

Guide & Record of your thoughts

2/7/2010 Week 11 - Revelation 5:1-14

Following the Message:

1. (5:1) The scroll in the hand of God is the title deed to the earth and records the descriptive details of how He will take back His creation.
2. (5:1) The scroll is not only about judgment, it also contains the announcement of the consummation of all of history – how things will end for all people.
3. (5:2–4) A search of the entire universe failed to find one worthy to open the scroll. No one had the authority and virtue for such a task.
4. (5:5) John’s grief was unnecessary because there was One worthy to take the scroll. It was Jesus because of who He is: the rightful King – the root of David; because of what He is: the Lion from Judah’s tribe; and because of what He has done – He has overcome.
5. (5:5) He has overcome by defeating sin, death, and the forces of hell/evil.
6. (5:6) Instead of the mighty Lion/all-conquering King, John saw a lamb.
7. (5:6) Jesus, the Lamb of God, is no ordinary lamb. He is standing, alive, on His feet... yet looking as if He had been slain.
8. (5:7,8) Jesus, the Worthy One has arrived to take back what is rightfully His (creation) and the basis for this authority to redeem the world by taking and opening the seven-sealed scroll is His death and resurrection.
9. (5:9, 10) The movement and praise of these verses picture God about to judge Satan/demons and take back His creation.

10. (5:11,12) The great choir of a myriad of angels, the four living beings and the 24 elders all join together to SHOUT a sevenfold praise indicating the worthiness of Jesus in His power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise/blessing.

11. (5:13, 14) By His redeeming death Christ has won the authority to reclaim creation which was captured (held captive) by Satan.

12. (5:13, 14) The great hymn and praise in heaven reaches a crescendo. The praise continues, and, lost in the wonder of the event, the four living creatures could only say Amen; meaning, “let it be”. Soon this mighty host will march out of heaven to execute judgment, gather the elect, and return with Christ when He sets up His earthly kingdom.

13. (General) In all of human history there is no greater knowledge or greater cause for celebration capable of melting the human heart than the knowledge that we who deserve death are given life at the cost of the blood of the King of Kings.

Greek words used today:

Klaio, klah’yo ; to sob, – wail aloud

Arnion, ar-nee’-on; (Lamb), refers to a little lamb, or a pet lamb.

Sphazo, sfad’-zo; to butcher (especially an animal in sacrifice) or slaughter – (violently): – kill, slay, wound.

Exousia, ex-oo-see’-ah; (in the sense of ability); force, capacity, competency:–delegated influence – jurisdiction, liberty, power

Reflecting on the Text:

The entire universe will unite in acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father. To which group of worshippers will you belong?

- Those who gladly confess He is Lord because they have understood and appropriated the death/resurrection of Christ for themselves?

-or

- Those who will reluctantly acknowledge that He is Lord and in sadness will admit they have wasted their lives?

- Read Romans 8:19–23. Who waits eagerly for the freedom that will come in the future?

- If you belong to God, what is your “Destiny” according to Rev. 5:10?