

**Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series**  
**Study #34: The Book With Seven Seals**  
**Revelation 5**  
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**Prelude/Pre-Appeal:**

**Ezekiel 33:30-32**

30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

**Matthew 15:8-9**

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain (Greek: "folly" fooliness/ "no purpose") they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

**Our worship is foolish with no purpose if we live in disobedience to God's word. It is foolishness to honor the commands of man than God.**

Remember: the Highest Form of Praise is obedience to God's Word.

**Review the first half of the heavenly scene (vision #2) Revelation 4**

In the beginning of John's second vision which begins in Revelation chapter 4 John is in the heavenly Holy sanctuary of God. He sees the door or veil that separates the Holy from the Most Holy Place open up. He sees the awesome scene of the Most Holy Place. It is in the Most Holy Place where the judgment of God takes place. We learned from our previous studies that we are living within the prophetic time of judgment since 1844.

**Revelation 14:6-7**

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the **hour of his judgment is come**: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Throne of God**

In Revelation 4 we learned that in this court room scene John sees God the Father sitting upon his throne with the bright appearance of shiny red jasper and sardine stones. The red in sardine and jasper stones symbolize blood, God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ spilled blood for man to save man. Around the throne John sees a rainbow that shine bright green as transparent emerald. The green emerald represents life and the rainbow represents the precious promises of God. So we see that God's promises are life giving promises.

Around the throne of God John sees 24 other seats/thrones with 24 elders sitting clothed with white robes and a golden crown upon their head. Then he sees lightening and thunder and voices coming from the throne of God displaying the awesome power of God. Seven candlesticks are before the throne of God that represents the Holy Spirit who is the oil and Christ who is the light to the world. Proceeding from the throne of God, that was high and lifted up, was the pure water of life flowing as a beautiful water fall into the sea of glass.

Round about the throne were four beasts. Each one of these four beasts were full of eyes with six wings. We learned that the eyes represents the wisdom and understanding of God and that He knows and sees ALL things. The six wings represent the ministry of six winged angels of God known as seraphims. These angels have the most wings recorded in the Bible. These messengers of God are quick and swift. It is clear from the symbolism of these four beasts that God wants the message of each beast to quickly and urgently go out to ALL the world that Jesus is the King of kings who became like us to sacrifice His life to save us from destruction unto everlasting life.

**The second heavenly vision that John sees in Revelation 4 of the judgment scene of the Most Holy Place continues in Revelation chapter 5.**

**After John sees the 24 Elders fall down and worship God what did John see in vision next?**

**Revelation 5:1**

1 And I saw in the **right hand of him** that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

**What is significant about the “right hand” of God?****Exodus 15:6**

6 Thy **right hand**, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

**Psalm 17:7**

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that **savest by thy right hand** them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them*.

**Psalm 118:16**

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly (strength / power)

**Psalm 138:7**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy **right hand shall save me**.

**Isaiah 41:10**

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the **right hand of my righteousness**.

The right hand of God represents His awesome strength and power to save us! It also represents His righteousness. “Righteousness” referring to the right ways and justice of God. So in the heavenly scene John sees **God sitting on the throne with a book in his right hand of power, salvation, and justice.**

**Who sets on the right hand of the saving power of God the Father?****Matthew 26:64**

64 Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

**Mark 16:19**

19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the **right hand of God**.

**Acts 7:55, 56**

55 But he (Stephen), being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing on the right hand of God**,  
56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the **Son of man standing on the right hand of God**.

**Hebrews 8:1**

1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is **set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens**.

**Hebrews 12:2**

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the **right hand of the throne of God**.

**1 Peter 3:22**

22 Who [Jesus] is gone into heaven, and is on the **right hand of God**; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

**Jesus is the power of salvation that sits on the right hand of God.**

**Romans 1:16**

16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**What is the description of the book that God holds in his right hand in Revelation 5:1?****Revelation 5:1**

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a **book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**

**Book in the Greek is “Biblion” (bib-lee-on) which means a roll or scroll.** Back in the ancient times books where actually made of animal skin or parchment rolled up around one or two staffs.

**Both sides of the scroll**

The book that John sees in the hand of God is written on both sides of the scroll indicating the completeness and thoroughness of God's Word.

