

***The Lion-Lamb*****Monday 5/11****Related Verses****Rev. 1:1**

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to Him to show to His slaves the things that must quickly take place; and He made it known by signs, sending it by His angel to His slave John,

**Rev. 5:2-5**

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?

3 And no one in heaven nor on the earth nor under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it.

4 And I wept much because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it.

5 And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.

**Gen. 49:8-10**

8 Judah, your brothers will praise you; Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons will bow down before you.

9 Judah is a young lion; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he stretches out like a lion, And like a lioness; who will rouse him up?

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Psa. 110:1-3**

1 Jehovah declares to my Lord, Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies Your footstool.

2 Jehovah will send forth The scepter of Your strength from Zion: Rule in the midst of Your enemies.

3 Your people will offer themselves willingly In the day of Your warfare, In the splendor of their consecration. Your young men will be to You Like the dew from the womb of the dawn.

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As the Lion of the tribe of Judah [Rev. 5:5], Christ overcame and defeated the rebellious Satan, the enemy of God, and as the redeeming Lamb, He took away the sin

of fallen man. By doing so, He removed the hindrances to the fulfillment of God's purpose. Therefore, He is worthy to open the scroll concerning God's economy. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 4235)

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The lion is a symbol of Christ, portraying Him as a strong fighter against the enemy, as prophesied in Genesis 49:8-9. Christ's overcoming qualifies Him to open the scroll and its seven seals.

[Revelation is] a single portrait, a "painting" portraying and depicting Jesus...[All the] chapters of Revelation are a good painting of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but they also show an environment. Besides the Lion, there are beasts with horns and even a dragon (13:1-2, 11; 12:3). When John saw the situation in heaven, he wept, but when the Lion of the tribe of Judah came, there was great rejoicing (5:3-4, 8-14). Eventually, the Lion as the Lamb marries a bride, the bride becomes a square city, and the Lamb sits on the throne with God (19:7; 21:16; 22:1). The Lion is enthroned in the center of the New Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Then out of this throne flows a river of water of life, bright as crystal, and in the river the tree of life is growing. This is the "painting" of the divine Lion in the book of Revelation, the revelation of Jesus Christ.

In the book of Revelation we should see only one figure, Jesus Christ, because this book is the revelation and unveiling of Jesus Christ. The main figure in the book of Revelation is Christ as the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:5)...We must turn our eyes away from the frogs, the beasts, the locusts, the dragon, and the serpent; instead, we must turn our eyes upon this Lion...All the smaller items mentioned in Revelation are the background and environment of the main picture, which is Christ as the Lion of the tribe of Judah...To us, the Lion is the redeeming Lamb, but to the enemy, the Lamb is the overcoming Lion. Moreover, He is fully expressed in the lampstands (ch. 1), the great multitude of the redeemed (ch. 7), the bright woman with her man-child (ch. 12), the harvest with its firstfruits (ch. 14), the overcomers on the sea of glass (ch. 15), the bride ready for marriage (ch. 19), the armies (ch. 19), and the New Jerusalem (chs. 21—22).

Christ is the Lion- Lamb in His ascension...While John was weeping because "no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it" (5:4), one of the elders said to him, "Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals" (v. 5). Before the crucifixion, there might have been reason for John to weep. But it was foolish for him to weep after the ascension. Are you weeping today? If you are still weeping, it means that you have not seen the vision of the ascended Christ in Revelation 5. We need to behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:8-9 prophesies concerning Christ as the Lion of Judah, but only in Revelation are we told that Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The title *the Lion of the tribe of Judah* signifies Christ as the triumphant King. All living creatures are under Him. None can subdue Him; rather, He subdues everything. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 4226-4228)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msgs. 415, 77

**Tuesday 5/12****Related Verses****Rev. 5:6-7**

6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne.

