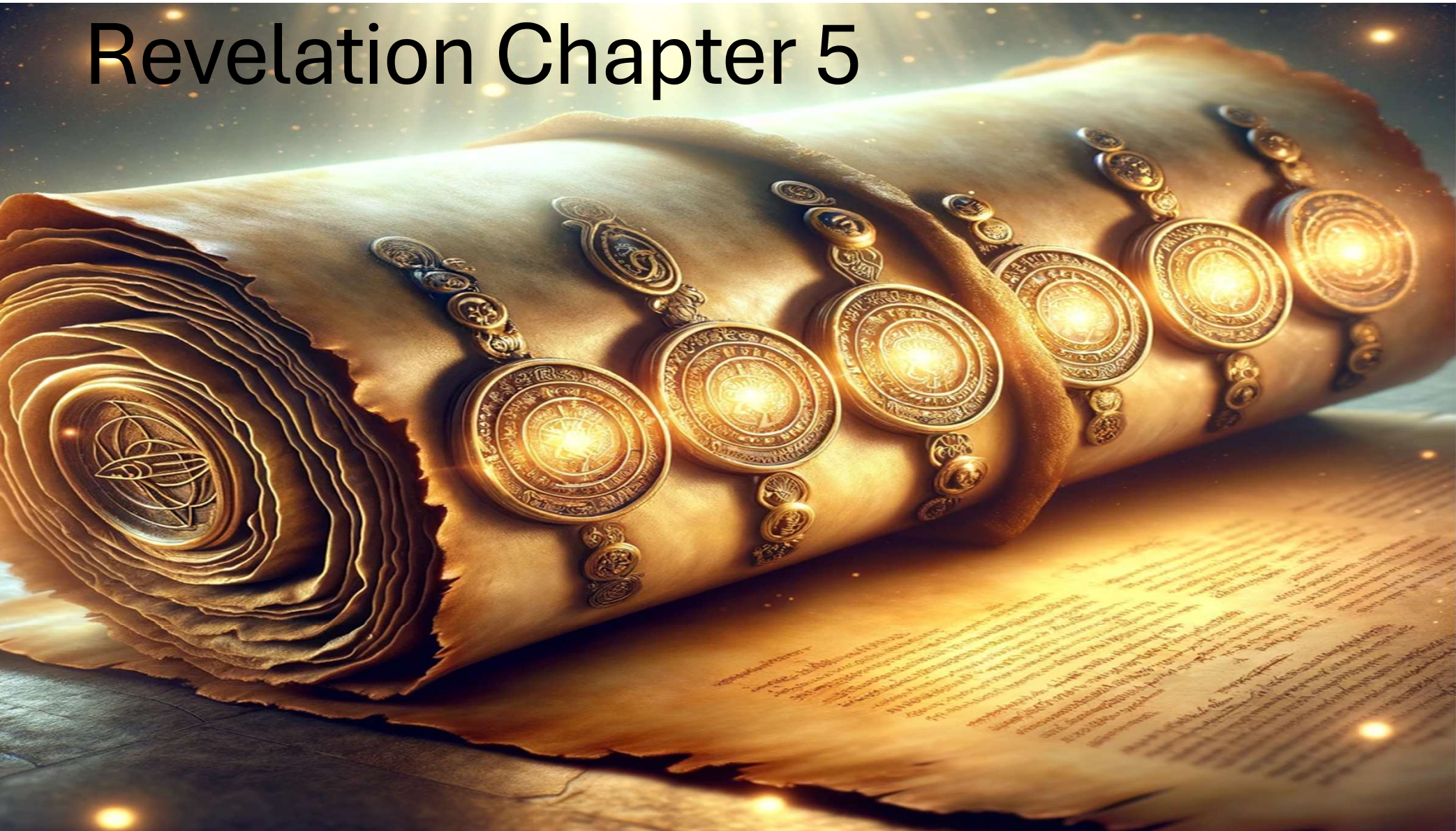


Revelation Chapter 5



Outline

- (5:1): John sees a **seven-sealed scroll** in the right hand of the one upon his throne.
- (5:2): A mighty angel asks if **anyone is able** to break the seals and open the scroll.
- (5:3): An **unsuccessful threefold search** is made.
 - A. In heaven (5:3a)
 - B. On earth (5:3b)
 - C. Under the earth (5:3c)
- (5:4): **John weeps** over this.
- (5:5c): He is told **someone is** indeed worthy to do this.

- (5:5a–5b, 6–7): This someone now steps forward.
- A. Who is He (5:5a-b, 6): **Jesus Christ.**
 - 1. *He is called the Lion of Judah (5:5a-b).*
 - 2. *He is called the Lamb of Jehovah (5:6).*
- B (5:7): **He takes the scroll** from the right hand of the enthroned one.
- (5:8): The twenty-four elders fall down before the Lamb, holding gold bowls filled with the prayers of God's people.
- The Exaltation (5:9–14)
- A. The song (5:9–10, 12, 13d–14): The lyrics **praise God for his wonderful work of redemption.**
- B. The singers (5:11–14)
 - 1. *Their diversity (5:11)*
 - a. All of heaven's elect angels (5:11a)
 - b. All of heaven's redeemed sinners (5:11b)
 - 2. *Their universality (5:13–14)*
 - a. Every creature in heaven (5:13a)
 - b. Every creature on earth (5:13b)
 - c. Every creature under the earth (5:13c)

The Scroll

- What is the scroll
 - Rolled up
 - Written in and out
 - Sealed with seven seals
- Some say it is,
 - Title deed of the earth
 - The book of life
 - Book of redemption
 - God's will

Covenants The KEY to understanding end times event)

1. **Adamic covenant:** Made with Adam after creation.
2. **Noahic covenant:** Made with Noah after the flood.
3. **Abrahamic covenant:** Made with Abraham, promising descendants and land.
4. **Mosaic covenant:** Made with Moses, including the Ten Commandments.
5. **Davidic covenant:** Made with King David, promising an eternal kingdom.
6. **New covenant:** Established through Jesus Christ.
 1. (Eps 5:32)
 2. The New Covenant is to all, not just to the Jews.
7. **Everlasting covenant:** God's promise of redemption and restoration.

