

11/11/ WORTHY is the LAMB

REVELATION 5

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" [Revelation 5:1-2]

The SCROLL







The scroll contains the culmination of God's prophetic promises and His decreed will that must be fulfilled at the end of the age.

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2"Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today.

[Jeremiah 36:1-2]

"It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that everyone may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin." Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him.

[Jeremiah 36:3-4]

"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose." [Isaiah 46:9-10]

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

- 2The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
 - 3"Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

[Psalm 2:1-3]

"He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." [Psalm 2:4-6]

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. 12Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!"

[Psalm 33:10-12]



LEGAL DOCUMENT







AUTHORITY











The scroll also represents the legal document that grants authority to rule over the earth and all mankind.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

[Genesis 1:26]

"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **4**what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

5Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet." [Psalm 8:3-6]

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." [Genesis 3:15]

"Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

[John 12:31-32]

"And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. 301 will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me." [John 14:29-30]

The Revelation of Jesus Christ And when the Spirit comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged." [John 16:8-11]

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. 3The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

[Luke 4:1-3]

And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone." 5And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, **6**and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will." [Luke 4:4-6]

"If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8**And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

[Luke 4:7-8]

"But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." [1 Corinthians 2:7-8]

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

[Matthew 28:18-20]

"We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. 19We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." [1 John 5:18-19]

NO ONE IS WORTHY



"And **no one** in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it." [Revelation 5:3-4]

All the greatest heroes of history fall short of God's glory. Only Jesus is worthy, willing, and able to bring an end to this evil age!



The Revelation of Jesus Christ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." 6And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

[Revelation 5:5-6]

Jesus is coming as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and the Root of David, having conquered thru His death as the Lamb of

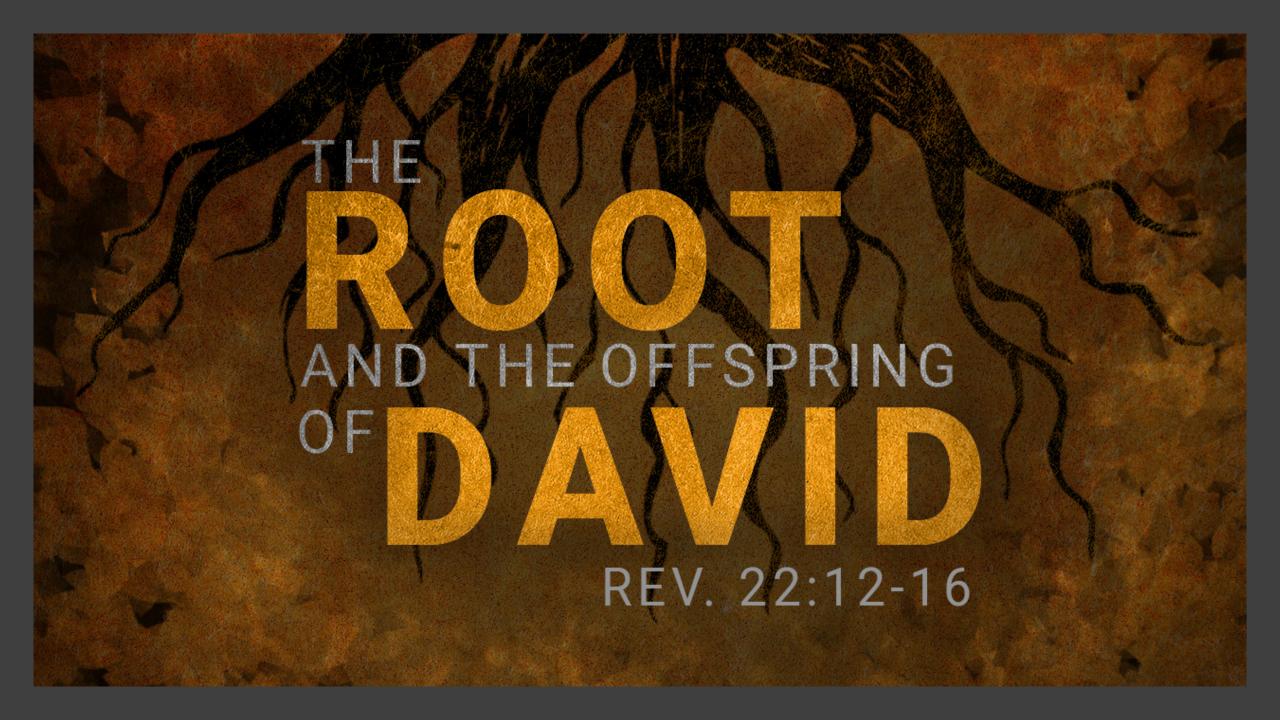


"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you.

Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?"

[Genesis 49:8-9]

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes." [Genesis 49:10-11]



"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

[2 Samuel 7:16-17]

"There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

[Isaiah 11:1-2]

But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins."

[Isaiah 11:4-5]

"In that day the root of Jesse," who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious."

[Isaiah 11:10]

The LORD says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your
footstool."

The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

[Psalm 110:1-2]

The Revelation of Jesus Christ "The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth." [Psalm 110:5-6]

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

[Luke 1:31-33]

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

[Revelation 22:16]



The Revelation of Jesus Christ "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and by his wounds we are healed. 6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." [Isaiah 53:5-6]

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?"

