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See The Lamb

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Revelation 5:1-14 ¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth. ¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” ¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (NIV)

Revelation 1:1-3 ¹A revealing of Jesus, the Messiah. God gave it to make plain to his servants what is about to happen. He published and delivered it by Angel to his servant John. ²And John told everything he saw: God’s Word—the witness of Jesus Christ! ³How blessed the reader! How blessed the hearers and keepers of these oracle words, all the words written in this book! Time is just about up. (MSG)

The emphasis on this book is not the devil but Jesus Christ!

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. There is a mysterious scroll in the right hand of God that is sealed with seven seals. V.1

B. There is great grief in heaven because no one could open the scroll or even look inside. V.2-4

C. The Lamb of God was found to be worthy to open the scroll. V.5-6

Revelation 13:8 And all who dwell on the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb who was slain. (BSB)

- D.** There are four living creatures and elders before the throne. V.7-8
- E.** They sang a new song. V.9-10
- F.** Then many thousands of angels spoke in unison. V.11-13
- G.** This all led to worship. V.14

II. What can we learn from this?

- A.** When you look at the book of Revelation as a revelation of Jesus Christ instead of a timeline for the Apocalypse you see the urgency of lifting up Jesus Christ!
- B.** When Christ is the center of your worldview then tribulations do not frighten you. These crisis experiences provide opportunities to validate the names in The Book!
- C.** The Bible is essential in keeping our lives Christ centered.
- D.** Sing songs in times of struggle.
- E.** Worship the Lamb in word and in deeds.