

Section Three: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Future)
Category A: Tribulation – Kingdom Intelligence Report #4
Topic: The Pronouncement (continued)

As initially discouraging as it was for John to realize that no one in heaven or on earth was found worthy to open the book or look into it, he is then told to cease and desist from his lament. The unsuccessful search for someone worthy was carried out to prove a point, not only to John but to all of us: **“with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”** So that in the remainder of the chapter, Revelation 5:5-14, it is revealed to John, and us, that there is One who is worthy to open the book and break its seven seals: the Lion from the tribe of Judah, who is one and the same with the Lamb that was slain. It is no coincidence that Jesus Christ is referred to as both Lion and Lamb in Revelation 5:5-6. No such direct juxtaposition occurs anywhere else in Scripture but here. The reason becomes obvious when the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders sing a new song, praising the Lion/Lamb in Revelation 5:9-10 –

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.’”

This song speaks of both redemption and reign; a redemption that has been accomplished and a reign that is about to be realized. But the latter could not happen without the former. It was necessary for our Creator to become our Redeemer, in order to restore the created order to all of its fullness. In Colossians 1:13-20, Jesus Christ is described as the Redeemer who has rescued us from the domain of darkness, as well as the Creator whose redemption has reconciled all things to Himself. This is why the book to be opened in Revelation 5 should be viewed as a scroll, similar to the one described in Jeremiah 32:10-15. Only this scroll does not contain the rights to a parcel of land in Israel, but the title deed for reclaiming all of the earth.

Thus, the cause and effect of Revelation 6:1. The breaking of one of the seals on the scroll by the Lamb that was slain, prompts one of the four living creatures to say, **“Come!”** This pronouncement marks the beginning of the end for the kingdoms of this world system ruled by Satan and his demon host (Luke 4:6; John 12:31). Christ’s redemption was accomplished even in the midst of the devil’s rule. But now Christ’s reign on earth will begin with the vanquishing of that evil realm. As the Tribulation progresses, His reign is anticipated with even greater fervency in heaven, for what is about to take place on earth (Revelation 11:15-19).

If the repentance of even one Dominionist heretic is still possible and contingent on only one passage of Scripture, it would have to be Revelation 5:1-14. If no one was found to open the scroll, do you actually think it was due to the search not reaching into your neighborhood? How dare you ascribe to yourself the authority, the ability and the responsibility that rests exclusively with the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Lamb that was slain? He, and He alone, will fully restore God’s kingdom on earth, when He returns to this planet to rule and reign, as its King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:11-20:10).