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1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. 5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Revelation of Jesus Christ – The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is worthy

Jesus continues to give John an “out-of-this-world” visual experience of heaven and the throne room of God.

V1-5 John states that he is allowed to see a unique sight in the throne room of heaven: in the right hand of him that sat on the throne, John sees “... a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals”. Yet when a mighty angel rises to speak, he shifts the focus away from the book itself. What does the angel proclaim, and what makes this shift significant?

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Lest we lose sight of the continuity and the essentials, what is the mood and ambiance in the throne room, as John describes it? (see also end of ch.4)

The mighty angel proclaims a challenge, which causes John to wallow in tears. Explain why John would grieve this way, and the lesson that God wanted John – and us – to derive from this heavenly experience.

At the heart of the challenge is “worthiness”, to which John observes “... no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able (or found worthy) to open the book, neither to look thereon...” What light if any, does this shed further on the significance of the seven letters to the seven churches in Asia, and our own posture as we relate? What else?

One of the elders is quick to comfort John and say, “*Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof*”. Explain your understanding of the phrase “... *has prevailed*” in light of the challenge, and the comfort it must have brought to John. And how about us?

V6-10 Worthy is the Lamb!

The language in V6-7 is very suggestive, yet affirmative of several biblical truths. Consider and explain the following, how it relates to the prevalence and worthiness of the Lion of the tribe of Juda:

- “(stood)... in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders”
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- “... a Lamb (that looked like) it had been slain” _____

- “... having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth” _____

- “he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne” _____