



Revelation 5:1-3

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

The Scroll

- Written on _____
- Seven _____

Who is Worthy?

- _____ - The seals could not be broken
- _____
- "Because the scroll represented the _____ God and only _____ God could reveal its contents, _____ was qualified." – Walter Elwell

Revelation 5:4-5

⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 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."

- ... to _____ the scroll or to _____ it...
- The problem is not a lack of _____, but _____
- In the place where praise is constant, John is found to be _____ profusely

The Lion of Judah

- Genesis 49:9

The Root of David

- Isaiah 11:1
- Isaiah 11:10
- Revelation 22:6

The Two Descriptions of Jesus

- Touches on _____ (The Lion of Judah) and _____ (The Root of David) – Walter Elwell
- Points in the direction of both _____ (the divine source of David) and _____ (the royal lion from Judah) – Kendell Easley

"This scroll is not titled, and scholars have debated long about exactly what this scroll represents. Ultimately, there can be little question. This is God's Judgment Scroll, his plan long ago made to condemn wickedness and reward righteousness. If God is the one who made the plan, then God's Son is the only one worthy to enact the plan."

Kendell Easley in Holman New Testament Commentary: Revelation

No One Worthy...

Revelation 5:6

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, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The Lamb

- _____ - John the Baptist declares Jesus is the Lamb of God
- _____ - Jesus is described as a sacrificial lamb

A Lamb

- _____
- Seven Horns
 - Signifies the _____ of the lamb
 - The only _____ in the Bible
- Even Eyes

A Lamb Slaughtered

- The angel's description of a Root and Lion would have had John looking for a mighty lion, but he instead sees a _____.
- "The only lion in heaven is in fact the _____." -Gordon Fee
- We should have in view the _____.

"In a book like the Revelation, which ultimately is interested above all in God's justice, no lion ever appears in heaven. But the Lamb is there all the way through, even at the end."

Gordon Fee in Revelation: A New Covenant Commentary

Revelation 5:7-10

7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.
 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. 9 And they sang a new song, saying,
 "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,
 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

"In handing the scroll to the Lamb, God shows that he has transferred his power and authority to the Lamb."

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Worthy

- The Lamb is worthy because of _____

Revelation 5:11-12

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, 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!"

The Heavenly Choir

- The _____
- The _____
- _____ (thousands and thousands and thousands...)

The Lamb is Worthy to Receive...

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

"Thus, typical of the Christology of both the Gospel of John and the Revelation, the more expansive praise and adoration is offered to the Son; and that is not because the Son is more significant, but because our existence both now and forever is predicated on his death and resurrection."

Gordon Fee in Revelation: A New Covenant Commentary

Revelation 5:13-14
 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!"
 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

"These are the kinds of moments that should give any interpreter reason for pause, since these words hardly need commentary, but rather affirmation and acclamation. Readers of this passage who themselves fail to join in with the heavenly host are listening to the text only cerebrally, and not with the exhilaration intended by John, so that his readers are themselves drawn into the heavenly scene as part of the worship."

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Worthy!

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb
 upon his throne;
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
 all music but its own;
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who
 died for thee,
 And hail him as thy matchless King
 through all eternity.
 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his
 hands and side,
 Those wounds, yet visible above, in
 beauty glorified:
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast
 died for me:
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail
 throughout eternity.
