

WEEK 77 WORTHY IS THE LAMB

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TEXT: REVELATION 5:1-14 (NKJV)

A SAD BUT HOPEFUL SCENE IN HEAVEN

“HIM WHO SAT UPON THE THRONE”—GOD

“SCROLL”—WILL OR TITLE DEED TO ALL THAT IS GOD’S

BOTH SIDES—IT IS COMPLETE

“7 SEALS”—BROKE ONE AT A TIME TO REVEAL WHAT IS TO COME IN ORDER

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV)

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Psalms 2:8 (NKJV)

THIS WAS SAD BECAUSE NO ONE APPEARED TO BE WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL BUT IT WAS HOPEFUL BECAUSE THERE WAS A SCROLL AND IT WAS TIME FOR IT TO BE OPENED

WHO IS THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY

But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)

LION...DIGNITY, SOVEREIGNTY, COURAGE AND VICTORY

"Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you."⁹ Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.

Genesis 49:8-10 (NKJV)

ROOT OF DAVID—HE BROUGHT DAVID AND HIS FAMILY LINE INTO EXISTENCE

HUMANLY SPEAKING JESUS HAD HIS ROOTS IN DAVID

JESUS IS ETERNAL—HE IS THE ANCIENT OF DAYS (DANIEL 7:9-22)

A LAMB

28X IN REVELATION

WRATH OF THE LAMB (6:16)

CLEANSING BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (7:14)

THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB (19:7, 21:9)

WHERE IS THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:6 (NKJV)

NOT IN A MANGER, NOT IN JERUSALEM, NOT ON A CROSS, NOT IN A TOMB BUT IN HEAVEN

ASCENDED AND EXALTED

“IN THE MIDST” IT ALL CENTERS ON HIM

“AT THE THRONE”

WHAT THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY DOES

Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:7-10 (NKJV)

WHERE THE WEeping ENDS AND THE PRAISE BEGINS

“TOOK THE SCROLL” FROM GOD’S RIGHT HAND—TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13-14 (NKJV)

WORSHIP SONG—WORTHY

GOSPEL SONG—REDEEMED US

MISSIONARY SONG—OUT OF EVERY TRIBE, AND TONGUE AND PEOPLE AND NATION

PROPHETIC VICTORY SONG—WE WILL REIGN ON THE EARTH

WHAT THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY POSSESS

BORN IN WEAKNESS AND HE DIED IN WEAKNESS; BUT HE IS THE RECIPIENT OF ALL POWER

HE BECAME THE POOREST OF THE POOR (2 COR. 8:9), AND YET HE OWNS ALL THE RICHES OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

MEN LAUGHED AT HIM AND CALLED HIM A FOOL; YET HE IS THE VERY WISDOM OF GOD (1 COR. 1:24; COL. 2:3)

HE SHARED IN THE SINLESS WEAKNESSES OF HUMANITY AS HE HUNGERED, THIRSTED, AND BECAME WEARY. TODAY IN GLORY, HE POSSESSES ALL STRENGTH

ON EARTH, HE EXPERIENCED HUMILIATION AND SHAME AS SINNERS RIDICULED AND REVILED HIM. THEY LAUGHED AT HIS KINGSHIP AND ATTIIRED HIM IN A MOCK ROBE, CROWN, AND SCEPTER. BUT ALL OF THAT IS CHANGED NOW! HE HAS RECEIVED ALL HONOR AND GLORY!

AND BLESSING! HE BECAME A CURSE FOR US ON THE CROSS (GAL. 3:13), SO THAT WE CAN NEVER BE UNDER THE CURSE OF THE BROKEN LAW. HE IS WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE!