

## Chapter 5

1 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

1) What purpose is the right hand of God, see Psalm 60:4-5, and 108:6

1) Ezekiel 2 shows a scroll written on front and back, according to verse 9, what is the purpose of the scroll?

1) In Daniel 11 it shows the progression of the Seleucid empire to Roman empire, then the time of the end. In chapter 12 we see a scroll of judgement sealed for the time of the end. This scroll that Jesus unseals is that scroll described in Daniel. The first six seals are the progression of the Roman empire, the seventh seal is the trumpet judgements against Rome. See the Daniel 11 prophecy fulfillment worksheet.

5) See Genesis 49:9-10 for the lion, and Isaiah 11:1-10 for the Root of David.

6) It is commonly interpreted that the "seven" in this verse is symbolic and represents the complete work of Jesus, not seven literal horns of power, or seven literal eyes of judgement. See Benson's commentary: *Emblematical of perfect power and perfect knowledge, whereby he is able to accomplish what is contained in the book; namely, by his almighty and all-wise Spirit, even to reveal future events respecting the world and the church, and to accomplish all God's designs of providence and grace. To these seven horns and seven eyes answer the seven seals and the seven-fold song of praise, Revelation 5:12. In Zechariah, likewise, (Zechariah 3:9; Zechariah 4:10,) mention is made of the seven eyes of the Lord, which go forth over all the earth. Which (both the horns and the eyes) are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth — They represent that divine wisdom and energy which operate everywhere; or that effectual working of the Spirit of God, which goes through the whole creation: and that in the natural as well as spiritual world.*

7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

7) Who is the one who will be judge, see John 5:22-23 and Philippians 2:9-11.

10) With the opening of the seals, the reign of Jesus has begun. This will tie into chapter 20 concerning the "millennial reign." This is also the beginning of the "first resurrection." See Ephesians 2:1-7. Notice also Paul's reference to the coming "age" that is associated with this act of being "raised up."

