

Heaven: The Sealed Scroll

Saturday, January 13, 2024 – Day 7

Read Revelation 5:1-14

Key Verses:

But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)

Key Reflection:

The sealed scroll in heaven is the prophecy of the apocalypse. It is the truth of what will happen at the end of time. Yet, there is only One in heaven and earth who is worthy to open the sealed scroll in heaven. Only one is worthy to reveal the mysteries of heaven. The hope of all creation rests with the Messiah, the lamb who was slain who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This is Jesus. He is the One who was slain. He is the One who has redeemed us to God by His blood (vs.9). The angels cry that He is worthy to receive power (vs. 12). Every creature in heaven and earth recognizes his worth (vs. 13). Jesus the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb of God who holds the power and authority regarding the end times. The end begins with Him who is the Beginning and the End.

Thought:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who has prevailed. He is the One who brings deliverance in the earth because He is the Faithful Witness. The Lamb of God does not need permission to take the scroll because He is qualified to do so.⁹ Christ is the agent of deliverance who will be the Judge of the end. We should be in awe of Him who has earned the right by His blood to handle the end times. This is another reason why we reverently fear God and faithfully express our gratitude for the opportunity to be in the priesthood of believers. Our fate is in the scrolls and our surrendered worship of the Lamb will determine the success of our fate.

Prayer:

Lord, you are worthy. You are worthy to determine my ultimate destiny in you. You are worthy to decide whether or not I will live with you forever. Until the time comes Lord, teach me to live a life that is worthy of what you have done for me. It is a privilege to call you Lord. Let my life be an example to the world that you are Lord. I desire to offer myself as a living sacrifice unto you because you sacrificed your life for me. Worthy is the Lamb Lord God. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Questions:

1. How serious are you about being found faithful by the Lamb in the end times?
2. How can you prevail in the fight of faith to be found worthy by God?

⁹ Christopher C. Rowland, *The Book of Revelation: The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*, vol. XII (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), p. 604.