

Lecture 25 – Revelation 4-7: Worship, Scrolls & Seals

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Revelation 4:11

Key Terms

Worship of God, seals and scroll, worship of lamb, horses, 144,000 saints

Lecture Objectives

- Outline the pattern of worship found in Revelation 4 and 5
- List the seals and describe their contents
- Identify some important ways that John's teaching in chapters 4-7 impacts your Christian life and ministry

Preliminary Questions

- How have you understood or interpreted the significance of the 144,000 in Revelation 7? How does your understanding impact the motive and content of your ministry?

Revelation 4-7: Worship, Scrolls & Seals

I. Introduction

- A. What is the book of Revelation about?
- B. Theme:
- C. Scroll:
- D. Overall Picture:

II. Worship in Pattern: "You are Worthy...to Receive...Because..."

A. Worship of God on throne (Rev. 4 & 5)

1. 4:1-11:
2. Worship pattern:
 - a. You are worthy:
 - b. To Receive:
 - c. Because:
3. These beings offer their ...
4. In His right hand ...

B. The Seals and the Scroll (Rev. 5-6)

1. Who is worthy?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. Scrolls ...
 - a. A legal document such as a deed, promise or testament.
 - b. What are the scrolls?
 - 1) God's decree for human history?
 - 2) The book of life?
 - 3) The gift of the kingdom?

C. Worship of Lamb (5:6)

1. He opens scroll
2. Jesus is ... and ...
3. Worship
 - a. Worthy to ...

- b. Receive ...
- c. Because ...

III. Contents of Seals of Scroll (Rev. 6)

A. Basic content:

- 1. Symbolism of horses:
 - a. See Zech. 6
 - b. General use:
 - c. _____
- 2. Troubles unleashed on earth: war, strife, famine, earthquake

B. Identity and symbolism of riders

- 1. Red horse:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
- 2. Black horse:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
- 3. Pale horse:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

4. Summary:

C. Rider on white horse

1. Reasons for affirming that it is Jesus

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

2. Reasons for denying that it is Jesus

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

3. Rider isn't Jesus, but ...

- a. Images are evocative of Jesus.
- b. Despite arguments, at least Christ-like.
- c. Imagery of Revelation: (compare with Matthew 24)

	Matthew		Revelation
1)	24:6	Wars	6:2,8
2)	24:7	Strife between nations	6:2,8
3)	24:7	Famine	6:6
4)	24:7	Earthquake //Pestilence	6:8
5)	24:9	Persecution	6:9,10
6)	24:29	Travail in heavens	6:12-14
7)	24:14	Gospel to Nations → 1 st rider (ch 6)	

d. Therefore:

D. Fifth seal (6:9-11):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

E. Sixth seal (6:12-17):

1. _____
2. _____
3. Prompts Question: Who can stand?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

IV. 144,000 Sealed: Another Perspective on the Gospel Age

A. Connection of 6 and 7

1. "Who can stand?" Answer:
 - a. (7:1):
 - b. (7:11):
 - c. (7:9):
2. Chapter 6 describes seals which bring ...
3. Chapter 7 describes a seal which (7:14) ...
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
4. Time frame:

B. Theme: Angels seal servants of God and protect them from harm

1. Applies to all believers
2. They come out of great tribulation
3. They are pure