

# **“The Lamb and the Seven Sealed Scroll”**

## **Revelation 5: 1-7**

**July 26, 2020**

## Verse 1

# The Seven Sealed Scroll

# What is the Scroll?

*The deed to planet earth **or** God's last will and testament for planet earth*

**Ezekiel 2: 6-10** may help us with the Scroll

## GOD OWNS ALL OF CREATION:

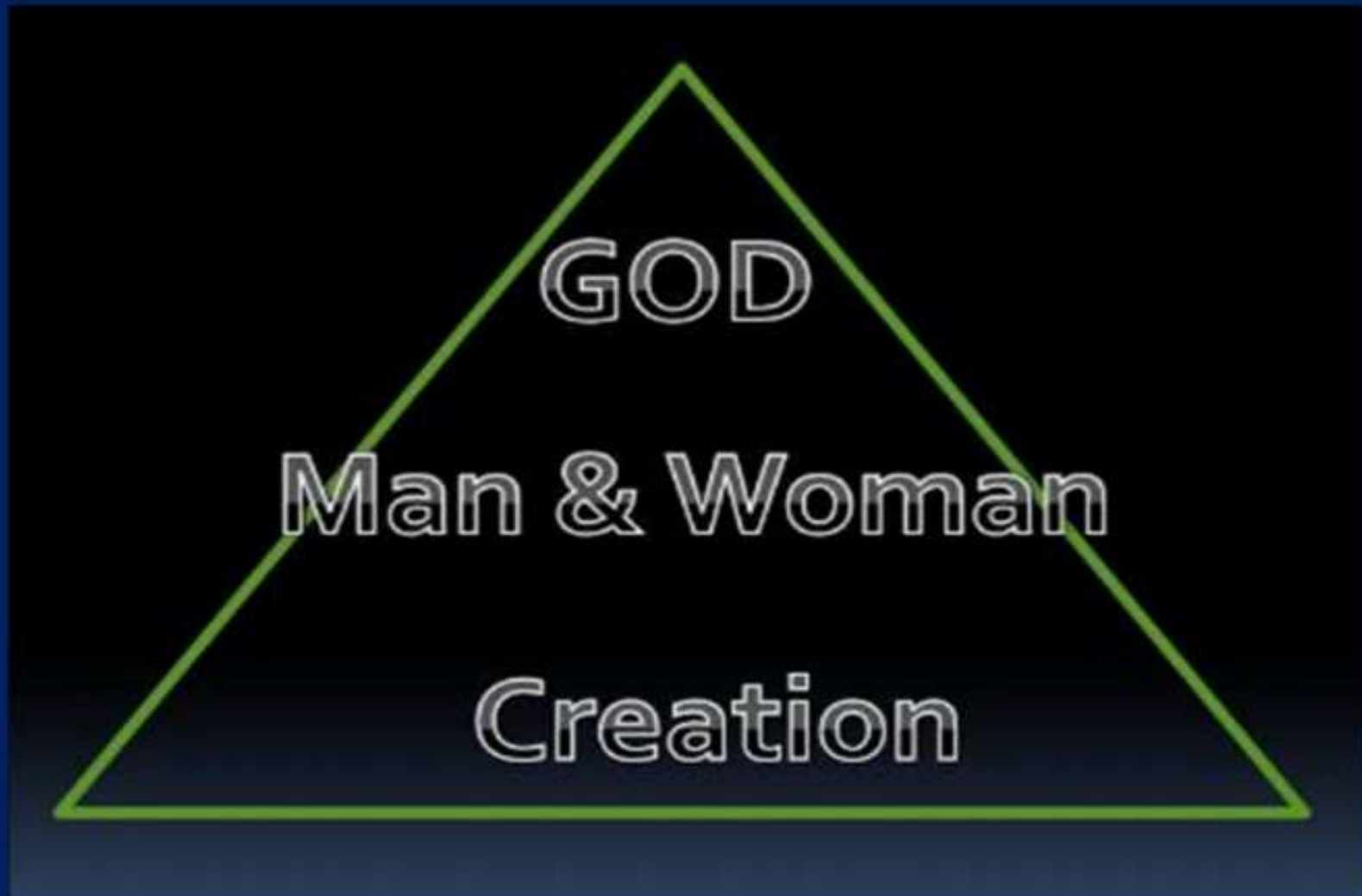
Psalm 24: 1-2; Psalm 83: 18;  
Psalm 89: 11; Deuteronomy 10: 14