**Heb. 1:3**

3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Heb. 10:12-13**

12 But this One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God,

13 Henceforth waiting until His enemies are made the footstool for His feet.

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29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**1 Pet. 1:18-19**

18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers,  
19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;

**Rev. 12:10-11**

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.  
11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

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In Revelation 5:5-10 we see that we may experience and enjoy Christ as the Lion- Lamb. From 5:1 through 6:1, we see the vision of Him as the Lion- Lamb in the midst of God's throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the twenty-four elders of the universe, opening the seven seals of God's universal administration...To the enemy, He is the Lion; to us, the redeemed ones, He is the dear, precious Lamb [Rev. 5:5-6]. Christ is the Lamb accomplishing God's redemption and the Lion fighting for God's kingdom. For God's redemption, He is a Lamb; for God's kingdom, He is a fighting Lion, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He fought to redeem us, and He won the battle over the enemy and accomplished redemption for us. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 4225)

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In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God" (1:29), but in Revelation one of the elders said, "Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah" (5:5). In the Gospel of John we see that Christ came in the flesh as the Lamb of God mainly to take away the sin of the world, but in Revelation we see that Christ is the

Lion- Lamb not only to take away sin but also to overcome and defeat His enemies.

As the Lamb, Christ has accomplished redemption, having cleansed us from our sins. As the Lion, He has dealt with Satan. He is adequate to meet our needs and to solve our problems. Now sin is over, Satan has been terminated, and we have been redeemed and rescued from the usurping hand of the enemy.

If we love the Lord, He is the Lamb to us, but to those who do not love Him, He is the Lion. He is the Lamb to us and the Lion to the enemy, the world, and the sinful things. Since we do love Him and He is the Lamb to us, why must He also be a Lion? This is because there are still many negative things in us. He died on the cross as the Lamb of God to redeem us, but even after being redeemed, we are still mixed with many negative things. Therefore, He must also be the Lion to deal with these things.

The expression *having just been slain* in verse 6 indicates that the Lamb had just been slain and also that the scene in the heavens that is depicted in this chapter took place immediately after Christ's ascension into the heavens. After Christ passed through death, resurrection, and ascension, He stood in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures. There was a resurrected Lamb standing before the throne in heaven.

This Lion- Lamb was standing, not sitting, and His seven eyes were flashing. This indicates that His work was not finished...As far as redemption is concerned, Christ sat down at the right hand of God in the heavens after His ascension (Heb. 1:3; 10:12); however, regarding the carrying out of God's administration, He is still standing in His ascension.

The redeeming Lamb is now standing at the center of the universe, before God's throne. This reveals that the Redeemer is now in God's administration. He is the Administrator of the universe, executing God's economy...The whole universe is watching this scene. The four living creatures, the twenty-four elders, myriads of angels, and all other creatures are wide-awake, alert, and observing. These are the circumstances in which they proclaim, "To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever" (Rev. 5:13). There is a Lion-

Lamb standing in the center of the universe with seven flashing, burning eyes. He saves us from our silence, coldness, and laziness. Our vision must be uplifted to see this Lamb accomplishing a work of eternally vast dimensions. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 4225-4226, 4236-4237)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 416

<b>Wednesday 5/13</b>
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**Related Verses****Deut. 33:17**

17 Like his firstborn ox, he has majesty; And his horns are the horns of the wild ox; With them he shall drive peoples To the ends of the earth together. Those are the ten thousands of Ephraim; And those the thousands of Manasseh.

**Rev. 3:1**

1 And to the messenger of the church in Sardis write: These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are living, and yet you are dead.

**Rev. 5:6**

6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**Rev. 1:13-14**

13 And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.  
14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;

**Psa. 139:1-4, 23-24**

1 O Jehovah, You have searched me and known me.  
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thoughts from afar.  
3 You thoroughly search my path and my lying down, And You are acquainted with all my ways.  
4 For a word is not yet on my tongue, And already You, O Jehovah, know it completely.

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**23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxious thoughts;  
**24** And see if there is some harmful way in me, And lead me on the eternal way.

**Jer. 17:9-10**

**9** The heart is deceitful above all things, And it is incurable; Who can know it?  
**10** I, Jehovah, search the heart And test the inward parts, Even to give to each one according to his ways, According to the fruit of his deeds.

