

# Worthy is The Lamb

Part One

Revelation 5 : 1 - 7

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. Pastor Joe's personal commentary is in brackets, and words modifying the biblical text underlined with dots. You can find this passage in your Pew Bible on page 1194.

## REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:

- The Placement of the throne is front and center.
- The Person on the throne is God Himself.
- The People Around the throne are the Followers of Christ.
- The Praise toward the throne is toward God—Himself.
- Just one particular about this throne room—Heaven—it's perfect!



Chapter four ends with God receiving the praise of His created ones and of His redeemed ones. Chapter five finds us in that same throne room. The praise has ceased for a moment and heavenly business is about to be transacted. We are going to have front row seats as we see Jesus—*The Worthy Lamb*—take back the world from that notorious usurper, Satan himself.

- Dr. Greg Laurie



## 1. The Mysterious \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 5:1, NIV84** -<sup>1</sup> *Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll* [GK: βιβλίον, *bib-li-on* gives us our word "bible"; the GK rf. an important legal document; "a deed of title" or "Last Will and Testament"; biblical scholars agree that this scroll is the title deed to the earth, which Holy God will give to Jesus Christ] *with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.*

**Revelation 5:1, NEP** -<sup>1</sup> *Then I saw Holy God sitting on the heaven's throne and in His right hand was a deed of title to the known world. It was a rolled scroll secured with seven wax seals.*

## 2. A Meticulous \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 5:2–4, NIV84** -<sup>2</sup> *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"*<sup>3</sup> *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.*<sup>4</sup> *I wept and wept* [GK: κλαίω, *kli-o*, means "unrestrained emotion"; it's the same word describing Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41), Peter's bitter weeping after betraying Jesus (Lk. 22:62) and weeping for the young daughter who had died (Lk. 8:52) *because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.*

THE QUESTION BEFORE JOHN WAS THIS:

**"Who is worthy to open the scroll?"**

## 3. A Magnificent \_\_\_\_\_.

**Revelation 5:5–7, NIV84** -<sup>5</sup> *Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, [a messianic title of Jesus, cf., Genesis 49:8-10] the Root of David [another messianic title of Jesus, cf., Isaiah 11:1, 10), *has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.*"*

<sup>6</sup> *Then I saw a Lamb* [GK: ἀρνίον, *arni-on*, lit., "little lamb", the imagery derives from the Passover, when Jewish families were required to keep the sacrificial lamb as a household pet for four days before sacrificing it (cf., Ex. 12:3-6), *looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures* [ie., the angels] *and the elders. He had seven* [representing "perfection"] *horns* [symbolizing strength and power] *and seven eyes* [symbolizing omniscience and complete understanding], *which are the seven spirits of God* [describes the Holy Spirit in all His fullness] *sent out into all the earth.*<sup>7</sup> *He* [ie., Jesus] *came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.*

THE ANSWER TO JOHN'S QUESTION:

**"Jesus—He alone is worthy!"**



**SOON, THE *WORTHY ONE* WILL ARRIVE TO  
TAKE BACK WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY HIS!**

This world is His by right of creation—He made it!  
This world is His by right of Calvary—He redeemed it!  
The world is His by right of conquest—He will retake it!



## **Answers to "Worthy is the Lamb—Part One" Sermon**

*Based on Revelation 5:1-7*

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