

## I. Only Jesus is Worthy to Judge Sinners and Rule the Earth vv. 1-4.

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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

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- A. The Scroll & its contents: 1) The deed to the land (Psalm 2). 2) Details of God's plan of redemption, including judgment.

Ezekiel 2:9-10 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup> And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front & on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation & mourning & woe.

B. This scroll confers the rights to inherit the earth & the plan to restore it.

<sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> And 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. <sup>7</sup> And he went & took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.

<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> 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, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

- A. Jesus is both the Lamb who was slain and the Lion who Reigns.
- B. God made a covenant with David which is fulfilled in Jesus.

They praised Jesus because He has redeemed many people, making them a kingdom of priests who serve God.

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Exodus 19:6 you shall be to me a kingdom of priests & a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

#### III. Jesus is Worthy to be Worshipped by Everyone Everywhere at Every Time in History vv. 11-14.

<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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!"

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<sup>13</sup> 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 & honor & glory & might forever & ever!"

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

The truest worship is worship that focuses on the character and actions of God.