

The Seven-Sealed Scroll And The Lamb

Revelation 5:1-14

Intro: Chapters 4 and 5 you will recall serve as a prologue or introduction to the third major division of the Book of Revelation, chapters 4–22. Beginning in chapter 6 and extending through chapter 18, John records events that will take place during the final seven years of human history, a future period commonly referred to as the Great Tribulation. This extended section unfolds the ominous judgments that God will pour out upon this Christ-rejecting world. But before the judgments commence John is transported spiritually to heaven in chapter 4, where he is given a spectacular vision of God on His throne, surrounded by angelic beings and 24 elders representing the redeemed church of Jesus Christ. Chapter 5 continues the vision by focusing attention on the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who alone is worthy to receive and open a seven-sealed scroll. The scroll describes a three-fold series of seven-fold judgments that Christ will release upon the earth during the seven year Tribulation period.

III. The Revelation Of Future Events: “*The Things Which Shall Take Place After These Things*” (Revelation 4–22)

- A. John’s vision of the heavenly throne (Rev. 4:1-11)
- B. John’s vision of the seven-sealed scroll and the Lamb (Rev. 5:1-14)
 - 1. The seven-sealed scroll (v. 1)



Contents of the scroll—

What the scroll represents—

- 2. The strong angel’s question: “Who is worthy?” (vv. 2-5)

Two titles of the One who was qualified to open the seven-sealed scroll:

- (1) The Lion from the Tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:8-12)
- (2) The Root of David (Isaiah 11:1, 10)

- 3. The Lamb who was slain (vv. 6-7)

- 4. The worship of the Lamb (vv. 8-14)

Conclusion: