

REVELATION 5 - JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL

1. THE GRAND DRAMA: JESUS' EXALTATION AS KING OVER ALL NATIONS

- a. Revelation 5 gives us insight into the Father's plan of **exalting Jesus as a human King over all the earth** forever (Zechariah 14:9). The return of Jesus Christ, as the "King of Kings" to rule all nations through a "hostile takeover" on the Day of the Lord (Revelation 1:7) is the main theme of the book.

Rev. 1:5-7 *Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and **the ruler of kings on earth**. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and **all tribes of the earth will mourn on account of him**. Even so. Amen.*

- b. Jesus will take legal, comprehensive and everlasting leadership of the earth in partnership with His Bride, physically confronting and ultimately destroying everything standing in opposition to this

Rev. 11:15-19 ¹⁵*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."* ¹⁶*And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, ¹⁷saying,*

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. ¹⁸The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

- c. Jesus, as the Son of Man, is both fully God and fully man (Revelation 1:13; 14:14). He is the uncreated God. There was never a time when He was created or did not exist (John 1:1-3, 14). This is a great mystery. It is not surprising that God would exalt God, but that God would exalt a human being this way is astounding.

1 Timothy 3:16 *Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...*

- d. Paul says great is the **mystery** of how godliness works. How we are redeemed, given the righteousness of Christ, joined to Him as one and how the plan of God unfolds through this union. And at the core of this mystery is this issue of God, who is uncreated, infinite and eternal being made fully human forever. This stretches the mind beyond comprehension.
- e. Jesus did not clothe Himself in humanity, go to the cross, resurrect from the dead, ascend to the Father and then cast off His humanity afterwards. When the Father and Son agreed to this plan in the eternal counsels of the Godhead (1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 13:8), Jesus knew that only a human could redeem humanity and that in accepting this role, He would have to be human forever (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21), including being born as a helpless infant, learning, maturing and growing in adolescence, being tempted in every way, yet living a sinless life in absolute dependence upon the leading of the Spirit, and perfect obedience under the Father's authority, dying a perfect sacrificial death and receiving a resurrected body.

- f. Revelation 5 describes the height to which God exalts Jesus as a human king upon the earth, giving a context for the unfolding plan to be understood and make sense throughout the rest of the book (Revelation 6-22). Right now, Jesus is at the Father's right hand (Ephesians 1:20), but the Great Tribulation described in Revelation is the Father's **action plan**, that makes provision for His Son to announce and assert His authority in a manifest way against evil, taking His place as a human king over the nations of the earth forever (Revelation 1:5).
- g. The Father promised to exalt Jesus, because of His faithfulness in His humanity. This isn't God exalting God, but the Father exalting His Son in His humanity upon the earth forever. The context here is of a **resurrected man** with a **human body** being exalted and given the **highest name** above any name given to men upon the earth. This may sound awesome, yet from where Jesus began, becoming the most exalted King upon the earth is still a real step down. There is a real humility expressed, even in this grand exaltation.

Philippians 2:8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death...⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth...

2. HUMANITY'S DILEMMA CONCERNING THE EARTH

- a. God gave the dominion and authority of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race for an eternal stewardship that He would never revoke or take back. To reverse this decision would be a failure to keep His word and violation of justice. Therefore, when Adam gave his dominion over to the devil it had to be a man that would win it back again and govern it for the glory of God. The Father chose to govern the heavenly realm directly, but in all things pertaining to the earth, He chose to govern it in intimate partnership with His people. The Lord bound Himself to govern the earth through humans and specifically through the prayers of His people who live in covenant agreement with Him upon the earth forever.

Luke 4:5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to **whom** I will."

Ps. 115:16 The heavens... are the Lord's, but the earth He has given to the children of men.