**Related Reading**

In Revelation 5:6 John says that the Lamb has seven horns. Horns signify strength in fighting (Deut. 33:17). Christ is the redeeming Lamb, yet He has horns for fighting. He is the fighting Redeemer. His fighting is complete (perfect and complete) in God's move, as signified by the number seven.

Revelation 5:6 also says that the Lamb has "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Eyes are for observing and searching...Christ as the redeeming Lamb has seven observing and searching eyes for executing God's judgment upon the universe to fulfill God's eternal purpose, which will consummate in the building up of the New Jerusalem. Therefore, in Zechariah 3:9 He is prophesied as the stone, the topstone (4:7) with seven eyes for God's building...The seven eyes of Christ are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth, and they run to and fro through the whole earth (Zech. 4:10). (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 4238)"

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When we attend a church meeting, we are under a special kind of observation...Before we attend the meeting, we may speak freely, but after the meeting Christ regulates our speaking. In the evening some kind of inner voice within us may urge us to go to a meeting. It may not be our natural preference to go, but we cannot avoid going. Then when we arrive at the meeting, we touch the living Christ. The burning, searching, enlightening, and observing reality of Christ as the life-giving Spirit is in the churches.

The seven Spirits are the seven eyes by which Christ expresses Himself...Whenever the Lord looks at us with

His eyes, we can understand if He is happy or unhappy...By looking at us, He transfuses all that He is into our being. His seven eyes are gazing at us to infuse God into us.

The seven eyes of the Lamb as the Executor of God's New Testament economy are the seven lamps upheld by the seven lampstands, the seven churches, shining and enlightening as the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:9b, 11-12). This burning, judging, purifying, refining, and producing Spirit is the lamps upheld by the lampstands, the churches. This means that the churches shine through the lamps and that these lamps are the Spirit, the real testimony. The seven Spirits today are judging, purifying, refining, and bringing forth the churches...If we do not allow the seven Spirits to refine us, the seven Spirits have no way to shine, and there is no testimony. The shining of the seven Spirits is the testimony. The more we let the Spirit purify us and refine us, the more He shines through us, and this shining is the testimony of the churches. This is why we need to open ourselves and welcome Him every day to enter into our being to refine, judge, purge, and purify us. Then He will shine through us, and this shining is the testimony of the church, the testimony of Jesus. The testimony of Jesus is the shining of the seven Spirits from within all the believers in the churches.

We should pray, "Dear divine Flame, come and judge! Come and purify! Come and refine that You may produce the golden lampstand." By His mercy, we need to be open to Him. Every day we need to tell the Lord, "Come. I am open to You. I open every avenue of my being to You. Enlighten me, search me within, and expose me. I want to be enlightened by You and exposed in Your light." Instead of shutting ourselves up and hiding from Him, we need to pray, "Lord, we are open. Come and shine upon us, and shine from within us and enlighten every avenue and every corner of our being. We desire to be exposed, purged, and purified." (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 4243-4245)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 416

Thursday 5/14

**Related Verses****Zech. 3:9**

**9** For here is the stone that I have set before Joshua - upon one stone are seven eyes. I will engrave its engraving, declares Jehovah of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

**Zech. 4:10**

**10** For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel; they are the eyes of Jehovah running to and fro on the whole earth.

**1 Pet. 2:4-7 (4-6)**

**4** Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men but with God chosen and precious,

**5** You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**6** For it is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a cornerstone, chosen and precious; and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame."

