

The Lamb and the Seven-Sealed Scroll (Revelation 5:1-14)

Introduction: The Worthiness of the Lamb

In Revelation 5, John is granted a vision of a scroll sealed with seven seals that no one in heaven or on earth is worthy to open—except for the Lamb. This scroll represents God's redemptive plan for the world, and only Jesus, who was slain and resurrected, has the authority to execute God's purposes. As the Lamb, Jesus is uniquely qualified to bring about the final victory over sin and death, and His sacrificial death makes Him worthy to open the scroll. This powerful moment highlights both the gravity of Christ's work and the overwhelming worship that erupts in heaven as a result of His worthiness.

“Tonight, we’re going to see an amazing scene,” Ryan said. “John sees a scroll in heaven, but no one is worthy to open it—except for Jesus, the Lamb. This shows us how central Jesus’ sacrifice is in God’s plan for redemption.”

Ariel, eager to understand, asked, “Why is the Lamb the only one who can open the scroll?”

“That’s a great question, Ariel,” Ryan replied. “The scroll represents God’s plan for history, and Jesus is the only one who has the authority and ability to bring that plan to completion. His sacrificial death made Him worthy of this role.”

Alice, holding Mr. Fluffernutter, asked, “So, Jesus is the hero who saves the day?”

“Exactly!” Yaya smiled. “Jesus is the hero of God’s great story, and because of His sacrifice, He alone has the right to bring salvation to the world.”

Key Teachings: The Worthiness of the Lamb and God’s Redemptive Plan

1. The Scroll and Its Seals (Revelation 5:1-4)

Key Verses:

"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." (5:1)

- **The Seven-Sealed Scroll:**

Ryan explained, “The scroll in the vision is a symbol of God’s redemptive plan for the world. The seven seals represent stages in God’s unfolding plan of judgment and salvation. The seals must be broken for God’s plan to be revealed and executed.”

- **No One is Found Worthy:**

Ryan continued, “John weeps because no one, not in heaven or on earth, is worthy to open the scroll and reveal its contents. This shows the importance of the scroll and the difficulty of the task—it’s not just about opening a book; it’s about executing God’s plan for the salvation of the world.”

Ariel asked, “Why does John weep?”

“John weeps because the scroll holds God’s plan, and if no one can open it, then God’s plan won’t move forward. But this is where Jesus, the Lamb, steps in,” Ryan explained.

2. The Lamb as the Only One Worthy to Open the Scroll (Revelation 5:5-7)

Key Verses:

"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." (5:5)

- **The Lion of the Tribe of Judah:**

Ryan explained, “One of the elders tells John not to weep because the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has prevailed. This title points to Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfillment of God’s promises to David. He has the strength to open the seals and accomplish God’s plan.”

- **The Lamb Who Was Slain:**

“But when John looks, he doesn’t see a lion. Instead, he sees a Lamb, as if it had been slain,” Ryan continued. “This shows the paradox of Jesus—He is both the victorious Lion and the sacrificial Lamb. His death made Him worthy to execute God’s plan of redemption.”

Alice asked, “Why does Jesus look like a Lamb?”

“The Lamb represents Jesus’ sacrifice. Jesus’ death on the cross is what made Him worthy to open the scroll and bring God’s plan to completion,” Ryan answered.

3. The Worthiness of the Lamb and the Worship of Heaven (Revelation 5:8-14)

Key Verse:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." (5:12)

- **Worship in Heaven:**

Ryan explained, “When the Lamb takes the scroll, all of heaven erupts in worship. The angels, elders, and living creatures bow down before Him, singing praises for His worthiness. This worship is a response to the Lamb’s sacrifice and His victory over sin and death.”

- **The Lamb’s Worthiness:**

“The Lamb is worthy because He was slain for our sins. His death and resurrection are the foundation of God’s plan of salvation,” Ryan said. “The Lamb’s sacrifice is what makes Him worthy of all honor, power, and praise.”

Ariel asked, “Why do they say the Lamb is worthy of everything?”

“Because Jesus’ death on the cross was the ultimate act of love and obedience, securing our salvation. Everything in heaven worships Him because of what He did for us,” Ryan answered.

4. The Key Teaching: The Lamb's Sacrifice Makes Him Worthy

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The key teaching of this passage is that Jesus, as the Lamb of God, is uniquely worthy to open the seven-sealed scroll because of His sacrificial death. His willingness to lay down His life for the redemption of humanity is what qualifies Him to bring God's plan to fulfillment. Jesus is both the Lion (victorious Messiah) and the Lamb (sacrificial Savior), and because of His work on the cross, He is worthy of all worship and glory in heaven and on earth.

Ryan concluded, "This vision of the Lamb reminds us that Jesus' death is the central event of God's plan for salvation. His sacrifice makes Him worthy of all honor and praise, and through Him, God's redemptive plan will unfold."

Key Points Summary

1. The Scroll and the Seven Seals:

- The scroll represents God's redemptive plan, which only the Lamb can open, revealing God's purposes for judgment and salvation.

2. Jesus as the Worthy Lamb:

- Jesus' sacrificial death made Him worthy to execute God's plan. He is both the Lion of Judah (victorious) and the Lamb (sacrificial), and His work on the cross made Him worthy of eternal praise.

3. Heaven's Response to the Lamb:

- The vision of the Lamb inspires unceasing worship in heaven. Jesus' sacrifice is the cause of this praise, and He is the focal point of all heavenly adoration.
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This passage teaches us that Jesus' sacrifice is at the heart of God's redemptive plan. Because of His death and resurrection, He is the only one worthy to open the scroll and bring salvation to the world. This truth calls us to worship Jesus as the Lamb of God, the center of all creation and God's eternal plan.