

Revelation Chapter Five

- God the Father is holding a book (scroll), sealed with seven seals [5:1].
 - The sealing of books/scrolls is commonly featured in O.T. eschatological passages.
 - In Daniel we saw the sealing and concealing of words/books until the end time [Dan 12:4, 9].
 - Likewise, sealed laws/books are described in Isaiah pertaining to Israel [Isa 8:16; 29:11].
 - The Lord's vengeance and retribution are said to be sealed up in His treasures [Deut 32:34-35].
- An angel poses the question, "Who is worthy to open the book and break its seals?" [5:2-5].
 - Somehow John was able to perceive all of creation and could not find anyone worthy [5:3].
 - John began to weep because it appeared as if no one would be able to look into the book [5:4].
 - An elder (a member of the Church) reminded John that Jesus Christ has overcome and is worthy to open the book and its seven seals [5:5].
- The Lamb takes the book from the Father [5:6-7].
 - The description of the Lamb "as if slain" highlights that Christ has completed the work of the cross.
 - The seven horns and seven eyes are indicative of the Lamb's readiness to rule with righteousness and a rod of iron in the Millennial kingdom [Isa 11:1-5].
 - Before Jesus Christ can begin His earthly reign in the Millennial kingdom, He must first execute His work of the Tribulation of Israel.
- The angels and elders respond to the Lamb by singing a new song of praises to Him [5:8-14].
 - The song of worship started by highlighting Christ's First Advent work [5:9].
 - The song continued by highlighting the work Christ is now doing in building His Church [5:10].
 - Myriads of angels responded to this new song with praises of their own [5:11-13].
 - The four seraphim angels reply "Amen" and the elders responded by bowing in worship [5:14].