

## Revelation 5

1] And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a Book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven seals. Looking within the text of the chapters 4 & 5, I believe it is sure this verse is referring to the Almighty God, the Heavenly Father. John has seen Him in the chapter 4; not with a Book. Judging by the events' sequence, we might understand a number of points in our relationship with God. John must have been amazed with the splendor and glory of the Almighty on His throne; the majestic beauty of the throne and all the blessed participants in, on, and around the throne, near our Lord God. After John received his awareness of God's glory, majesty, and holiness, he is given the opportunity and the ability to see the same message in a written form. Faithful witnesses of God's Word, or any part of it, since the beginning of the Book, having obeyed God's word, beheld God's glory and received new tasks. All the appearances, messages, and miracles God did in awareness of His people, the entire creation and life cycles, indicate this great Truth: God has a message for the mankind: a purpose, a direction, a goal. This scroll in God's hand is a significant part of God's great work. The message is part visible, part sealed. In comparison, the sealed part is much greater. The visible part is mainly indicating that there is a deeper meaning; much deeper than our perception initiated by the nature and the world living in it. We could wonder: what mean these seals, why they are on the message, for what purpose; and why seven seals. I cannot sort out all the thoughts in my mind about this sight; I might manage to write of some, at least. In the beginning the blessings of the Creator and the blessedness of the creation appeared to be quite open. The Enemy deceived humanity by his craftiness wrapping his deception in mysterious promises. It seems that God closed His great program of salvation in such mystery that even His faithful witnesses understood only fragments, but the arch-deceiver was never able to foresee any revelation, not even after it was declared. The devil in his rebellion must serve God's purpose of justice and mercy in Christ. The

first great sin of the mankind – in Adam – placed a seal on God’s message: sinner was not able to understand God’s Word of grace; he only feared God’s judgment. Cain placed the next seal by becoming like Satan in the flesh. Turning away from the Lord the post-flood world sealed their pride by idolatry. As the centuries rolled the purpose of God’s judgment and salvation became so distant and foreign to the mankind, that they were ready to place the last and the strongest seal over God’s Will by sealing Joseph’s tomb. They desired to secure death of God’s Son. They knew not it was only His body inside. Even the veil in the temple, breaking from the top edge to the bottom did not persuade them to face the Truth; so firmly they trusted the devil’s lie; so desperately they were clutching to their falsehood. But all the seals had to brake when the victorious Lion-Lamb destroyed our death by His death and resurrection.

**2]** John beheld a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to open the scroll, to remove the seals on it?” The dilemma of the fallen humanity, the longing of all godly souls since the fall, the fear of all evil spirits is clearly proclaimed in this question. This angel is also a messenger of our God. Many faithful messengers heralded the answer to this question. John did wait intensely for a reply. John is in the Spirit. He has seen the glory and majesty of God. The appearance of this powerful angel hints the importance of both: the question and the answer. A search has started that left nobody out. John is aware of the truth: God wastes no time or effort on meaningless and insignificant questions.

**3]** No man in heaven, or in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the Book, to look thereon. “No man” tells it all. Because of our limited understanding and weakness of ignoring or skipping what is not exciting our carnal feelings and satisfying our habits, the Lord is telling us: none was left out; ignored. This mighty messenger reminds us of all the faithful messengers. The One alone worthy and able to offer the true, perfect solution pleasing the Eternal Father, satisfying the divine justice, delivering this fallen human race, that One, they all prophesied about, prayed for, is

now sought for, but He was not found. None among the ranks of the heavenly hosts, none of the godliest men on earth, none of the most righteous men that ever lived on the face of this earth since the beginning; none was worthy to take this enormous task - understanding despair and misery of lost sinners and, providing ransom to deliver us. Even today, any person seeking salvation in any teaching, any environment, society, individual, poverty or wealth can desperately lament hopeless human condition; but if that seeker is willing to follow that advice - given to John in the verse number 5, there is the hope, guidance, salvation and the life eternal. To be able to open the book and to look into it, to break or to remove the seals, was impossible for any created being. Only the Creator has the ability: grace, power and holiness, absolutely necessary to offer Himself – a Ransom for sinners. The awful and awesome journey in this world He started most humbly. The Creator of the universe in the body of a godly girl conceived His own body to use it for laying down His life upon the altar of perfect – divine – justice, that no sin would ever escape God’s righteous, just, judgment; and no sinner that will ever trust and obey the Son of God would ever perish, but live forever. Receiving the scroll from the Highest, on the throne most exalted, implied perfect confidence in all divine attributes of the Scroll Giver: Holiness, power, love and wisdom. Redemption must be accomplished. Ransom is achievable by the Recipient only. His Father’s perfect satisfaction is the Son’s foremost desire.

