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SERIES: Rev'd Up

SERMON: I Know Who Holds the Future

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Revelation 5:1-14 (NASB)

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: Genesis 49:9-10; Isaiah 11:1-5;
Ephesians 1:13, 4:30; John 10:27-29; Isaiah 53:6-7; John 1:29;
1 Samuel 2:10; Philippians 2:10-11

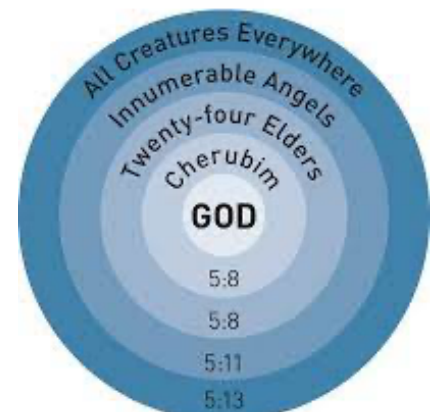


MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: When we understand the glorious future that awaits us, we can withstand the difficult events that surround us.

SUPPORTING THOUGHTS:

- Book (Scroll): pieces of papyrus up to 30 feet long, rolled up and sealed with wax or clay.
- Book (Scroll) in Rev. 5: a title/deed/contract/will to the earth.
- Lion of the tribe of Judah: Of the earliest Messianic titles for the Messiah; speaks of Jesus' fierceness and strength. (Genesis 49:9-10)
- Root of David: Another Messianic title. (Isaiah 11:1-5)
- The Messiah, Jesus Christ has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.
- Only Christ conquered sin, death, hell, Satan, so only He can set in motion things to come. Only He can break the seals.
- Seals indicate: 1) ownership; 2) Security; and 3) Unbreakable bonds.
- The Lamb appeared to have been slain. Jesus was the slain Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Isaiah 53:6-7; John 1:29).
- Seven horns represent perfect strength and power. (1 Samuel 2:10).
- Seven eyes represent the Spirit of God, whom Christ sent into all the earth (John 15:26)
- *"Revelation 5:8 is the beginning of the process of God putting everything in its right place by placing everything in the right hands."* (Swindoll)
- **Waves of Worship Bullseye Courtesy of Chuck Swindoll, Revelation Commentary.**
- Harp: Accompany the songs of God's people; used in conjunction with prophecy.
- Golden bowls of incense symbolize the people's prayers of the redeemed who have consistently prayed for ultimate justice in the world.
- Justice: Deliverance for God's faithful people and punishment on those who have rejected Him and persecuted His people.
- Why is Christ worthy of Worship? 1) He was killed for our sin; 2) He ransomed people with His blood; 3) He gathered people from all tribes, languages, peoples and nations into His kingdom; 4) He made them priests; and 5) He appointed them to reign on earth.

Waves of Worship from
the Throne of God



SUPPORTING THOUGHTS CONTINUED:

- Christ's blood is the ultimate barrier breaker between us and God.
- Angels: Spiritual beings created by God to help carry out His work.
- They're singing to both the One seated on the throne (God) as well as the Lamb (Jesus).
- When we understand who holds the future, we can withstand the problems of the present.

CHALLENGE: Consider the path you're on. Ask yourself a few questions:

- Where in my life am I honoring God, and where can I improve?
- What course corrections do I need to make in the way I use my time, my finances, and my abilities so that I honor God with all my life?
- Where do I have anxiety about the present or the future?
- Understand that the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the earth, holds your life...and all of history, in His hands. Trust in Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How did today's sermon give you hope considering the unsettling events occurring in the world today?
- When all craziness breaks out, where do you go for comfort? Who/what do you worship? (Be honest!)
- What is the significance of God giving Jesus the scroll?
- What is the significance of Jesus being the only one who can open the scroll?
- Have you ever gone through a difficult time in your life and experienced going from "weeping to worshipping"? Share that with the group.
- Kip spoke about how God will make right the wrongs of the world. How do we get involved in *biblical* justice to help those who are marginalized?
- Discuss the challenge and the questions with your group. Take time to pray for one another.

Sources: Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, Israel Bible Center (multiple books and commentaries); **Gotquestions.org**; **J. Vernon McGee**, (Through the Bible, Revelation Volume 1); **Michael Heiser** (Naked Bible Podcast; *Unseen Realm* and multiple books); **Life Application Study Bible** Commentary, Revelation; **John MacArthur** (multiple books, sermons, study bible; Grace to You Ministries); **Grant R. Osborne** (Revelation Exegetical Commentary); **Chuck Swindoll** (New Testament Commentary – Revelation).