

As the Apostle continues his view of \_\_\_\_\_, he describes a book, a Lamb, and a \_\_\_\_\_. The taking of the book by the Lamb announces that the momentous times is about to occur. The Psalmist highlights this:

*I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee, (8) Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. (9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." (Psalm 2.7-9)*

The contents of this \_\_\_\_\_ and its refrain should be joy to the heart of believers.

**THE \_\_\_\_\_**

\* **The \_\_\_\_\_** — John mentions three specific groups that are present when the Lamb takes the book:

- Four \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8) — These are the Cherubs. These living creatures are not redeemed; they are \_\_\_\_\_. While previously described, they are NOT participants in \_\_\_\_\_ around the throne. They fall \_\_\_\_\_ before the throne, partake in the universal proclamation, and they conclude with the emphatic "\_\_\_\_\_." Yet, they are unable to sing as the \_\_\_\_\_do. (I Pet. 1.12)

- Twenty Four \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8) — These are the representatives of the redeemed in Christ (Not OT Saints Nor Trib. Saints). These are the \_\_\_\_\_ participants in this section. It is this group that is worshipping, singing, and proclaiming.

- \_\_\_\_\_(v. 11) -- This group is mentioned directly one time in chapter five. There number is listed as \_\_\_\_\_ times \_\_\_\_\_ and thousand of thousands. The word for "ten thousand" is of some interest. It is *myrias*, from which we get myriad." This word is synonymous with the word "\_\_\_\_\_." (Luke 12.1, Jude 1.14). This is to say the angels make up an innumerable \_\_\_\_\_! (Matt. 26.53, Luke 2.13, Heb. 12.22)

\* **The Paraphernalia** (v. 8) -- Each of the elders have two specific things with them \_\_\_\_\_ and golden \_\_\_\_\_.

- Harp — The harp is one of two instruments specifically mentioned as being in heaven (Rev. 9.14). Harps are often associated with \_\_\_\_\_ in the OT (Psa. 33.2, 71.22, 92.1-4).

- Golden Vials — We are told that these are the *prayers of saints*. It must be the Tribulational saints that are later to be calling for \_\_\_\_\_( Rev. 6.10). These horrifically persecuted believers are crying unto God for \_\_\_\_\_. The prayers are seen in the Psalms of David (Psa. 141.2). Surely, the sorrow seen in the persecution of David will take a center role in the hearts of these saints.

\* **The \_\_\_\_\_** - The elders now sing a (not the) new \_\_\_\_\_. At its center, this song enshrines the marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ on the cross. His victory (hath

prevailed) over sin, death, and the grave has made Him \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 3.13).

Notice the jubilant declarations:

- Thou Wast \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5.8) - Christ died for the ungodly.

- Thou Hast \_\_\_\_\_— His death purchased liberty for those enslaved in sin (Titus 3.5), Surely this redemption may be applied to \_\_\_\_\_ who by faith receives this blessed gift. (Gal. 3.28-29, Col. 1.23, I Tim. 4.10)

\* \_\_\_\_\_(Tribal) \* \_\_\_\_\_ (Linguistic) \* \_\_\_\_\_ (Political) \* \_\_\_\_\_(Ethnic)

- Thou Hast made us \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_— Each saint of God will be a king and priest. (I Cor. 6.3)

- We shall \_\_\_\_\_— Note the future tense. They \_\_\_\_\_reign. The saints of God are not at this present time reigning. (II Tim. 2.12)

\* **The \_\_\_\_\_**— For the third time, the Lord is declared as worthy (to open the book). Additional proclamations are made declaring His \_\_\_\_\_attributes (first four) and His \_\_\_\_\_appraisals (last three):

- \_\_\_\_\_(*dynamis*) -- He is worthy because of His omnipotence (Rom. 1.20, Eph. 1.21, 3.20)

- \_\_\_\_\_ — He is worthy because of spiritual and material wealth (Psa. 50.10-12).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — He is worthy because of His omniscience (Rom. 11.33, I Cor. 1.21).

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*ischys*) — He is worthy because of His mighty ability (Eph. 6.10, I Pet. 4.11).

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*time—money paid/value*) — He is worthy of YOUR highest \_\_\_\_\_. (I Cor. 7.23, I Tim. 6.16).

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*doxa*) - He is worthy of YOUR highest \_\_\_\_\_. (I Tim. 1.17, Heb. 2.7)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*eulogia*) — He is worthy of YOUR finest \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 1.3)

*Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. (11) Thine, O LORD is the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_, and thou art exalted as head above all. (12) Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. (I Chron. 29.10-12)*

Additionally, the Apostle hears the \_\_\_\_\_ cry of creation (v. 13) to the Father and the Son (v. 13). Even the creatures of earth will join in this praise, for they were impacted by the sin of Adam (Rom. 8.20-22):

- \_\_\_\_\_ (*kratos—dominion*) - He is to have the authority!

*Let everything that \_\_\_\_\_ praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. (Psa. 150.6)*