THE BOOK OF REVELATION

CHAPTER FIVE

"THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK"

I. THE WEEPING OVER THE SEVEN SEALED BOOK (5:1-4)

A. Was the result, first of all, of what John saw (1) He saw a seven-sealed in the right hand of God the Father who sat upon the throne.
B. Came about secondly because of something else John saw and heard (2). He saw an angel and heard him ask who was to open the book.
C. Came about finally because John saw that no(not "man") was found worthy either to open it and read or even to look upon it (3-4).
II. THE WORTHINESS OF THE SLAIN LAMB (5:5-7)
A. Was revealed to John by one of the elders (5-6)
1. He said not to weep for the Lion of the Tribe of had prevailed to open the book (5). Note Gen. 49:9-10 and Isa. 11:1 predicts that the ruler of the earth would come from the Tribe of Judah.
2. John then looked in the midst of the throne for a lion and saw a as it had been slain (6). This identifies the glorified Christ as the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for sinners (Jn.1:29).
3. John went on to describe the Lamb that he saw (6)
a. The seven horns speak symbolically of His complete as King over all (Dan. 7:24; Rev. 13:1).
b. The seven eyes or seven Spirits of God is a reference to the whom Christ sent into the world (Zech. 3:9; 4:10; Jn. 16:7). B. Was proved to John by what the Lamb did (7). The Lamb took the book out of the right hand of the Father who was seated upon the throne. This shows that judgment of the earth is committed to Compare Dan. 7:13,14.

III. THE WORSHIP OF THE SLAIN LAMB (5:8-10).

A. Began by the living creatures and the 24 elders when the Lamb had taken the book (8-10).
1. Notice they worshipped Him with harps and golden bowls of incense which represent the of the saints (8). Prayers are a sweet incense before God (Psa. 141:2).
2. They worshipped Him also by singing a new song of and inheritance (9-10).
a. Here we see the twenty -four elders singing of redemption by the of Christ so they could not be angels.
b. The fact that they are kings and priests who shall reign on the earth is also a distinctive reference to saints (10). Note I Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6.
B. Was joined in by the angels (5:11-12).
1. John said he heard the voices of an innumerable company of angels (11).
2. These angels declared their worship of the Lamb by saying He was worthy to receive seven things (12).
C. Was joined in finally by all creation (13-14).
1. John heard, along with the heavenly host, every creature on the earth, under the earth, and in the sea, all give unto the Lamb (13). Compare Phil. 2:9-11).
2. Notice when all creation ascribed praise to the Lamb, the four living creatures responded by saying Amen or "let it be so". Then the 24 elders fell down and(14).
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