

Revelation 5

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The Scroll and the Lamb

- 1** And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
- 2** And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
- 3** And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
- 4** And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
- 5** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
- 6** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- 7** And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
- 8** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, 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 strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

Glory — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Lamb — ἀμνός / ἀρνίον (Amnos / Arnion)

Lamb

The Greek **amnos** (ἀμνός) means lamb. John declared Jesus 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world' (John 1:29). In Revelation, Christ is the slain Lamb (arnion) who alone is worthy to open the scroll.

Priest — ἱερεύς (Hiereus)

Priest

The Greek **hiereus** (ἱερεύς) means priest. Christ is our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14) after the order of Melchizedek, and believers form a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9).

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 5:1 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:3; 5:7; 5:13; 6:1; 10:2; Isaiah 29:11

Revelation 5:2 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:5; 10:1; Psalms 103:20

Revelation 5:3 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:13; Isaiah 41:28; Romans 11:34

Revelation 5:5

Parallel theme: Revelation 4:4; 4:10; 6:1; Isaiah 11:1; 11:10; Jeremiah 31:16; Romans 15:12; Hebrews 7:14. **References David:** Revelation 22:16; Romans 1:3

Revelation 5:6

Parallel theme: Revelation 5:12; 13:8; Daniel 7:14; Zechariah 3:9; 4:10; Acts 8:32. **References God:** Revelation 22:3; John 1:29; 1:36. **Spirit:** Revelation 1:4

Revelation 5:7 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:1

Revelation 5:8 **Prayer:** Psalms 141:2. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:4; 4:10; 5:6; 5:14; 15:2; 15:7; 19:4; Psalms 33:2. **Holy:** Revelation 4:8

Revelation 5:9 **Blood:** Matthew 26:28; Acts 20:28; 1 John 1:7. **References God:** Revelation 5:6; Psalms 40:3; 1 Corinthians 6:20. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:11; 5:12; 14:6. **Redemption:** Matthew 20:28

Revelation 5:10 **Kingdom:** Revelation 1:6; 20:6; 22:5; Exodus 19:6; Daniel 7:18; 7:27

Revelation 5:11 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:4; 4:6; 5:6; 5:14; 7:11; 19:6; Psalms 68:17; 148:2; Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 12:22

Revelation 5:12 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:6; 5:9; 13:8; Matthew 28:18; John 17:2; 2 Corinthians 8:9. **Glory:** Revelation 4:11; 7:12; 19:1. **Sin:** John 1:29

Revelation 5:13 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:3; 5:6; 6:16; Philippians 2:10. **Glory:** Revelation 5:12; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Luke 2:14; Romans 11:36; 1 Peter 5:11. **Blessing:** Romans 9:5

Revelation 5:14 **Worship:** Revelation 19:4. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:6; 5:8

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