## SATAN'S TEMPORARY RULE:

John 12: 31; John 14: 30;  
John 16: 11; 2 Corinthians 4: 4



# Theocratic Administrator



*“Dominion of the earth was originally given to Adam (Genesis 1: 26-28) and it was lost to Satan due to sin. As a result of getting the first man, Adam, to join his revolt against God, Satan usurped tenant possession of the earth away from its original tenant.*

*Satan has been exercising administrative control of the world system against God ever since.*

*(Tony Garland)*

**In the worldview battle, never  
forget:**

*Christianity is the only world  
religion with a sinless Savior*



## Verse 2 - 3

**Who is worthy to open the Scroll**

**No being in the universe was  
found worthy to open the scroll,  
or even *“look at it”***

**John, feeling the weight of this  
truth, laments the earth being  
lost forever**

## Verse 4

**John's response - *"I wept much"***

***“So I wept much . . . . .”***

**wept** = “*klaio*” = to sob, wail aloud,  
like Jesus wept over  
Jerusalem or Peter wept  
when he denied Christ

**Remember:** The scroll is in God’s  
hand. He is in charge  
of human history and  
He has a definite plan  
and purpose for the  
universe

**God will bring history to a climax;  
mankind's rebellion against God  
will come to an end!**

**God will establish righteousness  
throughout all His creation**

***JESUS IS COMING BACK!!***

**In view of this, the believer is to be  
the most optimistic person on the  
earth!!**

Verse 5 - 6

Jesus to the rescue

An elder steps forward and tells John there is One who is qualified to redeem what Adam lost. Who is he?

*The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David*

This is Jesus at His Second Coming, acting as mankind's *Kinsman Avenger*

The redemption price for humanity has been paid; now it is time to reclaim what rightfully belongs to Jesus - *His creation*

Jesus came the first time as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world *(Kinsman Redeemer)*

Jesus comes the second time as the Lion of the tribe of Judah *(Kinsman Avenger)*

Life on earth is getting messy! It is good to know that soon earth's mess will be finally and permanently dealt with!

