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WORSHIPPING THE LAMB
REV. 5

There is a place of eternal calm, unleashing tranquility, perfect peace, endless day... That place is the center of the universe, the throne of God... To that location John transports us from Patmos' salt mines to heavens highest point...

Rev. 4-5 are a calm between two storms
Rev. 1-3 show the struggling saints
Rev. 4-20 shows the end of earth

Chapters 4 & 5 show perfect peace in God's presence.

Chapter 5 is in two parts:

1. V. 1-5 the unworthiness of mankind
2. V. 6-14 the utter unworthiness of lamb

I. The unworthiness of mankind (v. 1-5)

A. V. 1 -- The Book - what is it? Official document that declares the climax of human history.

1. Dan. 12:8-9
2. Ezek. 2:9-10

B. V. 2-3 -- The Challenge - who is worthy?

1. Rom. 3:10 none righteous
2. All of Adam's race fallen

Pharaohs, Caesars, khans, generals, dictators and emperors all have failed... All die and turn to dust...

C. V. 4-5 -- The Overcomer

1. Lion - Gen. 49:9-10

2. Root of David - Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 61:1
3. Overcome - it is finished! Cross, Jn. 19:30

II. The utter worthiness of the Lamb (v. 6-14)

A. The wounded Lamb (v. 6-8)

1. Prophesied (portrayed)
Ezek. 12:3-5 Passover
Ezek. 29:39-41 daily
Is. 53:7 suffering
2. Pointed out (incarnate)
Jn. 1:29
1 Pet. 1:18-19

B. The worthy Lamb, v. 9-14

What's the rest of the story?

- 6:16 wrathful Lamb
7:17 worshipped Lamb
17:14 warring Lamb
19:9 wedding of the Lamb = God with us

- wounded for me...

- for He alone is worthy...