

REVELATION, Chapter 5
CHRIST SHIELDS HIS AFFLICTED PEOPLE

The fifth chapter of Revelation needs to be closely studied. It is of great importance to those who shall act a part in the work of God for these last days. There are some who are deceived. They do not realize what is coming on the earth. Those who have permitted their minds to become beclouded in regard to what constitutes sin are fearfully deceived. Unless they make a decided change they will be found wanting when God pronounces judgment upon the children of men. They have transgressed the law and broken the everlasting covenant, and they will receive according to their works. {9T 267.1}

Chapter 4 is the prelude to chapter 5.

I. Chapter 5:1 – 14

1. What was the main focus of chapter 4?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. What was the focus of the 4 “living creatures” and the 24 elders?
 - a. _____
3. What was the main focus of chapter 5?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

A. vs. 1 – 4; the Book with Seven Seals

1. What is the focus of v. 1? _____
2. What is the scroll? _____
 - a. biblion, _____
 - b. written inside and on the back,
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____ Ex, 32:15; Ez. 2:9-10
 - c. sealed, _____

sealed ... seven seals--Greek, "sealed up," or "firmly sealed." The number seven (divided into four, the world-wide number, and three, the divine) abounds in Revelation and expresses completeness. Thus, the seven seals, representing all power given to the Lamb; the seven trumpets, by which the world kingdoms are shaken and overthrown, and the Lamb's kingdom ushered in; and the seven vials, by which the beast's kingdom is destroyed.

d. seven, _____

3. What is the issue in v. 2? _____

4. What was John's reaction and what does it indicate? _____

B. vs. 5 – 7; The Lion/Lamb

1. Who was able to open the scroll? _____

a. Gen. 49:9, _____

The lion, king of the forest, is a fitting symbol of this tribe, from which came David, and the Son of David, Shiloh, the true "Lion of the tribe of Judah," to whom all powers shall finally bow and all nations render homage. {PP 236.2}

b. Root of David, 2 Samuel 7:12 – 16; _____

i. Is. 11:1, 10; _____

ii. Jer. 23:5, 6; _____

iii. Zach. 6:12, 13; _____

2. v.6, what is the focus now? _____

a. What is the significance of the "Lamb"? _____

The Saviour is presented before John under the symbols of "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" and of "a Lamb as it had been slain." Revelation 5:5, 6. These symbols represent the union of omnipotent power and self-sacrificing love. The Lion of Judah, so terrible to the rejectors of His grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful. The pillar of fire that speaks terror and wrath to the transgressor of God's law is a token of light and mercy and deliverance to those who have kept His commandments. The arm strong to smite the rebellious will be strong to deliver the loyal. Everyone who is faithful will be saved. "He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and shall gather

together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:31. {AA 589.2}

It was the Lion of the tribe of Judah who unsealed the book and gave to John the revelation of what should be in these last days. {TM 115.2}

b. What is the location of the Lamb and what does it signify? _____

c. seven horns, 1 Sam. 2:10 _____

d. seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth, Zech. 4:10; Rev. 4:5

i. _____

ii. _____

e. seven Spirits, _____

3. V.7, what is the first thing the Lamb does? _____

C. vs. 8 – 14; Spontaneous response in Heaven

1. V. 8, what was the response of the 4 creatures and the 24 elders? _____

a. What do the 24 elders have?

i. _____

ii. _____

b. What is the significance of the vials? _____

2. V.9, what did they do? _____

a. What did they sing about?

i. _____

ii. _____

b. What did they sing about in 4:11? _____

3. Who joined in? v.11, _____

v. 13, _____

4. What did they say? v. 12, _____

v. 13, _____

5. Who leads worship? V.14 _____