

THE UNVEILING OF CHRIST

"The One Who Is Worthy"

Revelation 5:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Chapter 5** is a continuation of Chapter 4 and the scene is in Heaven!!!
2. The Church has been Raptured out from Earth and is now in Heaven.
 - a) **Revelation 4:1**
3. The scene is once again in **Chapter 5** is the Throne in Heaven.
4. The events described in these **2 chapters** (4&5) anticipate the divine judgment about to strike the earth **Revelation 6-19**.
5. **Very Important:** The Church is in Heaven
 - a) That means us!!!
 - b) Vs 4 - 24 Elders
6. The opening phrase "**Then I saw**" - introduces the various scenes described in this chapter and establishes John as an eye witness.
7. **Revelation 5:1**
8. **Ephesians 2:1-3**

I. THE SEARCH

1. Vs 2
 - a) "***I saw a mighty angel***"
 - 1) Maybe Gabriel or Michael.
 - b) "***proclaiming with a loud voice***"
 - 1) A loud voice to reach every corner of the universe!!
 - c) This angel sought someone "***Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals***"
2. Vs 3 WOW!!!
3. Vs 4
 - a) John was overwhelmed with grief because who was going to be able to reverse the trend of the evil in this world.

II. THE SELECTION

1. Vs 5-7

A. THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

1. *Genesis 49:8-10*

2. The Jews of Jesus day expected Messiah to be powerful, and liberate them from the heavy hand of Roman oppression.

B. THE ROOT OF DAVID

1. *Isaiah 11:1,10*

2. Notice the genealogies of Jesus

1) **Matthew 1**

a) Through Joseph

2) **Luke 2**

a) Through Mary

3. *Romans 1:3*

a) "*born of the seed of David*"

4. While Jesus was a descendent of David...

a) **Vs 5**

1) "*the Root OF David*" - David came from Him.

b) *Matthew 22:41 -46*

c) *John 8:58*

5. **Vs 6**

a) As John looked @ the incredible scene before him, he found his attention drawn to what he saw between the throne.

C. A SLAIN LAMB

1. **Vs 6**

2. Now instead of the anticipated mighty Lion of the Tribe of Judah, John saw a Lamb.

a) *John 1:29*

3. *Exodus 12:3-6*

4. **AND this was no ordinary Lamb.**

a) **First, He was Standing alive on His feet.**

- 1) The word lamb occurs 28 times in Revelation
- 2) While all the demons of hell and wicked men conspired against Him,
 - a) And killed Him
 - b) He rose from the dead triumphing over His enemies.
- 3) **Genesis 22:7**
 - a) "**Where is the Lamb**"
- 4) **John 1:29**
 - a) "**Behold the Lamb of God**"
- 5) **Hebrews 8:1**
 - a) Here in Revelation The Lamb is standing ready for Judgment to begin.

b) **Secondly - the Lamb was Slain**

- 1) The marks of Jesus crucifixion will be visible throughout all eternity.

c) **Thirdly - the Lamb is Strong**

- 1) **Vs 6**

d) **Fourthly - the Lamb is Searching**

- 1) He had 7 eyes which are the seven spirits of God
- 2) Which represented perfect and complete understanding and knowledge.
 - a) Jesus is Omniscient - all knowing
 - b) Jesus is Omnipotent - all powerful
 - c) Jesus is Omnipresent - everywhere present

III. THE ACTIVITY OF THE LAMB

A. RECLAIMS AUTHORITY

1. **Vs 7**

2. **Daniel 7:13-14**

3. So in Chapter 5 Jesus is receiving the Kingdom from His Father.

B. RECEIVES WORSHIP OF HEAVEN

1. Who is in Heaven to Worship the Lamb?
 - a) The **Redeemed**
 - 1) **Revelation 5:8**

- a. "Elders" - represent the Church
 - 2) **Revelation 5:9-10**
 - b) The Angels
 - 1) **Revelation 5:11-12**
 - c) Every Creature
 - 1) **Revelation 5:13-14**
2. Every creature in the universe will worship the LAMB
- a) The entire Animal kingdom.
 - 1) Every bird
 - 2) Every fish in the sea
 - b) Will burst forth in PRAISE to the LAMB
3. **ONLY THE REDEEMED WILL SING - Vs 8-10**
- a) Notice we sing in the second person.