

Book in the Midst of the Throne

As the Apostle continues his view of heaven, he describes a book and a Lamb, and a song. The contents of this _____ will be a dominating theme throughout the next several chapters.

THE BOOK

* The _____ — This book was located in the _____ hand of Him that sat on the throne. This is God the Father that is seated on this throne, for the _____ is positioned in the NT as on His right hand (Psa. 110.1, Matt. 22.44, Luke 20.42, Acts 2.34, 7.55, Rom. 8.34, Eph. 1.20, Col. 3.1, Heb. 1.3, Heb. 10.12,12.2, I Pet. 3.22).

* The _____ - This book was written _____ and on the _____ and was sealed with seven seals.

* The _____ — No one could open the book! No man in _____, nor in _____, neither _____ earth was able to open the book. Neither was any man found that could even _____ upon it. This problem caused the Apostle to weep.

* The _____ — As we read through this section, we ask ourselves what is this book? There are several _____ in Heaven (Rev. 20.12, Psa. 139.16). This 7 sealed book has been theorized as being a book of the Redeemed. Several creative titles have been given it:

- Title Deed to the Redeemed _____
- The Book of the New Covenant
- The Book of _____

These titles relates to the kinsman _____ (Ruth 4.1-12), and the illustration given of Jeremiah (Jer. 32.6-16). Perhaps the greatest evidence for this conclusion is found in the response of John (Rev. 5.4). However, this book cannot be exclusively seen in this light. When the book is opened, _____ (not mercy) is revealed. A seal could be used to attest a _____ to a title, but they were also used to _____ the contents of a written document.

In Daniel's prophecy (12.4), he is commanded *to seal the book*. John witnesses the unsealing of the book and is commanded to *seal not the saying of the prophecy of this book* (Rev. 22.10). Ezekiel further described a hand that held a book with writing within and without (Ezek. 2.9-10).

As this book is opened, there is less evidence of any titled deed for the believer, and greater evidence of a series of major _____ events that is set in motion as Christ breaks each seal. This is a book of _____, mournings, and _____.

John's _____ was premature (but expected). Each believer has experienced the tears that have come as the result of this _____ cursed world. "A failure to find One who could open the book meant that death, sin, damnation, and hell should _____ forever and ever. Equally, that the Sovereignty of God's earth should _____ under the hands of Satan [the god of this world]." (W.A. Criswell).