

Revelation 5: A Vision of the Lamb

Then 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.

What did John see?

See Jeremiah 32

“Then, just as the LORD had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’

Why would he buy a piece of real estate in the middle of a war?

“I knew that this was the word of the LORD; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.”

I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah...” (Vs. 11)

“In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ‘This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’”

Revelation 5 - the scroll is a title deed to the universe - it declares who really owns it, He has always had it in His possession.

The scroll contains a description of how God intends to take back what is rightfully His; it contains detailed descriptions of His judgments, His vengeance and reclamation of what is rightfully His.

Read Daniel 12

“But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the scroll until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

Revelation 7 - When will this happen? When will the knowledge come?

Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives

forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

"I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude." Daniel 10.5-6

Is this familiar? Revelation 1 – Who is this?

"And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?'" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

The angel cries out, "Who is qualified to break the seals? Who is the rightful heir? To whom belongs the inheritance? Who is able?"

Nobody!

"I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or look into it."

Quote from W. A. Criswell

Isa 11:6-10

RUTH

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." Ruth 1:16-17

Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer of which Boaz is a type.

Cry of the angel in Revelation 5: Who is worthy?

Only One IS worthy – like Boaz of old, Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer!

To be that he had to do four things.

- i. He had to be a Kinsman of Adam
- ii. He had to be able
- iii. He had to be willing
- iv. He had to assume all the obligations of the beneficiary