

## 29. The Book of Revelation—5:10-14

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### Revelation 5:1-9 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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,

So, the Church (24 Elders) is seen up in heaven singing about the blood of Christ that has redeemed us!

J. Vernon McGee—

*"They sing of His shed blood in heaven. Down here many denominational churches are taking out of their hymn books all references to His blood, but in heaven they will be put back in the hymn book. I guess that may be the reason the Lord isn't going to embarrass some of these folks by taking them into heaven, because they would have to sing about the blood there."*

### Revelation 5:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Under Old Testament law it was illegal for a man to be both king and priest—King Asa broke that law and God struck him with leprosy. In the New Covenant, Jesus has made His people kings and priests. (Explain)

As believers we will reign with Jesus on the earth during the Millennial Kingdom—

### Revelation 20:6 (NKJV)

Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

### 2 Timothy 2:12 (NKJV)

If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.

- Talk about the Parable of the Ten Minas in Luke 19:11-27

### Revelation 5:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> 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,

John has been so focused on his vision of the throne of God and the Father sitting on it that he hasn't noticed the vast number of angels (spread out in every direction as far as the eye can see) which surround the throne of God.

Listen, save yourself some time and don't try to multiply ten-thousand by ten-thousand and add a bunch of thousands to it to try and figure out how many angels there are in heaven—the Greek is literally, *"myriads times myriads...."*

*Myriad* does mean 'ten-thousand'—but it's also the highest number in the Greek language and is often used to represent an *innumerable* number.

**Revelation 5:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> 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!"

One well known pastor said this—

*"The spontaneous outburst of worship results from the realization that the long-anticipated defeat of sin, death, and Satan is about to be accomplished and the Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth in triumph and establish His glorious millennial kingdom. The curse will be reversed, the believing remnant of Israel will be saved, and the church will be honored, exalted, and granted the privilege of reigning with Christ. All of the pent-up anticipation of millennia finally bursts out at the prospect of what is about to take place."*

**Revelation 5:13-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> 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!" <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

J.B. Philips—

*"From every possible sphere and from every single tongue there rings out an acknowledgment at last that Jesus Christ is Lord. There will not be a single dissenting voice. The fallen angels, the angels imprisoned in the abyss, the angels bound near the Euphrates, the demon hordes, Satan himself, wicked, Christ-rejecting sinners of earth, one and all acknowledge Him as Lord. Deep in every heart will be the absolute conviction that the choice of Jesus is wise and just and blessed and honorable and glorious and irresistible. God has placed into the hands of men the decision as to whether or not they will accept Christ as Savior, but the decision as to whether or not they will acknowledge Him as Lord is not theirs to decide."*

The tragedy is that if you wait until you are forced to bow your knee and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord—that will not be a confession unto *salvation* but it will be a confession unto *damnation*. So, you don't want to wait until that day to make the confession—do it now—bow to Jesus' Lordship.

**Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> ...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the

name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Another pastor and author put it this way—

*“One day every knee shall bow. If you don’t do it now, you’ll do it later. Doing it now will bring you salvation. Waiting till later only is acknowledging the righteousness of God in bringing you damnation. So you need to think that one over because sooner or later, you’re going to do it. Better sooner than later, for sure!”*

The tragedy is that, even though Jesus died that all could be saved, most won’t be saved—they won’t bow the knee to Jesus as their Savior and King here on earth—why?

Psalm 14:1 gives us the answer—we read:

**Psalm 14:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, “*There is no God...*”

However, the Hebrew is literally, “*The fool has said in his heart no God*”.

In other words, the psalmist might not have atheists in mind exclusively—he might also have in mind those who do believe in God but refuse to bow to His authority over their lives.

It’s not that they’re declaring themselves atheists who say God doesn’t exist—many of these people no doubt believe there is a God but refuse to let Him have control over their lives...

I think God’s Word is telling us to beware of faith that stops short of being saving faith—those who believe there is a God but who say in their hearts—

*“I don’t want to bow the knee to Your authority over my life. I want to be in control and do what I want to do. I don’t want God ‘messing’ with my life. I want to be my own master...”*

We see the rebellious fallen heart of man portrayed in defiance against his Creator’s right to reign over our lives in William Henley’s classic poem *Invictus*—

*“Out of the night that covers me black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning of chance my head is bloody but unbowed.  
Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms but the horror of the shade. And yet but the menace of the years finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul.”*

God is saying that someday everyone will bow the knee to Jesus and confess that He is Lord. But those who wait until they stand before Him on the Day of Judgment to do it—will be doing it before being cast into hell forever.

Only those who bow the knee right now to Jesus as their Savior and Lord will do it to salvation and not to damnation—today is the day of salvation!

We have now come to the moment most of you have been patiently waiting for—the place in the Book of Revelation that people often think of when the book is mentioned—Chapters 6-19.

In these Chapters are recorded God pouring His wrath (judgment) out upon this Christ rejecting, rebellious world.

This will be a world-wide, 7-year judgment called—the Tribulation Period.

I'll warn you we about to go through a deep, dark, depressing valley—if you think the evening news is depressing—you ain't seen nothing yet!

Nothing this world has ever seen or read about can prepare the people of this world for what is about to come upon this planet as recorded in Revelation 6-19. The good news for the people of God is that these judgments will be poured out upon the people of this world—those the Bible refers to as the "earth-dwellers."

These are those who have made this world their home and as such they want nothing to do with the God of the Bible—because they are rebellious haters of God and lovers of sensual pleasures.

This of course is in contrast with the people of God living upon the earth who love Him, keep His commandments and are called "*pilgrims and sojourners.*"

These are those who are 'passing thru' and have their home in heaven and not upon the earth.

To these (the Church, His Bride) Jesus promised—

**Revelation 3:8, 10 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name...

<sup>10</sup> Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

And then Chapter 4 opens with these words—

**Revelation 4:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

After this in Chapter 5 verses 8-10 we see the Church in heaven standing around the throne of God singing the song of the redeemed—before the first seal in Chapter 6 is broken and the Tribulation Period begins on the earth.

This tribulation will escalate into great tribulation during the second half of the Tribulation Period (last 3 ½ years) like a woman in labor. Before Jesus returns and the Kingdom is birthed—the great tribulation will climax in cataclysmic judgments and upheavals that will be so horrific the human mind (as of right now) can't even comprehend them.

The good news is that the Church will have a 'balcony' seat in heaven and not have to go thru these judgments taking place on earth. The reason is because the purpose of these judgments is to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their rebellion—and as God promised the Church, He will not punish the righteous with the wicked. (2 Peter 2:4-9)—(Comment).