

## **Message Notes:**

### **Message Three: A Scroll, a Sheep and a Song**

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#### **Intro:**

Chapter four ends with the 24 elders and four living creatures on their faces before God in worship

Chapter five opens with the focus back on the One sitting on the throne of heaven.

This chapter is the interlude in heaven right before the Great Tribulation comes.

#### **5: 1-4:**

**Scroll**= identified in ancient times as a title deed or last will and testament, an instrument of ownership that could only be opened by the rightful heir

#### **Ezk. 2: 9-10**

**v. 5:** WE were given rulership over the world but we lost that thru sin and submitted our title deed to satan and his demons. We forfeited that right to rule because of sin.

This book is the title deed to the earth, and it is purchased by Christ at His death on the cross.

He alone has the right to open the book.

He is the overcomer.

**v. 6:** The title deed can only be opened by the rightful heir

#### **Heb 1:2-4**

Jehovah Witnesses believe that Jesus is merely a celestial being.

Mormons teach that Jesus is just a Celestial Being, who along with satan is co-equals as spirit brothers. They teach that mortal men will one day ascend into the Divine and become gods over their own personal planets full of offspring they have with their wife (poor wife 😊)

Yet Jesus died for the sins of humanity-something no angel ever could do

#### **1 Peter 3:22**

7 horns= perfect strength- perfection of power-full authority

7 eyes=the Spirit of God-omniscience of God who sees all, knows all, searches our minds and hearts and knows us fully with nothing hidden

Jesus the Lamb morphs into the God-man, Jesus Christ

He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah

He is the Root of David

He is the Bright and Morning Star.

He is the Alpha and Omega

He is worthy.

He alone has the power to stop satan.

He is the perfect sacrifice for sin

He is in control of the end

He reverses what sin has stained

He rights every wrong

**v. 7-9** Weeping turns to worshipping

This is a song never before sung as this is a new stage in the plan of God

## Small Group Lesson

### Look Back:

What is your favorite praise and worship song and why?

### Look Forward:

One: How do you think John felt when he saw the scroll, and no one could open it?

Two: Why does God sometimes delay answering our questions, our confusion, our doubts?

Three: Describe the emotions going through John's heart when he saw Jesus!

Four: Why is the type of music you listen to so influential to your emotional state?

### Look Forward:

Who will you text or PM this week with a suggested song to listen to that may help them in their life right now: \_\_\_\_\_