**7** To you therefore who believe is the preciousness; but to the unbelieving, "The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner,"

**Eph. 2:20-22**

**20** Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;

**21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

**22** In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**Rev. 21:10-11**

**10** And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

**11** Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

**Related Reading**

The reference to engraving the stone in Zechariah 3:9 indicates that this stone is Christ. The Lord Jesus, as the building stone, was engraved, dealt with, by God on the

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cross for the iniquity of God's people. In one day, by that engraving on the cross, the Lord Jesus took away all the sins of God's people. This corresponds to John 1:29, which says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"...In short, the stone with seven eyes in Zechariah 3:9 is the Lamb with seven eyes in Revelation 5:6. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, p. 4246)

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Zechariah 4:2 says, "There is a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on top of it and its seven lamps upon it..." In 3:9 the building stone has seven eyes, and in this verse the lampstand has seven lamps. This reveals that the lampstand equals the stone. Both the stone and the lampstand are Christ. The stone is for the building, and the lampstand is for light, for enlightening. On the stone there are seven eyes, and on the lampstand there are seven lamps. Hence, the seven lamps of the lampstand must be the seven eyes on the stone.

The seven eyes on the stone are the "eyes of Jehovah running to and fro on the whole earth" [Zech. 4:10]. This verse corresponds to Revelation 5:6, which speaks of the seven eyes of the Lamb, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. This indicates that the seven eyes of God are the seven Spirits of God. Zechariah 4:4-6 also implies that the seven eyes, which are the seven lamps, are related to the Spirit. After speaking of seven lamps upon a golden lampstand in verse 2, Zechariah asked an angel in verse 4, "What are these?" Here, in effect, Zechariah was asking what the significance of the one lampstand with seven lamps is. In verse 6 the angel answered, "This is the word of Jehovah to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says Jehovah of hosts." This clearly indicates the one lampstand with seven lamps is "My Spirit," the Spirit of God. Here the seven lamps signify the seven Spirits of God. This is because the book of Revelation indicates that the seven eyes of God, which are the seven lamps, are the seven Spirits of God...Zechariah reveals that the seven eyes of God, which are the seven lamps on the lampstand, are also the seven eyes of the stone. By means of the seven eyes, Christ as the Lion and the Lamb unveiled in Revelation 5 is connected to the stone spoken of in Zechariah 3. Therefore, the One with the seven eyes is not only the

Lion- Lamb but also the stone. He is the Lion- Lamb-stone; the Lion to destroy the enemy, the Lamb to redeem us, and the stone to build God's house.

After His death and resurrection, the age became the age of the church, which is God's building. For the building of the church, Christ is the rock [cf. Matt. 16:18].

The accomplishment of God's building requires His judgment. God's judgment is carried out by Christ's being the One with seven flaming eyes to burn, enlighten, search, purify, and refine us. Eventually, these flaming eyes infuse us with all that He is, metabolically transforming us into His being. The whole city of New Jerusalem will have the same essence and appearance as God. The appearance of God sitting on the throne in Revelation 4 is of jasper (v. 3), and the appearance of the New Jerusalem, especially its wall,...is also of jasper (21:11, 18-19). Thus, the essence and appearance of God and of the city are the same. This can be accomplished by having God wrought into us by means of transfusion. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 4246-4248)

Further Reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 417

**Friday 5/15***Related Verses***Rev. 1:4**

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

**Rev. 4:5**

5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

**Rev. 1:12-18 (16-18)**

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and hair were as white as white wool, as snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire;

15 And His feet were like shining bronze, as having been fired in a furnace; and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword; and His face shone as the sun shines in its power.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead; and He placed His right hand on me, saying, Do not fear; I am the First and the Last

18 And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

**Rev. 3:1**

1 And to the messenger of the church in Sardis write: These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are living, and yet you are dead.

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In Revelation, the sequence of the Triune God is different from that found in Matthew. In Matthew 28:19 the sequence of the Triune God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But in Revelation 1:4 and 5 the sequence is changed. The seven Spirits of God are listed in the second place instead of the third. This reveals the importance of the intensified function of the sevenfold Spirit of God. This point is confirmed by the repeated emphasis on the Spirit's speaking in 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 14:13; and 22:17. At the opening of the Epistles, only the Father and the Son are mentioned, from whom grace and peace are given to the receivers. Here, however, the Spirit is also included, from whom grace and peace are imparted to the churches. This also signifies the crucial need of the Spirit for God's move to counteract the degradation of the church. (*Life-study of Revelation*, p. 37)

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In Revelation the Spirit occupies the second place in the sequence of the Divine Trinity...because in this book the age has been changed from the Son to the Spirit...The age is the age of the Spirit, and in this age the Spirit has been intensified.

