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Revelation 5

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

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⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

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⁹ And they sang a New Song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have REDEEMED US to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ and have made US kings and priests to our God; and WE shall reign on the earth.” *(i.e.: a kingdom of priests)*

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, *(i.e. millions upon millions)*

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¹² saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor 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, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, AND to the LAMB, forever and ever!” ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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Revelation 5 – WORSHIP, Missions, and Coming Judgment

Both chapter 4 & 5 are filled with Worship of God ... but it becomes a scene of Engagement and Action in Chptr 5.

The Worship Scene, AFTER the Rapture, In Heaven, in Revelation chapter 4, gives way to chapter 5 in which God the Father, upon the Throne, has a **Scroll in His Hand**

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In Adam and Eve – since Genesis 3 – The Ownership that Adam and Eve were supposed to have was lost to Satan. Satan / The Devil / That Old Serpent / The Dragon used Persuasive Deception and gained Adam & Eve's confidence and they willfully rebelled against God's Authority in Gen. 3

→ Paradise LOST – The DEED was given over to SATAN

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Revelation 5 – WORSHIP, Missions, and Coming Judgment

1. The Scroll with 7 Seals... The DEED Regained ...

Matthew 4:8-11 (compare with Luke 4:5-8)

⁸ Again, the devil took Him (*i.e. Jesus*) up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him ALL the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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What can we learn from this? (Matt. 4:8-11 / Luke 4:5-8)

- 1. Jesus NEVER corrected Satan about his claim that he owns or has some sort of “rulership” over all the nations kingdom & governments of the world (over the whole globe), etc. Jesus ONLY rebuked the Devil, whom Jesus called “Satan” about whom we are to WORSHIP, ONLY → God, Yahweh God of Israel (i.e. the LORD).**
- 2. Satan rules over the Kingdoms of the World ... that means his focus is from TOP to Bottom – that is he’s involved in Politics, Governments, national leadership, regional leadership, and local leadership. He seeks to influence, in the same exact way that Satan dealt with Adam and Eve in the Garden and how Satan did with Cain and Abel, etc. He has SWAY or INFLUENCE ... over all the fallen sinful humans all over the earth. He is a great salesman, his persuasiveness is very powerful**

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3. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and obeyed/trusted in Satan's Lies/Deception – Satan became the ruler over the earth (temporarily usurped). This means that all sinful humans are under Satan's control – in some way, shape or form. Thus, SATAN rules over all the nations.

This DOES NOT MEAN that Satan is Omniscient, Omnipresent, nor Omnipotent (Only God has those Attributes). Satan uses his legions of demons to “Mimic” godlike abilities (kind of) ... he's really very limited, but he uses deception and intimidation tactics to minimize his limitations that God has set for him.

Satan also uses the “World System” to influence and control humanity

Let's look at a few Scriptures that TEACH this ... that is... these 3 concepts are seen in the Plain Reading of Scripture

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Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. John 12:31 (Jesus speaking of Satan / the devil)

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. John 14:30

⁸ And when He (*the Holy Spirit*) has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11

Jesus calls Satan or the Devil, the “ruler of this world” ...

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Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He (*Jesus*) Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the **POWER OF DEATH**, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and **RELEASE** those who through **FEAR OF DEATH** were all their lifetime subject to **BONDAGE**.

To Rule over Humanity – Satan Employs his Deceptive Intimidation Tactics ... the ultimate is the **FEAR** of **DEATH** ...

But he uses other Fear Tactics of Intimidation: (slavery)

1. Fear of the loss of social-relational / political status
2. Fear of the loss of economics (income / job, etc.)
3. Fear of ridicule, mocking, etc. (what will others think?)
4. Fear of Family Disapproval (see Matt. 10 for more)

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1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 5:19

We know that we *(i.e. Born Again Christians)* are of God, and the **WHOLEWORLD** lies under the **SWAY** of the **WICKED ONE**.

SATAN's Control or Rulership over Humanity is through our Fallen, Sinful Nature. Those of Humanity that are NOT in Christ, NOT Saved, NOT Born Again - are like Puppets under his persuasive influence (his SWAY) - Like Puppets on a String or a Fish caught on a Hook or in a Net - sinners are under his SWAY

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Matthew 4:8-11 and these other passages **PROVE** that **SATAN** took over **AFTER** Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden as recorded **Genesis 3** (compare **Romans 8** – sold to corruption) **The DEED is HELD in Temporary Custody, LEGALLY, by God the Father** (but is owned to Satan) – in Lieu of another **ADAM**, another Human that could take Back the Rightful Rulership and Owership of that **DEED** (it is held for safe keeping, like a safe deposit box).

Knowing what Happened in Genesis 3 and onward (just look at the rest of the Bible and of Human History ... you can see the devastation that Satan and Sin has wrought)

This is Why John the Apostle is Weeping Convulsively
He knows that no human that he knows has the right to take that Deed back and open its seals.

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The Second Man, the Last ADAM is Jesus Christ ...

(1 Cor. 15:42-49) → The Head of New Human Race

**Since the DEED was Originally given to Adam and Eve in
Genesis 1 & 2**

**Another Human Being would be the ONLY Person who can take it
back (REDEEM IT – RE-CLAIM IT)**

Adam and Eve in the Beginning ...

**Now it will be the Last ADAM (Jesus Christ) and His BRIDE
who will RULE and REIGN over the Earth , Legally, Rightfully**

**The Lion of the Tribe of Judah – The Root of David – The Lamb of
God Who Was Slain ... “... You Have Redeemed Us by Your Blood
... and WE will Rule on the Earth ...”**

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... and WE will Rule on the Earth ...” MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

**We, who are there in Heaven, AFTER the Rapture ... who have
been Redeemed from Every People, Nation, Tongue and Tribe –
are a TESTIMONY to God the Father, that Satan’s Rule is OVER ...
and God’s Rule can NOW START again over all the Earth.**

**Therefore the Messiah of God, The Lion / The Lamb of God can
take the Scroll ... hear what Rev. 11:15-18 says**

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¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: “We give You thanks, O LORD God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

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Ownership of the World**

and to get the Ownership Back ...

**it will require a Critical and Major Cleanup Operation
Revelation 6 – 19 (i.e. The Great Tribulation)**

**Think of our Immune System, when we get an infection ... such as
the Flu ... what happens?**

Our immune system ATTACKS that virus infection...

**It is all out War ... and it will seem like the virus is winning for a
while – while you seem to feel sicker, have a fever, etc.**

**The Flu Virus isn't giving up so easily ... it must be Overcome by
Overwhelming forces ...**

**And so it is with SATAN – he's not going to give up that easily NOR
will Sinful Humans who are in league with him (under his control)**

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**We know that God wins ... just like our Immune System does
(if it didn't you wouldn't be alive today, BTW)**

**Everything from Genesis 3 to Revelation 20 is all about
Redemption, Salvation and Reclamation – The Earth coming back
under the DIRECT Rule of God ... folks personally following God
because they want to ... no more Rebellion ... the War will be over.
The Gospel will finally WIN and God will Judge the Nations through
Christ and His Bride. Paradise Regained**

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The GOSPEL of CHRIST still Matters ... (Matt. 24:14)

Before the Rapture / Before the Great Tribulation

AFTER the Rapture – into the Great Tribulation period

After the Great Tribulation into the Millennium (1000 years) ...

UNTIL the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:7-15)

**Once we are in Heaven we Cannot Proclaim the Gospel anymore in
Heaven, but during the Millennium it will still matter. Folks will still
need to come to Christ's Salvation, personally even during that
time (more on that in future messages)**