# BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 5:1-14 THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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# A Scroll in the Right Hand of the Father, 5:1

Working Outline > Read Revelation 5:1 (Portion of

Paragraph 5:1-5 ¶ from NAS Bible)

#### Revelation 5:1

- I. 1 (And) I (John) saw in the right hand of Him (the Father) who sat on the throne 4:2, 4:9-10
  - A. a book (scroll) written inside and on the back, Ezk 2:9-10,
  - B. sealed up with seven seals. Isa 29:11, Dan 12:4, Rev 6:1



#### Rev 4 and Rev 5 as One Event in Heaven

Rev 5:1, Begins with "And" (Grk, Kai) and is a continuation of

thought from Rev 4:2, concerning (the Father) sitting on the Throne,

where "And" is repeated in 4:3, 4:4, 4:5, 4:6, 4:7, 4:8, 4:9, and then our Text 5:1.

This means Rev 4 and Rev 5 can be combined into a single Event around the Throne in Heaven.

## A Scroll - in the Father's "right hand", 5:1

Rev 5:1, Then John saw, in the Father's "right hand", "a book (scroll) written inside and on the back".

The Father possesses the book (scroll), so He is the owner and source of the book.

Also, the Father's book is in His "right hand", which shows a place of honor and authority, like Jesus who sits at the "right hand" of the Father, Rom 8:34.

#### A Scroll – "written inside and on the back", 5:1

Also, the Father's book is "written inside and on the back" or on both sides, 5:1

A Scroll was given to Ezekiel, "written on the front and back", Ezek 2:9-10

The Law Tablets "were written on both sides; they were written on one side and the other", Ex 32:15

And the Tablets were written by God, Ex 24:12, 32:16

And the **Tablets** of the **Covenant**, a **written** <u>Contract</u> between **God** and **His People Israel**, Ex 34:28 Some Commentators call this **book** the Lord's "**Title Deed** to the Earth".

But I would say the Father's book is >

a written declaration of His preordained Prophesied Plan to take back the Earth.

Clearly, the authority of heaven itself rests on this book, written and sealed by God.

**book** (scroll), (Grk, Biblion), **Scroll** is probably a better translation, as in ESV, even though **Books** or **Codex** were introduced by the **Romans** in the **First Century AD**. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scroll">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scroll</a>

## A Scroll – Exclusive to the Father and the Lamb, 5:1

Also, the Father's book, is <u>by</u> and <u>from</u> and <u>exclusive</u> to <u>God</u>, and no one can open <u>it</u> except the <u>Lamb</u>, 5:3 Also, the Father's book was "sealed up with seven seals", 5:1

In the ancient Roman world, **Wills**, **Contracts**, or **Deeds** were **sealed up**, to avoid unauthorized tampering. Each **seal** had a different impression in the wax, usually bearing the **witness'** identity.

The Father's sealed scroll, however, contained a mystery, of yet unrevealed information or events.

The Lamb was the only one found worthy to open the seals and look at the scrolls' contents.

Under Roman law, witnesses sealed scrolls and only they as the legal representative can open them.

Therefore, if Jesus is the legal representative that can open the seals, then He may have sealed them.





Rev 5 does Not say WHERE the Scroll is Sealed or HOW it was Sealed, But Only THAT it was Sealed.

#### A Scroll - "sealed up with seven seals", 5:1

the Father's book was "sealed up with seven seals", 5:1

Isaiah speaks of a sealed Book, that can't be read because it is sealed, Isa 29:11

Jesus tells Daniel, to "conceal these words and seal up the book until the end time", Dan 12:4
Jesus tells Daniel, "these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time", Dan 12:9

This tells us 2 times, that the words of Daniel's Prophecy were to be sealed up, "until the end time",

"until the end time" means "at the end of the age" when Daniel is resurrected, Dan 12:13

John was given opposite instructions in the Book of Revelation:

"... Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book ....", Rev 22:10

#### What is Written on the Scroll?

Q: How can we know what is written on the Scroll?

