**Revelation Chapter 5 Worthy Is The Lamb To Open The Scroll!**

**I. Introduction**

1. **In Rev Chapter 4 John Was Shown a Vision Of God On His Throne! The Message of this vision: God is on His Throne and is Sovereign! This was a source of comfort, consolation and encouragement for the saints of God who were under persecution from Rome, the persecuting Jews and Satan.**
2. **Where as God/Father was the Central Figure in the Vision of The Throne in Rev 4, Jesus, The Lamb of God is the Central Figure in The Vision of The Throne shown to John in Rev 5.**
3. **In Rev 5 The Father intends to reveal a Message/Prophecy to the people of God regarding “the things shortly to take place” (Rev 1:1) by way of a scroll (The Word of God).**
4. **The Question is “Who is Worthy to Open The Scroll and Loose The Seals” (Reveal God’s Message)?....The Answer: Worthy is The Lamb of God!!!**

**II. The Scroll In The Right Hand Of The Father (Rev 5:1-14)**

1. **In The Vision John saw a Scroll in the Right Hand of “Him Who sat on the Throne” (The Father).**
2. **The Scroll Symbolizes The Word of God as the OT Scriptures were copied and preserved on Scrolls. In Ezek 2:9-3:4 Ezekiel is told to eat a Scroll and then “speak My Words” (The Word Of God).**
3. **There was writing on the inside and the outside of the Scroll which means that the Prophecy is Complete (no further room for additions). The Same is seen with Ezekiel’s scroll (Ezek 2:10) and with The Tablets Moses brought down from Mt Sinai (Ex 32:15-16).**
4. **The Scroll was Sealed with 7 Seals. A Seal is a Stamp or Mark that authenticates, secures and protects the contents thereof. It also denotes Ownership (it belongs to the one who sealed it). Thus, the Scroll was sealed by God and is an authentic message from Him!**
5. **There are 7 Seals as 7 is the symbolic number of perfection and completion thus the Message is complete, authentic and secure (from God).**

**III. The Strong Angel’s Proclamation**

1. **Verse 2 A Strong Angel Proclaims “Who is worthy to open the Scroll and to loose the Seals?**
2. **Verse 3-No one in Heaven or on Earth or Under The Earth was able to open The Scroll (No one was Worthy)!...This caused John to Cry as he wanted to know the Message/Prophecy from God!**
3. **However, 1 of The 24 Elders stated “do not weep, Behold The Lion of Judah, The Root of David has prevailed to open the Scroll and to loose the 7 seals”!**

**\*Who does this refer to?...Christ Jesus!!**

1. **Jesus is “The Lion of The Tribe Of Judah”-Gen 49:9-10 He will Rule and Be The Coming Lawgiver-John 1:17, James 4:12**
2. **Jesus is “The Root of David” The Descendant of David Who will sit on God’s Throne! 2 Sam 7:12-13, Isa 9:6-7, Acts 2:36**
3. **Jesus is Worthy to Open The Scroll and Loose The Seals due to His Victory over Sin, Death and Satan thru His Sacrifice (Rev 5:9-10, Heb 2:14)**

**IV. The Vision Of The Lamb (as if slain) With7 Horns and 7 Eyes**

1. **Next John sees A Lamb in The Midst of The Throne “as if slain”!**
2. **This Lamb Symbolizes Jesus Who is The Lamb of God Who gave His life for our Sins! Isa 53:7, I Cor 5:7, John 1:29**
3. **The fact that The Lamb is on the throne (which He shares with The Father) teaches that Jesus Is God and that He is the central figure in our Redemption!**
4. **The 7 Horns symbolize His Power and Authority (Matt 28:18) as horns are symbols of power and might in The OT (Dan 7:24, Dan 8:3, 7, 20).**
5. **The 7 Eyes represent “the 7 Spirits of God” (the fullness of the Spirit). This symbolizes the Omnipresence of The Holy Spirit as His eyes see everything and He therefore has full knowledge of the Earth-2 Chron 16:9, Zech 4:10. Thus The Lamb has full knowledge of the Earth as He is anointed with The Holy Spirit.**

**V. Scenes Of Worship and Praise of The Lamb On The Throne!**

1. **After The Lamb took The Scroll those surrounding the Throne Worshiped and Praised The Lamb! The 4 Living Creatures (Cheribim) and 24 Elders fell down before the Lamb (posture of worship) and sang a New Song!**
2. **The Fact that The Lamb is On The Throne and accepts worship means that He is The Eternal God! Matt 4:10**
3. **Each Elder had a Harp which is a symbol of Worship-Psa 33:2, Psa 43:4, Psa 150:3**
4. **Each Elder had a Golden Bowl of Incense to be offered up to God which represents Prayers offered up to God! Mal 1:11, Psa 141:2, Rev 8:4**
5. **The Creation in Heaven all sang “A New Song” which is a song that commemorates the deeds or victory of someone. There was the Song of Moses Ex 15 that praises God’s deliverance of Israel thru the Red Sea, and the Son of Deborah in Judges 5 after God delivered Israel again. Here a “New Song” is sung as The Lamb has won the victory over Sin, Death, and Satan and is Worthy to Open The Scroll (Reveal God’s Word)!**
6. **Rev 5:11-14 All of Creation (in heaven, on the earth and under the earth) Worship and Praise The Lamb for His Sacrifice which has redeemed the people of God!**

**\*Worthy Is The Lamb of God to Open The Scroll and Loose The Seals (Reveal The Message/Prophecy of God).**