

“The Root of David Has Overcome – Part 2”
(Rev 5:8-14)



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Brief Recap



- ☞ We covered Rev 5:1-7 so far
- ☞ In verse 1: We learned about the sealed book/scroll with 7 seals
- ☞ In verse 2: a strong angel made a proclamation in all of the heavenlies asking "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"
- ☞ In verse 3: Initially there was none found
- ☞ In verse 4: John mourned because no one was found
- ☞ In verse 5: 1 of the 24 Elders encouraged John telling him to "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."
 - ☞ The central theme in this chapter, hence the title of this study
 - ☞ "The Root of David has Overcome"

Brief Recap



- ❧ In verse 6: John turns our attention an equally important figure (to that of the One sitting on the throne), a Lamb standing, as if slain, having 7 horns and 7 eyes
 - ❧ Which we learned are the 7 Spirits of God or 7 angels sent out into all the earth - UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF BOTH THE FATHER AND THE LAMB
- ❧ In verse 7 (the last verse we covered): The Lamb “came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne”
 - ❧ We learned that was a significant moment not only in the angelic realm, but in all of human history because this among other things, solidified all that the Scripture has spoken and foretold. Jesus is in fact the Lamb Who takes away the sins of the world. And it is the Lamb that Who will judge all angels (evil/holy) and all man (evil/holy), including Israel and the church
- ❧ This takes us now to verse 8. We’ll read the entire chapter one last time, then pick it right up in v. 8.

Scripture Reading



Revelation 5:1-14 (NASB)

1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. 4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; 5 and one of the elders *said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Scripture Reading



7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they *sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

Scripture Reading



11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Exposit Rev 5:8



8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

✧ Fairly self-explanatory, after taking the book, the 24 elders + 4 Living Creatures together “fell down before the Lamb”

✧ I can't help but be drawn to when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane



John 18:3-6



3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He *said to them, "**I am He.**" And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. 6 So when He said to them, "**I am He,**" they drew back and fell to the ground.



John 18:3-6



- ☞ Why I'm drawn to the garden of Gethsemane account is because when Jesus said "I am He", the Roman cohort, officers, chief priests, Pharisees, and Judas all drew back and fell down
- ☞ And in our key verse, it's as if the Lamb declared "I Am He" when He took the book/scroll from the Father's hand
- ☞ This explains why immediately after taking the book, the 24 Elders + 4 Living Creatures fell down before the Lamb
- ☞ This leads up to a fulfillment of at least a couple of NT prophecies...



Romans 14



Romans 14:10-11 (Principles of Conscience)

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11

For it is written,

“AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, **EVERY KNEE** SHALL BOW TO ME, AND **EVERY TONGUE** SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD.”

☞ The 24 Elders and 4 Living Creatures you can say is starting a heavenly wave (like a wave at a sporting event ☺)



Philippians 2



Philippians 2:9-11 (Exaltation of Christ)

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Because the Father exalted Christ and gave Him His authority all of creation, angelic hosts and man, must and will bow the knee to Christ
- This is precisely why the 24 Elders + 4 Living Creatures fell before the Lamb!



Exposit Rev 5:8



Back to our key verse:

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- Each one of the 4 Living Creatures + 24 Elders (all 28 of them) each had a harp and golden bowl
- No need to speculate as to what the harp and golden bowls means as it is answered in the same verse



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- ☞ TRUTH: The prayers of saints (believers) are collected as it were by the 4 Living Creatures and the 24 Elders
- ☞ When we pray it matters and counts!
- ☞ The vision tells us more in verse 9...



Exposit Rev 5:9



9 And **they sang a new song**, saying,
“Worthy are You to take the book and to
break its seals; for You were slain, and
purchased for God with Your blood men
from every tribe and tongue and people
and nation.

