

# Revelation 5:1-14

## Who is Worthy to Open the Scroll?

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Revelation 4:9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." 6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

#### Scroll is Title Deed to Earth?

Matt 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "**All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.**" 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

2 Cor 4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

#### What are requirements to redeem the earth and its inhabitants from Satan's grasp?

##### (1) Those wanting to be redeemed:

Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

##### (2) Must be one of us:

Lev 25:25 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, **and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it**, then he may redeem what his brother sold. **Go to verse 47** 'Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and one of your brethren who dwells by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family, 48 after he is sold he may be redeemed again. **One of his brothers may redeem him;**

Jer 32:9 So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who was in Anathoth, and weighed out to him the money — seventeen shekels of silver. 10 And I signed the deed and sealed it, took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales. 11 So I took the purchase deed, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open; 12 and I gave the purchase deed to Baruch the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the purchase deed, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison. 13 "Then I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both this purchase deed which is sealed and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days." 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land."

### **BARNS**

By the offer is probably meant the specification. The conditions, literally, the statutes, would be the stipulations and terms of the sale, e.g. as to its restoration at the year of jubile, its price etc. The placing of the deeds in jar was of course intended to preserve them from damp during the long years of the exile.

### **JAMIESON, FAUSSET, AND BROWN**

Gataker thinks that the purchaser sealed the one with his own seal, the other he showed to witnesses, that they might write their names on the back of it and know the contents; and that some details-e.g., the conditions and time of redemption-were in the sealed copy, which the parties might not choose to be known to the witnesses, and which were therefore not in the open copy. The sealed copy, when opened after the 70 years' captivity, would greatly confirm the faith of those living at that time. The "law and custom" refer, probably, not merely to the sealing up of the conditions and details of purchase, but also to the law of redemption, according to which, at the return to Judea, the deed would show that Jeremiah had bought the field by his right as next of kin (Lev 25:13-16).

### **(3). The kinsman redeemer must not be in debt themselves:**

Sinless life

Can't pay off the debt of someone else if you owe the same debt

### **(4) Must pay the debt that was owed:**

Gen 2:16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

### **(5). But must be alive to redeem –**

**Requires a resurrection, can't release the person in slavery if you are dead/stay dead**

*Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the **Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

---- Lion of the tribe of Judah

Hos 5:14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will take them away, and no one shall rescue. 15 I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

----- Root of David

2 Samuel 7 – The Davidic Covenant

Revelation 5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures **and** the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**The following teaching on verses 8-14 is based on what I learned at the Pre-trib Study Group Conference in Dallas, Dec 2007**

**Last speaker (Dr. John Niemela) received his doctorate at Dallas Theological Seminary. Title of his talk was: Revelation 5, the 24 Elders and the Rapture**

**You can watch the video of his teaching here:**

<https://www.pre-trib.org/articles/dr-john-niemela/message/revelation-5-the-twenty-four-elders-and-the-rapture/watch>

**Where I ask a question at 58:20 about whether the 24 Elders were specific or representative of the church.**

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Revelation 5:9 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, 10 And have made us **THEM** kings and priests to our God; and **we** **THEY** shall reign on the earth." 11 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, 12 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!" 13 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!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.