[Isaiah 53:7-8]

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" [John 1:29]

"Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." [1 Peter 1:18-19]

"Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham."

[Hebrews 2:14-16]

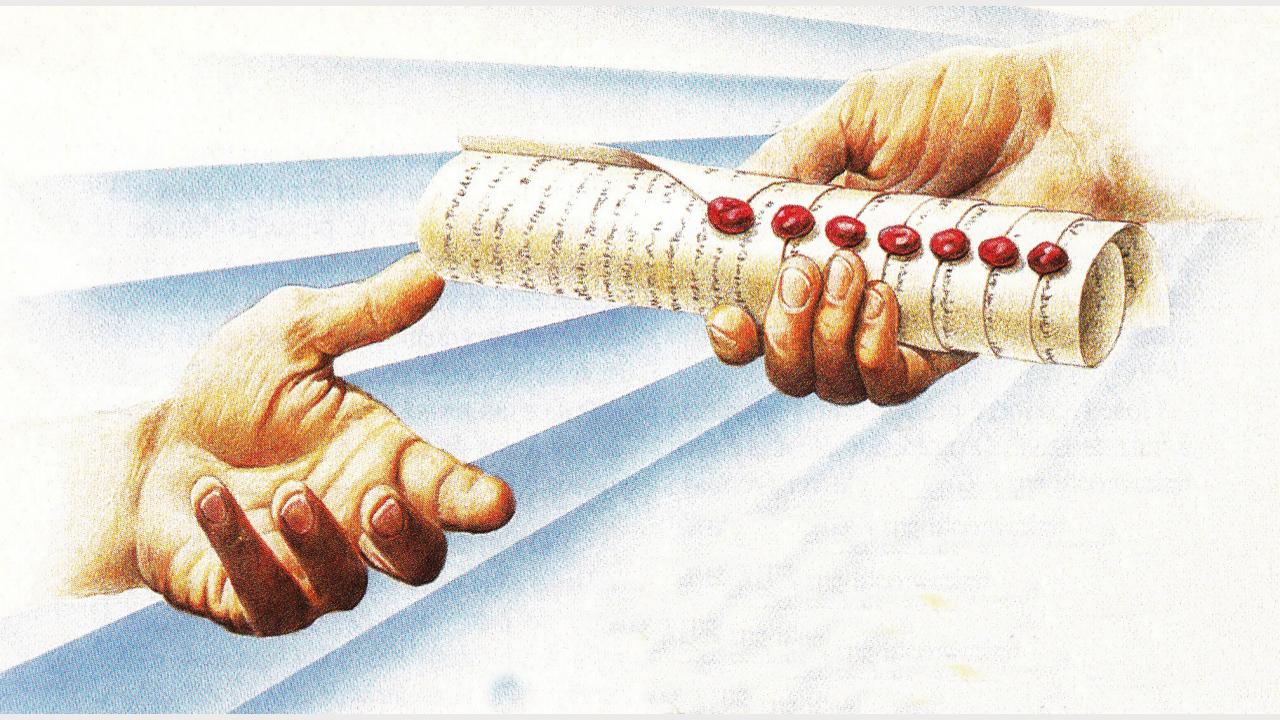
"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins ... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

[Colossians 1:13-14,19-20]

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins ... For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

[Colossians 1:13-14,19-20]

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, **nailing it to the cross**. **15**He **disarmed** the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." [Colossians 2:13-15]



The Revelation of Jesus Christ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twentyfour elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

[Revelation 5:7-8]



One like

unto the

Son of Man

As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

[Daniel 7:9-10]

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. 14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

[Daniel 7:13-14]

The HOPE of NATIONS



The Revelation of Jesus Christ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." [Revelation 5:9-10]

Jesus Christ came to redeem a **people** for God's own possession from every nation on the earth.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 31 will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." [Genesis 12:1-3]

"Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed." 9So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith."

[**Galatians 3:7-9**]

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

[1 Peter 2:9-10]

MYRIADS of ANGELS



Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

[Revelation 5:11-12]

When Jesus returns from heaven to earth, He is coming with His heavenly host of mighty angels to wage war against the ungodly.

"A stream of fire issued and came out from before him;

a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened."

[Daniel 7:9-10]

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant ...

[Hebrews 12:22-24]



"The LORD came from Sinai and dawned from Seir upon us; he shone forth from Mount Paran; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand." [Deuteronomy 33:2]

"God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! 2As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! 3But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!"

[Psalm 68:1-3]

"The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary." [Psalm 68:17]

"O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah 33to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. 34Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies."

[Psalm 68:32-34]

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.27And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."

[Mark 13:24-27]

"For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done."

[Matthew 16:27]

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

[Matthew 25:31-32]

"Indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, Zand to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

[2 Thessalonians 1:6-8]

"They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed."

[2 Thessalonians 1:9-10]

It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, 15to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

[Jude 1:14-15]

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God."

[Revelation 19:11-13]

And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords."

[Revelation 19:14-16]



And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

[Revelation 5:13-14]

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in very nature God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

[Philippians 2:5-7]

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name."

[Philippians 2:8-9]

"So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Philippians 2:10-11]

APPLICATION



Have you bowed your knee and confessed that Jesus – the Lamb of God – is your Lord and Savior?

If you refuse to willingly bow before the Lamb, you will be forced to face the coming wrath of the Lion of Judah!

Read Revelation 6, pray for ears to hear, and outline the First 6 seals.