- b. By sinning, Adam forfeited his authority, giving away the primary governing role of the earth and influence over the nations to Satan (Genesis 3; Luke 4:6). Jesus, as the "**Second Man**" and "**Last Adam**", came to win back the dominion once given to humans, inviting us into partnership with Him again. Jesus was born sinless and lived in perfect unity with the Father in obedience to His will. He died sacrificially at the hand of sinners and by an act of God's justice, paid the full penalty for sinful mankind at the cross. He was raised from the dead and exalted to the Father's right hand, where He was given the unique position of holding all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He now desires to share this authority in intimate partnership with humans who are in voluntary agreement with Him (Daniel 7:18, 22, 27; Matthew 5:5; Revelation 20:4-6).
- c. The Book of Revelation is the practical unfolding of this plan to exalt Jesus and manifest His authority upon the earth in partnership with His people. The revival and the judgments of

Revelation 6-22 only make sense in context to the great drama revealed in Rev. 4-5. In the final moments of natural human history this “**action plan**” will come to a crescendo, escalating to proportions the world has never seen before.

Matthew 24:21-22 ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

3. OUTLINE OF REVELATION 5

- 5:1-7** The grand drama in heaven: Jesus takes the scroll from the Father’s hand
- 5:8-10** The living creatures and the 24 elders sing of Jesus’ worthiness
- 5:11-12** Jesus receives authority over 7 spheres of society
- 5:13-14** All creation worships the Father and the Son

4. JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL FROM THE FATHER’S HAND

- a. After the Father’s beauty is revealed (Rev. 4), then His great plan for His Son and the created order comes into light (Rev. 5). Revelation 5 describes Jesus’ destiny to rule the earth as a man.

Rev. 5:1-7 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

- b. The Father gives the scroll to Jesus as a **human King**. He is the only Man found “worthy” to take the scroll and govern the whole world by leading all of its governments. This is the same as the scene that Daniel saw in Daniel 7.

Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- c. The scroll represents the **title deed of the earth** and the **battle plan** (Revelation 6-22) necessary to prepare the nations for God’s glory. To open the 7 seals, so that the “title deed” is ratified and the “battle plan” is executed, means releasing the 21 judgments written in the book of Revelation (Psalm 149:6-9; Revelation 6-19).
 - i **Title Deed** - Although God owns the earth, He has placed it under man’s authority to govern, so a man must hold the “title deed” to it (Genesis 1:28; Psalm 115:16). This one Man will have stewardship over every single piece of property upon the entire planet, delegating it to those who will rule in intimate partnership with him in the Millennium and beyond (Daniel 7:18, 22, 27; Matthew 5:5; Revelation 20:4-6).

- ii **Battle Plan** - This plan cannot take place until the scroll is unrolled and the scroll cannot be unrolled until the Church is mature enough to partner in its administration and subsequent governing of the earth with the right spirit and for the right reason or there will be great chaos and trouble (Luke 9:51-56).
- d. In verse 6, John sees Jesus, the “Lamb of God” taking the scroll from the Father. The title “Lamb” is used the most for Jesus in Revelation (28 times), revealing His qualification as a fully submitted and sinless human, His motivation of love to make a way for the responsive. It is a further unfolding of the revelation of the “Lamb of God” that began at the cross, as One who took the punishment for sin so that judgment could “pass over” the responsive until the end of the age when He would release it upon the rebellious.
- e. The meek and silent Lamb now has 7 horns and 7 eyes to accomplish this. Seven is the number of perfection and the horns represent power and the eyes represent knowledge. Hence Jesus is the only man who has perfect power and perfect knowledge.
- f. The Lamb (v. 6) with the heart of a Lion (v. 5) has prevailed! In taking the scroll (v. 7) Jesus accepts the full responsibility of leadership to evaluate, administrate judgment, test maturity and oversee the establishment of the nations under human government, ensuring their preparation for the Father’s permanent coming to the planet (Revelation 21:1-8).
- g. Jesus is the only Man with the proven humility, wisdom and love to break the seals and release judgment in a way that produces truth, humility and righteousness across the whole earth (Psalm 45:4; Isaiah 26:9).
- h. This grand “**action plan**” involves more than judgment and the “dashing of the nations” (Psalm 2:8-9; Revelation 2:27). As a Jewish man under the anointing of the Spirit, Jesus accepts the complete responsibility of leadership to fully restore and permanently transform the nations through intimate partnership with His people. This involves the reconstruction of all the cities and infrastructures of the earth, as well as, the restructuring of all national governments with righteous leaders and legislation (Revelation 20:4-6).

