

**“The Lamb and the Seven-Sealed Scroll”**  
**Revelation 5:1-14**

**Last Sunday:** The Throne Room of God

**Today:** The Lamb and the Seven-Sealed Scroll. Revelation 4 showcased giving glory to God the Creator, while Revelation 5 gives glory to God the Savior.

Outline:

- 5:1-4, The Sorrow in the Throne Room
- 5:5-8, The Lamb Takes the Scroll
- 5:9-14, The Worship of the Lamb

**5:1/** The Seven-Sealed Scroll. What is the symbolism of this scroll?

1. The sentence handed down by God against Jerusalem for its part in shedding “all the righteous blood” of the martyrs (Mt. 23:35). (Preterist)
2. The future dealings of God with the world and the church (Historicist)
3. The title deed to all the Father promised Christ (Futurist)
  - a. Ps 2:8, “Ask of me and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession.”
  - b. Under Jewish law, forfeited real estate could only be bought back (redeemed) by any near kinsman (Lev. 25:25).
4. God’s overarching plan of judgment and redemption (Futurist, Idealist, Eclectic)  
Joel Beeke, “God promised Adam that he would reign over the earth. Although Adam forfeited this promise, Christ, the last Adam was to inherit it ... This is God’s comprehensive, detailed, unchangeable plan for His creation ... from the falling of a hair from your head ... to the latest world-shaking events reported in today’s news, everything is on that scroll ... nothing is left to chance, for God’s purpose embraces all His creatures and all their actions.” Eph. 1:11 tells us that God “works all things after the counsel of His will.”

**5:6/** A lamb. Why would God have the lamb live in the Israelite home for four days?

1. Teach you the price of sin is death
2. Teach you that the innocent lamb is paying for your sin
3. Teach you the preciousness of the sacrifice

**5:9-10/** “And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals...’”  
Why is Christ worthy?

1. “You were slain” - the righteous One dying for the wicked
2. “By Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”
  - a. Ransom: ἀγοράζω, from the Greek *agora*, “to purchase from the marketplace”
  - b. As believers we are now set free, yet also owned by God?
3. “You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God” - Christ purchased our salvation on the cross, and the Holy Spirit now applies that salvation to one elect person at a time.
4. “And they shall reign on the earth”
  - a. Premillennial: In the future; the text specifically says they will reign on the earth.
  - b. Amilleninal: Spiritual reign of believers over their own spirits (not slaves to sin).
  - c. Postmillennial: As the age progresses, Christianity ascends in this world and the kings and leaders soon become believers prior to the Second Coming of Christ.