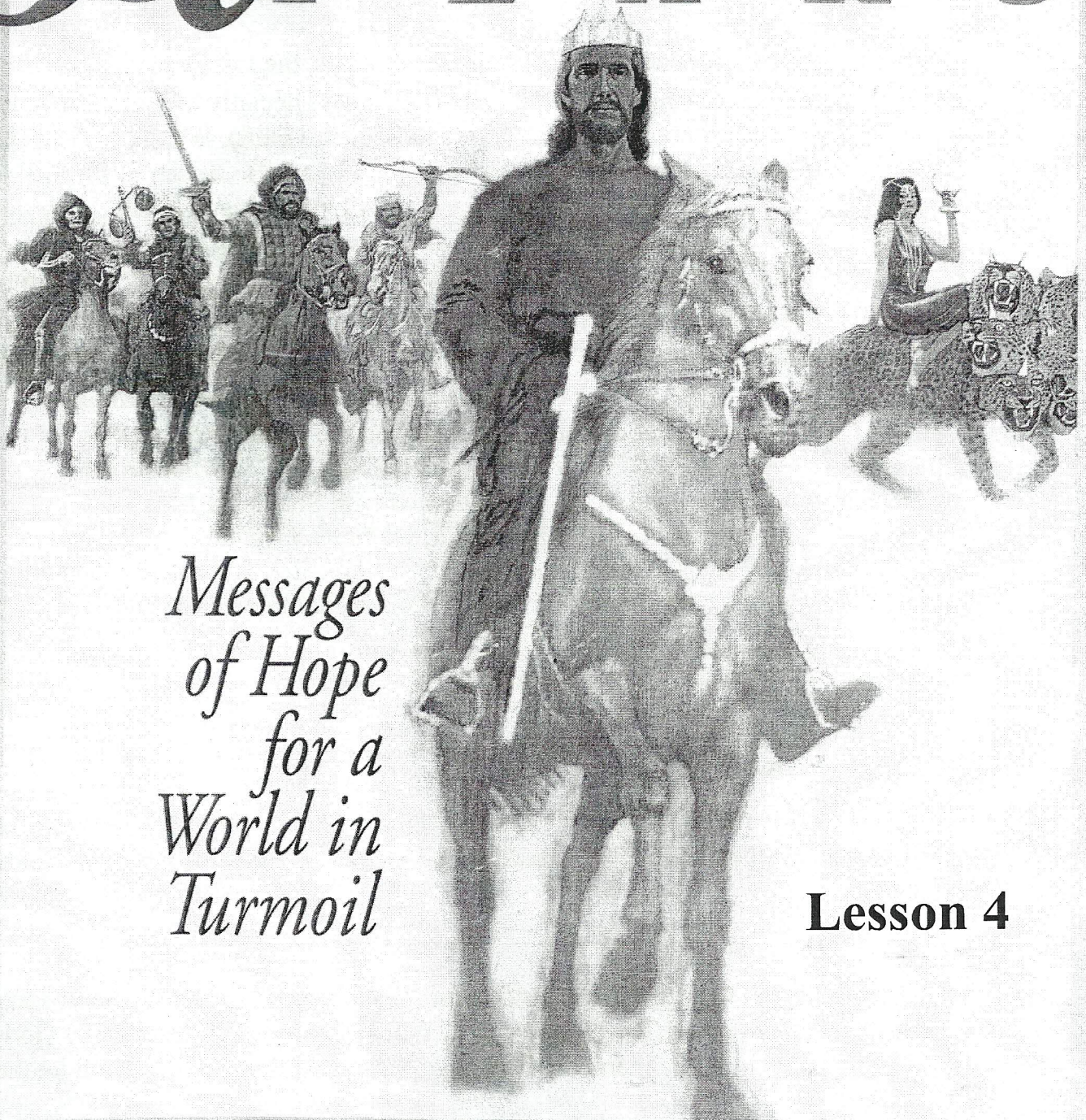


# Revelation

S P E A K S



*Messages  
of Hope  
for a  
World in  
Turmoil*

**Lesson 4**



## Jesus Our High Priest and Sacrifice

[This chapter is based on Revelation, Chapter 5]

From the foundation of this world, Christ the Creator, the Lamb "which is and was, and is to come," was commissioned by His Father to especially minister to the inhabitants of Planet Earth (Revelation 13:18; John 5:36; John 6:38). We are told that God the Father created all things by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:9).

After the fall of man, God promised Adam and Eve that the seed of the woman (Christ), would bruise the serpent's (Satan's) head, and the serpent would bruise Christ's heel (Genesis 3:15). Here we find a prophecy of God's plan to restore fallen man to the family of God by the gift of His only Son to die as the sacrificial Lamb on Calvary's cross! What unspeakable love the Father and Son have for the inhabitants of earth!

It was Christ the Rock whose presence followed the children of Israel in the wilderness (1 Corinthians 10:4). It was Christ the Son of God whom King Nebuchadnezzar recognized in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:26). And in this chapter, we find Christ ministering on man's behalf in the heavenly sanctuary. As we study this chapter, we can but echo the glorious old song, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!" Let's take a closer look at Christ as He appears before John in the fifth chapter of Revelation.

