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Worthy is the Lamb

Revelation 5

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In one word,

what was

chapter 4 all

about?



**In one word,
who was the
focus upon in
chapter 4?**



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5 all about?



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upon in
chapter 5?



Chapter 4

Creation

God

Chapter 5

Redemption

The Son
(Lamb) of
God





Revelation 5:1

- Then I saw in the right hand of him [God] who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:2

- And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”





Revelation 5:3

- **And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,**



Revelation 5:4

•and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Isaiah 29:11

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- And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

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**What is the drama
here?**

**Why is John
weeping?**



**The scroll contains God
plan for the future.**

**What will happen to God's
people? Who wins? How does
everything end? How will John
find out if the scroll remains
sealed?**





Revelation 5:5

•And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Genesis 49:9

- “Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on **the neck of your enemies**; your father’s sons shall bow down before you.

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Isaiah 11:1-2

- There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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“has conquered”

**When did Jesus
conquer?**





Revelation 5:6

- And between the throne and the four living creatures and

among the elders I saw

a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,

The Lamb of God

Genesis 22:8

Exodus 12:21

Isaiah 53:7

John 1:29

1 Corinthians 5:7

1 Peter 1:18-19



Genesis 22:8

- Abraham said, “**God will provide for himself the lamb** for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

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The Slain Lamb

Vicarious

> experienced second hand through another

Penal

> punitive, punishment

Substitutionary

> done in the place of someone else

Atonement

> reconciliation of God and man through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ



Exodus 12:21

- Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, **and kill the Passover lamb.**

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Turn to
Isaiah 53
v. 7 in particular

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John 1:29

- The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, **“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**

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1 Corinthians 5:7

- Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

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1 Peter 1:18-19

- knowing that **you were ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with **the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb** without blemish or spot.

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Revelation 5:6

- And between the throne and the four living creatures and

among the elders I saw

a Lamb standing,

as though it had been slain,

the root of David

&

the Lion the Lamb
of Judah & of God

Is Alive!





Revelation 5:6

- **with seven horns and with seven eyes,**

A horn is a symbol of power & eyes of knowledge | 7 is perfect & infinite

- **which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.**

**After Christ
ascended
(to return to heaven)
He sent the Holy
Spirit to the earth.**





Revelation 5:7

- **And he [the Lamb] went and took the scroll from the right hand of him [God] who was seated on the throne.**

At this point, don't ask how is a lamb taking a scroll. That is too literal.



Revelation 5:8

•And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Now the Lamb is
worshipped just as
God was
worshipped in
chapter 4.



The Son is being worshipped in front of the God the Father and God is NOT stopping it. Nor is there any indication that He is jealous or in competition with the Son for affection or adoration.





Revelation 5:8

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Has the altar of
incense in the
Tabernacle been
replaced by the
prayers of God's
people?



Psalm 141:2

Doesn't David hint at this:

- Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
- and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

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Hebrews 13:15

- Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

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Revelation 5:9

•And they sang a new song,
saying,



Revelation 5:9

• “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Ransom

A consideration paid or demanded for the release of someone or something from captivity

Redeem

To free from captivity by payment of ransom

Merriam-Webster



ἀγοράζω

The Greek word here [G59] is more often translated bought or buy; however, it is important to note that Christ did not pay anyone in particular anything (esp. Satan). Ransom, redeem, bought are words employed to help the saint of God understand that their salvation was NOT free.



1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

- **for you were bought with a price.**
So glorify God in your body.
- You were **bought with a price**; do not become bondservants of men.

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**The words ransom and
redeem both connote
deliverance from
something or someone
namely bondage to sin
and death.**



1 Timothy 2:5-6

- For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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Revelation 5:9

• and by your blood you
ransomed people for God
from every tribe
and language and
people and
nation,

Über Diversity

Every tribe

Every language

Every people

Every nation





Revelation 5:10

- and you have made them a kingdom
- and priests to our God,

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**At this point we are
reminded of the
already and NOT yet
aspects of the kingdom**





Revelation 5:10

•and priests to our God,

**In what way are we
priests to our God?**

Christians function as priests each and every time we proclaim the good news of Jesus as the one mediator between God and man (1 Tim 1:5).





Revelation 5:10

- and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
- and they shall reign on the earth.”

Verse 10 describes the future reign of believers on the earth.

This doesn't sound anything like angels fluttering around in the clouds playing harps.

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.





Revelation 5:11

•Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,



Revelation 5:12

- **saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was
slain, to receive power and
wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and
blessing!”**

Worthy is the Lamb to receive

- **Power**
- **Wealth**
- **Wisdom**
- **Might**
- **Honor**
- **Glory**
- **Blessing**

**With a list this long
the point is NOT
each and every item
but the aggregate.
He is worthy to
receive everything
and anything.**





Revelation 5:13

•And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”



Revelation 5:14

- And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.