

“Religious Wars”
Clash #4 Kingdoms in Conflict
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The Reality of Our World

Revelation 5:1–14 (NIV) ¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

Genesis 6:5-6; 1 Sam. 8:6-8; Psalm 2; Psalm 14:1-3; Isaiah 59: 1-15; Romans 1:18-32

God’s Solution

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-10; 52:10-53:12; 59:16-21; 61:1-11; 63:1-5; Daniel 7:13-14

Creation’s Response

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

1 Peter 2:9-10

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Psalms 96:1-5; Philippians 2:5-11

Our Mandate

John 17:3 (NIV) ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent

Jeremiah 31:33-34; John 1:18; Matthew 13:44-46; Philippians 3:7-14

Habakkuk 2:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Ephesians 1:17-23

2 Corinthians 2:14–16 (NIV) ¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

2 Corinthians 5:17, 20 (NRSV) ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Mark 16:15 (NRSV) ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.