

LESSON 7

THE BOOK WITH SEVEN SEALS

“WHO IS WORTHY?” (5:1–5)

Chapter 4 centers on worship to God as Creator, while chapter 5 features worship to Christ as Redeemer. As the curtain rose on the heavenly drama in 5:1, the throne remained at center stage. The elders, the creatures, and the seven Spirits were still present (vv. 5, 6). At this point, however, an air of anticipation hung over the scene.

1. What two peculiarities did the scroll in verse 1 have?
2. How was paper normally made in John’s day?
3. What three purposes did a seal serve?
4. What did the fact that this scroll had seven seals indicate?
5. What might the scroll and seven seals have looked like?
6. What might the facts that the scroll had writing on both sides and was sealed seven times indicate?
7. Why is it difficult to understand why such widely differing speculation exists as to what this book was?
8. Who would those “in heaven” (5:3) include?
9. To what did “under the earth” (5:3) refer?
10. What implications did the word “root” (5:5) have?

WORTHY IS THE LAMB (5:6–10)

John's hopes had been revived. He turned, no doubt expecting to see a lion (v. 5). Instead, he saw a lamb.

11. What does the Greek word translated "slain" in verse 6 mean?
12. What was the significance of the lamb "having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God" (5:6)?
13. What does the word "saint" (5:7) mean?
14. Why does the use of harps in heaven in verse 8 not justify the use of instruments in worship?
15. As Christians, in what four ways do we reign?
16. What response could one give to premillennialists who see verse 10 as foretelling a future reign of Christ on earth?

PRAISE TO THE LAMB (5:11–14)

After the twenty-eight singers had sung of redemption, they were joined by an angelic chorus.

17. What does the word translated "myriads" (5:11) mean?
18. What observations could be pointed out to those who say that the Bible never speaks of angels singing (see 5:12)?
19. What two groups could the attributes of Jesus in 5:12 be divided into?
20. What is the difference between "might" and "power" (5:12)?