**4]** John is overwhelmed with weeping: no man, no angel, nobody can offer himself to live a perfect life in the flesh, to be tortured and murdered as the worst evildoer, to endure in His soul the condemnation of us all. John is in the spirit and flesh cannot limit his perception of desperately needed ransom for sinners. This vision is unfolding many years after the manifestation of the great victory on Golgotha; but John is in the spirit experiencing the emotion of this point in the vision as one not seeing the next part. The Lord appointed this record to be preserved for our times also, that we get a deeper insight in our souls’ need. John is in the spirit for

the purpose of this vision. The heavenly worshipers are in the spirit of life everlasting and they know what is coming next. One of them gave John an excellent advice: look up to the glorious Fulfillment of many prophecies: the Lion before Whom all enemies collapse and crumble.

**5]** One elder said to him not to weep but to look up to the Lion of Judah, the root and offspring of David. This mighty warrior prevailed to open the Book, and to lose the seven seals thereof. When and how He accomplished that? When did He prevail? We know a number of testimonies spaced through this Book. He appeared in Genesis 1 and 2 creating that wonderful first world to live and multiply with joy. He announced His victory in chapter 3 condemning sin and heralding the victory [verse 15]. Prophecies followed one another for many centuries until the ecstatic introduction John the baptizer uttered: “Behold, the Lamb of God!” Christ prevailed fasting in the wilderness [Matthew 4: 1-11 & Luke 4: 1-13]. He prevailed in Gethsemane [Matthew 26: 36 & Luke 22: 41-44] and every moment, every step of His way, He prevailed. Yet, considering I Peter 1, especially the verses 19 & 20, my feeble mind is perceiving that Christ, the Son of God is victorious in His own person and character for in Him there is no sin - ever.

**6]** I beheld, and, lo in the midst of the throne, the four beings, and the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God; sent forth into all the earth. John was told to behold the Lion and he saw the Lamb. His conquest is by delivering the souls. We can recall our Lord’s stories presented to the people in Galilee, Judea, and Samaria. How often His teaching was just the opposite of the usual human, so called, logic. His teaching is revealing to us the only way to see the facts clearly. Christ alone is God’s living Word, the Truth, our Creator and Savior. The Lamb of God, Christ crucified, is not laid down in Joseph’s tomb. Even as He has appeared to the disciples in His body – the same body He had before the crucifixion and in the grave, here He is revealed in glory; not with six wings, but with the everlasting proof of redemption He accomplished for obedient. This Mighty Lamb of God, slain

since the foundation of the world [13: 8] is standing in the glory and power eternally. John was in the Spirit and saw Him in glory. We are called to receive His Spirit to dwell in our hearts and bless us in His loving Lordship, to glorify Him in this world; thus we see Him in glory too. But, where is this Lamb? Or, where is He not? He is in the midst of the throne, in the midst of the elders, in the midst of the four glorious beings! Is He glorified by all around Him, or, He honors all around Him? Is this something of the verse 21 in the chapter 3: sitting with Him in His throne rejoicing in His victory? Here we are offered another opportunity to see and understand more of His triumph and glory in His suffering that we might comprehend more of our eternal future with Him in the beauty of His holiness, majesty and everlasting joy our Father has in His Son, the Son in the Father, and we in glorifying our God. In the chapter 4: 5 before the Eternal Father we see seven flames signifying seven Spirits of the almighty. Here, in this chapter 5: 5 we see the Lamb with seven eyes and seven horns explained to us as God's seven Spirits sent forth into all the earth. First we behold the divine power then we see the distribution. This brilliant Revelation is not the beginning of God's might and majesty; but a new enlightenment to us. Yet, of all God's glory and splendor I see nothing and understand less than nothing if I am not in Christ. In Christ's Spirit John is receiving the Revelation. Christ's Spirit in our hearts is unfolding His dazzling visions. In seven days God created the universe and celebrated His great good work. Christ revealed it all to us. The flames of our Father's holiness purge out our vanity and worldliness. Our Savior's teaching fills us with His Spirit of humble service and adoration of our God so just and so gracious to rescue us from hell and seat us on the throne with Himself thus granting us everlasting reward for His victory in our heart. Our Master told us to go into the entire world teaching the Gospel and He will be with us to the end of that ministry [Matthew 28: 18-20]. Here we see Him with seven eyes and horns cultivating our inner man to rely on His power governing and leading us always by His Holy Spirit's omnipotence and omniscience. I think that seven horns and seven eyes just like the seven days of complete creation

are teaching us that our Lord has grace and power to provide for all our needs and enable us to serve His calling heartily. From east to the west, from north to the south, He is with us in His love to bless us with abundant grace.

