

THE BOOK OF DESTINY

Rev. 5:1-14

Study #12

Introduction:

1. John has been transported into the Throne Room of Heaven.
2. John sees God holding a large book (scroll) which contains the destiny of the world. (The future and end of the world.)
3. For a while it appeared that there was NOBODY in heaven worthy enough to open the book. Finally the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, Himself steps forward for He, alone, is worthy to open the book.

I. THE BOOK OF DESTINY

1. The Book is in God's right hand:
 - God is supreme AUTHORITY over all things.
 - God is ready for the end of time to begin.
2. The Book is written on both sides of the pages indicating there is much to unfold.
3. The Book is sealed with seven seals.
 - It is the complete and final last word of God.
 - It is a large book requiring many seals to seal it shut.
 - It is a secret book.

II. A SEARCH IS MADE FOR SOMEONE TO OPEN THE BOOK

1. None of the angels were worthy.
2. nobody in heaven was found worthy to open the book.
 - No person on earth was worthy.
 - No person who had ever lived was worthy.
3. John begins to weep.
 - There was not a single created being worthy to open the book.
 - John would not be able to see what the future held for the world.
4. WHOEVER opened the book must be a person who would know exactly what the book said and then be able to carry out God's will and execute the events.

III. GOD SENT SOMEONE WHO WAS WORTHY

1. "The Lion of Judah," the strongest from the strongest tribe was sent: the Messiah, Himself...Jesus Christ.
2. The "Root of David," the Messiah was of the household of David, from the seed of Jesse. Thus the prophesied Son of David, the Messiah and King of the World.
3. The Messiah had prevailed, conquered, and won the victory for Mankind.

IV. JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD, THE MESSIAH WAS SENT

1. Jesus is now the center of the heavenly scene.
2. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb of God who has been slain.
 - The Passover Lamb
 - Takes away the sins of the world
 - People are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
3. Jesus is the Omnipotent power of the universe. (Seven horns)
4. Jesus is the supreme Intelligence of the universe. (Seven eyes)
5. Jesus is Sovereign. He ALONE is worthy to take the Book of Destiny from God and He alone is able to carry out the events described in the Book.

V. HEAVEN BEGINS TO WORSHIP THE MESSIAH, THE CHRIST

1. The ruling elders and the four living creatures around the throne of God immediately break out in praise and song.
 - Harps are played.
 - Incense is offered up.
 - A new song about the Lamb of God is sung.
2. They praise the Lamb of God for three things:
 - He was slain for man and has redeemed man.
 - Nobody is outside salvation provided by the Lamb.
 - He makes all believers Royalty.

VI. THE ANGELS BEGIN TO WORSHIP THE LAMB OF GOD

1. They are the leaders or center of the circle of the praise chorus around the throne of God.
2. Their number is uncountable.
3. They sing about seven things:
 - The Power of Christ
 - The Riches of Christ
 - The Wisdom of Christ
 - The Strength of Christ
 - The Honor of Christ
 - The Glory of Christ
 - The Blessings of Christ

VII. WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE BEGINS

1. Every creature that has ever lived shall break forth and join the praise and singing.
2. A big AMEN is shouted and all continue to praise and worship the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the Son of God, JESUS CHRIST.