

## CHAPTER 5

5:1-2 = 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. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?

- Notice that this chapter begins with the word *and*. Whenever a chapter starts with this Greek word, we know it should be joined to the preceding chapter.
  - It would seem that after John saw the throng of God, his attention focused on an object in the hand of God, a seven-sealed scroll!
- John saw a *strong angel* proclaiming, “who is worthy to open the book?” No one in heaven or earth or under the earth could open this scroll! (Rev. 5:2-3)
  - It is evident, at the outset, that this is a scroll intensely related to the \_\_\_\_\_ because angelic beings are excluded from opening it.
  - The angel is looking for a human being to open the book
  - We can conclude that the book has something to do with human beings and their relationship to the earth.
  - No redeemed person in heaven, earth or under the earth, however, is worthy to open the book.

### 1. MYSTERY OF THE SEVEN SEALED BOOK

Some teach this is the opening of the *Lamb’s Book of Life*. Others teach that it is part of the sealed *Book of Daniel*. More than likely, it is a \_\_\_\_\_!

- According to Leviticus 25, the land was redeemed every fifty years (the \_\_\_\_\_).
- The one redeeming had to produce a will as proof it belonged to his family.
- The Jubilee was seven cycles of seven years—The book was sealed with seven seals.
  - In Roman times, the will of a wealthy person was sealed with seven seals.
- These seals were seals of rings from the seven witnesses.
- For the will to be opened, the seven witnesses or their insignia rings had to be in the presence of the judge.
- There were also elders present at the city gate for the reading of the will.

#### Notce:

- There are seven spirits as \_\_\_\_\_ around the throne of God.
- The elders (24) are present for the reading of the will in Chapter 5.
- The judge is God and the Lamb will take the scroll from God’s right hand.
- The city gate is the *doors of the temple in heaven*.

#### Simply put, this is a reading of the will:

- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth.
- God gave this deed to Adam who lost it through sin.

- Jesus is assuming his rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. (Ex. 9:29; Psalm 24:1; 1 Cor. 10:26, 28) and is about to bring a perpetual jubilee upon the earth at the second coming.

## 2. The Mysterious Elder

- Some believe that his mysterious elder could be be \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  - John 1:12 = John introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God
  - Matthew 11:7-10 = Jesus calls John *more than a prophet*.
  - Who is Jesus' messenger?
  - Malachi 3:1-3 = The prophet foretells a messenger that will prepare the way of Christ.
- In the first 42 months of Tribulation, Elijah the prophet will be on the earth proclaiming the judgment of God. Could it be that at the same time, John the Baptist will be in heaven introducing the Lamb of God and the judgment to come upon the earth?

## 3. Jesus introduced

- The Lion of Judah = His position as \_\_\_\_\_ (Son of Man)
- The Root of David = His position as \_\_\_\_\_ (Son of David)
- The Lamb slain = His position as \_\_\_\_\_ (Son of God)
- Jesus in verse 6 He is called the *Lamb as it had been slain...*
  - The Greek word for *lamb* (*amnos*) here is a *pet lamb* = The \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb
  - The Greek word for *slain* means a *violent death*. = The crucifixion process

As the Lamb takes the book, worship breaks out in heaven. That is when the Bible speaks of the elders casting down their crowns and the golden vials, which are full of the odors of the "prayers of the saints"... (5:8)

- It comes from those *in heaven, on earth and under the earth*.
- Those in heaven (many angels, beasts, elders, then thousand times ten thousands)
- Those on earth (Those who were caught up in the Rapture)
- Those under the earth (Those who were resurrected from the dead) – Rev. 5:13

## CHAPTER 6

The breaking of the seven seals begins the Tribulation on earth! The breaking of these seven seals reveals the first \_\_\_\_\_ months of the Tribulation.