**7]** The Lamb came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat on the throne. First, on this throne is the Almighty; then the four glorious beings; and around are the twenty four elders. The Lamb is on the same throne in the following vision. From where to where did the Lamb come to take that scroll from the Father? The glory of our Creator fills the universe and the throne is proportionally enormous. When He is on the throne in our heart, we see Him on His throne in every situation and all the time: He is with us to the end. The glorious salvation, revealed in the Son's commitment, fills the four beings and the elders with rapturous adoration. The entire Kingdom is in a lasting high tide of heavenly celebration. In God's glory there is room for all who glory in God's glory. In God's glory there is no dictatorship and oppression. There all trust in, and harmonize with the Father in the Son. There is a wonderful place and a pleasant service for every man that has obeyed our Savior and Master's calling to receive His new life. [John 5: 25].

**8]** When He had taken the book, the four beings and twenty and four elders fell down before the Lamb, with their harps and golden vials filled with fragrance which are the prayers of saints. Can we feel joy and thrill of these fervent worshipers? This is not submission to a tyrant, but adoration in deepest gratitude. Where were their harps and vials before? Both are exposed when they behold the Father and the Son as One in the great redemption. The Lamb, receiving the Scroll, manifests readiness, worthiness and ability of performing His Father's desire perfectly. Transition of power in building earthly temple was beautiful. But the glory of David, Solomon, and the temple in Jerusalem [1 Chronicles 28 & 29] is eclipsed by this splendor of the heavenly beauty and holiness. Yet even this is only a vision, a revelation: we must be transferred and transfigured

before we can begin to fully participate in the reality our souls now desire. The Lamb receiving the Scroll of His Father's will is a magnificent vision. The harps sound the perfect harmony of loving adoration with the fragrance of the highest reverence and the endless offering of this heavenly Bride to the full embrace of the bridegroom – the One Who loves us in His everlasting love. What a marvelous encouragement: the prayers His Spirit generates in the hearts of His children are that delightful fragrance to our Heavenly Father. Our soul and body, mind and heart, we owe to Him forever.

**9&10]** They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall rain on the earth. This heavenly song is bringing to our mind a question: how wide can be the proper application of First Corinthians 8: 2? "If any man thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know." I pray for our Lord's guidance and correction every step through the Revelation and the entire Holy Book. As we are still beholding the bliss of these visions, we see that John is seeing more and more each time he looked at the heavenly throne. We consider the symbolic appearances of Divinity. Can we clearly distinguish the Father from the Son all through, or, we have to rely always on the written explanations? In the chapter 21: 2 the New Jerusalem is coming down from Heaven. Is it going to be right here on this earth – just renewed? I observed groups and individuals making their own doctrines that cannot be seen clearly in the Revelation or proven in the rest of the Bible. I pray to be kept from childish immaturity... Obviously, the Revelation is revealing some spiritual dimensions not clearly expressed in the preceding books. These first five chapters are magnifying our Lord and outpouring encouragement to us – disciples. We can see that some parts of the Revelation revealing so much, also make us aware of more mysteries. The Lord has reserved so much excitement for eternity knowing our limited understanding [John 16: 12]. We are very realistic if we ask ourselves: how

much we understand of the explained visions? Seeing this completely inspired praise is fascinating and deserves our insight as deep and clear as we can take. Who is as worthy to the Almighty, loving, Heavenly Father, as His beloved and only begotten Son?

To all the multitudes of the heavenly hosts, who is as worthy as their King of kings and Lord of lords, victorious over every enemy? Who is worthy to us, sinners, seeking refuge, as the only Redeemer of our souls? Of course I cannot “calculate” Christ’s worthiness. But I believe that Hebrews 3: 1-6 told us how honorable, worthy of adoration with the highest reverence in deepest gratitude and eager submission our blessed Redeemer is. We owe Him our soul and body, mind and heart, this short time & in eternity. He redeemed us by His offering. He suffered judgment we deserved. He paid the ransom in suffering our eternity in hell agony; the same ransom for every soul He saved. We owe him love toward every member in His Family, and loving kindness and prayers for all the others to surrender to our Lord to rescue them. Our Lord made us kings and priests: and we shall rain on the earth. Who of all the true believers ever rained on earth? Every one! Christ’s martyrs rained with Him over their murderers. Christ’s prisoners rained over the rulers. His slaves ruled over the slave “owners”. Christ’s poor ruled over the wealthy. Again the significance of a vision is stretched over the centuries – since the beginning through endless eternity; of His rain. When the Holy Spirit of the Lamb dwells in our heart and guides our walk in Light, He rains in us, we rain with Him and all His enemies fall before Him in our suffering or celebrating. No earthly ruler ever had such power and glory and never will. Our King will excel in everlasting glory. Amen. The redemption blood in the verse 9 includes the complete sacrifice of God’s Son, our only Redeemer. The divine character of the only true God, the ever living and life giving Creator and Savior, is not demanding, but giving. But should He demand anything from anyone? The entire universe is His-own. He could rightfully demand that we give Him back what we owe Him; but He provided ransom to cover all our debts. In many of His judgments,



