

# Revelation 5:5-8 Handout

## Revelation 5:5–8 ESV

<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.” <sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

## 1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the climatic moment the world has been waiting for for a very long time.

- The lion symbolizes is the sign of ultimate power and supreme authority and royalty.

So a lion is announced, but that’s not what John sees.

## Revelation 5:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

A lion is announced, but a lamb is what he sees.

- These two things could not be any different.

And in one brilliant visual display... John see the central theme of the Gospel:  
**VICTORY THROUGH SACRIFICE.**

- The Lion is the Lamb... the ultimate power of God displayed by a sacrificial death on the cross.
- When the world sees power in strength and military might... God displays His power in the beauty of LOVE... AGAPE LOVE.

While this lamb has been slaughtered, it's not defeated.

Isaiah 53:6–7 **ESV**

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

John 1:29 **ESV**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

## 2. CHRIST TAKING THE SCROLL

Revelation 5:7 **ESV**

<sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

The audacity... **NOBODY** could open the scroll... **NOBODY WAS WORTHY!**

Crucified, dead, buried, and raised... He takes with authority the reins of all creation!

But wait, before we get excited about all evil being avenged, we must also stop and consider the fact that we too have committed \_\_\_\_\_.

- If ALL evil is to be avenged, that means that the evil we have committed will be avenged as well.

**To root for evil to be avenged, is to root for our own \_\_\_\_\_.**

And this is where the \_\_\_\_\_ comes into play!

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

### 1. JESUS IS IN CONTROL

When Jesus takes the scroll, He takes control of the destiny of the world... and that includes \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. JESUS IS GOD

Jesus Christ is the central figure of all humanity.

## 3. JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

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<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

Isaiah 42:8 **ESV**

<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Jesus Christ is very God of very God.

## DESCRIBING THE SCENE

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John 17:5 **ESV**

<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Ephesians 1:20–22 **ESV**

<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,

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## HARPS

**Harps are a common instrument used in praise going back to the OT.**

### 1 Chronicles 25:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> They were all under the direction of their father in the music in the house of the Lord with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king.

### Revelation 14:2 ESV

<sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps,

### 1 Samuel 10:5 ESV

<sup>5</sup> After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.

### 2 Kings 3:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> But now bring me a musician." And when the musician played, the hand of the Lord came upon him.

### 1 Chronicles 25:1 ESV

<sup>1</sup> David and the chiefs of the service also set apart for the service the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who prophesied with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals. The list of those who did the work and of their duties was:

## BOWLS OF INCENSE

**It was common for priests to burn incense in bowls as a symbol of God's people's prayers going up to the Father like a sweet fragrance.**

### Psalms 141:2 ESV

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!