Adamic covenant

- There are two parts
- First:
 - The Edenic Covenant (innocence)
 - Genesis 1:26-30; 2:16-17.
 - Mankind (male and female) created in God's image.
Mankind's dominion (rule) over the animal kingdom.
Divine directive for mankind to reproduce and inhabit the entire Earth.
Mankind to be vegetarian (eating of meat established in the Noahic covenant: Genesis 9:3).
Eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil forbidden (with death as the stated penalty).

Adamic covenant

- Second
 - The Adamic Covenant (grace).
 - Found in Genesis 3:16-19. As the result of Adam's sin, the following curses were pronounced:

Enmity between Satan and Eve and her descendants.

Painful childbirth for women.

Marital strife.

The soil cursed.

Introduction of thorns and thistles.

Survival to be a struggle.

Death introduced. (Separation)

Death will be the inescapable fate of all living things.

Ruth

- Understand the book of Ruth
- Is about the kinsmen redeemer
- Jesus is our redeemer
 - That is, He restores us back to the state of Adam, Spiritually.

Daniel 12

- **Dan 12:1** "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall **be a time of trouble**, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.
- Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.**
- Dan 12:3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.
- Dan 12:4 "But you, Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

So now,

- Is it the title deed?
- Is it a will?
- Is it the scroll in Daniel 12?
- Is it the scroll in Ez 2:9-10?
- Is it important?
- The focus is on the SEALS not the scroll!
- When each seal is opened a judgement happens.
- Within the seventh seal we find the 7 trumpets and the unveiling of the scroll.
 - There is an interesting transition with the 6th seal. Focus is on the Jew's great tribulation.
 - Prior to, the world is going through a great tribulation.

The court room

- You have God holding the scroll
- You have a strong angel proclaiming who is worthy.
 - Could this be the accuser of the brethren?
 - Is the statement a challenge?
- No one was found. Man = not even one
 - In heaven (sky)
 - On the earth
 - Or under the earth
- So John weeps

The Elder speaks!

- Then John, there is someone!
 - The Lion of Judah
 - Gen 49:9-10 (this is an introduction to the Jews)
 - From the **Abrahamic covenant**
 - The Root of David
 - Isa 11:10, Rom 15:12 and Rev 5:5, 22:16 (Introduction of the Gentiles.)
 - Resting place for the Gentiles
- Open or open up.
- Loose is it break open.

Divine Wrath Satisfied

- Jesus had come “for this purpose.” What did he mean?
- He had come to glorify his Father’s name (John 12:28).
- He had come “to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8).
- He had come to express his Father’s and his own love for sinners like us (Romans 5:8).
- He had come to draw all people to himself (John 12:32).
- He had come to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29) by becoming the propitiation for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2).

Divine Wrath Satisfied

- Isaiah 53:5–6
- Isaiah 53:10–11
- The old-covenant-era hearers would have understood what this meant, for guilt offerings were sacrificed to God as substitutes in place of those who had sinned against him, so that the sinners themselves would not bear God's righteous anger

Revelation 5:6

- Stood a Lamb as though it had been slain.
 - Fulfillment of Isa. (thus)
 - The coming judgment beginning in chapter six is dictated and administrated by the **Lamb** who already offered an escape from judgment by taking judgment upon Himself. The judgment will come upon a world that hates the **Lamb** and all He stands for, and rejects His offer of escape.
 - Jesus being seen as the Lamb qualified Him to open and release the judgement (wrath) of God upon the earth.
 - With this said, I believe the scroll is not the title deed of the earth, but the releasing of the wrath of God upon the earth. Tied with Dan 12 and Ez 2:9-10.
- Let's look more.
 - 7 horns (power)
 - 7 eyes (all seeing, all knowing Zechariah 4:10 and 3:9).
 - 7 Spirits of God sent out into the world.

Revelation 5:7-8

- The Lamb takes the scroll out of God's hand
- Worship begins
 - 4 living creatures
 - 24 elders
 - Each having a harp
 - And a bowl which the prayers of the saints.
 - The idea that your prayers are a sweet smell to unto God.

The song of the redeemed.

- Focus is on the seals
- Redeemed us (**Adamic covenant through a New Covenant**)
- Out of every nation, tongue, people and nation.
- Made us Kings and Priests.
- We shall reign with you on earth.

The song of the angels

- Look at the scene
 - The throne in the center, with the Lamb
 - With the Lamb are the 4 creatures and the 24 elders.
 - Around the Lamb, 4 creatures and the 24 elders are the angels
 - $10000 \times 10000 = 100$ million but plus thousands of thousands.
 - Worthy is the Lamb
 - To receive power, riches and wisdom.
 - Strength, honor and blessing.

The song of every creature

- Blessing, honor, glory and power.
- Be to God
- And to the Lamb

- Coming back to the center the 4 creatures and the 24 elders say AMEN.