

# THE BOOK OF DESTINY IS OPENED: THE LAMB ALONE IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE BOOK REVELATION 05:05–14

## ***Introduction***

This is a most dramatic moment. Remember, John is having a vision, and his mind or spirit has been transported above earth into heaven. Therefore, everything he is experiencing is bound to be dramatic. But this moment must be the most dramatic of all: he is about to get his very first glimpse of Jesus Christ Himself. He is about to see the exalted Lord.

The background is this: God is holding the Book of Destiny in His right hand. A search has been conducted throughout the whole universe for someone worthy enough to open the book. But no one is worthy; there is no one good enough to open it. John is heartbroken and is weeping bitterly, for God is ready to reveal the secrets of the end time to man. But no person can be found to open the book and to oversee the climactic events of the end time. The situation looks hopeless. But then all of a sudden one of the heavenly elders steps forth and announces that someone has been found to open the Book of Destiny. There is one Person who is worthy. This is the great subject of this passage: the *Book of Destiny is opened – the Lamb alone is worthy.*

- I. The glorious announcement: God has intervened and sent One worthy to open the book (v. 5).
- II. The supreme moment: the first sight of Christ in heaven (vv. 6-7).
- III. The majestic worship by the four living creatures and the elders (vv. 8-10).
- IV. The majestic worship by the angels (vv. 11-12).
- V. The majestic worship by the whole universe (vv. 13-14).

## ***I. Revelation 05:05 Jesus Christ, The One Worthy to Open the Book***

There is the glorious announcement – God has intervened. He Himself has sent One worthy to open the Book of Destiny. Who is He?

1. He is the “Lion of Judah.” This is a title of the Messiah. The symbol of the lion shows that He is the strongest and most powerful member of the tribe of Israel. Judah was the strongest tribe of Israel, the strongest by far. Therefore, way back in history, God had prophesied through Jacob that his own son Judah would be a “lion’s whelp” (young cub). If Judah himself was only a young cub, then the Messiah Himself must be like the King of beasts, the lion. Very simply, the prophecy predicted that the coming Messiah would possess the strength and power of a lion, the king of beasts. Who then is worthy to open the book? Jesus Christ, the lion of Judah, the all powerful Messiah and King. He and He alone is worthy enough to take the book and carry out the events of the end time.
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**Gen 49:9-10** *You are a lion's cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness — who dares to rouse him? The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.*

2. He is the “Root of David.” The Messiah was to be of the household of David, of the root and seed of Jesse, of his family tree, of his blood, of his stem. Who then is worthy to open the book? The prophesied Son of David, the Messiah and King of the world. He and He alone is worthy to take the book and carry out the events of the end time.

**Isa 11:1** *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

3. He is the One who has prevailed and conquered and won the victory; therefore, He is able to open the Book of Destiny. Over what has He prevailed? What is it that He has conquered?

**Rev 5:5** *He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.*

=> He has conquered sin.

**Eph 1:7** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

**Heb 1:3** *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

**1 Pet 2:24** *“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

**1 Pet 3:18** *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

=> He has conquered death.

**1 Cor 15:25-26** *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

**2 Tim 1:10** *But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

**Heb 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

=> He has conquered this evil world.

**John 16:33** *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

**Gal 1:4** *Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.*

=> He has conquered Satan and all other evil forces

**Mat 12:29** *“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.”*

**Luke 10:18** *He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

**John 12:31** *“Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”*

**John 14:30** *“I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me.”*

**John 16:11** *“And in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”*

**Acts 2:34-35** *For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make our enemies a footstool for your feet.”’*

**Col 2:15** *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (cp. Heb 2:14-15)*

=> He has conquered all dominion, authority and power.

**1 Cor 15:24-28** *Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.*

=> He has conquered hell.

**John 5:24** *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”*

**Rom 8:34** *Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love [compassion] of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Rev 1:18** *“I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”*

## II. *Revelation 05:06–07 Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God*

There is the supreme moment, the first sight of Jesus Christ in heaven. John had seen Christ in his first vision, but Christ was standing in the midst of the churches. But now the supreme moment arrives – the moment when John catches his first sight of the glorified Son of God in heaven. The sight was bound to be the most spectacular sight ever seen in human history, for God was letting a man see His Son at the throne of God. He was showing why His Son is worthy to rule and reign over the universe. When John caught his first glimpse of Christ, he immediately noticed five things.