Isaiah 61:4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

Jeremiah 1:9 “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

- i. Jeremiah was but a forerunner of Jesus’ ministry in the end-times to both destroy and rebuild (Jer. 1:9). Jesus will do this with the natural human processes not suspended, but significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit, like when He appeared in His resurrected body for 40 days after His resurrection speaking to His disciples about the Kingdom of God (Luke 24; John 20-21; Acts 1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8).
- i The Kingdom of God will be openly manifest affecting every institution in every sphere of society (spiritual, political, social, financial, environmental, agricultural, educational, technological, arts, etc.).
- ii The earth will be resurrected from its present state, even as our bodies will be (1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

- iii The atmosphere, agriculture, animal life and human age will be progressively restored to the original condition of “Paradise” in the Garden (Isaiah 11:1-16; 65:17-25; Hosea 2:18; Zechariah 6:12; Revelation 20:1-6).

5. JESUS IS WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL (v8-10)

Revelation 5:8-10 ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom, priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

- a. **Golden bowls full of incense.** The Father has instituted a “protective measure” ensuring the church’s maturity before the scroll is unrolled, and it is called **prayer**. The filling of the bowls is both the catalyst or “loosing agent” of the scroll and the evidence or “timing indicator” of a church that is mature enough to administrate it with the right spirit and for the right reason. The Lord’s end-time plan as seen in the book of Revelation only begins after the “bowls of prayer” are full (5:8). An angel will be given much “heavenly” incense in a prayer censer to offer with the prayers of the saints (8:3-5). This will provide a supernatural strengthening of the end-time prayer movement. Jesus’ perfect intercession may be the incense here (Rom. 8:34). The end-time prayer movement will be the most powerful force on earth under Jesus’ leadership.
- b. When Jesus takes the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fall down in agreement that Jesus is “worthy” to execute the Father’s “battle plan” and receive absolute leadership over the earth, because of His proven faithfulness and humility.
 - i **Redeemed us to God** - Jesus is “worthy” because He has proven that when given all the power and all the glory He used it in righteousness on behalf of His people for the sake of love.
 - ii **Made us a kingdom of priests** - Not only did Jesus redeem us from hell, and not only will we experience His great leadership, but He has ordained and invited us into deep dynamic partnership with Him in leading the nations of the earth forever as a “kingdom of priests”. The uniqueness of the Kingdom of God is seen in the central governmental role of the priestly ministry (1 Pet. 2:9). Our concept of government is based upon executive, legislative and judicial branches that craft, interpret and enforce laws for all people under their authority to obey or be held accountable. However, the Kingdom of God is a theocracy in which Yahweh, the King and Source of all authority, law and justice became a criminal condemned to death for the lawbreakers! Why? He desires to administrate His rule through a redeemed kingdom of priests who partner with Him in voluntary agreement, as the primary means of establishing His will throughout the nations (Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:4, 6; 22:5). We are of the royal governmental priesthood after the order of Melchizedek that administrates the kingdom of God through the ministry of worship and prayer (Heb. 10:19-23; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:4, 6; 22:5).
- c. To be “worthy” is to be **qualified**, **confirmed**, **capable** and **committed** to loose the seals and open the scroll to rule the earth. When Adam forfeited his authority and governmental

leadership of the nations, he handed the “title deed” of the earth to Satan. However, Jesus, as the “Last Adam”, now in right relationship to God and under the anointing takes the full responsibility of establishing the nations under the Father’s authority and in full submission to Him. It’s one thing to say that you will do this, but it’s another to have a clear “action plan” that will work. Jesus won’t just appear in the sky, wave His hand and the nations surrender, but they will respond to Jesus with great rage, resisting Him every step of the way.