Because the Spirit in 1:4 is the intensified Spirit of God, He is called the seven Spirits. The seven Spirits are

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undoubtedly the Spirit of God because They are ranked among the Triune God in verses 4 and 5...The number seven here does not refer to seven different spirits but to one sevenfold Spirit.

Seven is the number of completion in God's dispensational move, whereas twelve is the number of completion in God's eternal administration. For example, God created the earth in six days plus one Sabbath day...For God's move today, the church has the number seven. In the book of Revelation the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls are all for God's dispensational move. Thus, the sevenfold Spirit is the intensified Spirit in God's move today.

In substance and existence, God's Spirit is one; in the intensified function and work of God's operation, God's Spirit is sevenfold. It is like the lampstand in Zechariah 4:2. In existence it is one lampstand, but in function it is seven lamps. At the time the book of Revelation was written, the church had become degraded, and the age had become dark. Therefore, the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God was needed for God's move and work on the earth. We all are familiar with three-way bulbs, light bulbs that can be switched to three successive degrees of illumination...In like manner, the seven lamps on the lampstand were the sevenfold intensified light. In the four Gospels the Spirit of God was onefold because at that time there was not the need for so much light. However, after the church had been degraded and the age had become exceedingly dark, there was the need for the Holy Spirit to be intensified sevenfold. In this way the one Spirit of God has become the sevenfold Spirit. In existence the Holy Spirit, like the lampstand in Zechariah, is one, but in function the Holy Spirit is seven.

The seven Spirits of God are the seven eyes of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6; Zech. 3:9; 4:10). Our eyes are for our moving. If we are blind, it is very difficult to move. In God's move today, Christ as the Lamb of God has seven eyes. The seven eyes of the Lamb are also for watching, observing, and transfusing...How can you realize that someone loves you? Love is transfused through the eyes...When Christ looks at us with His seven eyes, we may be terrified at first. Eventually, however, these seven eyes will transfuse Christ's element into us. (*Life-study of Revelation*, pp. 37-39)

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**Saturday 5/16****Related Verses****Rev. 5:3-14 (9-14)**

**3** And no one in heaven nor on the earth nor under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it.

**4** And I wept much because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it.

**5** And one of the elders said to me, Do not weep; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.

**6** And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**7** And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne.

**8** And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each having a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which bowls are the prayers of the saints.

**9** And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

**10** And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

**11** And I saw, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and of the living creatures and of the elders, and their number was ten thousands of ten thousands and thousands of thousands,

**12** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb who has been slain to receive the power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

**13** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and all things in them, I heard saying, To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.

**14** And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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In Revelation 5:9-10 we see the elders singing a new song of praise to the Lamb...The song here is new because the Lamb whom it praises had just been slain. This new song praises the worthiness of the Lamb...In the whole universe no one is worthy to open the mystery of God's economy but Christ, the overcoming Lion and the redeeming Lamb. As the overcoming Lion, He has defeated Satan for God, and as the redeeming Lamb, He has put away sin for us. He is the only One qualified to unveil and carry out the mystery of God's economy. (*Life-study of Revelation*, p. 224)

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Our Savior is the Lamb as well as the Lion. This One is worthy to open the scroll. Apart from Him, no one in the universe is worthy to open the secret, the mystery, of God's economy. But the Lion-Lamb is worthy because He has accomplished redemption and has won the victory over Satan. As the One who has brought God's authority to the earth, He is the victorious, overcoming Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb who has accomplished a full redemption for God's chosen people. Therefore, He is completely qualified and positioned to open the mystery of God's economy...Most Christians fail to realize that He is worthy to open the seals of the secret of God's economy. This aspect of the Lord's worthiness is universal and immeasurable. Of course, Christ is worthy of our praises; He is worthy even of our lives.

