

**Revelation: Lesson #100 – Worthy is the Lamb**  
**Notes for Parents to Study With Their Children**  
**For Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Read Revelation 5:1-14 (a simplified explanation of the text will be supplied at the end of these notes.)

**Memory Verse:** Rev. 5:12 “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

**The Book With the Seven Seals**

- We remember that John was allowed to look through a door into heaven. He saw a beautiful throne with 4 creatures before it and 24 elders seated on thrones. All these worshipped God on the throne and praised Him.
- Now in this lesson we learn that John saw that God was holding a book. This word for book can mean a piece of paper, a scroll or book. This book had seals on it.



- Seals were usually made of wax (like from a candle). Seals helped to fasten the paper together and showed that no one had opened it. Seals usually had an imprint on them that showed something about the person sending it.

**Who Is Worthy to Break the Seals and Open the Book?**

- A strong angel asked in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open this book and break off the seals? But no one was found in heaven or on earth who was worthy to open it.
- This book being sealed up made it kind of mysterious. John and others in heaven wanted to know what was inside. I think John knows that if the book is opened, he will understand something he didn’t know for sure about. He and other Christians had been through some bad things. People had been hurting them, even killing them because they followed Jesus. Would these people kill all the Christians? Would the church come to an end, and would people quit serving Jesus? Would the Devil and the world win? John wanted to know the answer so bad that he started to cry when it looked like no one would be able to open the book.

**The One Who Was Worthy to Break the Seals and Open the Book**

- Then one of the 24 elders told John, “Don’t weep! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has won His victory. He can break off its seals and open the book.” Jesus is called...

- The Lion of the tribe of Judah -- In the Old Testament the tribe of Judah was called a lion because Kings would come from it. David and all his royal descendants were from the tribe of Judah and were kings. In Genesis 49:9-10 it predicted that Jesus would come from the tribe of Judah and reign as King.
- The Root of David -- Jesus came from King David's family.
- Jesus won His victory by dying on the cross and resurrecting from the dead. He had ascended to heaven where He began His reign at God's right hand. This gives Him the right to open the book.

### **The Lamb**

- John had been told to look and see the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but when he looked he saw a Lamb that looked like it had been put to death.
- We know that lambs were used as animal sacrifices in the Old Testament. They were killed and their blood was shed. Isaiah had predicted that Jesus would be like a Lamb led to be killed (Isa. 53:7).
- When Jesus first started His work, John the baptist called Him "the **Lamb** of God that takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Peter said that we have been redeemed with "precious blood, as of a **Lamb** unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (I Pet. 1:19).
- Even though the Lamb looked like He had been killed, He wasn't dead. Remember Jesus resurrected from the dead. The Lamb was alive and went to take the book from the one sitting on the throne.

### **Heaven Celebrates**

- When Jesus, the Lamb of God, was allowed to take the book to begin opening it, the 4 creatures and the 24 elders bowed down before Him.
- It says they sang a new song about how Jesus was the one who had the right to open the book, "You are worthy to take the book and open its seals. For you were put to death and have bought us for God through your blood. We've been redeemed from all the tribes, all the languages, all the peoples and all the nations. And you have made us to be a kingdom and priests to our God and we will reign on the earth."
- Jesus really is worthy of our praise. We should come to church all the time to worship God and His Son just like those in heaven are doing. We should always know that they are worthy of all the honor and love and obedience that we can give.

In the next chapters of Revelation John will learn what happens when Jesus breaks each seal and opens the book.

### **Simplified Explanation of the Text**

- 5:1 And I saw a book in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne. There was writing inside the book, and on the backside it had been sealed with seven seals.
- 2 And I saw a mighty angel speaking loudly asking the question, "Who is worthy to open this book and break off its seals?"
- 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or even under the earth could open the book, and that meant no one could see what was written in it.

4 And when I realized that no one was going to be worthy enough to open up the book and read it or even look inside it, it made me so sad I started to cry a lot.

5 Then one of the 24 elders told me, "Don't weep! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has won His victory. He can break off its seals and open the book."

6 So I looked, and there in the middle of the throne surrounded by the four creatures and the 24 elders stood a Lamb that looked as if it had been put to death. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 Then the Lamb came and took the book out of the right hand of the One who was sitting on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the book, the four creatures and the 24 elders bowed before the Lamb. Each of them had harps and golden bowls of incense which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, "You are worthy to take the book and open its seals. For you were put to death and have bought us for God through your blood. We've been redeemed from all the tribes, all the languages, all the peoples and all the nations."

10 "And you have made us to be a kingdom and priests to our God and we will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the creatures and the elders. There were thousands and thousands of them, ten thousands times ten thousand of them.

12 And they were loudly proclaiming, "The Lamb that was put to death is worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and praise."

13 Then I heard every creature that was in heaven and on earth and under the earth and those in the sea saying, "Praise and honor and glory and power be to Him that sits on the throne and to the Lamb for ever and ever."

14 And the four creatures said, "Amen." And the 24 elders bowed down and worshipped Him that lives for ever and ever."