❧ “they” the 4 Living Creatures + 24
Elders

❧ Remember these are heaven’s worship
team! 😊

❧ These sang “a new song” [more on this]



“a new song”



- œ Several times Scripture tells us of the singing of a new song, mostly in Psalms:
 - œ Psalms 33:3 Sing to Him **a new song**; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.
 - œ Psalms 40:3 He put **a new song** in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
 - œ “new song” = “song of praise”
 - œ Psalms 96:1 Sing to the LORD **a new song**; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
 - œ Psalms 98:1 O sing to the LORD **a new song**, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.
 - œ Psalms 144:9 I will sing **a new song** to You, O God; Upon a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You
 - œ NUGGET: the harps held by the 4 Living Creatures + 24 Elders had 10 strings ☺
 - œ Psalm 149: 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD **a new song**, And His praise in the congregation of the godly ones

“a new song”



- ❧ The only other single mention of the singing of a new song in the OT, was a Psalm recorded in Isaiah:
 - ❧ Isaiah 42:10 Sing to the LORD **a new song**, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them.
- ❧ And last but not least, the only other single mention of the singing of a new song in the NT, is later in Revelation 14, when it was a song learned by a very special group:
 - ❧ Revelation 14:3 And they (the 144K) sang **a new song** before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.
- ❧ TAKE AWAY: When a new song is sung, it was never sung before. Anyone want to guess Who is the songwriter of such new songs? Hint: David was under the inspiration of Him. The lyrics of all new songs glorify God and all His handiwork, dealings, judgments and salvation!

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- ✧ “they” the 4 Living Creatures + 24 Elders “sang a new song”
- ✧ They were holding a “harp” - meaning the harp is not just symbolism, they in fact played the harp and sang a new song with it! This verse has the lyrics...



Exposit Rev 5:9



9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

☞ BTW: I checked to see if these lyrics from this song were recorded in our new song examples we just covered from Psalms and Isaiah, I couldn't find any!

☞ This is in fact a new song sang by the 28!



Exposit Rev 5:9



- ✧ This new song declared that the Lamb “purchased for God [His Father] with Your [the Lamb’s blood] men [and women] from every tribe/tongue/people/nation
 - ✧ Collectively Jews and Gentiles!
 - ✧ Paul was given the great privilege to proclaim this “Mystery of Christ”! And from here I’d like to cross reference Ephesians chapter 3...



Ephesians 3



Ephesians 3:1-7

1 For this reason [God making Jews and Gentiles into one new man) I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – 2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; 3 **that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery of Christ**, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 **to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel**, 7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

☞ With this in mind, back to verse 9...

Exposit Rev 5:9



9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

☞ The new song that the 28 sang included praising the Lamb for purchasing for God with His blood men from every tribe and tongue and people, or collectively Jews and Gentiles!

☞ NOTE: “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” = Jews and Gentiles whenever it’s used



Exposit Rev 5:9



- ✧ The mystery of Christ that Paul's gospel declared is the same lyrics in this new song!
- ✧ The song lyrics included the fact that Gentiles too are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of the promises in Christ Jesus through the gospel!
- ✧ Christ purchased us with a specific purpose in mind... verse 10



Exposit Rev 5:10



10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

- ☞ “You have made them”
- ☞ Whose “You”?
- ☞ Whose “them”?



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- ☞ Whose “them”? – the redeemed Jews and Gentiles



Exposit Rev 5:10

10 “You have made them **to be a kingdom and priests to our God**; and they will reign upon the earth.”

- ☞ “to be a kingdom and priests to our God” – John stated this at the opening of this book in chapter 1, verse 6
- ☞ We covered this in depth in our study titled “Kingdom and Priests” so I won’t spend too much time on this, but will say
- ☞ Christ Jesus purchased us to make us a kingdom and priests to our God and to reign on the earth with Him as the Father promised David in the Davidic Covenant!



Exposit Rev 5:10



✧ Peter also speaks of the Davidic kingdom:

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 **for you once were NOT A PEOPLE**, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

✧ Just like the Abrahamic Covenant included Gentiles, so too the Davidic Covenant included Gentiles too!

✧ This is what Paul's gospel declared!

✧ This is what this new song declared!