**Sealed with seven seals**

Also, the book that John sees is sealed or close tight with seven seals. A seal is an official stamp or mark from a person of authority such as a king or president that authenticates the contents of an official document that comes directly from king or president. Remember is a number of completion and perfection. Seven also stands as a monument of God everlasting covenant!

**What is significant about this book sealed with seven seals?**

In Revelation's sister book, Daniel, God showed Daniel in visions the rise and fall of world empires until the setting up of God's everlasting kingdom. In Daniel chapter 7 Daniel sees the same court room setting that John sees in Revelation in the Most Holy Place.

**Daniel 7:9-10** I beheld till the thrones were cast down [set], and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. (10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Daniel records all the prophecies, judgments, and commands of God that he sees in vision.

**What did God command Daniel to do with the prophetic things that he saw and recorded at the end of the book of Daniel?****Daniel 12:4 & 9**

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book**, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

I can imagine that after Daniel closed up (rolled up the scroll), God sealed up the book with his seven seals of His authority revealed in Revelation 5.

**The book of Revelation repeats and expands on some of the same prophecies given in the book of Daniel, but what is significantly different about the book of Revelation?****Revelation 1:1 - 3**

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time is at hand**

**Revelation 22:7 & 10**

7 **Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

10 And he saith unto me, **Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.**

The book of Revelation is at the end of the Bible that reveals prophecies that will happen at the end of time to prepare God's people for the second glorious return of Jesus Christ. We are living at the end of time. The book is opened for an end time people.

**Going back to the book sealed with seven seals in Revelation 5:1, the book that was sealed in Daniel is now revealed in Revelation.**

It is evident that this sealed scroll contains the prophetic history and future of nations and the church. As we see this prophetic book opened we will see that it also contains the importance of the Ten commandments of God, His health laws, and counsels. We will also see symbolic language interpreted that has influenced every person on this earth from the beginning of time until the end of time.

**After John sees God on the throne holding the book sealed with seven seals, what did he see next?****Revelation 5:2, 3**

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is **worthy** to open the book, and to **loose** the seals thereof?

3 And **no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth**, was able to open the book, neither to

look thereon.

It is evident here that the book was sealed tight by God and only one with divine authority can open this book. **No man nor angel had the authority to open this book with seven seals.**

**What was John's response when he heard that no man has the authority to open the book with seven seals?**

**Revelation 5:4**

4 And **I wept much**, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Wept (Greek): klaiō [klah'-yo] - to sob, that is, **wail aloud** (whereas G1145 is rather to cry silently): - bewail, weep.

**What happened next that stopped John's wailing and dried his tears? Who is worthy to open the book with seven seals? Who has divine authority to do so?**

**Revelation 5:5, 6**

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, **hath prevailed (got victory) to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.**

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.

**Who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, and the Lamb?**

**John 1:29**

29 The next day John (the Baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Jesus represents the Lamb. His fleshly humanity is also from the lineage of King David and the tribe of Judah.**

**Roman 1:3**

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

**Revelation 22:16**

**16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

**Lion and 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.**” Acts of the Apostles p.590

**Seven eyes and seven horns**

Remember seven in Bible prophecy represents **completion or perfection**. The Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes that was slain symbolically represents Jesus Christ as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world “as a lamb without blemish and without spot” according First Peter 1:19. The seven horns represent the characteristic of His perfect strength, power, and authority. The seven eyes represent the complete and perfect wisdom of Christ. Don't forget, seven horns and seven eyes also stands as a monument of God everlasting covenant! Jesus swears into himself that He will completely finish the everlasting covenant.

**Sware** (Hebrew) shâba' [shaw-bah'] - **to seven oneself, that is, swear** (as if by repeating a **declaration seven times**): - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), feed to the full [by mistake for H7646], take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear.

**What did John see next?**

**Revelation 5:7, 8**

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

**Why is Jesus worthy to open the sealed book with seven seals?**

**Revelation 5:9, 10**

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

If the book is sealed by God only God can open it and no man. Jesus is fully God who became man to save us from sin. He redeemed us through His blood.