1. Jesus Christ is the centre of the heavenly scene.

=> He was right before the throne of God, joining God at the very throne of God itself.

=> Then the four living beings surround Him.

=> Then come the circle of elders.

Jesus Christ is the very centre and focus of attention: every eye and thought is upon Him. He is the centrepiece of God's throne room, the central figure on the stage of universal history, the history of both heaven and earth.

2. Jesus Christ is the sacrificial Lamb of God who has been slain. The picture of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God is seen throughout Scripture.

Scripture declares that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who died for our sins.

=> The Lamb of God was symbolized in the Passover. The lamb was sacrificed so that the judgment of God could pass over the people.

*Exo 12:3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.*

=> Isaiah had said that the Messiah was to bear our sins by being led like a lamb to the slaughter.

*Isa 53:6-7 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

=> John the Baptist declared Jesus to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world

*John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*John 1:36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"*

=> Peter had said that persons are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

**1 Pet 1:18-19** *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

Note this: A.T. Robertson, the Greek scholar, points out that the word for *lamb* throughout the New Testament is *ho amnos*. But throughout Revelation John uses another word *amion*, and he uses the word twenty-nine times for the crucified Christ. The difference is this: the word chosen by John stresses the slaughter, suffering, pain, agony and humiliation of Christ. And *all the suffering* is still seen in heaven. As Robertson says: “The Lamb is now alive, but...with the marks of the sacrifice” (*Word Pictures In The New Testament*, Vol. 6, p. 334).

The point is this: Jesus Christ is the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He lived a sinless life when He was upon earth; He was the Ideal and Perfect Man. Therefore, whatever Jesus Christ did as the Perfect and Ideal Man, it could stand for and cover us. When He died for our sins, He died as the ideal and perfect sacrifice. His sacrifice for our sins was perfectly acceptable to God. Therefore, His sacrifice for sin stands for and covers us.

What happens is this: when we believe in Jesus Christ, God takes our faith and counts it as the sacrifice of Christ. God counts the sacrifice of Christ for us. This means that we are free from sin. We stand sinless before God, acceptable to Him — all because Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, removed our sins from us. We are cleansed from sin by the sacrifice of Christ. We are made perfectly righteous by the sacrifice of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who has taken away our sin and clothed us in the white robes of righteousness before God.

This is the reason Jesus Christ stands in the centre stage of heaven. But even in heaven He stands as the One who has loved and given Himself for us; He stands as the Lamb who was slain as the *perfect sacrifice* for our sins.

**Heb 9:12-14** *He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

**Heb 10:11- 13** *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool.*

**1 Pet 2:24** *“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*

**1 Pet 3:18** *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*

3. Jesus Christ is the omnipotent power of the universe. Remember that the number seven in the Bible means completeness, fullness and perfection. Jesus Christ is seen with *seven horns* which — symbolizes complete and perfect strength and power. He stands in heaven as the supreme power and force of the universe.

**Mat 28:18** *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”*

**John 10:18** *“No one takes it [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*

**John 17:2** *“For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.”*

**Rom 1:4** *And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Col 1:16-17** *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

**Heb 1:1-3** *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways. But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

4. Jesus Christ is the supreme intelligence of the universe. The *seven eyes* symbolize complete and perfect knowledge, intelligence and wisdom. He is omniscient; He knows all and sees all. Absolutely nothing escapes His sight and knowledge. Note: this is a symbol of the seven spirits of God which is the Holy Spirit (see notes, Rev 1:4; 3:1). In the person of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is everywhere, seeing and knowing all.

**John 2:25** *He did not need man’s testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.*

**Acts 1:24** *Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen.”*

**Col 2:3** *In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**Isa 11:2** *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.*

5. Jesus Christ is sovereign. He alone walks over and takes the Book of Destiny out of the hand of God. He and He alone is worthy to execute and carry out the events of the end time. This is simply a graphic way of saying what is said in the very first verse of Revelation.

*Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.*

### **III. Revelation 05:08–10 Worship by the Four Living Creatures and Elders**

There is the majestic worship by the four living creatures and the elders. As soon as Jesus Christ takes the book out of the hand of God, all of heaven and earth break loose in a song of praise. And note there are three waves of praise sung to Christ.

- => There is the praise of the four living creatures and of the elders who surround the throne of God.
- => Then there is the wave of praise from the numberless host of angels, ten thousands times ten thousands, and thousands of thousands of them. The idea is that the number is so large that man and his computers could not count the number.
- => Then there is the majestic worship of all creatures in both heaven and earth, and under the earth in the graves and in the seas. All of creation — every being ever created — breaks loose in a chorus of praise to the Lord and to the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne (Jesus Christ).

The present note covers the praise of the four living creatures and the elders who immediately surround the Lord Jesus Christ and the throne of God. Note three things about their worship.

1. They fall down before Christ, the Lamb of God and play harps. Remember: the harp was the usual instrument used to sing the Psalms of praise to our Lord (cp. Psa 33:2; 98:5; 147:7).
2. They offer up golden bowls of incense to the Lord which is the symbol of the prayers of believers (saints).

**Thought 1.** Just think of this: the very beings closest to God offer up our prayers to Christ for us. The heavenly host is concerned over our welfare even as the Lord is. They long for us to be helped through the trials and temptations of life even more than we long to be delivered through them. What a precious truth.

3. They sing a new song focused upon the worthiness of Christ. Remember: God had just held out the Book of Destiny and the shattering call had just pierced the air for someone worthy to step forth and to take the book. Someone was needed to open the book and carry out the events upon earth. But no one was found worthy. Not even those who surround the very throne of God, the four living creatures and elders, were worthy.

Only one Person could step forward: the Lamb of God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the scene here: when the living creatures and elders see the Lamb of God step forward and take the book from God, they fall down in worship and adoration and sing a song to Him, a song that has never been sung before.

**Rev 5:9-10** *And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."*

Note that they praise Christ for four things.

- a. They praise Him because He was slain for man and has redeemed or "purchased men for God" (v. 9). They praise Christ because He died for the sins of man and has set man free from sin and death and the punishment to come. (See note 2, pt. 2, Rev 5:6-7. Also see note, Rev 1:5-6.)

**Rom 5:9** *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

**Gal 3:13** *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

**Eph 1:7** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

**Col 1:14** *In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Titus 2:14** *Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

**Heb 9:12** *He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.*

**1 Pet 1:18-19** *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

- b. They praise Him because of His universal salvation (v. 9). No person is beyond His reach. He saves people from every tribe and language and race and nation. There is no prejudice or discrimination with Christ, no favourites and no partiality. He loves every person: male and female, poor and rich, black and white, yellow and red, ignorant and wise. Christ saves all who will come from every corner of the earth. Those who surround Christ and the throne of God shout their praise to Christ for His universal salvation.

**Luke 3:6** *And all mankind will see God's salvation.*

**Rom 10:13** *For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*



**1 Tim 2:4** *Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

**Titus 2:11-12** *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

**2 Pet 3:9** *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**Rev 3:20** *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

- c. They praise Christ because He has given believers the great gift of royalty (v. 10). He makes them a kingdom and priests and note: they shall rule on the earth serving the Lord Jesus Christ forever and ever as kings and priests. (See note, Rev 14:13; 21:24-27 for complete list of rewards.)

**Mat 25:23** *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”*

**Luke 22:28-29** *“You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me.”*

**Rom 8:16-17** *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit, that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

**Rev 1:5-6** *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*

**Rev 20: 46** *I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

**Dan 12:3** *Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.*

#### **IV. Revelation 05: 11–12 The Majestic Worship by the Angels**

There is the majestic worship by the angels. Note three facts about the angels.

1. They are the centre circle of the praise chorus.
2. Their number is astounding: an innumerable number is what Scripture is declaring.

