

## ***Session 09 Jesus, the King of the Nations (Rev. 5)***

### **I. GOD GAVE THE DOMINION OF THE EARTH TO THE HUMAN RACE**

- A. God gave the dominion (authority) of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race as an eternal stewardship. To reverse this decision would be injustice and failure to keep His word.  
<sup>28</sup>***God said to them, "...Have dominion over...every living thing that moves on the earth."***  
***(Gen. 1:28)***
- B. By sinning, Adam forfeited his authority over the earth to Satan (Lk. 4:6). Then Satan became the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). Jesus, as a Man, called the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45), came to earth to win the dominion of the earth back from Satan.  
<sup>5</sup>***The devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world...<sup>6</sup>and said..., "All this authority I will give You...for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."***  
***(Lk. 4:5-6)***  
<sup>4</sup>***Whose minds the god of this age [Satan] has blinded, who do not believe. (2 Cor. 4:4)***
- C. Daniel saw a vision of God as the Ancient of Days giving one Man authority over all the nations.  
<sup>13</sup>***One like the Son of Man...came to the Ancient of Days...<sup>14</sup>To Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all...nations, and languages should serve Him.***  
***(Dan. 7:13-14)***
- D. The Father decreed that Jesus, the son of David, be given all nations as His inheritance. This includes all their governments, property, money, resources, and possessions on earth.  
<sup>8</sup>***I [the Father] will give You the nations for Your inheritance...***  
***(Ps. 2:8)***  
<sup>2</sup>***Whom He [the Father] has appointed heir of all things...***  
***(Heb. 1:2)***
- E. Jesus, as a Man, will be recognized by all on earth, as the king over all the earth.  
<sup>9</sup>***And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.***  
***(Zech. 14:9)***  
<sup>16</sup>***On His robe...a name written: KING OF KINGS...***  
***(Rev. 19:16)***
- F. Jesus will take over all the nations *only* on the basis of truth, humility, and righteousness (Ps. 45:4; Isa. 11:3-5; 42:1-4). He will dispense the resources with wisdom, justice, and generosity to cause love to increase. Jesus alone is our assurance that love will never diminish on the earth.  
<sup>4</sup>***In your majesty ride forth victoriously in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness...***  
***(Ps. 45:4, NIV)***
- G. The Father promised to make Jesus preeminent in all things and determined that all things were created for Jesus' glory and would be under His leadership.  
<sup>18</sup>***He is the head of the Body...that in all things He may have the preeminence.***  
***(Col. 1:18)***  
<sup>16</sup>***All things were created through Him and for Him.***  
***(Col. 1:16)***

## II. THE GRAND DRAMA IN HEAVEN: JESUS RECEIVES THE SCROLL (REV. 5:7)

- A. Revelation 5 is one of the grand chapters in Scripture that magnify Jesus. The Father draws back the veil to give us insight into Jesus' destiny on the earth as a Man. John recorded his vision of the Father giving the title deed of the earth to Jesus (Rev. 5:1-8), resulting in Jesus receiving total authority over all society in the Millennium. He will own all the cities, property, money, banks, natural resources, oil and water rights, intellectual property, etc. of all the earth.

*<sup>1</sup>I saw in the right hand of Him [the Father] who sat on the throne a scroll...sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>I saw a strong angel proclaiming..., "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"...<sup>5</sup>One of the elders said, "...The Lion of the tribe of Judah...has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." <sup>6</sup>In the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though...slain. <sup>7</sup>He took the scroll out of the right hand of Him...on the throne. (Rev. 5:1-7)*

1. The scroll (v. 1) speaks of the title deed of the earth and God's plan to cleanse the earth of evil (Rev. 6-19) and to replace all its national governments (Rev. 20:4-6). By taking the scroll (v. 7), Jesus accepts the responsibility to cleanse and then rule the earth.
  2. Loosing the seven seals (v. 5) means that Jesus will release the judgments described in the book of Revelation (Rev. 6-19) so as to cleanse the earth of sin and unrighteousness.
  3. An angel asks which man is worthy to own the whole world and lead all its governments after He cleanses it (v. 2)? Which man has the wisdom, humility, and power to do this?
  4. John saw a Jewish Man from the tribe of Judah (v. 5) who had the boldness of a roaring lion and yet the meekness of a slain Lamb (v. 6).
- B. The living creatures (angelic) and the elders (human) represent the government of heaven. They expressed their agreement with the Father's decree to give the leadership of the earth to Jesus.

*<sup>8</sup>When He [Jesus] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...<sup>9</sup>They sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals [release God's judgments]; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God [You proved Your leadership and love] by Your blood out of every tribe...and nation, <sup>10</sup>and have made us kings and priests to God; and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:8-10)*

**You were slain:** Jesus proved His worthiness to rule over all in that when He possessed all the privileges of God in His pre-existent glory, He laid them down by becoming human (forever) and dying to pay for our sin. He took upon Himself the wrath of God to cleanse His people and the earth from sin and included the saints in His earthly reign because of His love and humility.

1. Jesus had to become **human forever** in order to qualify as a sacrifice for humans.
2. Jesus had to live in **perfect holiness** to qualify to bear God's wrath for humans (2 Cor. 5:21).
3. Jesus had to live **in dependence** on the anointing of the Spirit like a mere man. Jesus has never, ever been less than God, but after His incarnation He lived on earth as if "never more than a man." For 33 years, each miracle that Jesus did was the result of waiting on the Father in prayer and obedience to release the Spirit through Him (Jn. 5:19).

