

## REVELATION 5 “MEANWHILE”

WE ARE INTRODUCED TO MORE IMAGES OF JESUS IN REVELATION’S FIFTH CHAPTER AND MORE WORSHIP. IN THE BIBLE, THE LION OF JUDAH IS A SYMBOL OF STRENGTH, NOBILITY, AND BRAVERY. IT REPRESENTS THE HOUSE OF JUDAH AND ITS DESCENDANTS, INCLUDING KING DAVID, KING SOLOMON, AND JESUS.

THE TRIBE OF JUDAH WAS A PROMINENT TRIBE AMONG THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. IT WAS THE SEAT OF THE ISRAELITE MONARCHY, AND JUDAHITES WERE IMPORTANT RULERS.

THE LION IS A SYMBOL OF POWER, MAJESTY, AND FIERCENESS. IT IS OFTEN USED TO REPRESENT STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND AUTHORITY. JESUS IS REFERRED TO AS THE LION OF JUDAH TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS AUTHORITY AS THE KING OF KINGS.

### READ REVELATION 5:1-7

1. What seems to be the significance of the scrolls, and John’s weeping?

### READ GENESIS 49:8-10; ISAIAH 11:1-4, 10

2. Compare “Jesus the Lion” with “Jesus the Lamb”
3. With what does Jesus conquer, and rule?

### READ REVELATION 5:8-14

4. What do the 24 elders and four living creatures do when Jesus takes the scroll?
5. What is represented by the bowls of incense?
6. Why is Jesus worthy, according to the “new” song they sing?
7. Who joins in the song in vv. 11?
8. Who joins in the song in v. 13?

“THE DEATH OF CHRIST IS THE WAY THAT THE POWER OF GOD IS UNLEASHED. IT IS THE POWER OF SELF-SACRIFICE THAT BUILDS GOD’S KINGDOM BY REDEEMING PEOPLE OF EVERY TRIBE AND NATION. THE LAMB IS THE PRIMARY WAY IN WHICH CHRIST IS IDENTIFIED IN REVELATION. AGAIN, SONGS BREAK OUT IN WAVES. TO SING “WORTHY IS CHRIST THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN” OR OTHER SONGS ABOUT THE LAMB IS TO JOIN WITH THE HEAVENLY CHORUS IN WORSHIP.” [1]

## Revelation 5 O. T. Scriptures

### Genesis 49:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Judah, your brothers shall praise you;  
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;  
your father's sons shall bow down before you.

<sup>9</sup> Judah is a lion's whelp;  
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion,  
like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?

<sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
until tribute comes to him,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and the obedience of the peoples is his.

### Isaiah 11:1-10

**1** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips, he shall kill the  
wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness in the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will  
feed<sup>[b]</sup> together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and  
his dwelling shall be glorious.

### Isaiah 53:7-9

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice, he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb<sup>[c]</sup> with the rich,  
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.