

5:1-4 The Sealed Book

5:1, **And I saw in the right of him that sat upon the throne** - Καὶ εἶδον ἐπὶ τὴν δεξιὰν τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου – Pres Pass Ptc -

a book written within and on the backside - βιβλίον γεγραμμένον ἔσωθεν καὶ ὀπίσθεν, - Pf Pass Ptc - a scroll, comprehensive (whole counsel of God) scroll containing the prophecy of coming events in the book of Revelation. The subject of the book is redemption.

“True redemption has its roots in the past, but its final fulfillment lies in the future.”

This possession has been purchased, but not fully redeemed: Luke 21:28; Eph. 1:13-14; Rom. 8:22-23

Three things could be redeemed in the O.T.

Servants: Mankind

A wife: The Church

Piece of land: The earth at the end

sealed with seven seals - κατεσφραγισμένον σφραγῖσιν ἑπτὰ. – Pf Pass Ptc - impressive, title deed to the earth, the seals must be successfully opened if the scroll is to be read - Greek wills had seven seals, important contents.

5: 2, **And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice** - καὶ εἶδον ἄγγελον ἰσχυρὸν κηρύσσοντα ἐν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ· - Pres Act Ptc - Mighty and powerful, urgency and great concern

Who is worthy to open the book - Τίς ἄξιος ἀνοῖξαι τὸ βιβλίον -

And to loose the seals thereof - καὶ λῦσαι τὰς σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ; -

5:3, **And no man in heaven**, - καὶ οὐδεὶς ἠδυνατο ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ -

nor in earth, neither under the earth, - οὐδὲ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς οὐδὲ ὑποκάτω τῆς γῆς -

was able to open the book, - ἀνοῖξαι τὸ βιβλίον -

neither to look thereon. - οὐδὲ βλέπειν αὐτὸ -

5:4, **And I wept much**, - και ἐγὼ ἔκλαιον πολὺ - Great concern for John wept much - compassion over an inheritance which had not been redeemed yet

because no man was found worthy - ὅτι οὐδεὶς ἄξιος εὐρέθη -

to open and to read the book, - ἀνοῖξαι και ἀναγνῶναι τὸ βιβλίον -

neither to look thereon. - οὔτε βλέπειν αὐτό· -

5:5, **And one of the elders saith unto me**, - καὶ εἷς ἐκ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων λέγει μοι -

Weep not: - Μὴ κλαῖε· - Pres Act Imp -

behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, - ἰδοὺ...ὁ λέων ὁ ὢν ἐκ τῆς φυλῆς Ἰουδα, - *"Lion of the tribe of Judah"* / Gen. 49:9-10; Heb. 7:14

the Root of David, - ἡ ρίζα Δαυὶδ, - *"root of David"* / Isa. 11:1,10 / representative of royalty

hath prevailed to open the book, - ἐνίκησεν... ἀνοῖξαι τὸ βιβλίον – Aor Act Ind – Historical Aorist! - conquered, this word is first in the Greek construction of the verse - Lit. "Behold, He has conquered...the Lion of the Tribe of Judah..."

and to loose the seven seals thereof. - και λυσαι τὰς ἑπτὰ σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ. – Aor Act

5:6, **And I beheld, and, lo,** - Καὶ εἶδον ἐν -

in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, - μέσῳ τοῦ θρόνου και τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων -

and in the midst of the elders, - και ἐν μέσῳ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων -

stood a Lamb as it had been slain, - ἀρνίον ἐστηκὸς ὡς ἐσφαγμένον, - Pf Pass Ptc - *"Lamb"* / 28X in Revelation / central object in Heaven / John 1:29; Acts 8:32; I Peter 1:19 He is in the midst of all things.

