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WORTHY IS THE LAMB

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION  
REVELATION 4-6:11  
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REVELATION 4-6:11 "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 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. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The Four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. 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. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 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. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 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 vails full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 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; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 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; 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. 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. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was

given unto him a great sword. And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

There are three views of the Tribulation given in the book of Revelation.

1. The Seals in Revelation 6. This is a summary of the Tribulation.
2. The Trumpets in Revelation 8-11. This is the Tribulation from the standpoint of the Gentiles.
3. The Vials in Revelation 12-19. This is the Tribulation from the standpoint of the Jews.

The church does not go through the Tribulation. Chapters 2 and 3 give us a picture of the church on earth, and chapters 4 and 5 give us a picture of the church in heaven. John was given a peek into heaven so he could see what was going on there. After the church was taken out of the world and taken to heaven, he was permitted to look through the door and see what was going on there. John saw seven things in heaven, and we have studied five of these.

Let us review these seven things--

1. He saw the Godhead as represented by Jesus Christ.
2. He saw the 24 elders, or presbuteros. These were the ruling angels.
3. In Revelation 4:5 John saw the two judgments.
4. In verse 6a he saw the church at rest in heaven.
5. In verses 6b-11 John saw the four living creatures. This is a reference to angels. These four angels were the ones who took the place of Satan when he was thrown out.
  - a. First one was like a lion. Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This is Jesus as he was presented in Matthew.
  - b. Second one was like an ox. This is the servant and burden bearer and is the picture of Jesus we have in the Gospel of Mark.
  - c. Third one was like a man. This is the Son of Man and the picture of Jesus we have in the Gospel of Luke.
  - d. The fourth one was like a flying eagle. This is the Deity of Christ as presented in the Gospel of John.

(Later we will see the two other things John saw--The Book and The Judge.)

REVELATION 4:8 "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." These were super-angels, part Cherub and part Seraph. They constantly praise the Lord.

REVELATION 4:9-11 "And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Here we see the principle of angelic worship.

Glory--This is a recognition of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ. He had absolute stability.

Honour--This refers to the person of Christ, the one who makes it possible for us to be redeemed.

Thanks--And this refers to the work of Christ.

So we have his CHARACTER-----HIS PERSON-----HIS WORK.

Christ will live forever in both his humanity and his deity. He is different from God, in that he is man; and he is different from man, in that he is God.

Now in verse 11 we see one change in these words--Here is GLORY---HONOUR---AND POWER. Power refers to the authority of Christ. They see his power and recognize him as judge. In the past he has been Saviour, but in the future he will be the judge. In Revelation 6 we will see him as judge. Once in Revelation 20 we see him sitting on the Great White Judgment Throne, judging all unbelievers. Everyone in the earth must decide whether Christ will be the Saviour in time, or the judge in eternity. So in these verses the four "Living Creatures" represent the grace of God, and the "Twenty Four Elders" represent judgment. The alternative of grace is judgment. God's plan is grace all the way. Legalism is man's way and man's work. The four Living Creatures represent grace, so they say "Thanks". The 24 Elders represent judgment, so they say "Power".

#### Chapter 5

Now we proceed to the last of the seven things John saw in heaven.

The 6th thing John saw was some books. There are three categories of books in heaven. Not mentioned here is "The Book Of Life". This is the book which contains every member of the human race. (The Book of Life is mentioned in these scriptures-- Phil. 4:3, Rev. 3:5, Rev. 13:8, Rev. 17:8, Rev. 20:12-15, Rev. 21:27, Rev. 22:19.) Those who accept Christ will have their names in that book forever. Those who do not accept Christ will have their names blotted out of the Book of Life. The unbelievers will find their names listed over in the Book of Works, at the end. The Book of Life will have only the names of those who have faith in Christ. The third book is the Book of Judgment or Seals. There are Seven Seals and each represents a different kind of judgment in the Tribulation. We will see this Book of the Tribulation Judgments in Rev. 5:1-4.

REVELATION 5:1 "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." We have two people sitting on the throne, one is invisible and one is visible. The Father is invisible and the Son is visible. The arm of the Father is revealed, holding the scroll. This scroll has seven seals on it, or, as we would say, it has seven chapters. It is a scroll rolled up and written on both sides. When you break one seal you can read and unroll to the next seal. It is a Book in the hands of God the Father. It is a book written, and the "Written" is in the perfect tense and that means it will remain written just in that form forever. The seals mean that the book is not to be opened until the church is removed from the earth. We have the Church Age, then the rapture of the church, then the Tribulation, and the Tribulation is the time of the seven sealed books.

REVELATION 5:2 "And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?" A strong angel means an endowed angel. He had a strong, loud, clear voice.

REVELATION 5:3 "And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon." No creature in heaven or in earth was found to be worthy to open the book and break the seals.



REVELATION 5:4 "And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon." This means that John just kept on weeping for no one was found worthy to open the book. There is no place for a cry baby in heaven, and John later on in this book will write about heaven as a place of no more tears.

REVELATION 5:5 "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." Here John is told to stop weeping! The principle behind the weeping is that John was afraid that there was no one worthy to open the book. Only one was worthy to open the book, for only one was worthy to judge. Christ was worthy to open the book because he knew all the facts. It is an honor to be judged by a perfect God. God will judge us, but remember, he knows all the facts.