**A:** The written contents are progressively revealed as each **Seal** is opened throughout Rev 6-18. First a **Seal** is broken, then an **Event**(s) Occur corresponding to that **Seals**' contents.

## A Scroll - According to God's Plan and Purpose

The **Sealed Scroll** was:

the Father's sealed up final settlement of His Plan and Purpose, from the foundation of the World, Isa 46:8-11
His original Purpose was to establish a Theocratic Rule of the Earth through Mankind, Gen 1:26-28
Man Sinned and was Cursed, so the World now lies in the power of the Evil One, Satan, 1 John 5:19
In Revelation, God eliminates Satan, Sin, and the Curse

# How do we know What God's Plan is, for "the End" of Time?

We know much about God's Plan before reading Revelation, as revealed in OT and NT Prophecy.

# The Day of the Lord > Heavens and Earth Burned > New Heavens and New Earth

For Example: 2 Peter 3:10–13

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way (burning),

what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

# The Resurrection > the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming > then the End, when all Rule and Authority is Abolished

For Example: 1 Corinthians 15:23–25

- 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming,
- 24 then comes the end, when He (Christ) hands over the kingdom to the God and Father,
  - when **He** (Christ) has abolished all **rule** and all **authority** and **power**. [of Man and of Satan]
- 25 For He (Christ) must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

# What else do we know about "the end time" or "the end of the age"?

Q: WHEN is the "the end time", Dan 11:35, or "the end of the age", Matt 13:39, 40, 49, 24:3?

A: It is a Time that includes all of the Events that are Prophesied in Daniel, concerning "the end time".

# The words of Daniel's Prophecy, includes all his Prophecies concerning "the end time". Daniel 12 Prophecies include, An Unprecedented "time of Distress" for Daniel's People Israel, Dan 12:1

A Time of Resurrection of the Dead, Dan 12:2

"How long will it be until the end of these wonders,

for a time, times, and a half time" (3 ½ years), Dan 12:6-7, Dan 7:25

"as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed", Dan 12:7

"From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up,

there will be 1,290 days", Dan 12:11

Daniel's Prophecies, line up well with Revelation's Prophecies.

An Unprecedented "time of Distress" for Earth Dwellers, Rev 6-Rev 19, Matt 24:9, 24:21

A Time of Resurrection of the Dead, Rev 20:4, 20:12

for a time, times, and a half time" (3 ½ yrs, 42 months, 1260 days), Rev 12:14, 11:2, 11:3, 13:5,

# Who is worthy to open the book (scroll) and to break its seals, 5:2-5

Working Outline > Read Revelation 5:2-5 (Portion of Paragraph 5:1-5 ¶ from NAS Bible)

#### Revelation 5:2-5

2 And I (John) saw a strong angel, 10:1, 18:21, proclaiming with a loud voice,

A. "Who is worthy to open the book (scroll) and to break its seals?"

II. 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth

A. was able to open the book (scroll) or to look into it.

III. 4 Then I (John) began to weep greatly

A. because **no** one was found **worthy** to open the **book** (scroll) or to look into it;

IV. 5 and one of the (24) elders (Men) said to me (John), "Stop weeping;

A. Behold (look), the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, Gen 49:9

1. (the Lion) the Root of David, 22:16, Isa 11:1, 10, Heb 7:14, Matt 1:1,

B. has overcome (so as to) open the book (scroll) and (open) its seven seals."

A strong angel, is mentioned here in Rev 5:2 and in 10:1, 18:21

"loud voice" occurs 21 times in Revelation

"loud voice" of an Angel, Rev 5:2, 7:2, 10:3, 14:7, 14:9, 14:15, 14:18, 19:7

"loud voice" of Redeemed Men/Great Multitude in Heaven, Rev 6:10, 7:10, 19:1

"loud voice" of an Eagle, Rev 8:13

"loud voice" from Heaven/Temple/Throne, Rev 11:12, 11:15, 12:10, 16:1, 16:17, 21:3

# The Problem: No one was found Worthy to open the book (scroll)

The strong angel asks, "Who is worthy to open the book (scroll) and to break its seals?"