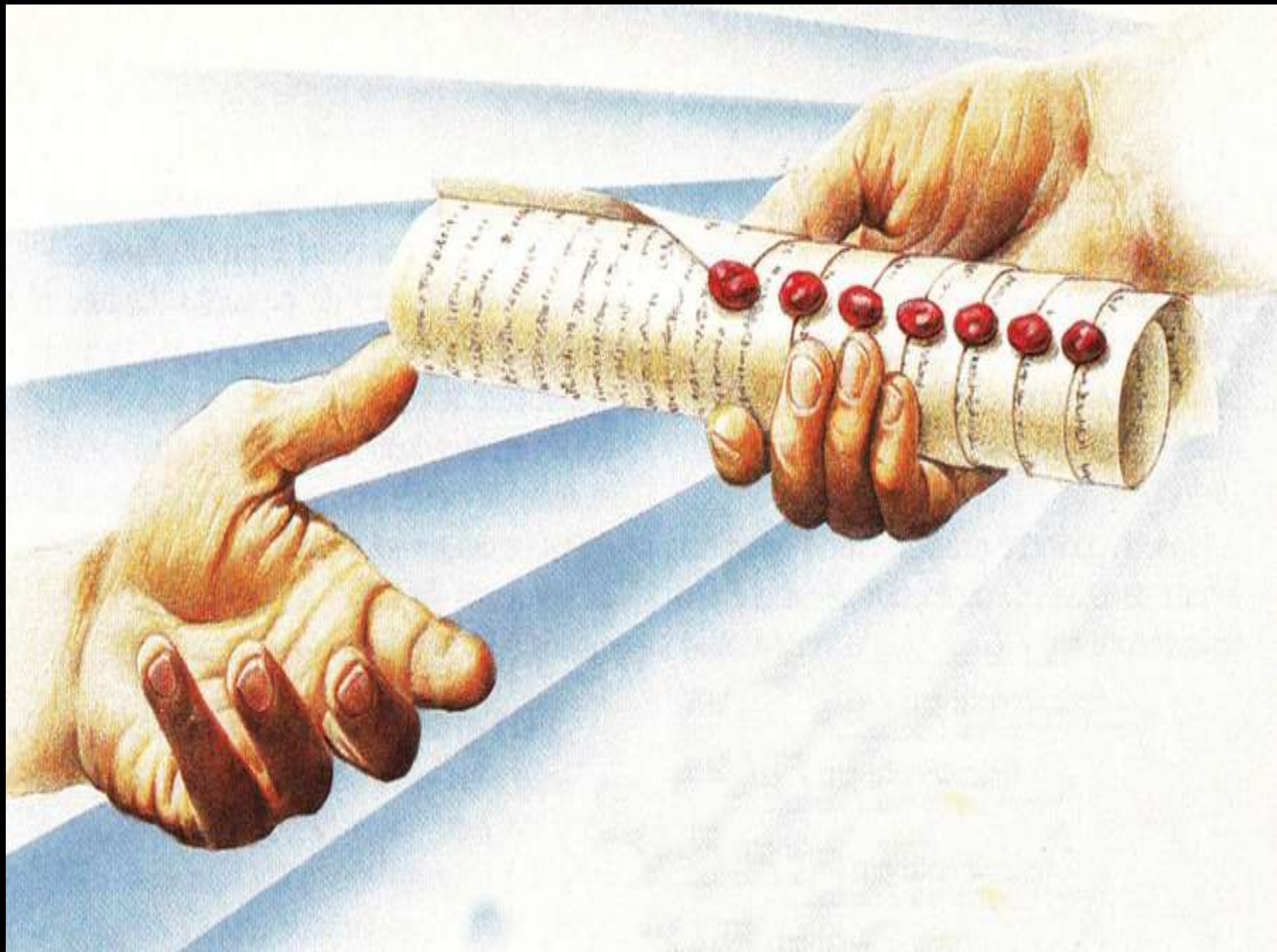
**Jesus is coming to make things right, so. . . . *do not fear!!***



## Verse 7

**Jesus takes the scroll  
from Father**

**“Having stood, Christ now takes the scroll out of the hand of the Father. As Christ initiates these actions, the world slumbers below, oblivious to the thief approaching in the night.”**  
**(Tony Garland)**



# A Major Change:

## PRIEST ROLE TO KING ROLE

### 1) **The Lamb becomes a Lion**

- Christ is not on His Father's throne
- The age of His intercession has come to a close
- No more intercession for the Church - ***the Church is gone!!***

# A Major Change:

## PRIEST ROLE TO KING ROLE

- 2) **Jesus' priestly role will end**
  - Jesus will assume His final role as *King of Kings!*
  
- 3) **We will see Jesus acting in an entirely new character**
  - The age of the Church is over  
(*Another pre-tribulation rapture consideration*)

Make no mistake, this scene is the initiation of a dramatic, cataclysmic intervention into history, *HIS - STORY*, to deal with Satan and unrepentant earth dwellers!

**Jesus Christ is sovereign!**

**He alone** walks over and takes the scroll of destiny out of the hand of God

**He alone** is worthy to execute and carry out the events in the following Chapters

## CLOSING:

History is marching toward a decided end. **John has shown us that the Church is gone, is in heaven**

**We know that, presently, Jesus is in His priestly role**



When Jesus rises from the right hand of Father and takes the scroll out of Father's hand, **He is entering into His King Role**, no longer interceding for His Church (*this is strong pre-tribulation rapture consideration*)

***We are on an exciting journey!***

Soon we will see the **first seal judgments** opened and what they mean

We will see how all these judgments culminate in the **return of Jesus Christ at His second coming**

**Our job, in this rapidly changing world, is to have no fear, no panic!**

**Trust God, stick together, and draw strength from one another -**

**Hebrews 10:25**

# Selah

Carefully weighing the meaning of what we have just read or heard, lifting up our hearts in praise to God for *HIS GREAT TRUTHS!!*