manifested so far, against the sins of humanity, He is just holding back some of His provisions; and that only after long, stubborn rejection of His loving, caring provisions. The Lord Jesus presented simple rules to Adam how to be safe, secured and ever blessed in the Eden. The man's choice was to give all in exchange for an experiment based on Satan's deception. Many times through the history men refuse to acknowledge their dependence on, & proper use of God's provisions. He withheld rain showers and they had famine. Men refused to love one another and soon they had wars. The multitudes of the heavenly hosts are glorifying God. He is teaching us to understand His glory because we cannot be blessed and have lasting happiness without adoring Him and living to please Him. The universe is full of God's glory. The Holy Scriptures are full of God's holiness, beauty and majesty. We could rightly judge that the Word of God and the universe "bow down in adoration" of God. The Son of God is the Lion just to please and glorify the Father. The Father delights in honoring & glorifying His Son. Christ is the Lion against the devil and on our behalf to please the Father. The Father is thrilled to give us as a present, a Bride, to the Son. Our King is the Lion in us; the martyrs are a living testimony of this fact. Our greatest joy is to give ourselves in love and never faltering loyalty to our Master and Bridegroom. The Lamb of God is the Ransom. The Lamb redeemed us from the just judgment to glorify the Father in God's mercy and grace. The Father glorifies the Son in the marvelous redemption and blesses us with the desire to glorify the Father and the Son. Our Priest is according to the order of Melchizedek to intercede. The Son loves to be between us and the Father not to separate but to unite us with Him Who loves us in His Son. The visions of the heavenly throne signify so much of the divine glory to cultivate in us lasting blessedness. We are with Him on His throne when we behold Him as He is. We are involved in His honor. Our prayers and praises are in their harps and vials of fragrance in the verse 8 and the essence of them is expressed in the verses 9 & 10. In Luke 15: 7 we see the heavenly joy in our repentance which is Christ's victory in our heart. Verses 9 & 10 are the heavenly praise of Christ's victory in our daily walk &

worship. It was joy in heaven in our repentance and genuine conversion. There is joyful praise in heaven when we journey victoriously to the end. But look at this crescendo in the following verses: ecstasy of the hosts.

**11&12]** Numberless multitudes of the heavenly hosts surround the throne and join us in the celebration. The loudest and the sweetest harmony of praise to the blessed Redeemer from His ever faithful angelic hosts united with the redeemed souls fills the universe: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing! But, what is the meaning of this expression? Is not all the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing His? Is not He the Source of all? I think this is an acknowledgment, praise, to God our Creator and Savior for all that He is and all His great and marvelous works. It's also an open and rapturous confession of our full confidence and dependence on Him, our Source, our grate Giver, of all gifts and blessings; salvation in Christ being the greatest of all. By this praise we express our understanding the proper use of all God's gifts: to glorify our Lord Jesus, to bless the members of His Body, to reach out to all we see in need of deliverance from the sin-slavery and, to defeat the Adversary, the devil. In this awareness we live in God's Kingdom already, in this world. This way we are an image of our blessed Master: we are in heaven although our feet are walking on this ground. This world has become our battleground where, in Christ, we are victorious. As we keep the eyes of our faith focused on our Master, we see our eternal future in glory and His leading us through victory. No battle outcome is uncertain, no suffering too hard, when our souls rest assured in the arms of His loving care. Satan cannot harm us with his craftiness, vanity, and pride; we know all the gifts and fruits of the Spirit in our daily use are our good Shepherd's property and His loving, patient work in &, through us. Another step forward as we follow our King of kings, and we will be with Him - forever; even before our soul gets transferred: in the last two verses of this chapter the entire world is engulfed in Christ's victory.

**13]** Every living being in the entire universe is proclaiming: blessing, honor,

glory, and power, to Him on the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Nothing is meaningless, senseless, confusing, or disheartening. Our victorious Captain leads us through the glorious battle toward His ultimate triumph.