And **no** one in heaven or on the **earth** or under the **earth** was able to open the book. (3 places)

Then I (John) began to weep greatly

because **no** one was found worthy to open the book (scroll) or to look into it;

"worthy", (Grk, axios, adj.) a sense of weight or having a high degree of comparable merit or worth.

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The Solution: The Lion, from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, is Worthy
and one of the (24) elders (Men) said to me (John), "Stop weeping;
    behold (look attentively), the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, Gen 49:9
        the Root of David, 22:16, Isa 11:1, 10, Heb 7:14, Matt 1:1,
    has overcome (so as to) open the book (scroll) and (open) its seven seals."
the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, Rev 5:5
The Blessing of Jacob's 12 Sons
Genesis 49:1
1 Then Jacob summoned his (12) sons and said, (Blessing, 49:28)
    "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come. (Prophetic Blessing)
The Blessing of Judah
Genesis 49:8-10
8 "Judah, your (11) brothers shall praise you;
    Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's (11) sons shall bow down to you.
9 "Judah is a lion's whelp (cub); From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
    He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up?
10 "The scepter (ruling) shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
    Until Shiloh (Heb. Shiloh) comes, And to him (Shiloh) shall be the obedience of the peoples.
Judah > would be praised by his (11) brothers, and they shall bow down to him. 49:8
The scepter (ruling authority) shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
    The (ruling authority) shall not depart, Until Shiloh (Messiah) comes (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming),
    Then Judah's (ruling authority) will depart, then He (Messiah) will Rule, at His (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming).
the Lion Jesus, from the Root of David, Rev 5:5
Revelation 22:16
16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches.
      lam the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." Isa 11:1, 10, Heb 7:14, Matt 1:1,
Jesus is the physical descendant of Judah and of David, Matt 1:1-2,
Jesus' legal right to the throne of David is through His legal father Joseph, Matt 1:1-2,
Jesus the descendant of David is promised the right to his throne and Kingdom, 2 Sam 7:12, Ps 89:3-4, 29, 36
      This is the Davidic Covenant
Jesus is the seed (descendant) of the woman, through His promised mother Mary
Genesis 3:15
15 And I will put enmity Between you (Satan) and the woman,
    And (enmity) between your (Satan's) seed and her (woman's) seed;
        He (woman's seed) shall bruise you (Satan) on the head,
            And you (Satan) shall bruise him (woman's seed) on the heel."
The seed (descendant, Jesus) of the woman (Mary) on the throne of His father David forever
Luke 1:31-33
   31 "And behold, you (Mary) will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.
   32 "He (Jesus) will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High;
           and the Lord God will give Him (Jesus) the throne of His father David;
   33 and He (Jesus) will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."
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The Lamb standing takes the Book (scroll) from the Father, 5:6-10
Working Outline > Read Revelation 5:6-10 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)
Revelation 5:6-10
    6 And I (John) saw between (center) the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders 4:4
    A. a Lamb (Jesus) (Jn 1:29) standing (14:1), as if slain, 5:8, 5:9, 5:12,

