

# REVELATION CHAPTER 5



***BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,  
AND THEY THAT HEAR  
THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY....***



## REV 5:8-10

**KJV** <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; <sup>10</sup>And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth

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## REV 5:8-10

**AMP** <sup>8</sup>And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints). <sup>9</sup>And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation <sup>10</sup>And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!

**Jesus takes the book out of the right hand of the Father and is worshiped by the heavenly host. The only person who could open the book was God Himself, who became man and died on the cross as our redeemer. Jesus Christ, who came from Heaven to earth, became man making him our near “kinsman” and thus giving Him the right as man to redeem man. Jesus was both fully man, and fully God, Paul in *Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 to 11* explains the incarnation. For this same reason the Cherubim, the living creatures and the 24 elders fall down in worship before the Lamb. The Lamb is fully God in the midst of the throne demonstrating He is fully God, and worthy of worship. If the suffering Messiah, the Lamb, were not God, the creatures and the 24 elders would be in sin by falling down before Him. (Exodus 20:3-5)**

**Harp** Only two musical instruments are mentioned in heaven, the trumpet and the lyre or harp. The harp was the instrument used by David and one of the instruments used before the Lord in worship in ancient Israel. (1 Chron. 15:28) The Lamb is worshiped by those in Heaven, with both music and prayer.

**Prayers of the saints** The 24 elders have golden bowls with incense, which represent the prayers of saints. The altar of incense in the Temple, was a type, illustrating the prayers of the saints who worship before the throne of God. Like fragrant smell of incense and the smoke the drifts toward heaven, prayers are pictured as incense before the throne.

The elders, representing all of the redeemed bowing before the lamb, with their harps and prayers stand as sympathetic representatives of all the saints.

**New song** The fact these in Heaven are singing a new song, signifies a change of events. This new song, validates these are redeemed saints who are celebrating redemption. The song is new because a new event has happened, redemption, the resurrection of the dead.

**This is the new song of redemption in Jesus' blessed name, the "new song" prophesied by Isa. 42:10. In this connection, it is proper to note that "forgiveness of sins" is the newest thing on the planet earth, being never before possible until the death of Jesus on the cross**

**Christianity is the truly new thing. In it are the new creation, the new name, the new song, the new heaven and the new earth, the new birth, the new life in Christ, etc. . Strangely enough, the widespread references in sermonic literature to the "song" which the angels sang the night Jesus was born find their only corroboration in what is written here. This passage says "they sang a new song," introducing it by "saying." It is plain that this verb is consistent with song as well as speech.**

**Redeemed** The word used in Greek here is *ajgoravzw Agorazo* which means to be in the market place, to attend it, to do business there. Jesus purchased the saints by His blood. The Lamb was sacrificed for the sins of humanity. Jesus became our “Kinsman” Redeemer, who by becoming man had the right of redemption, this is demonstrated in the laws of Moses. (Numbers 27;1-11). Without Jesus Christ, man had no hope man was completely lost.

## Purchase with thy blood ...

The conception of the church as a possession, bought by the blood of Christ, is everywhere in the New Testament. "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price" ([1 Corinthians 6:19,20](#)). "The church which he purchased with his own blood" ([Acts 20:28](#)), etc.

**Made us** The controversy regarding this verse is in the manuscripts. Some manuscripts read “Made them” and not “Us”. Most recent scholarship from the most reliable manuscripts affirm the translation of “Made us”. This is important because the argument that the 24 elders are angels does not exist if the correct translation is “Made us”. The American Standard Version of 1901 uses the alternative manuscript source and translates this section as follows.

**Rev 5:9-10 (ASV)** *9 And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood [men] of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, 10 and madest them [to be] unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon earth.*

**The song is personal and includes the 24 elders who are singing about their own redemption, angels do not require redemption. The song by the elders represents the redeemed and is for all the saved, from every nation, tribe and tongue.**

**The glorious outburst in heaven extolled the triumphant death of Christ on the cross, that being where the purchase of a people from all classes and kindreds was actually paid. Very clearly, it is not some far-off millennial morning which is in view here but the scenes of Calvary, the garden of Gethsemane, and the post-resurrection meeting with the apostles in the upper room**

**Kings** During the Millennium the saints will rule and reign with Christ. Jesus, in Matthew 19:28-29 informed the disciples they would rule over the 12 tribes of Israel during the regeneration or resurrection. At the beginning of the Millennium, the resurrected saints will be appointed to positions of authority to administer the *Millennium Kingdom* of Messiah.

