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**INTRODUCTION**

1. Approaches to history: "Great Man" &/or ideology. "Great man" has credence as "Christ-figure", Deliverer associated w/ an eschatological hope
2. Are we our own saviors? Makes us weep - Rv 5:1-4

**1st: Intense Tension: Search for the Adamic Man & the Futility of Idolatry**

1. Rv4-5 - heavenly throne-room. Glory of Creator & goodness of creation - Rv 21:5. No conflict tw/ creation & salvation. Creator is our Savior.
2. Rv 5:3 searches cosmos for a *who* & finds *no one worthy* to open scroll. Who is being sought? Gn 3:9. An Adamic Man.
3. Adam, where are you? Fallen, abdicated dominion to Satan, cursed: rebel.
4. We know who is *worthy* - 4:11. *God is worthy!* Only God is Savior.
5. Futility of idolatry - v4 = vocab of II<sup>nd</sup> commandment. *One worthy* does not originate from creation: no great men, no false god.
6. John weeps: the tragedy of mankind & history: no ideology, no great man.
7. One is worthy - Heb 2:14-3:1 *consider Jesus!*
  - i. 1 person w/ 2 natures: Mediator - Adamic Man/ divine Son of God
  - ii. He is the resurrected Adam - [1C 15:45]. One of us yet our God.

**2nd: The Arrival of the Victorious Lion of Judah**

1. Rv 5:5 *one of the elders* - a redeemed one w/ the gospel of the Lion/Lamb

2. *Stop weeping; behold* = command - look thru your tears & see res'd Jesus.
  - i. Grk: see the victory then see the Victor [Eng inverts order].
  - ii. *he/one has overcome* = significant term of military conquest. Fallen creation is a battlefield, but victory *has been* achieved: hope! How?
3. A person - the worthy One: who is He?
4. *Lion - tribe of Judah*: Gn 49:9,10 Judah as a Lion King who reigns until *Shiloh* - peace: eternal glory. All the peoples: global triumph of gospel.
5. *Root of David*: DavCov - *root/branch* [Jer 23:5; 33:15; Isa 11:1,10; Zech 3:8]. Monarchy of justice, righteousness - administer the Kingdom of God.
  - i. Isa 11:1-12 monarchy of eschatological glory [NCov of Jer 31:31ff].
6. Lion of Judah & Root of David = 2 Messianic titles: Israel's warrior-king. Envision David in the prime of his life: the Lion!
7. *so as to open the book & its 7 seals*. = open/break seals: administer God's decree w/ God's authority as Sovereign over all creation.
8. Who is worthy? Lion who *has overcome*. How? Gospel answers.

**3rd: The Lion's Victory as the Lamb**

1. Rv 5:6 Lion's proximity to throne. Dan 7:13-14 *Son of Man = Lion/Lamb*
2. *Lamb standing* => resurrection = parallel action w/ *has overcome*, having completed an accomplishment. What has been accomplished?
3. *Lamb - as if slain*: bearing the mark of having been sacrificed [NIV]. Lamb is now standing having previously been slain = death & resurrection. The Passover Lamb of JnB [Jn 1:29,36] - Servant of Lord - Isa 53:7-8

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4. Son of Man is Lamb of God: the basis of our worship is the essence of our strategy in spiritual warfare. In worship & witness, we overcome.  
Rm 12:1

5. *having 7 horns & 7 eyes, wh/ are the 7 Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.* #7 3x = # of perfection & completeness.

- i. *7 horns:* symbol of strength, authority
- ii. *7 eyes:* = omniscience, wisdom.
- iii. *7 Spirits of God - 4:5b* lamps//eyes = penetrating ministry of HS of X
- iv. *sent out into all the earth:* was sent & cont's to be sent - Zech 4:10c

6. Here is heavenly backdrop to A 1:8 - commenced in A 2:29-35.

7. Heb 12:2; Phil 2:8-9. Listen to the conquering Lion of Judah, overcoming as the Lamb of God - Jn 16:33 *These thgs I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world.*