    having seven horns and seven eyes,

          a. which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. Zech 4:10
II. 7 And He (Jesus) came and took the book (scroll) 5:1, 5:8, 5:9
       1. out of the right hand of Him (the Father) who sat on the throne. 5:1,
    B. 8 When He (Jesus) had taken the book (scroll),
       1. the four living creatures (Angels) and the twenty-four elders (Men)
          a. fell down before the Lamb (Jesus), 4:10,
          b. each one holding a harp (15:2) and golden bowls full of incense, 8:3, 15:7, Ps 141:2
             i. which are the prayers of the saints (holy ones).
    C. 9 And they (Angels, Men) sang a new song, saying, 14:3, 15:3
       1. "Worthy are You (Jesus), (4:11,5:12) to take the book (scroll) and to break its seals;
          a. for You (Jesus) were slain, (5:6, 5:12, 13:8) and purchased for God with Your blood (14:3)
             i. (men) from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 7:9, 10:11, 11:9, 13:7, 14:6, 17:5
          b. 10 "You (Jesus) have made them (Redeemed)
            i. to be a kingdom and priests (1:6) to our (Angels', Mens') God;
             ii. and they (Redeemed) will reign upon the earth." 3:21, 20:4
In 5:6, John saw in the center or in the midst of the throne, 4 living creatures and 24 elders,
     a Lamb (Jesus) standing (14:1), as if slain, 5:8, 5:9, 5:12, Jn 20:20
having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. Zech 4:10
the Lamb (Jesus) with 7 Horns
Horns signify strength and honor, Ps 89:24, 1 Sam 2:10
    The Father has raised up a Horn of salvation (Jesus), in Lk 1:68-69
Horns also refer to Kings with diadems (crowns), that are enemies of God, Rev 12:3, 13:1, 17:12, Dan 8:3
the Lamb (Jesus) with 7 Eyes
10 "... But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—
          these are the eyes of the Lord which range to and fro throughout the earth." Zech 4:10
See more on this, in Lesson 05
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   a Lamb (Jesus) standing (14:1), as if slain, 5:8, 5:9, 5:12, Jn 20:20
Jesus sitting at the Right Hand of the Father
In NT, Jesus is usually said to be "sitting at the right hand of God" after His ascension, Mk 16:19, Heb 10:12
Jesus is told by the Father to sit, Until His enemies are subjected to Him
Psalm 110:1
    1 The Lord (the Father) says to my (David's) Lord (Jesus):
          "Sit at My (Father's) right hand
                Until I (the Father) make Your (Jesus') enemies a footstool for Your feet."
                      (Quoted in NT: Mt 22:44, Lk 20:43, Acts 2:35, Heb 1:13, 1 Cor 15:25)
Therefore, Jesus was to sit, at the right hand of the Father
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Until all His enemies are subjected, by Him through the Father, 1 Cor 15:25, Ps 110:5-6

