

**“Who Has the Right to Rule the Earth?”**  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 11  
*Revelation 5*

***This is the moment all of creation  
and Christians long for!***

The creation waits in *eager expectation* for the *sons of God* to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.  
Romans 8:19-21

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory.  
Ephesians 1:13b-14

**1. The title deed to the earth produced.**

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. Revelation 5:1

The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

John 19:21-22

**2. The search for the worthy and rightful owner.**

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Revelation 5:2-4

**3. The worthy, rightful owner identified.**

Then 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."  
Revelation 5:5

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And 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 the saints.  
Revelation 5:6-8

***“Jesus could not be the Lion of Judgment,  
or the King of Glory, unless He was first  
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”***  
John MacArthur

**At the cross Jesus defeated:**

Sin (Romans 8:3).

Death (Hebrews 2:14-15).

The forces of hell (Colossians 2:13-14 and 1 John 5:5).

**4. All of heaven and earth break forth in worship and celebration.**

**Cherubim and Elders:**

And they sang a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased men for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation.  
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."  
Revelation 5:9-10

**The angels of heaven join the praise:**

Then 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. In a loud voice they sang:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!"  
Revelation 5:11-12

**All of creation in heaven and on earth join the worship:**

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!"

The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.  
Revelation 5:13-14

**Lifework:** All of earth's history is moving toward a climax, and the key to it all is the

Nation of Israel. The earth cannot be blessed until the Nation of Israel is blessed. The events of chapter 5 focus on the movement of God toward the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

We actually have a role in applying God's redemptive power throughout the earth.

*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

1 Timothy 2:1-4

The fact that you and I can be part of God's eternal program for human redemption should ignite, excite, and transform our prayer life.

**Special note:** Someday, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. There will be no exceptions. The question is: When that moment comes, will your heart be filled with gladness or with regret? It is not a choice for the future, but a choice for today!