

Revelation— Created for This Purpose!

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This study: **Revelation 5:1-14**

Ephesians 5:14 *Awake, you who sleep*
vs **15** *be careful how you live and act*
AV **16** *Redeem the time—the days are evil*
Genesis 4:7 *“If you do what is right...
Sin desires to have you...”*
Ephesians 1:12 *We are to praise His glory*
2 Corinthians 4:4 *The god of this world...*
Luke 4:6 *To you will I give all this authority*
John 1:29 *Behold the Lamb of God*

The apostle John was *caught up* to Heaven and tried to describe the indescribable. He saw God seated on a throne encircled by a rainbow like an emerald.

NLT **Revelation 4:5** *“Flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder”* indicates a warning from God—serious trouble is coming on a sin-saturated world.

As we await the return of Jesus, our purpose is to keep a continual mindset AV **Rev. 4:11** *“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”*

We are here to honor and glorify God with everything we *do*; every song we *sing*; every *decision* we make; and every *attitude* we take. We are ambassadors for the Lord and are

representing Him at all times and with every interaction with others.

We should ask ourselves: *Am I a blessing to the folks at home? Is my attitude toward my friends and co-workers honoring God or sounding like the world?*

Are my comments to my brothers and sisters Christlike and loving, or sarcastic and demeaning?

The devil wants us to ignore thinking about the next life—but there *is* another and it *is* approaching—and it *is* forever! We are in the *before* life—next the *afterlife*.

A tee-shirt said: ***This life is short; Heaven is forever!***

That is true—but so *often* not thought of in a way that brings change or repentance for the way we *were* or how we *acted*.

If we realized how *short* this life is, and how *eternal* the next one is, maybe our attitudes, our choices, and or treatment of others would be a whole lot different.

This life is just the warm-up for the *main event*—the *Eternal Paradise!*

We must keep reminding ourselves of the *purpose* of our life on earth. If we do not, we could *waste* time on unimportant things. The old saying: *If you **aim** at nothing; you’ll **hit** it every time.*

Satan wants us to have an *unfruitful* spiritual life; he tries to get us to be too interested in, or too focused on, non-spiritual things and interests.

NKJV **Ephesians 5:14** *“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.*

15 *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”*

If you ask Siri: *What is the meaning of life?* One answer is: *The feeling you get when someone treats you really nice; so do that to others* [unquote].

It is a good thing to treat *others* as you want to be treated, but there is *more* than that to the meaning of life. A poll once showed that most people think the main purpose of life is *enjoyment and personal fulfillment*.

But the main purpose of life *not* for enjoyment and personal fulfillment, but to joyfully *praise God* and to *glorify His Son* in all we say and do.

God said to Cain—NIV **Genesis 4:7** *“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”*

If we *strive* mainly for personal enjoyment and fulfillment, we have not allowed *Jesus* to be *Master* of our life.

Our purpose in this life is AV **Ephesians 1:12** *“That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.”*

Whether we are working, reading, building, or planning, it can ultimately be for the glory of God—that is why we are on earth—that is how we get ready for an eternal kingdom.

NLT **Revelation 5:1** *“And I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.*

2 *And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and unroll it?”*

3 *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.”*

Scrolls in those days are *books* in these days—hardback, E-books, Kindle, or Tablet that we *read* like a book. Everything was hand-written on parchment or scrolls and rolled up.

A scroll in *that* day with seven seals would be like a registered letter in *this* day. The seals indicated a document of much importance.

If a Jewish person had to forfeit his land and possessions, the losses would be listed on a scroll that had been sealed seven times. The conditions to purchase back the land or possessions were written on the outside of the scroll.

Adam lost the title deed in the Garden of Eden when he disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit.

From that day to this Satan has been in control of the earth. **AV 2 Corinthians 4:4** *“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.”*

Satan is in back of all the evil, wickedness, and corruption in the world—and it will only get worse.

The devil is controlling most people, but Jesus came to earth to buy it back by His death and resurrection to life.

Satan tried to tempt Jesus—**WEY Luke 4:6** *“To you will I give all this authority and this splendour; for it has been handed over to me, and on whomsoever I will I bestow it.”*

And the devil added **NLT 7** *“I will give it all to you if you will bow down and worship me.”*

Jesus responded: **8 NLT** *“The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him.’”*

AV Revelation 5:4 *“And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.”*

Not even Moses, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, or Jeremiah was worthy.

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.*

When Jesus took the book, it all changed from weeping to worshipping.

The apostle said of Jesus **AV John 1:29** *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*

We were created to worship God and the Lamb, and we can *do* that in many ways and at every opportunity God gives us—our *conduct*; the way we *talk*; how we spend our *time*; by giving *others* first choice; and the *attitude* we take with us each morning.

AV Revelation 5:8 *“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 [incense **NIV**], 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.”*

The golden bowl full of prayers is brought forth—indicating that God hears every prayer we offer, and He has promised to reveal the reason if any prayer has not been answered.

AV Revelation 5:11 *“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.”*

We are created for *that* purpose—to *worship* the Lord Jesus Christ and to give *glory* to God the Father through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

And any one of us can *do* that with our *words*; our *conversations*; our *choices*; our *treatment* of people around us, and always how we *interact* with others on a day-to-day basis. It is *our responsibility* to do that!

We *practice* for life in *Heaven* when we *practice* the Word on *earth*—Forgiving all people; Loving everyone; Worshipping God always—and thanking Him every day for knowing His Truth!

We *practice* for *eternity* by thanking God for sending His Son to atone for our sins and offering the gift of His Spirit Who keeps before us:

This life is short; Heaven is forever!

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