

The Book of Revelation

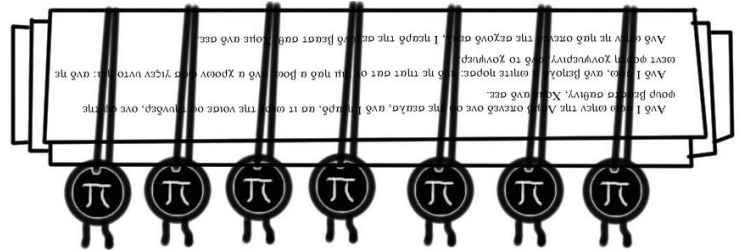
Chapter 5

Introductory Notes

- Chapter 4 set the stage for the events of Chapter 5.
- Remember these principal figures from Chapter 4 (God the Father, the Four Beasts, the Twenty-Four Elders) because they are also in this chapter.

Outline

- The Seven-Sealed Book - vs. 1-4
- The Lamb - vs. 5-7
- The Praise of the Lamb - vs. 8-14



Notes

- vs. 1 - “book” - a scroll.
- A scroll written on both sides of the paper so that part of its message is still visible despite the seals.
- Seals - from what I can tell historically, usually some type of string wrapped around or even through the document and fastened with a clay seal.
- What is the Seven-Sealed Book?
 - Theories include: the title deed of the earth, the judgments of Revelation, etc.
 - My theory - it is the charter of the Millennial Kingdom, giving Christ the right to establish the Kingdom and vanquish His foes.
- vs. 2 - The mightiest of angels are not worthy to open the Book.
- vs. 3 - The mightiest of men are not worthy to open the Book.
- vs. 4 - I think this is telling about the nature of the Book. Why about this book not being opened would cause John to weep?
- vs. 5 - Who can open the Book? JESUS CHRIST!
- vs. 5-6 - The Description of Christ
 - Lion of Judah - Genesis 49:9-10, only time used in Revelation for Christ
 - Root of David - Isaiah 11:1,10
 - hath prevailed - conquered, overcome
 - Lamb - John 1:29
 - “as it had been slain” - as the sacrifice for our sins
 - seven horns - speak of kingly dominion, as in Daniel 7-8.
 - seven eyes - explained as fulness of the Spirit
 - NOTE - the number seven signifies completion or perfection.
- vs. 7 - Christ has taken the Book by right, in the next chapter He begins to open it.

- At this point something significant has happened, so much so that Creation sings out in praise of Christ. He is now set to fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament and the hope of all the ages. Though still the Suffering Savior, Christ now takes His rightful place as King of King and Lord of Lords.
- vs. 9-10 - proof that the 24 Elders are not angels, but are humans.
- vs. 14 - as talkative as the Four Beasts are in 4:8, the best they can do is “amen” the worship of the Elders, Angels, and Creation.