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He (Jesus) will have the day of His wrath
Psalm 110:4-6
4 The Lord (the Father) has sworn and will not change His mind,
       "You (Jesus) are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."
5 The Lord (Jesus) is at Your (Father's) right hand;
      He (Jesus) will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.
6 He (Jesus) will judge among the nations, He will fill them (the nations) with corpses (the dead),
     He (Jesus) will shatter the chief (ruling) men over a broad country.
Therefore, Jesus will have a "day of His wrath", Psalm 110:5-6
   And "in the day of His wrath", He (Jesus) "will shatter kings", 110:5
   And "in the day of His wrath", He (Jesus) "will judge among the nations", 110:6
   And "in the day of His wrath", He (Jesus) "will fill (the nations) with corpses (the dead)", 110:6
   And "in the day of His wrath", He (Jesus) "will shatter the chief or ruling men", 110:6
This sounds like what occurs in the Book of Revelation a Day of His Wrath!
Read Zeph 1:1-3 and Zeph 1:14-18
Zephaniah 1:18
18 Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them On the day of the Lord's wrath;
         And all the earth will be <u>devoured</u> In the fire of His jealousy,
   For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.
This is a Double Fulfillment Prophecy: <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2</a> <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2</a> <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2</a> <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2</a> <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2</a> <a href="https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/pdf/grace-journal/13-2">13.pdf</a>
First: This applies to Babylon conquering Judah, in 605 BC, 597 BC, and 586 BC.
Second: This also applies to "the Day of the Lord", (19 times in OT and 4 times in NT),
    WHEN all earth and all its inhabitants will be destroyed, On the day of the Lord's wrath.
Jesus standing in center of the Throne of the Father, Rev 5:6
Here in 5:6, Jesus is said to be standing and Not sitting!
        Jesus stands, 5:7, because it is time to subject His Enemies, Ps 110:1
        Jesus stands, 5:7, because it is time of the day of His wrath, Ps 110:5,
        Jesus stands, 5:7, because it is time of the day of the Lord's wrath, Zeph 1:18
        Jesus stands, 5:7, because it is time when all earth and all its inhabitants will be destroyed, Zeph 1:18
Jesus is said to be standing > to initiate and destroy the earth and its inhabitants
       with the 21 Judgements/Plagues or exercise the day of His wrath, in Rev 6 - Rev 19
The Wrath of God is mentioned in, Rev 6:16-17, 11:18, 14:10, 14:19, 15:1, 15:7, 16:1, 16:9, 19:15
Jesus takes the Book from the Father, Rev 5:7
In Rev 5:7, "And He (Jesus) came and took the book (scroll) 5:1,
        out of the right hand of Him (the Father) who sat on the throne. 5:1,
Jesus not only stands up, but He takes the Book (scroll) from the Father
     He isn't given or handed the Book from the Father, But He takes it from the Father
Jesus standing and taking the Book shows initiative and not His response to a request or command.
This taking of the Book is mentioned (3 times), in Rev 5:7, 5:8, 5:9
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The 4 living creatures and the 24 elders Worship the Lamb, Rev 5:8-10
In Rev 5:8, When He (Jesus) had taken the book (scroll),
the 4 living creatures (Angels) and the 24 elders (Men) fell down before the Lamb (Jesus), 4:10,
         each one holding a harp (15:2) and golden bowls full of incense, 8:3, 15:7, Ps 141:2
            which are the prayers of the saints (holy ones).
When Jesus takes the book (scroll), from the Father, Rev 5:8, (5:7, 5:9)
   the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders fall down and Worship Jesus in song, Rev 5:8-9
The 28 were holding, a (28) Harps and a (28) Golden Bowls, Rev 5:8
Harps were used in the Temple as part of Worship and Prophesying in the OT, 1 Chron 25:1, 25:6-7, Ps 144:9
The Golden Bowls full of incense is interpreted for us literally, as the prayers of the saints (holy ones).
    Incense is a metaphor for prayer (petitioning God), Ps 141:2, Rev 8:3-4
The 28 were presenting the prayers of the saints (holy ones), as part of their Worshiping of Jesus.
The saints are mentioned in Revelation, 5:8, 8:3, 8:4, 11:18, 13:7, 13:10, 14:12, 16:6, 17:6, 18:20, 18:24, and 20:9.
In Rev 5:9, the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders sang a new song. 14:3,
They (28) sang about Jesus's worthiness,
   and give 2 Reasons why He is worthy to open the Book.
First: Because Jesus was slain, 5:6, 5:12, 13:8
  "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;
        The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed", Isa 53:5
Second: Because Jesus purchased (to buy) for God (the Father) with His blood people of every nation....
   Purchased People, are Those bought for a Price or Redeemed or Ransomed (bought back).
          "the church of God which He purchased with His own blood", Acts 20:28
  1 Peter 1:18-19
   18 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 (redeemed) with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
The 144,000 are said to be, "purchased from Earth" and "purchased from among men", Rev 14:3-4
The 144,000 are said to be, "sealed bondservants of ....God", Rev 7:3
In Rev 5:10, the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders sang a new song. 14:3,
"You (Jesus) have made them (Redeemed men)
      to be a kingdom and priests to our (Angels', Mens') God; 1:6
          and they (Redeemed men) will reign upon the earth." 3:21, 20:4
a kingdom and priests, relates to the Nation of Israel, Ex 19:6, Isa 61:6
a kingdom and priests, relates to New Covenant Believers, Rev 20:6, 1 Pet 2:5, 2:9
they (Redeemed men) will reign upon the earth,
   martyred/resurrected/priests of God believers will reign with Christ for a 1000 years, Rev 20:4, 20:6
    Bondservants in the New Jerusalem, shall reign forever and ever, Rev 22:5
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# Myriads of Angels Worshiping the Lamb and the Father, 5:11-14

