WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Revelation 4:1–5:14

Key Verses: 5:9,10

1. What did John see and hear, what happened to him, and what would he be shown? (1, 2) Count how often the word “throne” and one who “sits” on it are repeated in chapters 4–5 (see also 6:16; 7:10,15; 19:4; 20:11; 21:5). Why this repetition?
2. What do the throne’s descriptions mean: 1) jasper, ruby and emerald (4:3; cf. 21:11,18–20; Eze28:13); 2) a rainbow (cf. Eze1:28; 1Ti6:16); 3) 24 elders (4,10; 5:6,8, 10,14; 21:12–14); 4) lightning and thunder (5a; 8:5; 11:19; 16:18; cf. Ex19:16); 5) seven lamps and a sea of glass (5b,6; cf. 15:2)? What can we learn from these things?
3. Describe the four living creatures (6b–8a; cf. Eze1:10,11a). How does each creature reflect one of God’s own characteristics? What does it mean that they are covered with eyes? (cf. Eze10:12) In Revelation, what main functions do these four living creatures serve? (8b–10a; cf. 6:1,3,5–7; 15:7; 19:4)
4. Describe the living creatures’ worship (8b,9). What does it mean that God is holy? That he’s the “Lord God Almighty”? (cf. 11:17; 15:3; 16:7; 19:6; 21:22) That he “was, and is, and is to come”? Describe the elders’ worship (10,11). Why is God worthy to receive glory, honor and power? (11b; 10:6; 14:7b; cf. Col1:16) What can we learn here?
5. What else did John see, and how is it described? (5:1) Why would a scroll be “sealed”? Why “seven”? What might this scroll be about? (cf. Eze2:9,10; Da8:26) What did a mighty angel proclaim? (2) Why would one need to be “worthy” to open it? What happened? (3) How did John react to this, and why? (4)
6. What did one of the elders tell John? (5) Who is this, and what does it mean? (Ge49:9, 10; Isa11:10; Ro15:12; Col2:15) In contrast to the Lion, what did John see, what did it look like, where was it standing, who encircled it, and why? (6a) How else is the Lamb described, and what does this tell us about him? (6b) What did he do? (7)
7. What did the four living creatures and 24 elders do, and why? (8a) What two things did each have? (8b) [For what were God’s people praying? (6:10)] Why did they sing a new song? (9a) Read verses 9b,10; compare 1:6; 7:9; 14:6 (cf. Da7:14,22,27). What is the Lamb’s main mission? What does “they will reign” mean? (2:26,27; 3:21; 20:4,6; 22:5)
8. What did John see and hear next? (11) What is the Lamb worthy to receive, and why? (12; compare with 4:11) What did all creatures say? (13) What can we learn here about God and the Lamb? (Jn10:30)