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REVELATION

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THE TITLE DEED TO EARTH

I don't know if there are men on the moon, but if there are they must be using the earth as their lunatic asylum. — George Bernard Shaw

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **Dan 12:8-9 NKJV** Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things?*" (9) And he said, "Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

II. **REV 5:1 NKJV** AND I SAW IN THE RIGHT *HAND* OF HIM WHO SAT ON THE THRONE A SCROLL WRITTEN INSIDE AND ON THE BACK, SEALED WITH SEVEN SEALS.

- A. We get a little help with the meaning of the sealed scroll in the Old Testament book of Jeremiah:
1. Jeremiah's cousin Hanameel, decided to sell his land to Jeremiah because he figured that when Nebucadnezzar conquered them - the land would be confiscated anyway.
 2. While Jeremiah was in jail for giving his prophecy, the Lord told him to accept his cousin's offer and buy the land - because one day they would return and that way it would be preserved for his family.
 - a) The court officials were called and the title deed was filled out and the transaction was completed.
 - b) The deed was rolled up into a scroll and sealed and could only be opened by the rightful owner!
 - c) The deal was not fully consummated until the owner came forth to break the seals and claim his land.
 - (a) For Jeremiah that was 70 years!
- B. **Psa 24:1 NKJV** tells us ...**The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.**
1. In the text before us:
 - a) The church has been raptured, now it is time for the Lord to redeem all that is and was His from the beginning.
 - (1) satan is called the "**god of this age**" in **2 Corinthians 4:4** but he is a usurper. He doesn't hold the title deed!
 - (2) This "scroll" is the title deed to the earth!!
 - (3) And the rightful owner is here to break the seals and to take possession!

III. **REV 5:2-3 NKJV** THEN I SAW A STRONG ANGEL PROCLAIMING WITH A LOUD VOICE, "WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND TO LOOSE ITS SEALS?" (3) AND NO ONE IN HEAVEN OR ON THE EARTH OR UNDER THE EARTH WAS ABLE TO OPEN THE

SCROLL, OR TO LOOK AT IT.

A. **Rom 3:10a NKJV** As it is written: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE;

1. In all of heaven and earth there is no one qualified to open the scroll – or even look at it!
 - a) I would like to point out once again that the Apostle John is standing in heaven at this point.
 - b) That means that he is in the company of Michael, and Gabriel, a host of angels and beings that worship round-about the throne and there is NO ONE who is qualified to open the scroll!
 - (1) Why? Because the title deed to the earth belongs to only One Person!

IV. **REV 5:4 NKJV** SO I WEPT MUCH, BECAUSE NO ONE WAS FOUND WORTHY TO OPEN AND READ THE SCROLL, OR TO LOOK AT IT.

A. This not just, "So I shed a tear..."

1. This bothers John so much that he weeps uncontrollably!
 - a) Do you know why?
 - (1) Because this would mean a lack of fulfillment of the promises of God to His saints!
 - (2) It would mean that satan would still have control of the earth!
 - (3) And ultimately it would mean that millions more would die without Jesus!
 - (a) This was more than John could bear **SO HE WEPT MUCH.**

V. **REV 5:5 NKJV** 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."

A. **Gen 49:8-10 NKJV** "Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. (9) Judah *is* a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? (10) The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.

B. **Heb 7:14a NKJV** For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah....

C. **Luk 1:32-33 NKJV** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. (33) And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

1. As the "Lion of the tribe of Judah and the root of David", Jesus rises from the throne to open the scroll and to rule and reign over the earth!
 - a) **Col 2:14-15 NKJV** having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

- (1) The “elder” successfully explains to John that Jesus and Jesus alone, has earned the right to open the scroll.

VI. **REV 5:6-7 NKJV** AND I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE AND OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES, AND IN THE MIDST OF THE ELDERS, STOOD A LAMB AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN SLAIN, HAVING SEVEN HORNS AND SEVEN EYES, WHICH ARE THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD SENT OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH. (7) THEN HE CAME AND TOOK THE SCROLL OUT OF THE RIGHT HAND OF HIM WHO SAT ON THE THRONE.

