

DAY 12: THE WORTHY LAMB AND THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD

Recap: [Revelation 1](#) is John's reunion with his dear friend Jesus. [Revelation 2-3](#) are seven letters to seven churches. [Revelation 4-5](#) is John's experience in the throne room. In [Revelation 4](#), John sees the Holy Father and the creatures singing "Holy, holy holy" on repeat because they understand the wonder of who God is. [Revelation 5](#) leads us into the beginning of the final tribulation, the final 42 months that lead us to Jesus' return to Earth to establish his kingdom. There is a transition where John now sees the one on the throne holding a scroll and he asks the question, "Who is worthy to take the scroll and open its seals?" ([v. 2](#))

I. MAGNIFICATION OF THE WORTH OF JESUS AT THE END OF NATURAL HISTORY

- A. The exhalation of the natural riches of Jesus
- B. The worth of Jesus is what kicks off the Great Tribulation
- C. John weeps because there is none worthy to open the scroll ([v. 3-4](#))
- D. Until he is told, "Behold, the Lion of Judah" ([v. 5](#))
- E. But when John looks he sees a lamb ([v. 6](#)), and a song erupts
 - 1. Jesus was slain but is now alive and is the only being worthy to take the scroll and open its seals ([v. 6-10](#))

II. JESUS IS DIVERSE

- A. Those in heaven say, "Look, a lion" yet John sees a lamb ([v. 5-6](#))
- B. Jesus is creator of all things AND the son of man
- C. Jesus is the Judge AND the Redeemer
- D. Jesus infinitely AND has terrifying wrath
- E. Jesus' mercy knows no end AND his justice is furious
- F. Pop culture does not allow for diversity within Jesus, but the Book of Revelation paints a different picture

III. THE GOOD NEWS OF THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

- A. Our culture today demands justice but hates judgement
 - 1. Justice is good, judgement is bad
- B. It is good news that justice comes through the judgement of a good, faithful God

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- C. John weeps when he thinks that there is no one worthy to open the scroll because he is conscious of the level of injustice on Earth; he knows that we need someone to break this cycle of injustice (v. 3-4)
- D. John is then joyful because he understands what it means for God's judgment to be poured out on the Earth
 - 1. When we cry out for justice, we are crying out for judgement
- E. The Book of Revelation seeks to recalibrate our understanding of judgement as a good thing

IV. THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS AND THE END OF THE AGE

- A. There is a dynamic relationship and direct connection between the prayers of the Saints and the End of the Age
- B. "I saw people holding harps and bowls" (v. 8)
 - 1. Harps are music
 - 2. Bowls are full of the prayers of the Saints
- C. The bowls are filling up with incense and setting in motion the releasing of the judgements of God on the earth
- D. There are multiple chapters in Revelation where the prayers of the Saints trigger judgement events on the earth (Revelation 5, 8, 19)
- E. There tends to be a disconnect in modern culture
 - 1. Prayer and judgement do not typically go together
 - 2. Revelation proves this to be incorrect
 - 3. Prayer is happening in the throne room before, during, and after the Great Tribulation
 - 4. "How Long" prayers are triggering world events

V. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REDEMPTION AND CONSUMMATION

- A. We must correct our understanding of Jesus and his purpose
 - 1. We often believe that Jesus came to save us and that's it
 - 2. Revelation 5 shows us that the story goes beyond that
- B. Because Jesus was slain, He is worthy to open the seals, bring judgement (v. 9)
- C. Because He bled, he redeems us and will usher in his kingdom on Earth where we will reign with Him (v. 10)
 - 1. He didn't give His life just for our forgiveness, but for our redemption AND for us to reign on Earth with Him
 - 2. This is the reality that we are living for!
- D. The baptism of fire of the believer foreshadows the baptism of the Earth with fire
 - 1. Jesus will not destroy the Earth, he will return to it and restore it
- E. The Kingdom coming is when Jesus returns to Earth; all will be shaken
 - 1. Revelation 11:15-19
 - 2. Hebrews 12
- F. The Lord is here, the Kingdom is coming