

THE SEALED SCROLL  
(Revelation 5:1-7)

- I. The INTRODUCTION of the Scroll (Rev. 5:1)
  - A. Its POSSESSOR: GOD the FATHER
    - 1. Seated on the THRONE in MAJESTY and GLORY
    - 2. Held in His right hand, denoting POWER and AUTHORITY
  - B. Its APPEARANCE
    - 1. FULL of writing on FRONT and BACK
    - 2. SEALED with SEVEN seals
  - C. Its CONTENT (?)
    - 1. Parallel to ancient WILLS sealed by six (or seven) witnesses, signifying TRANSFER of INHERITANCE
    - 2. Parallel to Ezekiel's scroll of lament, mourning, and woe, signifying JUDGMENT (Ezek. 2:9-10)
    - 3. Parallel to Old Testament LAW, so flouted by man that JUDGMENT is DETERMINED
    - 4. Parallel to a "TITLE DEED," signifying Christ's RIGHT to RULE
    - 5. Contains "the announcement of the consummation of HISTORY"
    - 6. Could it, therefore, be "the LAMB'S book of LIFE"?  
(cf. Jn 6:37-40; 10:29-30; 17:9-10)
      - a. NONE of the scroll could be READ before ALL the seals have been broken

- b. Judgments of rest of Revelation associated with BREAKING the SEALS, not READING the SCROLL
- c. After judgments comes Millennium, then the FINAL judgment and the READING of the BOOK (20:11-15)

II. The CALL to CLAIM the Scroll (Rev. 5:2-4)

- A. Its proclamation: by a “STRONG ANGEL”
- B. Its qualification: “WHO is WORTHY?”
- C. Its desolation: No man possessed adequate POWER or AUTHORITY
  - 1. None could OPEN the book
  - 2. None could READ the book
  - 3. Therefore, John WEPT BITTERLY

III. The TRANSFER of the Scroll (Rev. 5:6-7)

- A. To the LION of JUDAH: signifying MAJESTY and POWER (cf. Gen. 49:9-10)
- B. To the ROOT of DAVID: signifying resurrection LIFE and INVINCIBILITY (cf. Isa. 11:1, 10)
- C. To the SLAIN LAMB: signifying victory through SACRIFICE (cf. John 1:29)
  - 1. SURPRISING to John
  - 2. Standing between the THRONE and the ELDERS
  - 3. Having seven HORNS and seven EYES: signifying WISDOM and POWER to SAVE
- D. To the OVERCOMER
  - 1. He PREVAILED (cf. Col. 2:14-15)
  - 2. He TOOK the SCROLL (cf. Dan. 7:13-14)