

Wednesday in the Word
Digging Deeper
July 6, 2022
The Scroll

Revelation 5:1-4 KJVS

[1] And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? [3] And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. [4] And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Sunday's message on this passage was accurately and completely covered by Pastor so we will not attempt to dig for more treasure where none can be found. That said we have come to understand that God has spread throughout His Word the message of the horror of mankind's final days. Man has had his way. Soon God will have His Day. In fact He has many times revealed His plan in the writings of His prophets. The seven sealed book or scroll of chapter 5 most likely has existed down through time and been read to us before. As we encounter John's anxiety in the dashed hope of a worthy testator sought in today's passage, the agony is not so much in not knowing what this scroll holds but in the apparent inability to finally commence the long awaited avenging of the blood of many innocents and martyrs. While we tonight beg God to save those we love we also suffer the daily torture of a world gone bad. Evil, ever more exasperating rears up as a monster on the nightly news. When, oh when will our Saviour shout "It is enough!"? Our study will not seek to explain the depth of today's passage. We will instead look to the Lord's prophets who may have, in the past, viewed this book of judgement. Is it indeed possible that the Scroll Jesus will soon open in this chapter is the same one viewed in the past? It has been noted that Ezekiel wrote a parallel to the book of Revelation. We begin there in chapters 2 and 3. We will simply follow the process of his pen and sadly learn that the focus of God's judgement is centered upon those He would call His own; the apple of His Eye. Deuteronomy 32:7-11. Our hearts break for the sadness that the Heavenly Father must endure as His children wander beyond the shelter of His Wings. Read now and compare the account in Ezekiel 2 and 3. From Ezekiel we step over to Zechariah 5:1-4 then on to Isaiah 29:1-24 and Daniel 12:1-10. These writers attest to a scroll rolled and sealed till the end of days. Jesus in revealing Himself to us must as well reveal this dreadful result of our unrepentant sin. Continue to pray for Israel, for humanity and for your loved ones. Ezekiel 3:18-19. Preach it believers!