

THE UNVEILING OF THE LAMB

An Introduction to the Apocalypse

The Culmination of God's Redemptive Plan in the Book of Revelation.

Titles of Jesus in Revelation

"The name *Jesus* with His title *Christ* occurs exactly seven times in the Book of Revelation. Five of those seven are in the first chapter. The last is the last verse in the book (Revelation 22:21), which is the only place in the book He is called *Lord Jesus Christ*. The name *Jesus*, without His title *Christ* also occurs exactly seven times in the Book of Revelation. All of these come after the sixth reference to *Jesus Christ* and before the final reference to *Jesus Christ*. The last is in the next to the last verse in the book (Revelation 22:20), which is the only place in the book He is called *Lord Jesus*. Jesus is called *the Lamb* 28 times in Revelation, twice as often as He is called *Jesus*. The first reference is in chapter 5, with continuing references all the way through to the last chapter. It's evident that God wants to remind us, repeatedly, of Christ's redeeming work as we read Revelation. Perhaps this is because the Lamb of God is portrayed as being very active in the judgment of an unbelieving world in this book. It is because He came, as a man, to become the Lamb, the Redeemer, that this authority to judge is given to Him."ⁱ

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." John 5:26-29

The Theme of Redemption in the Book of Revelation

How is it that so many have missed the overarching theme of Redemption in the final book of scripture? The Book of Revelation is God's summary of the theme for the entire Bible, that is, the Redemption of Israel, of humanity, and all creation. His last word of inspired scripture includes an invitation to receive His salvation freely (22:17) and a severe warning with eternal consequences for any who would tamper with any part of the salvific text of Holy writ (22:18,19). It stands to reason that in conclusion to His great redemptive plan, the key theme would be all about the means and focus on the Master of that salvation, the sinless slain and resurrected Lamb of God. He is called the *Root of David* (5:5) and He is called the root and offspring of David in the last chapter (22:16). From beginning to end the only and entire means of the salvation of all mankind is of the Jews, through the Jews, to the Jews and all humanity. (John 4:22). We have lived in a parenthetical age of the Church for two millennia and have forgotten the root of our salvation and have become shortsighted that after the Church is caught up in the Rapture, it will be 144,000 Jewish evangelists that accomplish in seven years what the church has failed to accomplish in 2000 years. This Gospel of the Kingdom and of the Lamb's death burial and resurrection will be "preached for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). As we studied in Matthew and as we will see in this book, "the end" is the end of the "Times of the Gentiles" and their domination of trampling Israel and Jerusalem under foot. We'll see how that a "great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations/gentiles, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" (7:9) will cry out in thanksgiving for "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb," "thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation"(5:9). John receives this answer to his question regarding their identity, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (7:14). The greatest harvest of souls since Pentecost will happen after the Church leaves planet Earth. Salvation of the entire Jewish nation will come at the end through the "Lamb slain before the foundation of the earth" (5:12). Sadly, Zechariah 13:8 says that only 1/3 of the Jews in Israel will survive. The one-third that survives the Tribulation will all see the wounds in His hands and say You are The LORD.

The Book of Revelation includes over twenty-nine references to a lion-like lamb ("slain but standing") which delivers victory in a manner reminiscent of the resurrected Christ. (Rev. 5:6,8,12; 6:1,16; 7:9,14,17; 12:11; 13:8; 14:1,4,10; 15:3; 17:14;19:7,9; 21:9,14,27; 22:1,3) **Lamb of God** (Greek: Ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, romanized: *Amnòs tou Theoû*; is a title for Jesus that appears in the Gospel of John (1:29; 21:15).

“The Lamb is central in Revelation because it embodies the heart of God’s redemptive plan—sacrifice, victory, and eternal justice. As the slain yet victorious Lamb, Jesus Christ fulfills the hopes of the Old Testament, triumphs over evil, and establishes God’s eternal kingdom. For believers, the Lamb offers a profound source of hope, a model of humility, and an assurance of ultimate victory.”ⁱⁱⁱ For the surviving remnant of Israel, the sight of wounds in the hands and feet of their deliverer will be a real spiritual eye-opener. God will give them the spirit of grace and supplication, a new heart, a new covenant, and His indwelling Holy Spirit when they recognize that the long-awaited lion-like Messiah has already come as their sacrificial Passover Lamb.

