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The FOUNDATION of our FAITH

(PART XIV)

DIVISION #2

THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD

-JESUS CHRIST AND THE SEALED SCROLL-

OPENING TEXT: Revelation 5:1-7

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I. In a future day, Jesus Christ – as The “LAST ADAM” – will crush SATAN and restore His Theocracy.

II. The Primary Text for the “sealed scroll” is Revelation, chapters 4 and 5

III. This scroll was sealed with 7 seals.

IV. The identification of this “sealed scroll” is critical to our understanding of the future events found in Revelation 6 20.

V. **FOUR KEY FACTS** about the Sealed Scroll from Revelation 4 - 5:

1. Revelation 4:11 emphasizes that God “created all things” AND that this was done for His own Benefit and PURPOSE ALONE.

2. The power and Authority of God to rule all creation is seen in two very distinct ways;

(1) The specific mention of a “throne” 17 times!

(2) Two words are used to ascribe GREAT POWER to

God. *1 KRATOS (5:13) = The Superior Power of God to
*2 DYNAMIS (4:11) = which Final (+) ultimate
Victory Belongs

3. Revelation 5: 9 and 12 portray Christ as the Redeemer.

4. Revelation 5: 12 and 13 emphasize Christ’s worthiness as “Redeemer” to exercise The Father’s ruling power.

VI. BACKGROUND:

1. God CREATED the earth and everything in it. He is it's OWNER and sovereign KING.
2. When God established His THEOCRACY, He gave His earth to mankind as an inheritance forever ("the EVERLASTING covenant"). Mankind was to serve as God's REPRESENTATIVE (Genesis 2: 15 - 17). God was The "LANDLORD"; Man was the "TENANT POSSESSOR".
3. Mankind had NO RIGHT to forfeit TENANT POSSESSION OR administration to a "NON KINSMAN" (ie. SATAN)
4. Mankind's loss is TEMPORARY because God has graciously established a program for REDEMPTION to prevent this loss from being PERMANENT.
5. This "program" involves a "KINSMAN - REDEEMER"
6. JESUS fulfilled this requirement in His ENCARNATION and in his SHED BLOOD.
7. Christ will KEEP the earth to administer it for The FATHER'S purposes.
(* Zech. 14:9)

GEN. 1:26-28;
PSALM 115:16;
ISAIAH 24:5

EPHESIANS 1:7;
COLLOSSIANS 1:14;
I PETER 1:18-19;
REVELATION 5:9

VII. CONCLUSION: The sealed scroll from Revelation 5 is the "DEED of PURCHASE for mankind's tenant-possession inheritance of the EARTH"

VIII. A great Old Testament cross reference for understanding this SCROLL is found in Jeremiah 32: 6 - 12. There, the scroll was LEGAL evidence of his payment of the redemption price. The "deed" (evidence) in Jeremiah 32: 12 was an important legal document which was usually in SCROLL form.

IX. A scroll deed was often sealed in order to prevent anyone from changing the content. This gave the scroll the nature of irrefutable evidence.

X. Jeremiah's scroll was placed in a secure place because possession did not take place immediately after redemption.

XI. 2 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE "KINSMAN-REDEEMER":

1. He had to PAY the redemption PRICE and thereby obtain the RIGHT to it's possession,

2. He had to take actual ^{physical} possession of the land AND exercise actual administration over it.
- XII. If the illegal tenants challenged the kinsman – redeemer's right to take the land, he had to produce legal evidence that he had paid the redemption price.
- XIII. Christ will return to take tenant possession at His Second Coming after the end of the 70th Week of DANIEL.
- XIV. During the ultimate showdown - known as Armageddon - Christ will provide His irrefutable legal evidence of His right of tenant possession.
- XV. Christ receives the scroll deed from the hand of The Father at the Beginning of the 70th Week of DANIEL and will instigate 3 series of judgments as He breaks each of the 7 Seals. These JUDGMENTS are revealed in great detail in Revelation chapters 6 - 18. By this, Christ will demonstrate that He has the power necessary to evict Satan and his forces!
- XVI. At the END of the 70th Week of DANIEL, Jesus – The "Kinsman - Redeemer" of mankind's forfeited inheritance – will publicly read the contents of the opened scroll and will begin to fully exercise His right to rid the earth of Satan and his forces and taking rule of the earth as the "LAST ADAM"
(REVELATION 19: 19 - 20: 6)