

Revelation 5:1-14 – A Dose of Reality: The Lion, the Scroll and the Worship

Revelation:

- A message from the exalted Jesus Christ to his suffering people
- Revelation 4 – worship God our Creator
- Revelation 5 – worship God our Saviour

The Scroll – God's Covenant Purposes

in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. v. 1

- a covenant agreement – blessings and judgements
- *Old Covenant:*
 - 10 Commandments – Exod. 32:15
 - bring only judgement – Ezek. 2:9-10
 - because people unfaithful
- *New Covenant:* who is worthy to open the scroll?

The worthy Lion is the slain Lamb

the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals v. 5

- *Lion of Judah:* David's descendent - Gen. 49:9-10
- *Root of David:* David's cause & purpose - Isa. 11, Jer. 23
- *The slain Lamb:*
 - mighty, powerful but slain - Isa. 53
 - the Passover Lamb - Ex. 12:21-23
 - whose blood purchases salvation for men

A whole world of worship

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" v. 13

- a new song
- worship belongs to God alone – the *divine* Lamb
- chorus upon chorus of worship
 - *living creatures + elders + angels + every creature*
 - and you?