Exposit Rev 5:10



More truths jump out from this verse:

10 **“You have made them** to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and **they will reign upon the earth.”**

- œ “you have made them” [past tense] – believers are presently considered a kingdom and priests to God (the Father)!
- œ “they (we) will reign upon the earth” – this was mentioned in the promise to Thyatira

Rev 2:26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS;** 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and **I will give him the morning star.**



Exposit Rev 5:10



☞ TRUTH: Christ accomplished what the Father planned for Him to accomplish in terms of our salvation! And this is FUTURE PROPHECY which will come to fulfillment when Messiah returns to reign on earth in the Davidic kingdom and we all the saints will be raised to rule and reign with Him as the Scripture (including the promise Jesus made to Thyatira) promised we would!

☞ A brief conjecture...



CONJECTURE



1 Corinthians 6:1-3 (rebuking lawsuits against believers)

1 Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not **before the saints**? 2 Or do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? 3 **Do you not know that we (the saints) will judge angels**? How much more matters of this life?

❧ The only place this fits is in the millennial kingdom of Christ

❧ This is part of the promise in the letter to Thyatira

❧ This is part of the Abrahamic Covenant, Davidic Covenant, Paul's gospel and the rest of the NT!

❧ I'm not sure HOW this will be administered, but we can be sure that we will judge nations and angels! I believe the martyrs will have a higher ranking!

Exposit Rev 5:11



Let's continue:

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

- ✧ “Then I looked” – again proof the visions in this book is to be taken chronologically
- ✧ “many angels around the throne” + 4 Living Creatures + 24 Elders was “myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands” [more on this briefly]



“myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands”



- ☞ “myriads” is muriás which means ten thousand – the largest number readily available in Greek
- ☞ “thousands” is chillias and has the same meaning in the Greek: thousands
- ☞ The idea of “muriás muriás and chillias chillias” is that it is innumerable to count, indefinite amount
- ☞ This tells us some neat truths: the throne room in heaven is pretty big! 😊
- ☞ Helps explain when Jesus said He could have appealed to His Father and at one put at His disposal more than 12 legions of angels to prevent His arrest (1legion=6k)



Exposit Rev 5:12



All of the hosts of heaven began:

12 saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

- ✧ By this time, Jesus already took the sealed book from His Father’s hand
- ✧ All of heaven confirmed the Father’s choice and openly confessed that Jesus alone was worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and honor and glory and blessing!



Exposit Rev 5:13



13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

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☞ “every created thing” - means every created thing - does this include you and me? **Yes! You and I are included! So this must be prophecy!**

☞ “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” - Who sits on the throne? Whose the Lamb? Same Person?



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- ✧ AMEN! Both the Father and the Son are equally praised by all of creation in the vision of the prophecy! The time will come when this will come to pass!
- ✧ The time will come when both the Father and the Son will be equally praised with blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!



Rev 5:14



And because of this:

14 And the four living creatures **kept saying**, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.”

- ☞ “kept saying” – whenever the Father and the Lamb are praised, the 4 Living Creatures continue to say AMEN!
- ☞ And whenever the 4 Living Creatures say AMEN! The 24 Elders fall down before the Father and before the Lamb and worshipped them both!



In Closing



❧ Last week I asked us a couple of questions about what it means when John wrote the Root of David “has overcome” as to open the book and its 7 seals

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1 John 5:1-4

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In Closing



- ✧ It is by FAITH that we share in Christ's victory over the world!
- ✧ It is by FAITH that we will overcome sin and Satan!
- ✧ It is by FAITH that we will along with Christ crush Satan under our feet!
- ✧ It is by FAITH we will join in and sing the new song, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!
- ✧ It is by FAITH we will praise the Father who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb at His right hand, and give blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!
- ✧ It is by FAITH that we'll be able to join the myriads and myriads and thousands and thousands of the heavenly hosts in unending praise and worship!
- ✧ It is by FAITH that we will rule and reign with Christ and judge the nations and angels!

END



☞ That takes us to the end of chapter 5

☞ NEXT UP: The Breaking of the First Seal