Working Outline > Read Revelation 5:11-14 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

#### Revelation 5:11-14

- I. 11 Then I (John) looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne (of Father) 4:4
  - A. and the (4) living creatures and the (24) elders;
  - B. and the number of them (angels)
    - 1. was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, Dan 7:10, Heb 12:22, Jude 14, Ps 68:17
  - C. 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
    - 1. to receive **power** and **riches** and **wisdom** and **might** and **honor** and **glory** and **blessing**."
- II. 13 And every created thing 5:13, 13:8
  - A. which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them,
  - B. I (John) heard saying, "To Him (the Father) who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb,
    - 1. be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." 4:11, 5:13, 13:8, Phil 2:10
- III. 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." 7:12, 19:4
  - A. And the elders fell down and worshiped. 4:10

## This a Spectacular Scene in Heaven



Myriads of Angels, Rev 5:11
Besides the (4) living creatures
and the (24) elders
who are around the Throne,
myriads or thousands of Angels
are introduced to the scene
in Heaven.

A "myriad" (Grk, murias)
means 10,000.
Therefore, myriads of myriads,
is 10,000's of 10,000's of Angels.

#### Daniel 7:9-10

9 "I (Daniel) kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool.

His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire. Ezek 1, Ezek 10

**10** "A river of **fire** was flowing And coming out from before **Him**;

Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened. Rev 20:12

# Myriads of Angels Worshiping and Praising the Lamb, Rev 5:12

These Angel's give 7 praises that represent the Lamb's (Jesus's) worthiness.

**Q1:** What is **Jesus worthy** "to receive"?

A: "to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing", 5:12

# Every Created Thing Worshiping and Praising the Father and the Lamb, Rev 5:13

"every created thing" or all creation, praises the Father and the Lamb

**Q2:** What is the Father and the Lamb worthy of?

A: they are worthy of: "blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." 5:13

Q3: How can All Creation Praise God, if Not and Angel or a Man?

A: "every created thing" is a Personification: Human qualities are assigned to Non-Human things.

Another Example of a Personification Figure of Speech, is Rom 8:19

"For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God", Rom 8:19

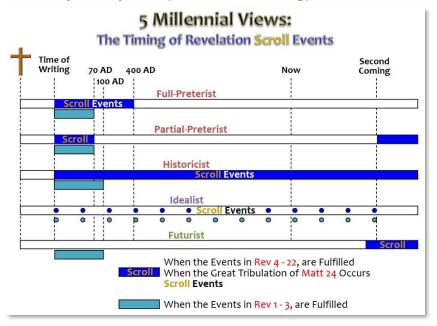
The Scroll Events are Progressively Revealed in the following Chapters of Revelation.

This Outline shows how different **Millennial Views** see these Events

as either having been Filled Historically in the Past or will be Fulfilled in the Future.

# I. Book of Revelation – Types of Approaches - Scroll Events <sup>1</sup>

- A. Three Major Approaches Historicism, Idealism, and Futurism
  - 1. (Historicism), Assumes MOST if not All Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically.
    - a. (Full-Preterist), Assume ALL Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically BEFORE 70 AD
      - i. ALL Scroll Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically BEFORE 70 AD
      - ii. Revelation is a Prophecy that was Completely fulfilled in the First Century.
      - iii. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
    - b. (Partial-Preterist), Assume MOST Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically BEFORE 70 AD
      - i. ALL Scroll Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically BEFORE 70 AD
      - ii. Revelation is a Prophecy that was Mostly fulfilled in the First Century.
      - iii. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
      - iv. All (Partial-Preterist) are also (Partial-Futurist)
        - a. (Part-Futurist), 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, WILL be Fulfilled, in the Future.
        - b. (Part-Futurist), General Resurrection, WILL be Fulfilled, in the Future.
        - c. (Part-Futurist), Last Judgment, WILL be Fulfilled, in the Future.
        - d. (Part-Futurist), New Heavens and Earth, WILL be Fulfilled, in the Future.
    - c. (Historicist), Assume MOST Events ARE being Fulfilled Historically as Progressively Unfolding.
      - i. ALL Scroll Events, WERE Fulfilled Historically as Progressively Unfolding.
      - ii. Revelation is Church History, from the Time of John to the End of the World.
      - iii. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
  - 2. (Idealism), Assume NO Events have a Historical Fulfillment.
    - a. ALL Scroll Events, have a Historical Fulfillment.
    - b. Revelation is Non-Historical and Non-Prophetic drama about spiritual realities.
    - c. Revelation is a spiritual conflict of Good and Evil.
  - 3. (Futurism), Assumes MOST if not All Events, WILL BE Fulfilled, in the Future.
    - a. All Scroll Events, WILL BE Fulfilled, in the Future.
    - b. Revelation is a Prophecy primarily about the End of the World. (Rev 4 Rev 22)
      - i. Advocates are primarily of Dispensational Theology.



