of action, wrath is about to begin.

Wearing the marks of crucifixion *Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.*

7 horns-authority, all powerful-Omnipotent; *7 eyes*-seeing, total vision-Omniscient; *7 spirits*-complete work of Spirit Omnipresent. He knows all, is in all, sees all, nothing hidden, all is open & bare before him—

No excuses when judgment comes. Parallel *Dan 7:13,14 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.*

Jesus now takes trust deed in preparation to judge those who have corrupted the earth, denied His salvation & reign over earth for 1000 yrs.

8 And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou was slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 10 " And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Notice the same worship is given to God the father & God the son (lamb).

Harp & trumpet referred instruments of worship here but also-Bells-Lyre-Shofar-Drum-Flute-

Incense are prayers of redeemed. 'New song' fact that these are the redeemed, who will reign w/ Jesus. We have gone from sinners to a kingdom of priests *Rev 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to*

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His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

This is God's purpose for us as we reign and rule w/ Him as a *kings KJV* kingdom (of royal subjects) and priests 1000 yrs.

Unable to sing before but now vs 9 because redeemed-*favor & forgiven*, we are around throne anticipating His righteous judgment upon Christ rejecting world. Our prayers are about to be answered '*Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*'.

Jn 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.

Look/behold 44 x's *Heard* 27 x's – Here we see around the throne w/ Father & w/ Lamb in the center & concentric circles of praise-angels, Living creatures, 24 elders, myriads, thousands of thousands all around *Lit* innumerable heavenly beings giving praise

Jn 17:1-4 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

Equal worship is given to Father & Son in this *sevenfold* adoration for attributes--the backdrop anticipating seal judgments about to begin.

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits on

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the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever. 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

What a contrast as heaven is filled w/ glory, beauty and praise while on earth, dark, ugly clouds of judgment are brewing.

The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world is now the Lamb whose is poured out on sins of unrepentant world.

'Amen' puts a period on the heavenly scene w/ it's beauty & glory as we see ourselves there secure in God's presence w/ Jesus Christ & now we move into Ch 6 where the Antichrist comes into view & God's wrath is about to be poured out.

Rom 8:20-23 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.