- C. The Father gave Jesus an unprecedented measure of favor in seven spheres of leadership over the earth. Jesus “receives” this from the Father and the response of people on the millennial earth.  
***11 The voice of many angels...<sup>12</sup>saying..., “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” (Rev. 5:11-12)***
- D. During the Millennium, Jesus will receive all the **power** (governmental authority); **riches** (money and natural resources); **wisdom** (intellectual ability and property); **strength** (physical strength, including the labor force and human resources); **glory** (praise and love); **honor** (all will esteem Him with their obedience); and **blessing** (agreement with His policies with unified cooperation).
- E. **Power** (political): Jesus will have the governmental authority over all nations. He will replace every evil government with new leaders and laws and will restore every sphere of life (politics, economy, education, agriculture, media, technology, environment, social institutions, etc).
- F. **Riches** (financial): all the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus’ leadership.
- G. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus has all wisdom and will bring every sphere of life to the fullness of the Father’s original intention. He will have leadership over all the intellectual property forever.
- H. **Strength** (physical): Jesus has supernatural physical strength in His resurrected body. He will never weary of His work. All assets of the labor force and human resources on the millennial earth will be submitted to Him and serve His plan to establish love and righteousness on earth. The nations will gladly offer the fruit of their strength to Him. They will love Jesus with all their strength and resources, including their time, money, words, energy, and influence (Mk. 12:30).
- I. **Glory** (relational): All the people on earth will glory in Jesus by giving their love, adulation, and praise to Him with great delight. He will be the magnificent obsession of all the nations. He will be preeminent in their minds, affections, and conversations. The fame of His name will cover the earth. The saints will boast, or glory, in His leadership as Paul gloried in Christ (Phil. 3:3, NIV). Children glory in their father (Prov. 17:6) and God’s people glory in His name (Ps. 105:3; 43:4).
- J. **Honor** (by obedience): All will honor Jesus with their obedience in practical ways. To honor in this sense is to obey and serve His agenda for the nations. Paul speaks of honoring parents with respectful obedience towards them (Eph 6:1-2). Jesus will be the most obeyed, respected, and listened to person on earth. He will be the most talked about and emulated role model on earth.
- K. **Blessing** (cooperative): All will bless or agree with His policies and plans and fully cooperate with His leadership in every sphere of society. Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified and joyful work force in history. Jesus will be the most powerful, wealthy, wise, loved, supported, praised, obeyed, respected, listened to, and talked about Man on the earth. He will be seen as having all dominion over the land, people, money, governments, human resources, angels, etc. He has the power and right to control them. Thus, we know that He is able to fulfill all of His promises to each of us forever.

### III. RESPONDING TO THE TRUTHS OF REVELATION 5:11-12

- A. The Father called Jesus to intercede for His inheritance in possessing all the nations (Ps. 2:8). In the Millennium, Jesus will rule the nations in part by interceding for the full possession or transformation of all nations. We intercede now for the release of His leadership on the earth by *knowing that what He will release in fullness after His return will be released in part in this age.*  
**<sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, I will give You the nations for Your inheritance...for Your possession.** (Ps. 2:8)
- B. The Father has commissioned Jesus to rule *in the midst of His enemies* in this age. Jesus rules at His Father's right hand by releasing His rod of strength through His obedient praying Church.  
**<sup>1</sup>The LORD [the Father] said to my Lord [Jesus], "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."<sup>2</sup>The LORD shall send the rod of Your [Jesus'] strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!** (Ps. 110:1-2)
- C. All nations will openly see Jesus' beauty in the Millennium when He takes over the whole earth. We see His beauty even now as we understand His inheritance and work with Him for its release.  
**<sup>17</sup>Your eyes will see the King in His beauty...** (Isa. 33:17)  
**<sup>2</sup>In that day the Branch of the Lord [Jesus] shall be beautiful and glorious.** (Isa. 4:2)

### IV. JESUS IS WORTHY: OUR GREAT CONFESSION NOW AND FOREVER

- A. All the saints sing that Jesus is deserving and capable of opening the seals of judgment to cleanse the earth and to lead the nations forever as its supreme leader, and that serving Him is worth it.  
**<sup>9</sup>They sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain..."<sup>10</sup>And have made us kings and priests...and we shall reign on the earth."**  
**<sup>11</sup>I heard the voice of many angels...<sup>12</sup>saying, "Worthy is the Lamb...to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"** (Rev. 5:9-12)
- B. Declaring Jesus' incredible worth in three practical ways:
1. **Jesus deserves it:** Jesus is worthy of being the supreme leader over all the earth forever. He has proven Himself by making every one of His choices in love and righteousness.
  2. **Jesus is capable:** He is the only man with the ability to drive evil off the earth and replace all the governments, so as to establish love and righteousness forever on the earth.
  3. **Jesus is worth it:** We declare that Jesus is worthy of the highest exaltation over all and of our unqualified trust and sacrificial obedience. The devil seeks to stir up self-pity in us by telling us that we are getting a bad deal from God and that it is no longer worth the trouble to seek God with diligence. The devil says, "Give up, because it is too hard."
    - a) We declare that Jesus is worthy of being the **supreme leader** over all created order.
    - b) We declare that Jesus is worthy of our **unqualified trust** in His good leadership.
    - c) We declare that Jesus is worthy of our **sacrificial obedience** in our diligent pursuit.