- i Jesus is **Qualified** - Jesus is fully God, yet fully man. However, He is more than just a man, He was born a completely sinless man that is fully submitted to the Father’s will forever (Psalm 40:6-8). As God, He could have defeated Satan long ago, but in great wisdom and patience, in the fullness of time, God raised up a perfect Man, the “Last Adam”, a “Second Man”, to lead a new race of humans to defeat Satan!
- ii Jesus is **Confirmed** - Humanly speaking, “power corrupts and total power corrupts totally”. However, Jesus proved His trustworthiness by laying down the power of His deity in humility, all for the sake of love. He has a proven history of using His strength in righteousness solely for the sake of others welfare and wellbeing (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus proved faithful in testing. He is “trustworthy”.
- iii Jesus is **Capable** - Jesus is not only a “qualified” Man that has been “confirmed” in faithfulness, but He is fully “capable”, having the fullness of the Godhead bodily (wisdom, love and power) and being fully anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is also fully endorsed by the Father, having all of the infinite resources of Heaven available to Him in the execution of this “master plan” (Revelation 6-22), giving Him the unmatched ability to succeed in the “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21).

Col.2:9 ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

John 3:34 He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives [Him] the Spirit without measure.

- iv **Jesus is Committed** – Jesus’ commitment has already been displayed in His willingness to become a Man forever and lay down His life, even unto death for the sake of His enemies (Romans 5:10; Col. 1:21), opening the way for our forgiveness and adoption into the family of God, as sons and daughters (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:4-7). By taking the scroll Jesus is “committed” to bringing the fullness of God’s plan to completion (Ephesians 4:11-13; 5:27). He will restore and transform the saints into a prepared Bride (Revelation 19:7) made after the image and likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-28). He will also restructure all of the national governments of the earth and rebuild all of the infrastructures in every sphere of society, while bringing the entire created order (atmosphere, agriculture, animals, human lifespan) back to the original conditions seen in the Garden of Eden. He will not be discouraged until this is accomplished and justice is established on earth (Isaiah 42:1-4).
- d. Revelation 5 declares Jesus as the “**Lamb slain**” 3 times (Revelation 5:6, 9, 12). For this, He had to become human. The humility of Jesus is far beyond our comprehension. They are magnifying His choice to embrace the fullness of humanity forever (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21), because you can’t kill God.

- i Jesus had to become a human in every sense to qualify as a **sacrificial Man** on behalf of other humans. This means He had to become human forever, including being born as a helpless infant, learning, maturing and growing in adolescence, being tempted in every way, yet living a sinless life in perfect obedience and absolute dependence upon the leading of the Spirit under the Father’s authority, dying a perfect sacrificial death and receiving a resurrected body.
- ii Jesus had to live a perfect life of love, humility and righteousness to qualify as the “perfect” Lamb of God. Every single choice had to be in total submission to the Father’s will, all of the time. Jesus had to be tempted in every way, yet remain sinless to qualify as the perfect once-for-all sacrifice and penalty for the sins of humanity (Isaiah 40:6-8). Living a “perfect life” demanded giving all, all of the time. Jesus held nothing back, not His heart in love or in friendship, nor His body in suffering. Because Jesus historical past has proven it, therefore we can be confident that the future will be the same.
- iii Jesus had to live in absolute dependence upon the Spirit. Ever since the incarnation, Jesus has “never been less than God”, but He lived as though He was “never more than a man.” During His 33 years upon the earth, He waited upon the Father in prayer and obedience for Him to release the power of the Spirit in His human ministry and stewardship every time. Jesus never drew on His own power as God apart from the Spirit to heal one person. He will forever pray and wait in confident dependence upon the Spirit to move in power through His human stewardship and assignment upon the earth. This was His eternal arrangement with the Father

6. JESUS’ SEVENFOLD EXALTATION (v11-12)

Revelation 5:11-12 ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!”