Nevertheless, we must realize that, according to Revelation 5, Christ's worthiness is a matter of His being qualified to open the secret of God's economy. The universe is a mystery which the scientists cannot unravel. They simply do not know the meaning or the purpose of the universe because it is a secret kept from them. But Christ is worthy to open this secret, for He is worthy to open the seals of God's economy.

A scroll is a roll of parchment paper or other material. Because a scroll is rolled up, it is difficult to determine just how long it is. The scroll in Revelation 5 is eternally long. Only Christ is worthy to open this eternally-long scroll...We will need eternity to see all that is included in it. When we are in the New Jerusalem, we will still be reading the contents of the scroll. For eternity we will

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say, "Now I see something more."...When we are in eternity, we may say, "The Lord's surprise [of the opening of the scroll] is eternal. Although we are now in eternity, we still cannot see the end."

Christ has received from God the authority to administrate the entire universe (vv. 1, 6-7). Christ is the real Administrator of the heavens and all the nations on earth. In Matthew 28:18 the Lord told the disciples that all authority had been given to Him in heaven and on earth. In Revelation 5 Christ as the Lamb of God was standing in the midst of the four living creatures and the elders. The One who was sitting on the throne was holding a scroll sealed with seven seals. God was sitting on the throne holding this scroll, the schedule of His administration in the entire universe. This scroll is like a timetable of what will take place from the ascension of Christ to the New Jerusalem. The seven seals with which the scroll is sealed are actually its contents. These seven seals are the seven secrets of the universe, which are the mystery of God's economy. Christ as the Lion-Lamb is qualified to open the scroll, that is, to open the mystery of God's economy and to carry it out. This indicates that Christ is the One who has received the authority to administrate the entire universe. We all must worship Christ as the Administrator, as the One in the heavens administering all things for the fulfillment of God's economy. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 4252-4253)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Revelation*, msg. 2

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis****Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading**

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 50

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 119-120

**Level 2—Topical Study**

Crucial Point: Genesis in Revelation

Scripture: N/A

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 77, 108  
Supplemental Reading: *God's New Testament Economy*, ch. 29; *The Glorious Church*, chs. 4-5; *The Divine Economy*, chs. 14-15, 28; *The Central Thought of God*, ch. 12; *The Tree of Life*, ch. 16

Study Questions: See the church website at

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**Related Verses****Heb. 2:6-15**

**6** But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?"

**7** You have made Him a little inferior to the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;

**8** You have subjected all things under His feet." For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing unsubjected to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,

**9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

**10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

**11** For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

**12** Saying, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You."

**13** And again, "I will trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children whom God has given to Me."

**14** Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

**15** And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.

**Further Reading:**

Further reading: *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msg. 416

**Hymn: #1092**

**1** The saints throughout the centuries  
Have praised the Lord that He,  
The Lamb of God, has saved us,  
From sin has set us free;  
Yet scarcely for the Lion  
Have we yet sounded praise,  
Though oft for our redemption  
We've all our voices raised.

**2** John wept as he considered  
That none the right did own  
The scroll to take and open,  
God's myst'ry to make known;  
No, none on earth nor heaven,  
Nor universe around—  
And we, too, would be weeping  
If none were worthy found.

**3** The universe, mysterious,  
Would be in darkness still,  
Could none break through to open  
The scroll, to show God's will;  
But, lo, the worthy Lion  
Of Judah hath prevailed  
The seven seals to open,  
And have the scroll unveiled.

**4** No longer now in darkness  
God's secret is enclosed,  
But to our inner vision  
It's open, full, disclosed;  
Our hearts are for this purpose,  
Our lives are for His plan;  
And for this revelation  
We praise the Lion-Lamb!

**5** The four-and-twenty elders  
All fall before that sight.  
The living creatures praise Him,  
Who rest not, day nor night.  
So let us join their praises  
To Him who loosed God's plan;  
We'll lift with theirs our voices  
To praise the Lion-Lamb!