

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART IV
“UNDERSTANDING THE END”
REVELATION 5
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INTRODUCTION

- Revelation is the word apocalypse which means to uncover or to disclose what is hidden.
- Chapter 4 is worship and songs and Chapter 5 is songs around the scroll that opens up judgement.
- Jesus is the only one worthy to unfold God’s plan.
- Revelation 5:1-5, I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals...a strong angel proclaiming...“Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book...⁴Then I *began* to weep...⁵And one of the elders said...“Stop weeping...the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah...has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

I. THE SCROLL

- The scroll/the book is the subject of the entire chapter.
- Scroll, book = *biblion*, in biblical days writing was done on papyrus, connected and rolled up to make a scroll.
- A scroll with a seal is different than most scrolls. It is a will, sealed until death.
- It could only be opened by one of the witnesses.

II. THE END BOOK

- This scroll unveils the next ten chapters of Revelation.
- Chapter 6 begins the descriptions and they are all 7’s.
- 7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls
- Chapters 5 to 18 unfold this scroll.

- One of the keys to understanding the book of Revelation is found in the scroll. It is His will!
- Vss. 5-6 - Many of us have failed to see Jesus for all He is.
- We know Him as the Lamb of God, but do you know Him as the Lion of Judah? The warrior?
- Vss. 7-8 - The prayers of the saints, bowls of incense.
- Revelation 8:3-4 - The word teaches that the prayers of God’s people impact the throne of heaven.

III. FOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCROLL

First – “What is the scroll about?” His will.

- Reveals what His desire for mankind was and is.
- The scroll’s opening is meant to bring a final release from the curse of sin.

Second - “Who sealed the scroll?”

- God did, but free will allows so many things to come down on us.
- We have free will, but God is saying “I still have the final word here.”
- Jesus made Himself a curse for us – Gal. 3:13

Third - “Why is there concern that the scroll cannot be unsealed?”

- Vss. 3-4 - John weeps because he understood the need to break the curse and set people free.

Fourth - “What do we learn about the Lambs coming?”

- He alone brings the power to save us - Psalm 115
- God gave dominion to man and it can only be released by a worthy human being.

CLOSE

- Vss. 11-14 - The cross is the beginning of the end for the curse.
- He can break the curse in your life today.