*And I saw and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer. Revelation 6:2*

- The White Horse and rider defined:
  - The white horse and rider is Christ.
  - The white horse and rider are Christ's judgments.
  - The white horse and rider represent preaching the gospel.
  - The white horse and rider represent the beginning of the final empire.
- **Note: He has a bow and Christ uses a sword. (Revelation 19)**
- **Note: He has a crown (*stephanos*), not the crown of a king.**

### 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Seal: **The White Horse and Rider** (Revelation 6:2)

- With a "bow" and going forth to conquer (This is the 7<sup>th</sup> empire.)
- It will be a revived \_\_\_\_\_ system, with Rome as the \_\_\_\_\_ center.
- It will contain both the powers of Rome (west) and Turkey (east).
- This empire will use "peace" to conquer and suppress its enemies.

### 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal: **The Red Horse and rider** (Revelation 6:4)

- Peace will be taken from the earth. (Revelation 6:4)
- He was given a "great sword." In Greek, it is the largest of four Roman swords.
- There will be several wars during the first forty-two months of the Tribulation.

### 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal: **The Black Horse and Rider** (Revelation 6:5-6)

- Famine will come to the earth. (Revelation 6:5-6)
- Food will be rationed. He carries a pair of balances with him. (6:5)
- Bread will cost a day's wages (a "penny"). (Revelation 6:6)
- Note: The wine and oil were not hurt.

### 4. 4<sup>th</sup> Seal: **The Pale Horse and Rider** (Revelation 6:8)

- He is given power over one-fourth of the earth. (Does this mean one fourth of the land?)
- He kills with the sword (war), hunger (famine), death and beasts of the earth. This fourth horse may be the result of the red and black horses. War (the second seal) brings famine (the third seal), which causes death or the pale horse (the fourth seal). The pale horse will ride to collect the souls of dying men, which will cover either one-fourth of the earth or one-fourth of the population.

### 5. 5<sup>th</sup> Seal: **The Martyrs Begin to Cry Out for Vengeance** (Revelation 6:9-11)

- These are those who are dying and being killed on earth after the Rapture.
- They are “under the altar” and resting until the other martyrs are killed. Many will be beheaded during the Tribulation. (Revelation 20:4)

6. 6<sup>th</sup> Seal: **Strange Cosmic Activity with the Sun, Moon and Stars** (Revelation 6:12-16)

- This is not an allegory. Compared with other scriptures, this scripture can be taken literally.
- Earthquakes are mentioned seven times in conjunction with the last days. Isaiah 29:6; Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:12; Revelation 8:5; Revelation 11:13, 19; and Revelation 16:18
- The stars are mentioned in Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10; Matthew 24:29; and Revelation 6:13; and 8:12.
- The sun is mentioned in Joel 2:10; 2:31; 3:15; Matthew 24:29; Revelation 6:12; 8:12; and 16:18.
- The moon is mentioned in Isaiah 13:10; Isaiah 24:23; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; Matthew 24:29; Acts 2:20; Revelation 6:12 and 8:12.
- Cosmic judgments are predicted throughout the scriptures as final judgments.

**Special Note:**

- These Seal Judgments Run Parallel with Matthew 24: War, Famine, Death, Martyrdom, Sun, Moon, Stars...
- The Judgments Agree with the Warnings of the Old Testament Prophets. *For the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand. (Rev. 6:17) God will destroy sinners out of the earth. (Isaiah 13:9) I will share the heavens and the earth shall remove out of her place. (Isaiah 13:13)*

As men from all races and nations run into the mountains and dens of the earth, hiding themselves, they know this is the “wrath of the Lamb.” The wrath of the Lamb comes with the breaking of the seals. This is the first forty-two months. The last forty-two months is the “wrath of \_\_\_\_\_.”

**The First Forty-Two Months:**

- The wrath of the Lamb is released through the sealed book.
- The judgments happen as the two witnesses are prophesying on the earth.
- The seventh seal will begin the time of God’s wrath. *For the great day of His wrath is come and who shall be able to stand. Revelation 6:17*