

GODS' VISIONS AND DREAMS CANNOT BE DEFEATED!
REVELATION 5

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Verse 1-2, The Scroll in the Hand of God

Romans, 11 ½ feet long; Mark 19 feet; John 23 ½ feet; Matthew 30 feet; Luke
And Acts 32 feet; Revelation 15 feet

Seven Seals

Wills

Revelation as will or plan of God

Will of God does not cancel human free will or human choice.

Will of God is reminder that God has a plan

God's will, shall triumph

Secrecy

Seven seals to prevent no unauthorized person from opening it

Satan may sense because of his study of God and human nature

Satan may sense because Satan knows the word better than we who are believers

Satan may quote but only the believer can pray the word to produce results

Only those who are authorized can open the word of God

Satan is just as surprised about some things happening as we are.

Verses 3-4

The Search

The world looks for strength or force

The world looks for money

The world looks for knowledge and technology

The world looks for reason and logic

The world looks for political maneuvering

God looks for worth determined by the character of Christ

Only those who belong to God can open up some things

Joseph; Moses; Elijah; Elisha; Daniel; Ezekiel; Jeremiah; prophets;

The Risen Christ

John the Revelator

Stewards of the Mysteries (I Corinthians 4:1-2)

Not based upon tenure or title or testimony but trustworthiness

Can people who rob God in tithes and offering be considered trustworthy?

What is the character of a thief?

Non-tithers do not have a money problem but a faith problem, a love problem and
a character problem

The Double Challenge of the Search

If worthiness and character is the key to opening the seals

Receptivity is also a problem regarding those who receive the word

John's tears

Panic or patience, Psalm 27: 13-14

God will always find someone or something to impart his will

Verse 5-6, The Lion, the Root and the Lamb

The Lion (Genesis 49:9)

The Root of David (Isaiah 11: 1, 10)

The Lamb

The world's perception of strength and foolishness of God

Russia, bear; Britain, lion; France, tiger; United States, eagle—Ravenous Kingdom of Heaven---Christ is referred to lamb (arnion)

Lamb image, 29 times in Revelation

Elsewhere in New Testament lamb is amnos (John 1: 29, 36; I Peter 1: 19; Isaiah 53: 7)

Arnion, New concept: Lamb that conquers through sacrifice

Horns represent power (Deuteronomy 33: 17; I Kings 22: 11; Zechariah 1: 18)

Horns represent honor (Psalm 89: 17; 112: 9; 148: 14)

Seven horns represent perfect and complete power

Seven eyes (II Chronicles 16: 9; Zechariah 4: 10) represent eyes of God that see throughout the earth, and thus represent omniscience

Verses 7-14. Music and Praise of Heaven

Music and praise of heaven to Christ involves the whole creation (Phil. 2: 9-12)

Revelation is book of the New

New name (Revelation 2: 17; 3: 12)

New Jerusalem (Revelation 3: 12; 21: 2)

New song (Revelation 5: 9; 14: 3)

New heavens and new earth (Revelation 21: 1)

Promise to make all things new (Revelation 21: 5)

New music is always appropriate for new seasons, new generations, new victories and new revelation

Standard for proper church music

Does it glorify God?

Does it exalt Christ?

Does the Holy Spirit flow and work through it?

Is it consistent with the teachings and doctrine of scripture?

Does it produce newness and not simply nostalgia and good feelings among the saints?