- a. In these verses, the four living creatures, twenty-four elders and angels without number, cry out in agreement that Jesus is “worthy” to receive absolute leadership over the earth in an unprecedented measure of favour, given in **7 specific spheres**. The key to understanding this passage is in Jesus’ ability, as a resurrected human King, to receive this from the Father through the Holy Spirit and the collective grace of the Spirit upon His people. As God, Jesus doesn’t need to “receive” anything, since He is the source of all things. However in His humanity, the Father orchestrates for other humans to give Jesus these 7 realities in an ongoing way, because they trust and love Him. He also receives this grace from the ministry of the Spirit.
 - i **Power** (political) – Jesus will receive all of the political power and leadership over all nations. The Spirit will anoint Him to carry this responsibility upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:7). All of the power of the governmental institutions on earth will be given to Him by the voluntary response and agreement of Millennial kings (Psalm 72:8, 11). He is the “Ruler over the Kings of the Earth” (Revelation 1:5; 17:14; 19:16).

Daniel 7:14 *To Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

- ii **Riches** (financial) – Jesus will receive all of the wealth upon the earth and all of the resources of Heaven for the execution of the Father’s plans. It will be guided into Jesus’ hands by the Spirit and then delegated to those in partnership with Him under the Father’s authority in agreement with the Spirit.

Isaiah 60:11 *Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession.*

- iii **Wisdom** (intellectual) – Jesus will receive all of the wisdom available through the Spirit and collective insight of His people. Jesus will evaluate and judge the national governments of the earth, replacing them with new leaders and legislation, along with rebuilding every city and restructuring every sphere of society (political, economic, family educational, agricultural, media, technology, environment, social institutions, etc), while restoring the entire created order (atmosphere, agriculture, animals) back to the original conditions seen in the Garden of Eden. We’ve seen the wisdom of Solomon, but Jesus will have a supernatural anointing of wisdom (foresight, depth, clarity) to govern the entire universe. All of the collective wisdom that God has given men by the Spirit will come under the authority and administration of one Man. All of the wisest men and women of the earth will submit their insight under His leadership.

Psalms 138:4 *All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, when they hear the words of Your mouth.⁵ Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.*

- iv **Strength** (emotional & physical) – Jesus will receive an infinite supply of strength from the Holy Spirit in His inner man (Ephesians 3:16), as well as, the kings of the earth, as they gladly give to Jesus all of their strength (body, soul, spirit) and resources in partnering with His plans (Psalm 110:3). As a man under the anointing there will be an eternal supply of strength that will be sufficient for Him, so as to not draw back or be diminished in any way in His inward life, as He continues steadfastly in His mandate to restore the nations, while contending against any resistance. He will be strong in righteousness, humility and love. We assume God to have this, but for a man to have strength at this level is staggering.

Isaiah 42:1 *“Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I put My Spirit upon Him...⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth...”*

- v **Honour** (relational) – Jesus will receive the utmost honour throughout the nations, as the Holy Spirit continues to anoint the ministry of glorifying Jesus (2 Peter 1:16-19). He will be the most respected, listened to and emulated Man in all of history. He will continue to be honoured by God (John 8:54; Hebrews 2:9) and increase in honour among the nations of the earth (Luke 2:52; John 5:22-23). The definition of honour is to publicly esteem by showing unusual respect to one with superior standing; to listen to their words with reverence.

2 Peter 1:16 We made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honour and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

- vi **Glory** (spiritual) – Jesus will receive all of the glory, as the Holy Spirit reveals the fullness of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ before all nations (Isaiah 4:2; Haggai 2:7; 2 Corinthians 4:6). The people will boast with loving delight and joyful trust in His leadership. Paul gloried in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:3), children glory in their fathers (Proverbs 17:6), young men glory in their strength (Proverbs 20:29) and we glory in the name of our God (Psalm 105:3; 43:4). This simply means to enthusiastically love God with all of our hearts. To know Him, to love Him and to talk about Him will be the glory of the nations.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- vii **Blessing** (social) – Jesus will receive unprecedented blessing from the Father and from all of the national governments of the earth through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Father will fully endorse and bless the work of Jesus hands, while the nations fully cooperate with His leadership. They will bless all of His policies and the plans of His heart, instead of opposing them. Every government on earth will be in full agreement and support of Jesus leadership, resulting in the mightiest work force in history.
- b. **Psalm 102:15** So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. ¹⁶ For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory... ²² When the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
 - c. We can respond to Jesus’ exaltation now in four ways:
 - i **By seeing His beauty:** We see His beauty in His majesty and glorious leadership.
 - ii **By committing to His leadership:** We yield to Him all that we possess in our personal lives— power, riches, wisdom, strength (resources), glory (love), honor, and blessing (cooperation).
 - iii **We work to establish His kingdom:** We partner with others in our prayer, labours, and giving.
 - iv **We make prophetic decrees:** We join together in prophetic intercession

7. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF JESUS’ EXALTATION IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE

- a. **Power** (political/spiritual): Jesus will have authority over all the leadership in all society.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing the vastness of His power makes us worship and trust Him.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We submit whatever authority we may have in society to Him.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work for His will in government and society in our city/nation.

- iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for righteousness to replace unrighteousness in our city/nation.
- b. **Riches** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus' leadership.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing the vastness of His wealth makes us worship and trust Him.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We submit all our finances to Him to build His kingdom.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work for kingdom prosperity to fund His kingdom.
 - iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for God's favour on finances (our personal life/others).
- c. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus has the wisdom to bring every sphere to the fullness of God's plan.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing the vastness of His wisdom makes us worship and trust Him.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We seek His wisdom and submit good fruit to Him
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We seek for and implement His wisdom in our lives.
 - iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray to be filled with His wisdom (our personal life/others).
- d. **Strength** (physical resources): All the labor force and human resources will serve Him.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing the vast strength under His authority makes us look to Him more.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We submit whatever strength or resources we have to Him.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work to increase the kingdom resources that He entrusted to us.
 - iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for God's favour on our strength (our personal life/others).
- e. **Glory** (relational): All nations will glory in Jesus by giving their love, and praise to Him.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing love for Him increasing in the nations moves our heart.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We commit to making the first commandment first in our lives.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work to see others walking in the first commandment.
 - iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for the harvest and that love for Jesus would abound.
- f. **Honour** (obedience): All people will honour Jesus by their obedience in the Millennium.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing loyal obedience to Jesus increase moves us to marvel at Him.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We submit every area of our life to Him in full obedience.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work to make disciples who will walk in full obedience to Him.

- iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for the harvest, and that obedience to Jesus would increase.
- g. **Blessing (social):** All will agree with Jesus' plans and fully cooperate with His leadership.
 - i **Seeing His beauty:** Seeing the unified work of others causes us to rejoice in His leadership.
 - ii **Committing to His leadership:** We bless and do not resist His work in the lives of others.
 - iii **Working for His kingdom:** We work with a servant spirit and honour others who are involved.
 - iv **Intercessory decrees:** We pray for unity to abound in the kingdom and for understanding of God's heart for others that we may bless them without a competitive spirit (Rom. 12:10, 14).

8. ALL CREATION WORSHIPS THE FATHER AND THE SON

Rev. 5:13-14¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!"¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

- a. Finally, Revelation 5:13-14 ends with the response of the entire created order to the implementation and success of the Father's "master plan" to exalt Jesus as a human King forever!
- b. This is the first mention of all creation worshipping both the Father and the Son together (5:13). The Father was worshiped, emphasizing His glory, honour, and power (4:13), and now the same is proclaimed to the Father *and* Son, adding "blessing" to glory, honour, and power (5:13).
- c. Worship around God's throne is antiphonal. Note the five responses of various groups as they minister to God as one team in Revelation 5
 - i first the living creatures and elders sing (5:8-10);
 - ii then myriads of angels join them (5:11-12);
 - iii then all creation joins in (5:13);
 - iv then the living creatures cry out in a chorus of "Amen!" (5:14);
 - v and then the elders break out into worship (5:14).
- d. Even Satan and the wicked in hell are compelled to acknowledge the truth concerning Jesus identity as the Father's Son and humanity's sacrificial Lamb (Isaiah 45:22-23; Romans 14:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Revelation 5:13-14). This acknowledgement brings ultimate glory to the Father (Philippians 2:11). Jesus swore in the eternal counsels of the Godhead that this reality would someday take place.

Isaiah 45:22 *“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.”*

Romans 14:9 *For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living... For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”*