



Revelation

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A Lion, a Lamb, a Scroll

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- i. **Berean Potluck Fellowship: Sunday, June 30th, 11:00-4:00**
 - a. John & Christina Loud's house, 314 Martens Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040
 - b. REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Please see sign up sheet
- ii. **Tim Hawkins Live in Concert at Calvary Chapel San Jose, Friday, Sept 20, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM**
 - a. 20% discount with code "INSIDER" at <https://tinyurl.com/ycxxaapx>
- iii. **Understanding The Times:** Jan Markell interviews Dr. David Reagan. What is fact and what is fiction when it comes to the Mid East conflict? Dave Reagan and Jan break that down as well as other current event issues. Understand the REALITY of the facts against the false claims coming out the mouths of those supporting 'Palestine'. . Also discussed:
 - a. How have the Jewish people survived? How has Israel survived 12 wars since it's founding? The lies spreading Antisemitism today. The financial cost to Israel to SET UP Gaza. The False charges levied against Israel.
 - b. OliveTreeViews: <https://bit.ly/31WMM0s> YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/3298b7a4>
- iv. **Amir Tsarfati Weekly Update:** <https://tinyurl.com/2bt2nnz5>
- v. **Sign up for Amir's Telegram page & daily alerts at** <https://t.me/s/ beholdisraelchannel>
- vi. **Curtis Bowers Weekly Agenda:** "Smart Packs, Political Parties, Excess Deaths, Health, & the Antiglobalist Boycot"
 - a. <https://tinyurl.com/ukemtr2n>
- vii. **Pray for Israel as it prepares to fight Wars on TWO Fronts** - <https://tinyurl.com/mrxrd9wh>
- viii. **Hezbollah ramping up attacks in the North of Israel** - <https://tinyurl.com/ymn3nwda>

II. **Revelation 5 - A Lion, a Lamb, & a Scroll**

- a. A further comment to the construction of The Throne & The New Jerusalem
 - i. "He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald." Revelation 4:3
 - ii. Isotropic vs Anisotropic stones
 - iii. Isotropic materials show the same properties in all directions, while anisotropic materials show different properties in different directions. Glass, diamonds, metals are isotropic materials.
 - iv. Laser light is COHERENT light (first demonstrated May 16, 1960)
 - v. **ALL THE STONES MENTIONED IN REVELATION 4:3 & 21:19 ARE ANISOTROPIC**
 - vi. This was not discoverable until the last 64 years
 - vii. Video study at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhC6iPuh4XM>
 - viii. Regarding 'coherent light' - Jumping ahead a bit, Revelation 21 tells us the new Jerusalem "had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light."
 - ix. Could it be that the light emanating from Jesus is also coherent light?
 - x. This makes great sense when we realize the definition of coherent is:
 1. (of an argument, theory, or policy) logical and consistent. (as in "they failed to develop a coherent economic strategy" [similar: logical, reasoned, reasonable, well reasoned, rational, sound, cogent, consistent, well organized, systematic, orderly, methodical, clear, lucid, articulate, relevant, intelligible, comprehensible, joined-up
 2. united as or forming a whole. (as in "divided into a number of geographically coherent kingdoms")
- b. Revelation Chapter 5
 - i. The focus of [Revelation 4](#) was **the throne**. In Chapter 5, John begins with the throne, but shifts his focus to the **scroll** held by the enthroned Lord.
 - ii. "... **written inside and on the back** ..." - it wasn't common to write on both sides of a scroll. There was more information than most scrolls contain.
 - iii. On typical Greek scroll, the Book of Revelation would fill a scroll 15 ft long.

- iv. “**sealed with seven seals**” - When finished, a scroll would be fastened with strings & the strings sealed with wax at the knots. This scroll had 7 strings around the scroll, each string sealed with wax.
 - v. **All the seals** had to be opened before the scroll could be read.
- c. What is written on the Scroll?
- i. Commentators suggest MANY different ideas for what this **scroll** is, and what was **written** upon it. Whatever was on this scroll, **NO ONE** except Jesus was (**AND IS**) worthy to open it ([Revelation 5:3-4](#))
 - ii. Some think it was the **Old Testament**; some the **Old & New Testaments**; some **fulfilled prophecy**. But all these ideas look **back, not forward**, and John wrote of things related to *things which “must take place after this”* ([Revelation 4:1](#))
 - iii. Some think it was God’s **Claim of Divorce of Israel** (Replacement Theology)
 - iv. Some think it was **God’s sentence against the enemies of the church**
 - v. Some think it was **the text of the Book of Revelation**
 - vi. Some think it was **the title deed to planet earth**
 - vii. **Title Deed?** Held by Chuck Missler, David Jeremiah, Jack Hibbs, & others
 - viii. This is an attractive idea, especially because the coming time of tribulation will end with Jesus ruling on earth.
 - ix. But it is hard to demonstrate this with certainty. The best connection in this idea seems to be with [Jeremiah 32:6-15](#), which describes Jewish title deeds as “**sealed**”.
 - x. But there is no doubt that **the earth is the Lord’s** ([Psalm 24:1](#)), though the *governments* of this world belong in some sense to Satan ([Luke 4:5-8](#)).
 - xi. **God holds this scroll – it isn’t lost. But the scroll must be opened, it must be revealed.**
- d. If it is the ‘Title Deed’ to the Earth, Luke 4:5-7 might explain why Politicians act as they do & who they follow
- e. Who is worthy to open the scroll?
- i. “**Then I saw a strong angel**” - We don’t know who this angel is. Some have suggested that it is Gabriel, but scripture doesn’t identify the angel.
 - ii. “**Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?**” - a challenge no one can answer since no creature is worthy to open this scroll.
 - iii. There was no answer to the strong angel’s question. In fact, notice we can’t even **LOOK** at the scroll.
 - iv. “**So I wept much**” - John **wept** as he realized the consummation of history would now indefinitely be postponed.
 - v. “wept” - **ἐκλαίον (eklaion)** - weep *aloud*, expressing uncontainable grief. Only used twice in scripture.
- f. **The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is worthy to open the scroll (vs 5-7)**
- i. “**Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah**” - One of the **elders** (not an angel) rescued John from his grief
 - ii. “**... the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David**” - Messiah of Israel **and** of the Gentiles.
 - iii. Messianic title **Lion of the tribe of Judah** Gen 49:9-10; Isaiah 31:4
 - iv. title **Root of David** comes from [Isaiah 11:10](#)
 - v. “**And I looked, and behold... stood a Lamb**” - Because of the elder’s announcement, John expected to see a Lion, but saw a **Lamb** instead.
 - vi. John even used the specific word for a little lamb; he “Signifies a *little* or *delicate* lamb.” (Clarke)
 - vii. The Lamb is presented in a way both sympathetic and powerful; He is living (“... **stood a Lamb**”), but He still had the marks of previous sacrifice upon Him (“**as though it had been slain**”).
 - viii. The **Lamb** looks “**as though it had been slain**”. It’s hard to describe what John saw, but this **Lamb** had the marks of sacrifice on it. The coming judgment beginning in chapter six is dictated and administered by the **Lamb** who already offered an escape from judgment by taking judgment upon Himself. The judgment will come upon a world that hates the **Lamb** and all He stands for, **and rejects His offer of escape**.