

REVELATION - CHAPTER 5

- Vs 1 God who is sitting on a throne, has a scroll sealed with 7 seals, (Roman law required a will to be sealed with 7 seals), in His right hand.
This scroll of parchment is written on both sides and contains the prophecy of impending events which will be unfolded in the book of Revelation.
- Vs 2 A "strong angel" (mighty or powerful)
 There are 2 other "strong" angels mentioned in this book:
 Rev 10:1 and Rev 18:21
 This angel proclaims as a herald....
 Who is this angel? Gabriel?
 He is the angel sent by God to give Daniel understanding regarding his vision.
 Dan 8:15-17; 9:221-23
 and was also involved in "concealing and sealing up until the end time", an understanding of that which is to take place.
 He may well be involved now in seeking for the unveiling of that which he had helped to seal.
- Vs 3-4 No created being is able to open the book and reveal its content.
(Both the revelation and its execution require God.)
- Vs 5 The lion of the tribe of Judah Gen 49:9-10
 The root of David Isa 11:1-12, 16
 He has overcome (conquered)
 He is worthy to open the scroll, to break of 7 of its seals.
- Vs 6 John turns his focus to the lion/lamb
 lion - refers to His Second Coming
 lamb - refers to His First Coming
 Jn 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32-33
 He is:
 1. standing between the Throne with the 4 Living
 Creatures and the Elders (see notes on Rev 4:2-9)
 2. as if slain
 Rev 5:9, 12; 13:8
 3. having 7 horns
 horns are representative of kings elsewhere in the
 book Rev 13:1; 17:12
 4. and 7 eyes

Rev 1:4; Isa 11:1-2; Zech 3:8-9; 4:10-14

- Vs 7 God the Son takes the scroll out of the right hand of God
The Father. Dan 7:13-14
All judgment and power over all the earth are committed to Christ the
Son. This is true both during the Tribulation Period, and the 1000 year
Kingdom to follow.
- Vs 8 The 4 Living Creatures and the Elders falling down
before the Lamb and worshipping Him is the clearest proof of the Deity
of the Lamb.
They are worshipping Him in the presence of the
Father.
The harp and trumpet are the only 2 instruments
mentioned when speaking of heavenly worship.
Bowls...full of the prayers of the saints alive on earth during this period of
time. Ps 141:2
- Vs 9-10 Thou didst purchase men from...(limited atonement?)
If the men purchased come out of the tribulation, then they might be
natural people.
Rev 20:4 makes it clear that resurrected humans are the object of the
Promise.
Both might well be the answer.
As to their function - 1 Pet2:4-5, 9-10; Mt 25:31-46
- Vs 11-12 The angelic realm joins in the worship of the Christ!
Worthy is the Lamb to receive:
1. Power
2. Riches
3. Wisdom
4. Might
5. Honor
6. Glory
7. Blessing
- Vs 13-14 Every created thing joins in the worship of the Son.
(as He stands in the presence of the Father)
Phil 2:5-11
- Remember, Chapters 4 and 5 are a Heavenly view - that which John has
seen upon being translated upward.
Heaven is a real place!
Those created beings that John has seen are real beings.

Beginning in Chapter 6:1, our focus returns to the events that are to take place on planet earth during the 7 year tribulation period.