- A. It is very interesting that although the elder told John “**The Lion from the tribe of Judah**” was the One worthy to open the scroll – John sees Him as a Lamb – slain!
1. **Joh 1:29 NKJV** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, **“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**
 - a) John knew who this was!! He was at the foot of the cross and saw the wounds of the Savior of the world!!!
- B. Did you notice the 7 horns and the 7 eyes?
1. Horns can mean several things in the Bible, but the most significant for our text today is “power”, “authority” and “a call to battle”.
 2. Remember – in scripture – the #7 signifies completion as in the 7 days of creation!
 - a) So if you put these together we are talking about the Lamb having “complete power”, “complete authority”, and the breaking of this seal will begin the final and completed battle against satan!
 - (1) **Jos 6:4 NKJV** And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. (JERICHO)
 - (a) Remember in that battle at Jericho – the victory was not in the “formula” – the Lord was trying to show them that the victory was in Him!
 - (b) The 7 horns represent the omnipotence of the Lamb!
- C. And how about the 7 eyes?
1. The eyes are symbolic of the Holy Spirit:
 2. **Mat 6:22 NKJV** **“The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.”**
 - a) **Joh 1:29 NKJV** Jesus is ... **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**
 - b) And He said in **Joh 9:5** **As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”**
 - (1) These 7 eyes symbolize the omniscience of the Lamb.
 - (a) Once again – the Lamb – slain – is worthy to open the scroll!

VII. **REV 5:8-10 NKJV** NOW WHEN HE HAD TAKEN THE SCROLL, THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES AND THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS FELL DOWN BEFORE THE LAMB, EACH HAVING A HARP, AND GOLDEN BOWLS FULL OF INCENSE, WHICH ARE THE

PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS. (9) AND THEY SANG A NEW SONG, SAYING: "YOU ARE WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL, AND TO OPEN ITS SEALS; FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD BY YOUR BLOOD OUT OF EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE AND PEOPLE AND NATION, (10) AND HAVE MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD; AND WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH."

- A. Here are the 24 elders singing and praising the Lamb of God – who takes away the sin of the world!
1. Remember from our last study – we said that these 24 “elders” represent all the saints before the throne of God giving him praise and it seems to be confirmed with the **“bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”**
 - a) I wonder – if we could have been there and zoomed in to get a closer look at these saints before the throne – if we would have seen each other there?
 - (1) **Psa 141:2 NKJV** Let my prayer be set before You **as** incense, The lifting up of my hands **as** the evening sacrifice.
 - (2) Could it be that every single prayer given to the Lord will be kept – so that we can pour them out before him as an offering of praise?
 - (a) What a glorious thought – and doesn’t it want to make you pray a bit more?

VIII. REV 5:11-12 NKJV THEN I LOOKED, AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF MANY ANGELS AROUND THE THRONE, THE LIVING CREATURES, AND THE ELDERS; AND THE NUMBER OF THEM WAS TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND, AND THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS, (12) SAYING WITH A LOUD VOICE: "WORTHY IS THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN TO RECEIVE POWER AND RICHES AND WISDOM, AND STRENGTH AND HONOR AND GLORY AND BLESSING!"

- A. When John tried to add up the many angels and the living creatures and the elders – there were too many of them for him to get an accurate count so he estimated them at - **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands!**
1. He may not be able to get an accurate counting of them all – but one thing is sure of – they are ALL **(12) saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"**
 - a) In other words – NOT ONE of these beings around the throne of God – have a shadow of a doubt that the Lamb – Jesus is worthy to open the scroll!

IX. CONCLUSION

- A. **Rev 5:13-14 NKJV** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power **Be** to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" **(14)** Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.
1. It would appear that every creature in heaven AND on earth and even in the sea

can talk when there is a good enough reason to!

a) And Jesus is a good enough reason.