

Revelation 5

Revelation 5.1-10

V1 – What was the form of the book? A scroll (papyrus)

-Significance of writing on the back side also? So much to say (scrolls were normally written on only one side)

-"Seal"? - a drop of hot wax – the impression was made with a ring

-7 seals? A very important message

V2 – Question of the angel? Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?

V3 – Who was worthy to break the seals? No-one

V4 – Why did John start crying? – There was great persecution going on – John needed a message to give to the 7 churches of Asia – it was very urgent (these things would take place shortly)

V5 – Statement of one of the elders? He told John that Jesus was worthy to break the seals and reveal the message

-Jesus was not from the tribe of Levi, but from the tribe of Judah

-He was not a priest according to the order of Levi

-By whose order was he a priest? Melchizedek

V6 – What did John see? The Lamb - **Read Isaiah 53.7**

V7 – Jesus took the scroll from God the Father

V8 – What did the bowls of incense represent? The prayers of the saints

V9 – A new song was composed in heaven

-Jesus "bought" the people

-The slaves of sin had been redeemed

V10 - How would this encourage the persecuted Christians? They would reign with Christ

Revelation 5.11-14

V11 – Whose voices did John hear? Many angels, the 4 living creatures, and the elders

V12 – What were they saying? They were praising Jesus Christ as being worthy to break the seals and reveal the message to the 7 churches of Asia (and all future Christians who would be persecuted down through the ages)

V13 – Whose voices did John hear now? Every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea

-What were they saying? Praise to Jesus Christ

V 14 – What did the 4 living creatures say? Amen ("So be it")

What did the 24 elders do? Fell down and worshipped Jesus Christ

What a magnificent chapter of praise to Jesus Christ!

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