Chapters 4 and 5 comprise a transitional unit Connecting the previous message of the Vision of Christ, with the message to the seven churches, then with the vision of the Throne in Heaven and the Scroll, And finally the 21 Judgement Events beginning in Revelation 6.

Because the **Timing of the Events** is crucial to determining <u>WHEN these **Events** have or will take place</u>. We need to stop and establish the **Timing of Events** leading up to **Jesus's Second Coming**.

We need to ask, is there a **Tribulation Period** of 7 years like **Futurist View** says or is the **Tribulation Period** the **Church Age** as the **Historicist Views** say?

Also, where is **Tribulation Period** found in scripture and how does **it** relate to what is said to be on **The Scroll Jesus** took from **the Father**?

This Outline shows how different **Millennial Views** see the **Timing of Events** leading up to **Jesus's Second Coming** and **The Millennial Kingdom**.

# II. Millennial Views: on Timing of Jesus's Second Coming <sup>2</sup>

- A. Millennial VIEWS OR WHEN Jesus' 2nd Coming WILL be Fulfilled
  - 1. Amillennialism, (A-Mill), Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, WITHOUT a Millennial Kingdom
    - a. The Millennial Kingdom, is a "present spiritual reality", with a "spiritual reign of Jesus"
    - b. **Christ** will return **AFTER** A <u>Symbolized Non-Literal "thousand years" age</u>, it is a <u>present</u> time, **Christ** will Reign from **Heaven**, **Christ's Kingdom** is Now.
      - i. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
  - 2. Postmillennialism, (Post-Mill), Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom
    - a. The Millennial Kingdom, is a "future spiritual reality", with a "spiritual reign of Jesus"
    - b. Christ will return AFTER A <u>Symbolized Non-Literal</u> "thousand years" age, a <u>coming age in which</u> the gospel will triumph as to thoroughly transform the world's societies and cultures. During this age <u>Christ</u> is reigning in <u>Heaven</u>, not on <u>Earth</u>; but <u>He</u> exercises <u>His</u> reign through <u>His</u> Spirit and the <u>Church's</u> preaching of the Gospel.
      - i. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
  - 3. Historic Millennialism, (Hist-Mill), Jesus' 2nd Coming, BEFORE a Millennial Kingdom
    - a. The Millennial Kingdom, is a "future physical reality", with a "physical reign of Jesus"
    - b. Christ will return BEFORE a future Literal 1000 year age, with Christ reigning on Earth.
      - i. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology.
  - 4. Premillennialism, (Pre-Mill), Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, BEFORE a Millennial Kingdom
    - a. The Millennial Kingdom, is a "future physical reality", with a "physical reign of Jesus"
    - b. Christ will return BEFORE a future Literal 1000 year age, with Christ reigning on Earth.
      - i. Advocates are primarily of Dispensational Theology.

## Starting next Lesson,

we will establish the **Timing** of the **21 Judgement Events** that begin in Revelation 6. We will do this first by studying the **Book of Daniel**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adapted from Lesson 02, see more there.