

Revelation 5 – The Vision of the Lamb, Part 2

1. Searching for the One worthy
2. Selecting the One worthy

“Behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Lion - earliest titles for the Messiah from Genesis 49:8-10.

Lion of Judah – the lion would come from the tribe of Judah – speaks of strength and ferocity - the Messiah.

Root of David - Messiah would come through the line of David. “I am the root and the offspring of David.” Revelation 22:16

“Then a shoot, or a root, will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him.” Isaiah 11:1

“With righteousness He will judge the poor. He will strike the earth with a rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. And righteousness will be the belt about His loins, and faithfulness the belt about His waist.”

“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world shall be cast out.”
John 12:31

Jesus had to first go into battle against Satan – why?

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Hebrews 2:14-15)

To secure salvation the cross was a necessity.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Colossians 2:1-5)

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre 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. (Revelation 5:6)

John sees a Lamb.

Isaiah 53; 1 Peter 1:19

Revelation — Jesus referred to as the Lamb over 28 times.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy Spirit - seven-fold Spirit - Isaiah 11

He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Daniel 7:13-14

3. The song to the worthy One

Chapter 4 — two doxologies; Chapter 5 — three.

God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:20-22)

God exalted Him.

“There are four things out of place in the universe. The church is out of place; she ought to be in heaven. Israel is out of place; she should be in the land that has been sworn to her, and possess every part of it. The devil is out of place; he ought to be in the lake of

fire, but he's still roaming free. And Christ is out of place; He should be through with intercession and seated on His throne, reigning, instead of upon His Father's throne interceding." Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse

The harp or the lyre often associated with prophesying.

"After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. (1 Sam 10:5)

Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. But now bring me a harpist." While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came on Elisha and he said, "This is what the LORD says: (2 Kings 3:14-16)

David, together with the commanders of the army, set apart some of the sons of Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun for the ministry of prophesying, accompanied by harps, lyres and cymbals. (1 Chronicles 25:1)

Twenty-four elders holding golden bowls full of incense — the prayers of the saints.

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. (Luke 1:8)

Second Coming of Christ

Is there a difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming?

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes — I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me! (Job 19:25-27)

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and

rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess 4:13-18)

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:50-53)

There are TWO Comings

First, Jesus gathers His bride — Rapture - secret.

Second, Jesus comes to Israel — Second Coming - public.

Rapture —1 Thess 4 — *harpazzo* — snatched and caught up.

Latin Vulgate — translated *rapiemur* — “rapt” and “rapture”.

Seven raptures in Scripture.

Enoch, Elijah, Jesus, Philip in Acts 8, Paul in 2 Corinthians 12, the whole body of Christ in 1 Thessalonians 4 and John in Revelation 4.1.

Two categories

The Second Coming.	The Rapture.
Dan 2:44-45, 7:9-14, 12:1-3	John 14:1-3
Zech 14:1-5	1 Cor 15:1-53
Matt 13:41, 24:15-31, 26:64	1 Thess 4:13-18
Mark 13:14-27, 14:62	Rom 8:19
Luke 21:25-28	1 Cor 1:7-9, 16:22
Acts 1:9-11, 3:19-21	Phil 3:20-22
1 Thess 3:13	Col 3:4
2 Thess 1:6-10, 2:8	1 Thess 1:10, 2:19, 5:9, 5:23

2 Peter 3:1-14	2 Thess 2:1
Jude 14-15	1 Tim 6:14
Rev 1:7, 19:11-20:6, 22:7,12,20.	1 Tim 4:1
	Titus 2:13
	Hebrews 9:28
	Jas 5:7-9
	1 Peter 1:7,13
	1 John 2:28-32
	Jude 21
	Rev 2:25, 3:10

Second Coming	Rapture
No Translation	Translation of all believers
Translated Saints return to earth with Christ	Translated saints go to heaven
Earth judged	Earth not judged
Follows definite predetermined signs	Imminent – any moment, no signs
Predicted in OT	Rapture not in OT
All men on earth affected	Believers only
Concludes the day of Wrath.	Rapture is before the day of Wrath
Satan bound	No reference to Satan
Jesus comes with his own	Jesus comes for his own
Jesus comes to earth	Jesus comes in the air
Jesus comes with his bride	He claims his bride
Every Eye shall see him	Only his own see him
Great Tribulation ends and Millennium starts	Great Tribulation begins
OT saints raised (possibly later, Dan 12)	Only church believers raised/Raptured