

The Scroll and the Lamb—Revelation 5:1–14

Open It

1. What kind of books do you like to read? Why?

Revelation 5:1–14 (ESV)

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Explore It

2. What is significant about the scroll in the right hand and having seven seals?(5:1)
3. Why did a mighty angel ask the question who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll? (5:2)
4. What was John’s reaction when the scroll could not be opened? (5:4)
5. Who was the only one worthy to open the scroll and its seals? (5:5)
6. What does Christ’s worthiness reveal about mankind’s worthiness? (5:5)
7. What did the Lamb that John saw look like? (5:6)
8. How did the creatures around the throne respond to the actions of the Lamb? (5:8–9)
9. For what was the Lamb praised and worshipped? (5:9–10)

10. How many angels did John see? (5:11)
11. What were the angels doing? (5:12)
12. What were all the other living creatures doing and singing? (5:13)

Get It

13. Why do you think the prayers of the saints appeared as “golden bowls full of incense”?
14. Why should we value people of all races equally and treat everyone with equal respect?

Apply It

15. How can you develop an attitude of praise and thanksgiving to God as you go throughout your day?