**14]** The four living beings on and around the throne say, Amen. The twenty four elders prostrate themselves in worship of the Most High living forever and ever. Every testimony recorded in the Book, all the witnesses since the beginning, the Heaven and the universe, unite in a thunderous Amen rolling on... In all of that glory, entirely by the grace of God our Father, completely on the merit of Christ our Savior, we are united with this magnificent grandeur of glorifying God, our soul is exclaiming Amen! We also fall prostrate before our wonderful Creator and Savior, united with all souls - ransomed since the beginning. In John 17: 5 the glory of the Son in the Father is eternal. In Acts 4: 10-12 we see the only Savior of all who trust and obey the Lord. That grace of God saved Abel, the righteous, & Enoch, the faithful prophet. The last one saved by the Lord is saved by that same grace. God's glory is eternal; His Gospel everlasting. I am only at the end of the chapter 5. I wonder what will land on my mind as I journey through the rest of this magnificent book... So far, in the first five chapters, the spiritual dimensions are measureless. This vision is history, prophecy, and the Gospel message in it is universal and essentially eternal; what a glory! If we reflect across this chapter 5 only, the nature and the structure of the Gospel is unfolding in a new light again. The Eternal Father is on the throne in His power, glory and grace as He always is – forever. [1] In I Kings 19: 12 the still small voice Elijah heard is as powerful as the voice of the mighty angel in 5: 2. That power is everlasting. In the verse 3, the uniqueness of Christ the Son of God is eternal and glorious. The lamentable condition of fallen humanity began with sin and continues forever - without salvation in Christ. The impossibility of finding any person worthy - able – to be the Messiah, to lift up the fallen and to deliver the captives, this impossibility is everywhere in the entire universe – outside of Christ our Lord. This search

through the entire universe, The Holy Spirit presented to John to develop awareness in our mind of our total dependence on Christ in our soul's most important need – redemption & deliverance. The Father had no need to look for the Savior. God's only Begotten Son offered Himself to His Father. John's anguish and sorrowing indicates our souls' desperate need of the Savior on one hand, and magnifies our 'right' to be grateful forever; for there was One worthy and willing to suffer and die for us. He is also resurrected for us to bring before the Father a throng to adore Him as He alone is worthy of. Everyone trusting and obeying our Savior receives the blessing of seeing our Father in the Son; each one can see the Lion in the Lamb. One look at the Great Redeemer ends all weeping: in Christ is our endless joy. This Good News was heralded by the hopeful Bride of Christ since God's faithful prophet Enoch. From the throne of the Most High, through the entire message of His Word by all the faithful ones of old, by many signs of God's displeasure and judgment, and by multitudes of blessings & miraculous rescues, this same Holy Spirit is revealing the only Savior. In 1: 11-20 the Spirit revealed this majestic Messenger. In the chapters 2 & 3 we see more and more of Him in every message to all churches. In 4: 5 this Holy Spirit's presence is indicated by the seven flames; as if to illuminate the glory of God so even we can see it. In this chapter - verse 5, the Holy Spirit is indivisible One with the Lamb; seven horns and seven eyes. I perceive the horns signify the power; both authority and might. The eyes tell us of His omniscience, both in His foreknowledge and experience. The One Holy Spirit is presented in the number 7 to teach us His all sufficient presence and power to lift up from the dead all who hear, believe, trust & obey the Son. The same Spirit keeps alive all creatures. Even the microscopic organisms, same as the gigantic beings, glorify the almighty Creator and our only Savior. Not one sparrow is forgotten...The whole creation glorifies God. No creature is as rebellious as the sinners blindly following Satan into everlasting doom. In spite of so much human decay, so much of the creation exists to glorify the Creator and to fill His children with awe and adoration, with revelation and new understanding

that there is an endless Source of enlightenments in our Father and our Redeemer. He loves us with His everlasting love. Glory to God! I learned of some interpretations telling that this book, or scroll, signifies not the entire work of our Lord. Some others are convinced that this scroll, having seven seals, must mean: God's entire work till the end. The argument is nonexistent at this point: all power is given to Him in the universe [Matthew 28: 18]. Our Prince of peace, the only Lion – Lamb of God, fulfilled, is fulfilling, and will fulfill our Father's will perfectly. Our Heavenly Father has His perfect choice in His Son; and the Son pleased the Father well in everything. In the Son, our Lord and Savior, all His redeemed are forever blessed worshipers in endless eternity, but also now while we trust and obey Him as we journey through this world, to His & our home.