

# Revelation 5:1-5 Handout

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<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

## THIS IS THE MOMENT

## Romans 8:18–25 *ESV*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## CATCH UP

John is still caught up in his vision in Heaven.

- [Revelation 4](#) showed us a picture of the throne and the glory and majesty of God surrounding it.

Now, the moment for observation is over, and the One on the throne is ready to move.

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## WHAT IS THE SCROLL?

**Isaiah 29:11** [ESV](#)

<sup>11</sup> And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

**Ezekiel 2:9–10** [ESV](#)

<sup>9</sup> And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup> And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

**Daniel 12:4** [ESV](#)

<sup>4</sup> But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

The rest of this chapter is split into three sections:

1. THE SEARCH OF THE WORTHY ONE
2. THE SELECTION OF THE WORTHY ONE
3. THE SONG OF THE WORTHY ONE

# THE SEARCH OF THE WORTHY ONE

Revelation 5:2 **ESV**

<sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

What he's asking is... who qualifies to open this \_\_\_\_\_.

- Who contains so much worth of character, holiness, and Godliness to qualify to open this scroll?
- To whom is the authority given alone to execute judgement on the Earth and redeem it back to it's original intent?

The response to the question left great silence and devastation.

Revelation 5:3 **ESV**

<sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

The challenge has gone out to all creation, and the answer is \_\_\_\_\_.

The scroll is the plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

John's response says it all

Revelation 5:4 **ESV**

<sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

The tears of John represent every tear that's been shed:

**If that scroll doesn't open, all of the things we desire will never happen...**

**THE UNIVERSE AND MANKIND CANNOT REDEEM ITSELF. IT NEEDS A REDEEMER.**

There is a long list of things that will NOT happen if the scroll is not opened:

- [Rev 6:10](#) - The blood of the martyrs would not be avenged
- [Rev 8:4](#) - The prayers of the saints would be left unanswered
- [Rev 9:15](#) - God's appointed plan would not come to pass
- [Rev 11:15](#) - The kingdom of the world would not become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ

- [Rev 16-18](#) - The wicked would not be judged
- [Rev 19-20](#) - Jesus would not come back
- [Rev 21-22](#) - God would not reign in glory in the new heavens and earth

## NO TEARS PROMISE

**Revelation 7:17 ESV**

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Revelation 21:4 ESV**

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

## MISPLACED TEARS

**Luke 7:12–17 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**Luke 8:40–42 ESV**

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup> And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus’ feet, he implored him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup> for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.

**Luke 8:49–56 ESV**

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” <sup>50</sup> But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.” <sup>51</sup> And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. <sup>52</sup> And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, “Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>53</sup> And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” <sup>55</sup> And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that

something should be given her to eat. <sup>56</sup> And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Jesus told them not to weep... which seems rude and inappropriate.**

- **Why would Jesus find their weeping misplaced?**
- **Because Jesus was getting ready to act!**

**John's tears were misplaced as well... because of what the Lord Jesus Christ was about to do in the Earth!**

**Revelation 5:5 ESV**

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**CAN YOU IMAGINE THE MOMENT?!**

**JESUS IS THE ONE!**

- **He has overcome!**

**Romans 8:3 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

**Hebrews 2:14–15 ESV**

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

**Colossians 2:15 ESV**

<sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Colossians 2:13–14 ESV**

<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**1 John 5:5 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?