

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 12 - The Scroll and the Lamb - Revelation 5:1-14

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 5:1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" [3] But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. [4] I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. [5] Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

REV 5:6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits* of God sent out into all the earth. [7] He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. [8] And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [9] And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

REV 5:10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."

REV 5:11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. [12] In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

REV 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

REV 5:14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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153. What was in the hand of the one sitting on the throne in heaven? (5:1)
154. What loud proclamation did a mighty angel make? (5:2)
155. Who first came forward to open the scroll? (5:3)
156. What was John's reaction when the scroll could not be opened? (5:4)
157. What did one of the twenty-four elders say to John? (5:5)
158. Who was the only one worthy to open the scroll and its seals? (5:5)
159. What did the Lamb that John saw look like? (5:6)
160. Where was the Lamb that John saw? (5:6)
161. What did the Lamb do? (5:7)
162. How did the creatures around the throne respond to the actions of the Lamb? (5:8-9)
163. For what was the Lamb praised and worshipped? (5:9-10)
164. How many angels did John see? (5:11)
165. What were the angels doing? (5:12)
166. What were all the other living creatures doing and singing? (5:13)
167. What did Christ do for us?
168. What evidence do we have from this passage that God makes no distinction between races or ethnic groups?
169. Why should we value people of all races equally and treat everyone with equal respect?

170. How can we serve God as His priests?