Here in verses 5-7 we meet the judge. So when the angels got John to stop his weeping then they could proceed with opening the sealed book. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is none other than Jesus Christ, and he is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant as described in 2 Samuel 7:16-18 and Psalm 89:20-37. "The Lion Of The Tribe Of Judah" is a title for the humanity of Christ. But Jesus Christ is also the God of David, as well as his son. "He hath prevailed" means he has the right and the ability to judge.

REVELATION 5:6 "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." John has now stopped his crying, and dry-eyed he is going to tell us what he saw.

"Stood a Lamb" is perfect tense, means he stood and he will stand forever. Christ arose from his seat on the throne and took the Book in his hand to start judging. He will judge in the Tribulation. A Lamb as it had been slain refers to the fact that Christ received death on the cross. When Christ died physically he dismissed his spirit, and this is active voice. It was something he did. But when he died spiritually it is passive voice, and means it was something that was done to him. Christ received death as the sins of the world were poured out on him. The Father judged those sins as Christ received death for us. This act is always in the passive voice in Scripture, but in his physical death you move to the active voice. In his spiritual death he bore the sins poured out on him, but in his physical death it is active voice something he did.

The seven horns refer to perfect power. The seven eyes means that he was a perfect spiritual genius, he sees all. The seven spirits of God simply refers to the perfect Spirit of God.

REVELATION 5:7 "And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne." Now we come to the work of the judge. Christ took the book and began breaking the seals. But in verses 8-14 we have a parenthesis. Verse 7 ends the action. This is not only a parenthesis, but a hymn. The angels are going to sing a hymn. They have harps, and the golden vials contain the prayers of the martyrs who were slain in the Tribulation. So they place all these things in the Lord's hands

REVELATION 5:9 "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" They sang a new song, saying. Singing had to do with the melody, and saying had to do with the message. A song isn't worth too much unless you can hear the words that are sung. Melody appeals to the emotions but the words appeal to the mind. Too many of our songs are

like that today, they have emotion but no message. (Like the song, "I'm Through With Love, I'll Never Smile Again") You hear the melody, you hear the noise of a song or a band, and you respond with emotion. But when you hear the words, then it has meaning. This is a hymn of praise to Christ.

"Thou art worthy to take the book"

"Thou art worthy to open the seals"

"For thou wast slain" (Passive voice)

"And hath redeemed them--not us"

"Out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation"

REVELATION 5:10 "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." The above was phase 1. Now we move into phase 2.

"And hath made them kings and priests"

Now phase 3. "They shall reign on the earth".

Please notice that the plan of God is in this song.

1. Christ did the work on the cross.
2. The Holy Spirit did the work in phase 2, in life.
3. In Heaven and eternity, phase 3, all three members of the Trinity have a part.

And in none of this is there a place for man's work.

REVELATION 5:11-12 "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; 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." This is the great chorus of the song.

Notice that millions take part in the song.

Worthy is the lamb that was slain--and this is a perfect, passive, participle and means he received death on the cross.

Please notice the seven things--

POWER----RICHES----WISDOM----STRENGTH----HONOUR----GLORY----BLESSINGS

All of this comes through the grace of God.

REVELATION 5:13 "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." The whole universe, including the Church in Heaven joins in on the chorus.

REVELATION 5:14 "And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever." "Amen" simply means "I believe it". Let us review now the seven things John saw when he peeked into the door of heaven.

1. He saw the Trinity--Father, Son and Spirit. Verses 2 and 3
2. The 24 Elders. Verse 4
3. The two signs of judgment. Verse 5
4. The church at rest. Verse 6
5. The Four Living Creatures. Verses 6-8
6. The Library in Heaven. Rev. 5:1
7. Christ as the Judge. Verse 5 and following

#### Chapter 6--The Four Horsemen

REVELATION 6:1-2 "And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

This is the White Horse. This is the great dictator.

Thunder is the warning of the coming judgment.

We are told to "Come". The word "See" is not in the original.

This first of the four horses is the White Horse, used by a General or the Roman Dictator. Napoleon often rode on a white horse.

"He that sat on him" is this dictator, "Went on conquering, that he might conquer". This goes back to the Book of Daniel. It is the ten federations of nations. The dictator who conquers three nations and the seven other nations succumb and in this way, he becomes the dictator of ten nations. Revelation 13 and 17 and 2 Thessalonians, Chapter 2 tell of him. One of the terrible things that comes from this dictator is INTERNATIONALISM.

REVELATION 6:3-4 "And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword." This is the Red Horse, and this is WAR.

The one sitting on the Red Horse is the principle of warfare. There will never be peace until Christ rules.

REVELATION 6:5-6 "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." This is the Black Horse, FAMINE.

A pair of balances referring to famine are spoken of in Lamentation 4:8-9, Lamentation 5:10, and Jeremiah 4:28. It refers to a lack of food. Here we see a picture of inflation. A measure (less than a quart) for a denarius (day's wages). "Hurt not the oil and wine" refers to the food of the wealthy class.

REVELATION 6:7-8 "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." This is the Ashen Horse and refers to DEATH. Death and destruction is the result.

But here the picture changes. We now come to the believers, the martyrs. Please notice that in the first four horses unbelievers only were killed. Now we turn to those who were slain for the Word of God. These are believers. Verse 9 lets us know these are believers.

REVELATION 6:10 "And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" These are the prayers of the martyrs.

REVELATION 6:11 "And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." These are the robes of righteousness.