**There are several views about reigning on the earth. There are those that teach we are already ruling and reigning, and there will be no futuristic reigning of Kings and Priests coming back from Heaven to rule and reign. This point of view denies the post tribulation ruling and reigning because they believe it is already in existence. Another view is that we are Kings and Priests awaiting to rule and reign with Christ on earth after the marriage supper of the lamb and then and only then will we reign on earth. Either view can be challenged by Scripture. The point I want to make is that we are Kings and Priests, and that we have authority from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords now, but we rule and reign now to a limited degree, but will reign with Christ in totality in the future. This is when the Lion shall lay down with the Lamb. Since that hasn't happened yet, we believe it is futuristic.**

**I Peter 2;5,9** *5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

*9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*

**Reign** The reigning of the saints is a theme presented in both Old and New Testaments. Daniel points to the day when the kingdoms of this world are turned over to the saints, who will rule with the “Son of man” in the coming age. (2 Tim. 2:12, Revelation 20:4,6)

Daniel 7:27 states: *Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

**In the parable of the talents and mina (Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 19:12-26) Jesus presents a nobleman who entrusts his servants with his possessions while he is gone. When the nobleman returns he rewards his servants based on what they did with his possessions entrusted to their care. In Luke, the parable of the mina, the faithful servants receive rule over cities in the kingdom the nobleman went to claim. This parable applies to the promise reward for faithful service to Christ. In the Millennium, saints receive positions of authority based on service in their lifetime.**

## REV 5:11-14

**KJV** <sup>11</sup>And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup>Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. <sup>13</sup>And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. <sup>14</sup>And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

## REV 5:11-14

**NLT** <sup>11</sup> Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. <sup>12</sup> And they sang in a mighty chorus: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” <sup>13</sup> And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.” <sup>14</sup> And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped the Lamb.

## REV 5: 11-14

**AMP** <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [<sup>l</sup>of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing! <sup>13</sup>And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)! <sup>14</sup>Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever.

**John saw and heard the voice of many angels. Some say the book of Revelation is all symbolic allegory but John tells us what He heard in this book many times. What is heard cannot be made into symbols reflecting some spiritual meaning. The number of these beings around the throne was over 100 million. We see the same reference to this number of beings around the throne and to the timing of these events in Daniel Chapter 7: 9-10; 26-27**

***9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.***

**10** *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*  
*26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

**In Daniel, the Ancient of Days comes to set up his court and there are over 100 million beings as well around the throne. In Daniel and in Revelation we see the kingdom will be taken from Satan and awarded to the saints. Prophetic scripture is consistent and totally reliable.**

**Angels** John again expands the picture, expanding the scene from the throne. He describes all voices surrounding the throne, the angelic hosts of heaven. They join the elders and the 4 living creatures of their praise of the Lamb. John numbers the voices at *muria* *Murias* (Myriads) times *Murias* or 10,000 times 10,000 which equals 100 million. However, the word here is not meant to apply an exact number, but the picture of an innumerable number of angels, creatures, and elders gathered around the throne, singing and worshiping the Lamb at the center of the throne who just took the book from the right hand of the Father on the throne.

John then reports hearing every creature acknowledge the throne of God. On the throne are the Lamb and the Father (Rev 5:6). The scene causing the praise of heaven and earth is taking place from the middle of the throne, where the Lamb received the scroll. All of the universe will one day acknowledge the work of Christ whether they like it or not. Both Isaiah and Paul point to this day in the scripture. *Philippians 2:10-11 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Isaiah 45:22-23 22 "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.*

**Verses 12-14 prophetically tells us that all creation will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord when He completes the work given to Him by the Father and restores creation to what it was before the fall of angels and man. “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Because of what Jesus has done for mankind, he alone is worthy to receive all of this. He alone deserves our praise. He alone should get honor for all that He has done and will continue to do. Our voices should be lifted up in loud praise for all that He is and all that He is done. Let’s praise Him now!**