### **John 1 – 3, 14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

### **What glorious praise and worship did John see next?**

#### **Revelation 5:11 - 14**

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the **Lamb for ever and ever.**

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

### **Who are these twenty four elders who are worshiping Jesus in the Heavenly court room scene?**

Of course these are the same twenty fours elders sitting around the throne of God wearing a golden crown upon their heads in Revelation 4:4.

#### **Revelation 4:4**

4 And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Let's look at some clues:

Elder in Greek is "presbuteros"(pres-boo-ter-os) which means older or senior, indicating someone with experience. What kind of experience? Let's continue.

### **Also, the 24 elders are clothed with white raiment and had crowns of gold on their heads. What does this mean? Were these elders angels or humans redeemed from this earth?**

#### **Revelation 5:8 - 10**

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

The twenty four elders are not angels that John sees around the throne of God, but those who have been **redeemed** washed by the blood of Jesus wearing the white robe of Christ which represents the purity and righteousness of Christ.

**The golden crowns on the head of the 24 elders are victory crowns, "stephanos" (stef'-an-os) a crown of a twine or wreath. Athletes who won their contests wore "stephanos" as a sign of victory. The 24 elders wear their golden "stephanos" as a sign of victory over sin through the blood of Jesus.**

#### **1 John 5:4, 5**

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the **victory** that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**True and total Victory in God's sight is OVERCOMING sin, through faith in Christ Jesus!**

#### **Revelation 3:5, 21**

5 **He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the**

book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set **down with my Father in his throne.**

**24 is a multiple of 12. Multiple of 12 like the 12 tribes, the 12 disciples, 12 apostles or the 144,000 represent the human witnesses that testify for their Saviour Jesus Christ and give the everlasting gospel to the world.**

**When were these 24 elders taken to heaven to sit on the throne of God? Are these some of the dead saints of God who died and went straight to heaven after death?**

**Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6**

5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

**Psalms 146:4**

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

**Acts 29, 34**

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**The Bible reveals the redeemed who are currently in heaven translated by God. Who were they? Only those from this group can possibly make up the 24 elders that John sees.**

**Enoch:**

**Genesis 5:24**

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him.

**Hebrew 11:5**

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

**Elijah:**

**2 Kings 2:11**

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

**Moses:**

**Jude 1:9**

9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

**Also Moses and Elijah were on the mountain when Jesus was seen in all his glory by Peter, James and John.**

**Mark 9:2 - 4**

2 And after six days Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Elias (Elijah) with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

**A select people at the resurrection of Christ were raised up by God as first fruits of His harvest of the redeemed:**

**Matthew 27:50 - 53**

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

- 51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
- 52 And the **graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,**
- 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

This multitude of saints who were sleep in the hope of the GLORY of God was resurrected as “first fruits” of the great harvest of Jesus that will take place at the His second coming.

There were three feasts that Israel kept that were back to back that pointed to the everlasting covenant, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These three feasts were Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of First Fruits. Passover is on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan. The next day, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, was the Feast of Unleavened Bread and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan was the Feast of First Fruits. Jesus was the direct fulfillment of each one.

Jesus the Passover Lamb died on Passover, Friday. Jesus rested in his Tomb as one without sin on Sabbath, Saturday on the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Feast of First Fruits was a day after the feast of Unleavened Bread.

Every year on the Feast of First Fruits the priest would wave a handful of the first crops of the grain (barley) from the spring harvest as an offering of thanks. Jesus fulfilled this by taking a “handful” of the harvest as an offering unto God the Father when He ascended to heaven to see if God accepted His sacrifice.

**Because Enoch, Moses and Elijah were men of experience who had seen and experienced the power of God and His wonderful works it is quite possible that they make up part of the 24 elders. The rest of the elders who were resurrected after Christ as his “first fruits” make up the remaining number of the 24 elders.**

**With the book of seven seals in His hand what does Jesus do and what happens after He unseals each seal of the seven seals? To be continued... Prophecy revealed.. Powerful.**

#### **In conclusion**

In Revelation 4 and 5 John sees into the Most Holy Place in which the investigative judgment proceedings in heaven are taking place... Jesus has the book in his hand.

#### **In Daniel 7:10 Daniel sees the same court room scene**

##### **Daniel 7:10**

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the **books were opened.**

**The books of judgment are open and Jesus is judging His people. Jesus is investigating each case.**

##### **2 Corinthian 5:10**

10 For **we must all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

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