Revelation: Chapter Five



### The Covenantal Treaty Structure

SECTI ON	NAME	PURPOSE
1.	PREAMBLE	To identify and establish the authority of the Suzerain
2.	HISTORICAL PROLOGUE	To review the historical relationship between the Suzerain and the Vassal
3.	ETHICAL STIPULATIONS	To explain the conduct expected of the Vassal and the benefits which accompany obedience to the covenant
4.	SANCTIONS	To define violations of the covenant and the consequences of disobedience to the covenant
5.	SUCCESSION ARRANGEMENTS	To warn of the grave consequences of succeeding the covenant

### **OBSERVATIONS**

#	REVELATION	CHILTON	BRIAN
4	You are Worthy	The Heavenly Sanctuary	Father
5	Worthy is the Lamb	Feast of Passover	Son
6	The First Six Seals	Feast of Pentecost	Holy Spirit
7	The First Interlude	Feast of Booths	The Prophets

### III. ETHICAL STIPULATIONS ..... 4:1-7:17

Α.	You are Worthy, O LORD	.4:1-11
В.	Worthy is the Lamb	.5:1-14
C.	Opening the First Six Seals	.6:1-17
D	The First Interlude	7.1_17

III. ETHICAL STIPULATIONS: THE SEVEN SEALS	4:1-7:17
A. "You are Worthy, O Lord"	4:1-11
1. "Come up Here"	4:1
2. The Throne of God	4:2-5
3. The Four Living Creatures	4:6-8
4. Worship Lead by the Four Living Creatures	4:9-11
B. "Worthy is the Lamb"	5:1-14
1. The Seven Sealed Scroll	5:1-3
2. "Do Not Weep"	5:4-5
3. A Lamb Standing as Slain	5:6-7
4. The Lamb takes the Scroll	5:8-10
5. Four Creatures and Elders Worship the Lamb	5:11-12
6. Every Creature Worships God and the Lamb	5:13
7. The Twenty-Four Elders Fall and Worship	5:14



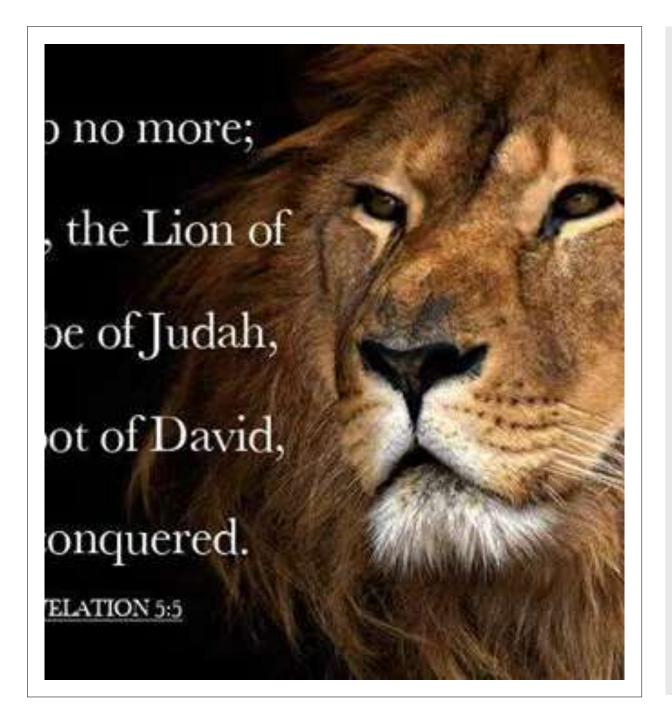
#### The Seven Sealed Scroll

- Description of the Scroll Revelation 5:1-3
- What is it?
  - THE Revelation
  - The NEW COVENANT (seven seals<sup>1</sup>, written on inside and outside; Exodus 32:15)
- ∘ No one... was able to open the scroll, or to look at it − vs. 3
  - No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll
  - had the *authority* to open, or to look at it



### "Do Not Weep: Revelation 5:4-5

- This serves to emphasize the glory of God, and particularly the Son, *over all* creatures.
- Not the angelic host, not the twentyfour elders, not the four living creatures
- None were worthy to open it or to see it
- John understood its significance, and wept much (loudly ESV)
- But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold..."

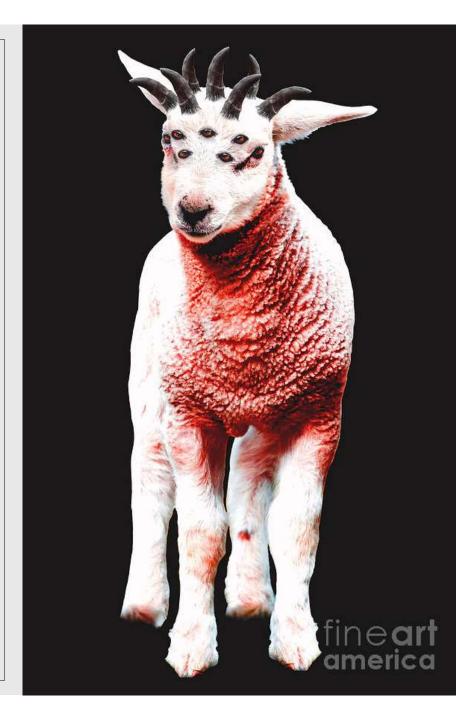


### "Behold,"

- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:9-10)
- The *Root* of David (Isa 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8)
- Has **Prevailed (nikao)** to open the scroll and loose it's seals vs. 5; John 16:33

## "A Lamb as Though it Had Been Slain"

- In the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures (Mark 16:19; Acts 2:32-33; Ephesians 1:20-23; Philippians 2:9-11)
- ° "Stood a Lamb (Acts 7:56)
- "as though it had been slain...
  - Notice the symbolism of the Passover
  - The Lion is the Lamb
- With seven horns
  - Horns represent power throughout Revelation
- ∘ With seven eyes vs. 6



## The Lamb Takes the Scroll

- Then He came and took the scroll
- Out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
  - Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son – Hebrews 1:1-3
  - He was given all authority in Heaven and on the Earth Matthew 28:18



# The Four Creatures and Elders Worship *the*Lamb – vs. 8-11

- Now when He had taken the scroll
- The four living creatures and the twentyfour elders each fell down before the Lamb
- Each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense (THIS IS A SIGN)
  - This sign is also *interpreted* vs. 8
  - o "which are the prayers of the saints."
- And they sang a new song
  - Mentioned seven times in the Old Testament (Psalm 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isaiah 42:10-13)



## "And They Sang A New Song, Saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV)

### The Voice of Many Angels...

"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is **the Lamb** who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:11-12 NKJV)

### And Every Creature

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, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13 NKJV)

### John 5:19-23 NKJV

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

### Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 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, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### The Four Living Creatures

(Revelation 5:14 NKJV)

Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.