

STOP WEeping, THE LAMB REIGNS - Rv 5:5-7

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INTRODUCTION

1. "Quest narrative". Drama- value of goal juxtaposed w/ possible failure.
2. Rv 5:1-7 greatest of all quests: Son of God - Messianic Mission

1st: The Command to Stop Weeping

1. Rv 5:4 cry of fallen man; sounds of heaven [4:8-11] & earth {Gn 4:10}.
2. Jn: a man w/o hope, wailing of despair [Eph 2:12]
3. 1st Adam failed - but Jesus, the Last Adam has succeeded - Sabbath Rest.
4. *Stop weeping* the tears of despair!

2nd: Look at the Triumphant Lion/Lamb: the Resurrected Jesus

1. *Behold* - v5-6. Davidic King is Sacrificial Lamb: *has overcome*.
2. He accomplished work of atonement. Blood of lamb not on earthly propitiation seat - Lamb Himself sits on heavenly throne! Ps 97:2; Isa 16:5
3. Jesus' worthiness as our covenantal head: established righteousness: Heb 1:8 *righteous scepter*; Rv 4:11 as God, He is *worthy*: glorified Son of Man.
4. The true Adamic man obtains the hope established in creation.

3rd: The Lamb is the Enthroned Sovereign Lord: Coronation of King Jesus

1. Heavenly throne-room: 4:2. Focus on enthroned One & His right hand: 5:1
2. v6 Lamb near & moving towards the throne: 4:6-7

-0i. *He came & took* = past completed action => answer to v2's question

ii. Dan 7:13-14 Lamb - Son of Man - Adamic man [dominion].

3. Rv 5:1 & 5:7 focus on scroll: administer decreed history. Heaven worships.

4. Lamb begins a new chapter in His reign over creation: coronated as King.

i. Lk 1:32-33 *throne of His father David & He will reign... forever*

ii. A 2:32-36 - fulfill Ps 110

iii. Eph 1:18-23 the Lord of Creation is our Redeemer

iv. Hb 1:3b; 8:1-2 reign of Melchizedek King/Priest

v. 1T 6:15b-16 doxology - praise the coronated King Jesus!!

5. Where is Jesus? Rv 3:21 note verb tense: past acts

i. Rv 7:17 Lamb seated on His throne = Shepherd

ii. Rv 22:1-3 single throne - singular occupant: God & Lamb

6. What is Jesus doing? Rm 8:34b

Appic #1: Stop Weeping Because Our Eschatological Hope is Secure

1. Lk 6:21, 25; Rv 6:9-10 - Jesus wept [Jn 11:35]. Christians cry.

2. Why did John cry? W/o hope - *weep* in Rv 18 - destruction of Babylon

3. Beware of truncated eschatologies - Satan's strategy: contains hope w/i this age & falls short of res glory. Results in "shame" - eschatological defeat.

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4. All depends of Jesus' resurrection - 1 C 15:13-28 *1st-fruit* [Eph 2:4-7].
5. We are united to resurrected enthroned Jesus - live by faith - 1Jn 3:2.
6. Stop weeping: our eschatological hope is secure.

Applic #2: Cultivate Kingdom Joy

1. *Behold* - Lion/Lamb. We will cry but not the tears that John cries in Rv 5:4. The Spirit will teach us to cry for the things for wh/ Jesus cried - [Hb 12:2]
2. 1Pt 1:8 *great inexpressible glorious joy* - joy of conscience that knows no condemnation; joyful peace of Jesus. *My peace I give to you* [Jn 14:26-27]
 - i. We often tell Jesus where He shld look. Angel says *behold!*
 - ii. Internalize the means of grace - precisely, focused faith in worship.
 - iii. Witness - testify to others & experience joy of conquest: love enemies
3. Jesus' grand quest has been successful. We, in Him by HS, are on our quest. Live in the reality of HIS success.