The Old Testament Foundations of the Lamb

- **The Passover Lamb** (*Exodus* 12): During the first Passover, God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood. This act spared their firstborns from the final plague in Egypt, making the lamb a symbol of divine protection and deliverance.
- **The Sacrificial System** (*Leviticus* 4:32-35): In the Levitical law, lambs were commonly offered as sacrifices to atone for sins, representing the restoration of a right relationship with God.
- **Isaiah’s Suffering Servant** (*Isaiah* 53:7): In prophetic literature, the image of a lamb led to slaughter prefigures the Messiah, connecting the concept of sacrifice with divine purpose and ultimate redemption.

The New Testament Development links Him to the sacrificial themes of the Old Testament.

- **John the Baptist’s Declaration** (*John* 1:29): “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” Here, John explicitly identifies Jesus as the fulfillment of the sacrificial lamb.
- **The Crucifixion**: Jesus’s death on the cross on Passover is interpreted as the ultimate Passover lamb, where His blood secures eternal deliverance for humanity. ⁱⁱⁱ 1 Peter 1:19,20 “precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish”
- **Revelation** begins with the revealing of Jesus “as the one they had pierced”. (1:7)

These Old and New Testament connections lay the foundation for the Lamb’s central role in Revelation.

THE ACTS OF THE LAMB

Chapter 5	A LAMB AS IT HAD BEEN SLAIN	Opens the Book
Chapter 6	THE LAMB OPENING THE BOOK	Judging
Chapter 7	THE LAMB AMIDST THE THRONE	Feeding, Comforting
Chapter 13	THE LAMB SLAIN	Life-giving
Chapter 14	THE LAMB ON MOUNT ZION	Leading
Chapter 15	THE LAMB’S SONG	Ruling in Justice and Truth
Chapter 17	THE LAMB IN BATTLE	Overcoming

Chapter 19	THE LAMB OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER	Loving
Chapter 21	THE LAMB OF NEW JERUSALEM	Giving Light
Chapter 22	THE LAMB ON THE THRONE	Reigning Forever

The world and its ruling political and religious systems, and all who reject God and His Son, will feel His Wrath.

THE WRATH OF THE LION-LIKE ALPHA LAMB

Revelation 5:1-6 “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”

Revelation 6:15-17 “the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and **hide us** from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from **the WRATH OF THE LAMB: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**”

Here, the “term is **arnion**. It means “sheep, or lamb,”³ or “a little lamb.”⁴ It is used 28 times here in the book of Revelation,⁵ each time in reference to Christ.⁶ It is used only one other time outside of Revelation, that at John 21:15. “Feed my lambs.” Elsewhere, when Christ is called a “lamb,” it is the Greek term **amnos**, not the **arnion** found here. John seemingly has coined his own special phrase for describing the exalted Christ.^{iv}

Redemption was the first step in God’s sovereign plan. For Jesus is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). I am often asked this question, “Since God knew man would sin, resulting in all the death, destruction, and chaos, why did He even start it to begin with?” From our human view-point, nothing is worth all that misery. However, the more I know the scriptures and the character and attributes of God, I’ve come to see that the greatest attribute of God is His Love for man created in His image. That love and the forgiveness, mercy, and grace necessary to redeem us would have never had the opportunity to manifest His glory if man did not have a free will, then rebel and reject Him, and plunge humanity into the destructiveness of sin. Why did he create man whom He knew would fall? To demonstrate His love, mercy, and grace in Christ for His glory.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:16

“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:9,10

“The wages of sin is death.” Rom. 3:23 Jesus “became sin for us who knew no sin that we might make the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

Faith in Jesus and His substitutional death, burial, and bodily resurrection is the only means to be forgiven and cleansed of all sin, escape eternal judgment from hell, by whom we receive a spiritual new birth and an eternal inheritance in Heaven. Those who reject God’s completed and simple free offer of salvation will face the wrath of Almighty God through His Son, the Lamb and Lion of Judah.

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:17,18

There will be no escaping individual Judgment for sin after the rejection of God’s mercy and grace.

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” Heb. 9:27
“And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Dan. 12:2

“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Rev. 11:20

In John 5:29 Jesus quotes Daniel 12 “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”

If He is not your Lamb, you will experience the Wrath of the Lamb for eternity. For those who repent and receive Him as their Lamb, He becomes their Shepherd. Those who have received Him make up His bride, as we will see in this study.

The Lamb who is a Lion Rev. 5,6

The Lamb who is a Shepherd Rev. 7:17

The Lamb who is a Bridegroom Rev. 19:7-10

ⁱ <https://mindrenewers.com/2019/11/10/the-lamb-in-revelation/> Jon Gleason Former Pastor of Free Baptist Church of Glenrothes

ⁱⁱ <https://jeremypaytonbooks.com/2024/12/11/why-is-the-lamb-central-in-revelation/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Ibid.

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