

# *Title Deed to the End*

## *Seven Sights in Heaven's Throne Room*

### *Revelation 5:1-14*

While the resurrection of Jesus Christ is an historical fact, it is much more than that! It has enormous practical implications. What practical result is there in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? The results are not yet visible to our eyes. Yet, God shows them to us in Revelation 5 with seven sights in His throne room. He gives us the cosmic view!

We see:

#### 1. An Enthroned King Holding

Vs. 1 “And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”

George Eldon Ladd: “The whole story of human history rests in the hand of God.”

#### 2. A Sealed Scroll Unopened

Vs. 1 “...a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”

G. K. Beale: The book of 5:1-2 is to be understood in part against the legal background of Roman wills, since the two bear striking similarity:

- (1) the contents of such a will was sometimes summarized on the back;
- (2) a will had to be witnessed and sealed by seven witnesses;
- (3) only on the death of the testator could a will be unsealed and the legal promise of the inheritance be executed;
- (4) a trustworthy executor would then put the will into legal effect.

The Book of Revelation: A Commentary on the Greek Text, New International Greek Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Carlisle, Cumbria: W.B. Eerdmans; Paternoster Press, 1999), 344.

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Vs. 2-3 “Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.”

That is, to release the final events of history

Vs. 4 “So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.”

No one in Heaven was worthy: Not even an archangel

None of the Fathers were worthy – not even Abraham, the friend of God

Moses was not worthy – though faithful

With no one worthy, history can't reach its destiny!

The wrongs cannot be made right...

Injustices cannot be brought to justice...

Death cannot done away...

The hurts cannot be healed...

And suffering's tears cannot be wiped away – from Adam and Eve's exile in the garden of Eden to the last dreadful event to come in world history.

### 3. A Royal Lion Victorious

Vs. 5 “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.’”

Genesis 49:9-10 “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? The scepter shall not depart from Judah...”

Jesus was born into the tribe of Judah

Isaiah 11:1 “Then a shoot will grow from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.”

Jesse was the father of David... And it looked for a while as if the royal line which ruled in the nation of Judah had been brought to an end, and cut down like a tree, forever... that a shoot shot up from the stump... and then, out of nowhere, here came from the family of Jesse, a son of David... King Jesus.

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How did Jesus prevail? Through His cross. It was here He completed his obedience to the Father... and where He fulfilled His redemptive mission... and through His resurrection, where He defeated death, once and for all.

Which brings us to the fourth sight; we see in Heaven's Throne Room:

#### 4. A Slain Lamb Standing

Vs. 6 “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.”

The One who was born to die... who did, in fact, die, most cruelly... is not laying in the ground... He doesn't merely live on in our memories and in our hearts... He stands there!

#### 5. A Worthy Lamb Taking

Vs. 7 “Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.”

Watch the regal majesty in which God the Son... the Son of Man... the last Adam... the viceroy of the Father... calmly comes takes the scroll which no one else could take. He alone is worthy to open the scroll and initiate the final events of history.

#### 6. A Praying People Awaiting

Vs. 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.”

You may be under the impression that God answered some of your prayers, but others – sincerely prayed, legitimate requests – He simply ignored. For reasons you don't understand, He said, “No.” Yet, God remembers every honest prayer you have every prayed. He has kept your prayers. We see them here in the golden bowls.

Some of these prayers have been prayed by brothers and sisters who have suffered enormously for the name of Christ. In 6:11 Christian martyrs ask: “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Up to this very moment, people wait for their answers.

## 7. A Redeemed Creation Worshipping

We see God's people worshipping with a new song...

Vs. 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'"

And we hear of the royal privileges afforded the redeemed people of God.

Vs. 10 "And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Millions of angels join in the worship:

Vs. 11-12 "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

The cascading praise extends to those in royal court around the throne:

Vs. 14 "Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever."

The formerly dead Jesus Christ — now raised in glory — "is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

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