

# Message Notes & Thoughts

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Passage: Revelation 5:1-14

## Revelation: Message Outline ...

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- **The Problem: The Scroll is Sealed**
  - What is it?
    - The Mystery of what must take place.
    - God's plan for creation's redemption and history's culmination.
    - "As it is in Heaven."
    - The Revelation
  - Why is it a problem?
    - 7 seals = completely sealed.
    - There is none worthy to open the Scroll.
- **The Solution: The solution is a person**
  - The Lion of Judah
    - Gen 49:8-12
    - Anointed King in place of Benjamin (David for Saul)
  - The Root of David
    - How is the root also the shoot? The Mystery of Messiah.
    - Isaiah 11:1-10
  - The Slain Lamb
    - Isaiah 53:7; Acts 8:32; 1 Peter 1:19
  - Why is He the solution?
    - His death is His overcoming.
      - "It is almost as if John were saying to us at one point after another: 'Wherever the Old Testament says 'Lion', read 'Lamb'. Wherever the Old Testament speaks of the victory of the Messiah or the overthrow of the enemies of God, we are to remember that the gospel recognizes no other way of achieving these ends than the way of the Cross.'" G.B. Caird
    - The 7 Horns = complete power (omnipotence)
      - Psalm 18:2; Daniel 7; Zechariah 1
    - The 7 Eyes = complete knowledge (omniscience)
      - Zechariah 4:10
        - The lamb has all knowledge. He sees everything. The lamb has all power. He is capable. His power and knowledge extend to everything, everywhere. Only He is able to open the scroll, ushering in God's plan for restoration.
- **The Response:**
  - Worship! (With new songs)
    - Use your creativity to bring something new to the Lord!
    - Psalm 96:
  - Pray!
    - The prayers (prayers for justice) of martyred saints are directly related to God's future plan.
      - Rev 6:9-11
  - Walk in Freedom!
    - 1 Peter 2:9-12

## Questions for Growth ...

- Re-read Revelation 5:1-14. Who told John who would be able to open the scroll? Why does John weep in verse 4? Why does the lack of a worthy person produce such grief?
- In verse 5, we are told that the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, has "overcome" or "triumphed," depending on the translation you use. The word is the same one repeated in the promises that conclude the letters to the churches in chapters 2 and 3. Look at these promises again, especially 3:21. How did Jesus overcome or triumph in a way that makes Him worthy to open this scroll?
- Who is speaking in verse 5? See Isaiah 11:1-10 for Root, and Genesis 49:9. What is Jacob prophesying about Judah? How was that fulfilled? Why are these titles -- "Lion of Judah, Root of David" -- important?
- Compare the songs sung to the Lamb in verses 9, 10, 12, and 13 to the praise spoken to God the Father in 4:8 and 4:11. How are they similar? How are they different? Note who says the words, and how they are said, in addition to the words themselves.
- "The most important of this study for me was ..."

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