

I. The Messiah takes The Scroll (Rev. 5:7; Dan. 7:13-14)

- A. John saw God the Father "on the throne," and the Lamb (evidently now appearing in human form) coming and taking the scroll "out of" His "right hand.". Clearly, this symbolizes a transfer of authority from the Father to the Son, who in turn will exercise the authority the Father has given Him.
- B. There are only 2 places in the scripture where a Man approaches the throne. The 2 passages depict the same prophesied event. There is a day coming soon where the Messiah will approach the throne and receive the scroll. On that day, He will be given authority to exercise total and everlasting dominion. All nations will serve Him and revere Him. He will confront sin and death and usher humanity into the millennial age. The Kingdom reality He establishes upon receiving the scroll will never end.

II. Heaven's Agreement and Response (Rev. 5:8-10)

- A. This transfer of authority from Father to Son triggered a dramatic outpouring of praise and worship to the Messianic King. John saw the Lamb, now in the center of all the angelic creatures gathered around the throne, as the central character and most important being in the entire heavenly scene!
- B. The living creatures and the elders (representing the partnering government of heaven) express their agreement with the Father's decree to give the scroll to Jesus. In light of (Rev. 4) we along with the heavenly hosts are compelled to agree ourselves concerning this coming event. Not only can we agree but we can also have confidence of its fulfillment and completion. (Num. 23:19; Hab. 2:3; Heb. 6:18)
- C. The Seraphim along with the Elders fall down and worship at the feet of the Lamb just as John had done in (Rev. 1:17). They commence to offer the exact same measure of incessant adoring worship and praise they offered to the Father just a few moments before. This is one of the clearest depictions of the fullness of the Deity of Jesus the man who had hung marred on the cross. (Ps. 2:1-12; Is. 42:8; Jhn 5:22-27)
 - 1. They each had a Harp – God has ordained that musical instruments be a part of the worship that is in His temple. He is the author not only of singing but also of music and that is why it is so powerful. The elders used the "harps" God made for them to play music unto the Lamb. Their instruments and their voices are lifted up together filling the temple with perpetual song. The Greek word used lends itself more to a guitar looking instrument (lyre) rather than a modern day harp. (2 Chron. 29:25; Ps. 43:4; Ez. 28:13)

2. The Prayers of the Saints - John explained that the "golden bowls full of incense" contained (represent) the "prayers" of God's people, that are the fragrant aroma of burning "incense" to Him. These personal devotions, intercessions, and declarations (prayers) from His people are kept in golden bowls speaking of their great value. (Lev. 6:13; Ps. 141:2; Lk 1:10)

III. They Sing a New Song

A. In the scriptures a "new song" was sung or referenced when God did something new in space and time. It does not mean that this was a new idea but rather the prophetic promise was finally manifested. In other words, "new songs" are sung in conjunction with His actions. Here the Seraphim and the Elders lead the Heavenly temple in a new song concerning Jesus receiving the scroll. (Ps. 33:3, 144:9; Is. 42:10-17)

1. You are Worthy – With this line of the song the Elders make a statement of agreement with the Father's decision that Jesus should receive the scroll and the authority and dominion that comes with it. They agree that He should be entrusted with the inheritance and absolute power of the earth and its inhabitants. Some translations say, "You have earned the right".
2. You were Slain - Jesus proved His worthiness to rule over all because when He possessed all the privileges of God in His pre-existent glory, He laid them down. We have already seen what He does when He has ultimate power. He used it to become human and died a criminal's death to pay for our sin by taking the wrath of God. He did this to cleanse people who hated Him from their sin. (Jhn. 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil 2:5-11)
3. You have Redeemed Them (NASB; NIV) – Not only did He use His authority to come and die for us, who once were His enemies, but then promoted us in our authority with Him. We will not only live forever but we will reign in His Kingdom with Him forever. (Dan. 7:18, 27)

IV. The Seven Spheres of His Dominion

A. Now John hears countless angels join in the new song that the Elders and Seraphim were singing. It seems all of heaven erupts in agreement and declaration of Jesus receiving the scroll. The song sung by a myriad of voices declared 7 spheres of leadership that they insist He is worthy to receive.

1. **Power** (political): Jesus will have the governmental authority over all nations. He will replace every evil government with new leaders and institute new laws and that will restore every sphere of life to the original intention of the Father.
2. **Riches** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus' leadership.
3. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus will not only have the political power but more importantly all the wisdom to bring every sphere of life to the original intention of the Father. He knows the answer to every question we will ask and holds the solution to every issue.
4. **Strength** (physical): All benefits of the labor force and human resources on the millennial earth will be submitted to Him and serve His plan to establish love and righteousness on earth. The nations will gladly offer the fruit of their strength to Him. They will love Jesus with all their strength or resources including their time, money, words, energy, and influence. (Mk. 12:30)
5. **Glory** (relational): All the people on earth will give glory to Jesus by giving their love, and praise to Him with great delight. He will be the magnificent obsession of all the nations. The preeminence of our minds, affections and conversations will be His. The fame of Jesus will cover the earth. (Ps. 43:4, 105:3; Phil. 3:3)
6. **Honor** (by obedience): All will honor Jesus with their obedience in practical ways. To honor in this sense is to obey and serve His agenda for the nations. Jesus will be the most obeyed, respected, and listened to person on earth. He will be the most talked about and emulated role model on earth. (Eph. 6:1-2)
7. **Blessing** (cooperative): All will bless or agree with His policies and plans and fully cooperate with His leadership in every sphere of society. Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified and joyful work force in history. Jesus will be the most powerful, wealthy, wise, loved, supported, praised, obeyed, respected, listened to, and talked about Man on the earth. Thus, we know that He is able to fulfill all of His promises to each of us forever and we will never cease to bless His glorious name.

V. All of Creation Agrees

A. In his vision, John now saw "every creature (created thing)," in every part of the universe, giving praise to God the Father ("Him who sits on the throne") and "to the Lamb." This portion of His vision probably involved a forward look to the end of the history of planet earth, when every creature will bow the knee to Jesus Christ. Our current personal agreement: "We are called to align our hearts and minds with heaven with the truth of the worthiness of Jesus and His leadership in this age."

1. Commit to see His Beauty – There is a day coming when the all the nations will see Him as the glorious one and they will experience the fullness of joy and fascination as they encounter Him. We have the privilege of being able to enter into this reality now! (Ps. 27:4; Is. 4:2, 33:17; Eph. 1:17-19)
 - a) Practical help of how to do this please check out these teachings (Encountering God Part 1-2) and the "Meditation Tool" on the info table.
2. Commit to His Leadership – Commit in your heart that Jesus may freely receive allegiance from us in all that we are and have. (Mat. 22:37; Mk. 12:30)
 - a) Commit to His leadership related to your personal *power* (authority); *riches* (money); *wisdom* (intellectual ability) *strength* (resources); *glory* (love, fascination, adoration); *honor* (obedience); and *blessing* (agreement with His plan with unified cooperation in His kingdom).
3. Work to Establish His Kingdom – We diligently partner with Jesus in kingdom work, which includes our marketplace assignment, spiritual gifting, and giving for the release of His inheritance now. (Ps. 2:8; Mat. 6:10)
4. Rule with Him through Governmental Intercession - Jesus rules at His Father's right hand by "releasing the rod of His strength" through an obedient praying Church. Jesus will release in part now what He will release in fullness after He returns. (1 Sam. 12:23; Jer. 27:18; Ps. 110:1-2; Jas. 5:16-18)

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