

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Welcome to our study of the book of Revelation using *Victory Assured!* as our guide.
- B. Purchasing the book is not necessary but will help deepen your understanding of the lessons.
- C. *Victory Assured!* is a thematic (or subject study) of the book of Revelation. *Victory Assured!* does not focus on the various details of the Revelation but rather stressed the main subjects and themes to help the reader gain the overall teachings of the book.
- D. Last week our study was from chapters 1 and 19:
Overcoming with the Resurrected Savior (1:9-20; 19:11-16).
- E. Tonight, we continue that thought from chapters 4 and 5:
Overcoming with the Worthy Lamb (4:1-5:14).

OVERCOMING WITH THE WORTHY LAMB

I. OVERCOMING BY THE THRONE OCCUPANT (Rev. 4:1-11).

A. Scripture text:

4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." **2** Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. **3** And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. **4** Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; **6** and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. **7** The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. **8** And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *is* THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." **9** And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

B. Qualities of the Throne Occupant:

- 1. All powerful (omnipotent).
See 1Chr. 29:14; Job 42:2; Mt. 19:26; Ac. 17:24,25; Mk. 9:23.
See also Eph. 3:20,21; Rom. 8:28; Phil. 4:13.
- 2. All knowing (omniscient).
See Job 11:11; 28:23,24; Psa. 44:21; Mt. 6:8; 1Cor. 3:20; 2Pet. 2:9.
- 3. All good (omni-benevolent).
See Gen. 18:25; Psa. 31:19; 145:7; Mt. 19:17; Rom. 12:2; 2Cor. 9:8; Heb. 12:10; Jas. 1:17.

II. OVERCOMING BY THE WORTHY LAMB (Rev. 5:1-14).

A. Scripture text:

5:1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. **2** And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" **3** And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. **4** Then I *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; **5** and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain,

having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. **7** And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. **8** When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. **10** “You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” **13** And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.” **14** And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

B. Why Jesus is worthy:

1. Jesus is deserving (Heb. 10:10-14).
2. Jesus admirable (Jn. 20:27,28).
3. Jesus is excellent (Heb. 1:3-6).
4. Jesus is exemplary (Jn. 13:15; 1Cor. 11:1; 1Pet. 2:21; 1Tim. 1:16).
5. Jesus is meritorious (Mt. 2:2; Heb. 1:6).

C. Jesus is the reason we can stand whole before God (12:10,11).

III. THE IMAGE OF THE LAMB IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

A. **(1) Jesus Christ: The Faithful Witness** (1:5)

1. The faithful witness (martyr).
2. The first-born of the dead.
3. The ruler of the kings of the earth.
4. The One who loves His own.
5. The One who has loosed the brethren from their sins.

B. **(2) Jesus Christ in the Letters to the Seven Churches.**

1. Ephesus (2:1): Jesus is the One who holds the life or death of the churches.
2. Smyrna (2:8): Jesus is the One who is resurrected.
3. Pergamum (2:12): Jesus is all powerful due to having the “right of the sword.”
4. Thyatira (2:18): Jesus is the all-knowing and all-seeing One.
5. Sardis (3:1): Jesus is the One with the Spirit’s wisdom holding the fate of the churches.
6. Philadelphia (3:7): Jesus is the One who is the answer of the prophecy of David as the King.
7. Laodicea (3:14): Jesus is the definite One who is always faithful and true the Creator.

C. **(3) Jesus Christ: The Alpha and the Omega** (1:8; 21:6; 22:13).

Jesus is the first and last, the beginning and the end.

D. **(4) Jesus Christ: The Lion of the Tribe of Judah** (5:5).

This designation is peculiar to Revelation and references back to the patriarchal blessing found in Gen. 49:10. This description of Jesus confirms Him as the rightful occupant of the throne of David. Jesus is the one and only true king of Israel. David was the lion of the tribe of Judah for OT Israel, and Jesus is “the root of David”, the lion of the tribe of Judah for spiritual Israel (the church).

E. **(5) Jesus Christ: The Lamb.**

- a. The slain Lamb (5:6; 7:14; 12:11).
- b. The Lamb is to be worshipped (5:8; 7:9,10,17; 15:3).
- c. The worthy Lamb (5:12,13; 6:1).
- d. The wrathful Lamb (6:16; 13:8; 14:10).
- e. The Lamb who is to be followed (14:1,4; 21:14).
- f. The conquering Lamb (17:14).
- g. The Lamb who is to be wed (19:7,9; 21:9).

- h. The glorified Lamb (21:22,23; 22:1,3).
- F. **(6) Jesus Christ: The Lord of the Harvest** (14:14-20).
When the final reaping and separating is done, Jesus is in charge (also see Mt. 9:38).
- G. **(7) Jesus Christ: The Word of God** (19:13).
The robe dipped in blood suggests His forgiving nature and the fact that He has been to the cross to shed His blood for that forgiveness. As we read the word of God today, we learn of the forgiving nature of God through the sacrifice of His Son.
- H. **(8) Jesus Christ: King of Kings and Lord of Lords** (17:14; 19:16). Supreme Ruler and Potentate of all!

CONCLUSION.

- A. When you begin to feel you are losing the battles around you, turn to the One who has won every battle put before Him, and won the war at the cross! A relationship with God through Christ is the way to make life a successful venture. In our weaknesses we must turn to the worthy One! He alone is worthy to understand our needs, temptations, fears, and worries. Jesus is worthy to break the seals of our life and overcome all that Satan does.
- B. You and I can have our victory assured! We win because God sits on His throne in heaven, and Jesus Christ is the worthy Lamb who “takes away the sin of the world” (Jn. 1:29). O, sweet victory!