

The Lion and the Lamb

Revelation 5:1-14

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The Scroll

- *The scroll probably contains God's plans relating to the final stage of redemption, including the judgment of the wicked and the salvation of believers.*
- *The person who opened the scroll would reveal these plans so that redemption could be brought to completion!*
- *No one except the Lion of the tribe of Judah was found worthy to open the scroll.*

The Lion of the tribe of Judah

Jesus is pictured as the culmination of the royal line of Judah (Genesis 49:8-12) and the culmination of redemptive history.

How did Jesus become worthy?

In Revelation 5 we see Jesus Christ as the one who takes the scrolls and the only one in all the universe who is able to open it. Why was he considered worthy?

How did Jesus become worthy?

- *John sees Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and he sees him as the lamb who was slain!*

How did Jesus become worthy?

Jesus can be the conquering lion and the lamb who was slain because being slain was the way he conquers. Being the lamb of God who was slain is the reason he is the only one who is considered worthy to open the scrolls.

The glory in the lion and the lamb

Jonathan Edwards:

infinite highness and infinite condescension . . . infinite justice and infinite grace . . . infinite glory and lowest humility . . . infinite majesty and transcendent meekness . . . deepest reverence towards God and equality with God . . . infinite worthiness of good, and the greatest patience under sufferings of evil . . . an exceeding spirit of obedience, with supreme dominion over heaven and earth . . . absolute sovereignty and perfect resignation . . . self-sufficiency, and an entire trust and reliance on God.

The effect of the Lamb – worship!

- *Because of the Lamb who was slain God's redemption will come to completion and the saints have not hoped in vain!*
- *The Lamb takes center stage as all redeemed joins in with all creation to worship him*
- *Jesus is worshipped as God - He receives a sevenfold tribute of praise*

Conclusion

There is hope for the Church!