*READ: Revelation 5:1-14.*

**1. What did John see when he turned to see who was speaking to him? Revelation 1:10-12.**

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NOTE: We are told that the seven golden candlesticks which John saw in vision represent seven churches (Revelation 1:20). When Moses was instructed by God to build a sanctuary in the wilderness, God gave Moses explicit details: "And let them

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build me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee" (Exodus 25:8, 9). In the rest of Exodus 25 and on through chapter 31, God tells Moses exactly how to build the sanctuary, how it was to be furnished, the minute details of how the priests were to minister there, and what they should wear, etc. The golden candlesticks were a part of the furnishings of the Holy Place-the first section of the sanctuary.

### **2. Whom did John see standing in the midst of the seven candlesticks? Revelation 1:13-16.**

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NOTE: Here John caught a glimpse of Jesus ministering in the heavenly sanctuary on behalf of all mankind. The sanctuary that Moses built for God was a copy of the one in heaven. The heavenly sanctuary was the pattern for the earthly sanctuary. "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Hebrews 9:24.

### **3. When John saw Jesus standing in the middle of the candlesticks, how did that affect him emotionally? Revelation 1:17, 18.**

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NOTE: John was so overwhelmed by the scene that he fell as a dead man. Then Jesus tenderly laid His right hand upon John and told him not to be afraid. John recognized that voice-the voice of his dearest Friend and Saviour. What a touching moment! What joy must have filled John's old tired heart!

### **4. Describe what John saw happening in the sanctuary. Revelation 5:1-4.**

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NOTE: John wept much! This precious old saint was so disappointed and saddened by the thought that no one was worthy to open this very important book that he broke down and wept greatly!

### **5. Whom did one of the elders say could open the book? Revelation 5:5.**

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**6. What was the next event John saw in vision? Revelation 5:6, 7.**

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**7. What did the beings surrounding the throne say when the Lamb took the book, and why did they say He was worthy? Revelation 5:8, 9.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**8. What has the "Lamb" done for us by His death? Revelation 5:9, 10; Revelation 1:5, 6.**

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**9. When was the plan made for our redemption by the blood of the Lamb? Revelation 13:8.**

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**10. What did John the Baptist say that Jesus was? John 1:29.**

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**11. When Jesus died on Calvary's cross, what was washed away by His blood? Revelation 1:5; 1 John 1:7.**

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NOTE: Revelation 5: 9 says, "... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." Could any news be more thrilling? Anyone, anywhere can be restored to the family of God if they accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

**12. What seven things do the thousands and thousands of voices say that the slain Lamb is worthy to receive? Revelation 5:11, 12.**

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_

f. \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: Perhaps it would be well to add to this list some other things you think the slain Lamb is worthy to receive. List any that come to your mind:

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**13. Where did Jesus go to minister after His resurrection? Luke 24:50-53.**

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NOTE: "We do not say that Christ was our High Priest; we say that He is our High Priest. He not only did something to save us twenty and a half centuries ago; He is active for us now, today, at this very moment. The process of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of healing, of restoring broken relationships and shattered lives - all goes on, because 'He lives to make intercession' for 'those who draw near to God through Him' (Hebrews 7:25)." -*God Cares*, Vol. 2, p. 162.

**14. "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,**

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**15. Why is our High Priest so special to us? Hebrews 4:15.**

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NOTE: He understands our heartaches, our loneliness, our weaknesses, our temptations, our disappointments and frustrations. And more than that, "He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. . ." There is no one else like that! And-He cares! He invites us to come to the throne of grace, that we might obtain sweet mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). What a Saviour!

**16. What reason is given as to why the saved are saved? Revelation 7:14.**

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NOTE: What was washed away by the blood of the Lamb? Revelation 1:5 says, "... to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

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**17. What must you do to wash *your* robe in the blood of the Lamb?**

**ANSWER:**

**a.** First, you must recognize that you are a sinner deserving the death penalty. Romans 3:23; 1Timothy 1:15; Romans 6:23

**b.** Second, you must realize that you can't earn salvation, you don't deserve it, and you can't buy it. It is a gift of a loving, gracious God. Our good works cannot earn our salvation, for the Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9.

**c.** Third, you must believe that Christ is the Son of God and that He died in your place on the cross as an atonement for your sins. John 1:12.

Of course, to believe in Christ is to be willing to trust Him as not only the Saviour, but as the Lord of your life. In other words, surrendering your life to Him completely.

**18. Where must *your* name be written if you are to enter the New Jerusalem?**  
**Revelation 21:27.**

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### *My Response*

\_\_\_ As I have studied this lesson my heart has been touched by the sacrifice of my Lord for me.

\_\_\_ I realize I am a sinner and I need Jesus' blood to cover my sins.

\_\_\_ I want Jesus to come into my heart and be the Saviour and Lord of my life forever.