As the LION He is sovereign, majestic, the judge, His second coming.
As the LAMB is He is Savior, first coming, sacrificial and loving, tender

having seven horns and seven eyes, - ἔχον κέρατα ἑπτὰ και ὀφθαλμοὺς ἑπτὰ, -

which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. - οἱ εἰσὶ τὰ ἑπτὰ τοῦ θεοῦ πνεύματα, τὰ ἀπεσταλμένοι εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν. - “seven horns”/ kingly authority / “seven eyes”/ seven spirits of God

5:7, *And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne.*

5:8, *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb,* - καὶ ὅτε ἔλαβεν τὸ βιβλίον, τὰ τέσσαρα ζῶα καὶ οἱ εἴκοσιτέσσαρες πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεσαν ἐνώπιον τοῦ ἀρνίου -

having every one of them harps, - ἔχοντες ἕκαστος κιθάραν -

and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. - καὶ φιάλας χρυσᾶς γεμούσας θυμιμάτων, αἱ εἰσὶν αἱ προσευχαὶ τῶν ἁγίων· - Prayer of the saints: Psalm 141:2

5:9, *And they sung a new song,* - καὶ ᾄδουσιν ᾠδὴν καινὴν -

saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, - λέγοντες· Ἄξιός εἰ λαβεῖν τὸ βιβλίον -

and to open the seals thereof: - καὶ ἀνοῖξαι τὰς σφραγίδας αὐτοῦ -

WHY? *for thou wast slain,* - ὅτι ἐσφάγης -

and hast redeemed us to God - καὶ ἠγόρασας τῷ θεῷ ἡμᾶς -

HOW? *by thy blood* - ἐν τῷ αἵματί σου -

out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; - ἐκ πάσης φυλῆς καὶ γλώσσης καὶ λαοῦ καὶ ἔθνους, -

5:10, *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:* - καὶ ἐποίησας αὐτοὺς τῷ θεῷ ἡμῶν βασιλείαν καὶ ἱερεῖς -

and we shall reign on the earth. Kings and priests: - καὶ βασιλεύουσιν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς. - 1:6; 2:26-27; 3:21; 20:4-6

5:11, *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels* - Καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἤκουσα φωνὴν ἀγγέλων πολλῶν -

round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: - κύκλω τοῦ θρόνου καὶ τῶν ζώων καὶ τῶν πρεσβυτέρων -

and the number of them was - καὶ ἦν ὁ ἀριθμὸς αὐτῶν -

ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; - μυριάδες μυριάδων καὶ χιλιάδες χιλιάδων - 10 million plus thousands of thousands!

5:12, *Saying with a loud voice,* - λέγοντες φωνῇ μεγάλῃ· -

Worthy is the Lamb - Ἄξιόν ἐστιν τὸ ἄρνιον -

that was slain to receive power, - τὸ ἐσφαγμένον λαβεῖν τὴν δύναμιν -

and riches, and wisdom, - καὶ πλοῦτον καὶ σοφίαν -

and strength, and honour, - καὶ ἰσχὺν καὶ τιμὴν -

and glory, and blessing. - καὶ δόξαν καὶ εὐλογίαν. -

5:13, *And every creature which is in heaven,* - καὶ πᾶν κτίσμα ὃ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ -

and on the earth, and under the earth, - καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆ καὶ ὑποκάτω τῆς γῆς -

and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, - καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης, α εστι καὶ τὰ ἐν αὐτοῖς πάντα, ἤκουσα λέγοντας· -

Blessing, and honour, - ἡ εὐλογία καὶ ἡ τιμὴ -

and glory, and power, - καὶ ἡ δόξα καὶ τὸ κράτος -

be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, - Τῷ καθημένῳ ἐπὶ τῷ θρόνου -

and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. - καὶ τῷ ἄρνιῳ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. -

5:14, *And the four beasts said, Amen.* - καὶ τὰ τέσσαρα ζῶα ἔλεγον· Ἀμήν. -

And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him - καὶ οἱ εικοσιτεσσαρες πρεσβύτεροι ἔπεσαν καὶ προσεκύνησαν. -

that liveth for ever and ever. - ζῶντι εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων - Pres Act Ptc -