

**Revelation 5**

v1 – throne (noun) a chair for a royal ruler



v1 – scroll (noun)



v2 – proclaim (verb) announce officially or publicly

v2 – worthy (adjective) deserving

v5 – elder (noun) an older, influential member of a community

v5 – ‘Lion of the tribe of Judah’ a title for Jesus

v5 – ‘Root of David’ a title for Jesus

v5 – triumphed (verb) won the victory

v6 – slain (adjective) killed

v6 – encircled (adjective) surrounded

v8 – harp (noun) a stringed instrument



v8 – incense (noun) a substance (usually a spice) that is burned to produce a sweet smell

v8 – saints (noun) Christians

v9 – purchased (verb) bought

v10 – kingdom (noun) an area ruled by a king

v10 – reign (verb) rule as king or queen

v11 – angel (noun) spiritual beings; messengers or attendants of God

v14 – Amen (exclamation) a word spoken at the end of a prayer or hymn, meaning ‘so be it’. It expresses the speaker’s agreement with what has been said.

v14 – worshipped (verb) showed great respect and honour

**Revelation 5 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. The scroll had writing on both sides. It was sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> I saw a mighty angel calling out in a loud voice. He said, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll. No one could even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I cried and cried. That's because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not cry! The Lion of the tribe of Judah has won the battle. He is the Root of David. He is able to break the seven seals and open the scroll."

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if he had been put to death. He stood at the center of the area around the throne. The Lamb was surrounded by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes. The eyes stand for the seven spirits of God, which are sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> The Lamb went and took the scroll. He took it from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne. <sup>8</sup> Then the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down in front of the Lamb. Each one had a harp. They were holding golden bowls full of incense. They stand for the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup> Here is the new song they sang.

"You are worthy to take the scroll  
and break open its seals.

You are worthy because you were put to death.

With your blood you bought people for God.

They come from every tribe, people and nation,  
no matter what language they speak.

<sup>10</sup> You have made them members of a royal family.

You have made them priests to serve our God.

They will rule on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of millions and millions of angels. They surrounded the throne. They surrounded the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying,

"The Lamb, who was put to death, is worthy!

He is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength!

He is worthy to receive honor and glory and praise!"

<sup>13</sup> All creatures in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea were speaking. The whole creation was speaking. I heard all of them say,

"Praise and honor belong

to the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!

Glory and power belong to God for ever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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