3. Their song includes seven points.
- a. They praise Christ for His power. He is omnipotent: He possesses all power. He is able to open God's Book of Destiny and to carry out and execute God's will throughout the universe. He is able to carry out the events of history and the events of the end time. He is the sovereign Ruler of the universe.

***Mat 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

***John 17:2** "For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him."*

***Rom 1:4** And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***1 Cor 1:24** But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God,*

***Eph 3:20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

- b. They praise Christ for His riches. He possesses the wealth to meet any need throughout the universe, any need that we or any other creature may have.

***Rom 2:4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?*

***2 Cor 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

***Eph 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

***Eph 2:7** In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

***Eph 3:8** Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.*

***Phil 4:19** And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

- c. They praise Christ for His wisdom. He is omniscient, seeing and knowing all. He knows all about God and heaven, and all about us and our world with all its temptations and trials. He can, therefore, carry out the will of God laid out in the Book of Destiny, and He can help us through all the trials and temptations of life.

***1 Cor 1:30** It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

**Heb 4:15-16** *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

**Psa 28:7** *The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.*

**Psa 40:17** *Yet I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer: O my God, do not delay.*

**Isa 41:10** *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

- d. They praise Him for His strength. No one nor anything can stand against Him, not even for a moment unless He allows it. He has infinite strength, the very strength of God Himself. All He has to do is speak the Word and His will is done. Therefore, He can carry out the events in the Book of Destiny, and he can meet our every need.

**Mat 19:26** *Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

**Luke 1:37** *“For nothing is impossible with God.”*

**1 Cor 10:13** *No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

**Eph 3:20** *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

**2 Tim 4:18** *The LORD will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Jude 1:24-25** *To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

**Job 42:2** *“I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”*

**Psa 115:3** *Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*

**Isa 41:10** *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

**Isa 43:13** *Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”*

- e. They praise Him for His honour. He is the Son of God possessing the very nature of God, the eternal and sovereign Majesty, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is the One appointed to open the Book of Destiny and to execute its events throughout the universe. Therefore, He is the One who is to be honoured by all.

*Phil 2:9-11* Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Rev 19:7* Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

*Psa 34:3* Glorify the LORD with me; let us exult his name together.

*Psa 107:32* Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

- f. They praise Him for His glory. As stated, He is the supreme Glory and Majesty of the universe, so glorious that His glory shines brighter than the sun to give light in the spiritual world or dimension. His own glory is the light of heaven. In Him is no flaw or defect whatsoever. Therefore, He and He alone is worthy to open the Book of Destiny and to carry out the will of God throughout the universe. He and He alone is due all the glory of the Universe.

*Mat 5:16* "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

*John. 15:8* "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

*Rom 15:6* So that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Cor 6:19-20* Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

*Psa 29:2* Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.

*Psa 57:5* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

- g. They praise Him for His blessing. He deserves all the blessing or praise that heaven and earth can give, for He has blessed all. He has given life and all the good things of life to all creatures. All blessings have come from Him. Therefore, all the blessings that heaven and earth can give are due Him.

*Col 1:12* Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

*Col 3:15* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

*1 Th 5:18* Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*Deu 8:10* When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

*Psa 100:4* Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

*Isa 25:1* O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

## **V. Revelation 05:13–14 Worship by the Whole Universe**

There is the majestic worship by the whole universe. After each group of created beings has sung their chorus of praise, then all of creation – every being and creature who has ever lived in both heaven and earth – shall break forth in one chorus of praise to both God and Christ. What shall they praise; God and Christ for?

=> for their praise   => for their honour   => for their glory   => for their power

Then the four living creatures shall shout “Amen.” And the elders shall fall down and worship the Lord Jesus Christ who lives forever and ever.

Never has there been a chorus of worship as will be seen in the glorious day of redemption, when all creation shall praise Him who is our Lord and Saviour, even the Son of God Himself. And remember why:

=> because He is worthy to step forward and take the Book of Destiny out of the hand of God.

=> because He is worthy to rule and reign over all history, both now and in the last days and throughout all of eternity, world without end.

*Rom 15:6* So that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Cor 6:20* You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

*2 Th 1:12* We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Rev 14:7* He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” ■