The Unveiled Lamb

A Seven-Day Journey Through the Hope of Revelation

ⓘ Introduction: Behold the Lamb

The book of Revelation, with its soaring visions and powerful symbols, can often seem confusing or even frightening. Yet, at its heart, this final book of Scripture contains one of the most profound and multifaceted portraits of Jesus Christ in the entire Bible: the Lamb. Penned by the apostle John during his exile on the island of Patmos, this revelation pulls back the curtain of history to reveal the one who stands at the center of God's eternal purposes. As we begin, it helps to know that the very language of this book is unique. One scholar noted that John's Greek is "unlike any Greek that was ever penned by mortal man," filled with jarring Hebraisms that make it powerful and strange. This unusual grammar perfectly reflects the book's central wonder: a reality where sacrifice is victory and a Lamb is a Lion.

Over the next seven days, we will journey together through John's visions to explore seven distinct and powerful facets of the Lamb's identity. We will see Him as the sacrifice that redeems, the King who conquers, the Shepherd who cares, and the Light that illuminates eternity. This is not a journey into complex timelines or frightening beasts, but an encounter with the glorious, triumphant, and tender heart of Jesus.

Join us for this week-long devotion to better understand and worship the Lamb who was slain, who now reigns, and who is the ultimate hope for all believers.

Day 1: The Slain but Standing Lamb

To begin to understand the power of the Lamb, we must first grapple with the stunning paradox at the center of heaven's throne room. When John looks for a Lion, he instead sees a Lamb. But this is no ordinary lamb. In a single, breathtaking vision, John sees a Lamb that bears the fatal marks of sacrifice yet is vibrantly alive, standing in a posture of complete victory and authority. Here, at the epicenter of reality, John reveals the engine of the gospel: power made perfect in sacrifice, and life erupting from the very heart of death. This singular image combines the profound ideas of "sacrifice and triumphant might," revealing that the Lamb's authority to enact God's plan for history comes directly and eternally from His sacrificial death.

> ### *Scripture Focus*
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> *"And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain..." — Revelation 5:6a (ESV)*

Reflection

How does the paradox of a Lamb who is both "slaughtered" and "standing" challenge your personal understanding of what it means to be strong in moments of weakness or to find life in the midst of loss? This vision of the slain but standing Lamb is the foundation for all that follows, establishing His unique qualification for the task at hand: His supreme worthiness.

Day 2: The Worthy Lamb

A cosmic crisis unfolds in the throne room of heaven. In God's right hand is a scroll, sealed seven times, containing the very purposes of history and redemption. A mighty angel issues a challenge that echoes through all creation: "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" A profound, sorrowful silence follows. No one in heaven, on earth, or under the earth is found worthy. John weeps bitterly at this cosmic impasse, for it seems that God's plan is stalled. It is into this moment of despair that an elder speaks, "Stop weeping. Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah... has conquered." And John looks and sees not a Lion, but the Lamb.

The heavenly beings then erupt in what John calls a "new song." This is not merely a different melody; it is a song that inaugurates a new reality. As one commentary explains, this song marks the end of the old Jewish dispensation, with its animal sacrifices and racial limits, and ushers in the new Christian dispensation founded upon the self-sacrifice of the Lamb. He is worthy because He was slaughtered and by His blood purchased for God a universal people from every corner of the earth. His sacrificial death is the basis of His eternal merit and the sole qualification to unseal God's plan for the ages.

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"And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation...'" — Revelation 5:9 (ESV)

Reflection

In a world that constantly measures our worth by our accomplishments, finances, or status, what would it look like for you to consciously build your life not on your own merits, but on the unshakable worthiness of the Lamb? The Lamb's worthiness is rooted in His redemptive act, an act accomplished through the shedding of His precious blood.

♥ Day 3: The Redeeming Lamb

In the divine economy of Revelation, the blood of the Lamb is the most valuable currency. It is the agent of redemption, the means of purification, and the weapon of ultimate victory. It accomplishes what no other power in heaven or on earth can. John's visions return again and again to this central, saving reality: everything that is won, cleansed, and made new is accomplished through the Lamb's sacrifice.

This theme unfolds across three pivotal scenes. First, in the throne room, we learn that the Lamb’s blood is the price of our salvation; with it, He purchases a people for God from every nation on earth. Second, we see a great multitude standing before the throne, and an elder explains their purity: they have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," a powerful image of spiritual purification from sin. Finally, in the midst of cosmic warfare, we are told the secret to the saints' victory over their accuser, Satan. It is not their own strength or righteousness, but the power of the Lamb's blood coupled with their faithful testimony.

Scripture Focus

They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death. — Revelation 12:11 (CSB)

Reflection

When you face personal accusation, guilt, or the weight of your own sin, how can you practically apply the truth that your victory has already been secured "by the blood of the Lamb"? While the blood of the Lamb is the source of redemption for His people, it is also the standard of a terrifying judgment for those who reject it, revealing the jarring reality of His wrath.

☆ Day 4: The Wrathful Lamb

One of the most startling and often-overlooked aspects of Jesus's identity in Revelation is the wrath of the Lamb. We are comfortable with a gentle Savior, but John's vision confronts us with a more complex reality. In Revelation, the ultimate terror for those who have defied God and persecuted His people is not some impersonal force or a distant, angry deity. It is the righteous and holy anger of the very One who was sacrificed for the sins of the world. To refuse such a costly love is to invite a righteous and terrible sorrow.

John paints a dramatic scene where the kings of the earth, the rich, and the mighty cry for the mountains to hide them from the face of the one on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. While this image may seem shocking, some commentators remind us that the idea of the Messiah as judge was an existing expectation in Jewish literature. The "wrath of the Lamb" is therefore not a contradiction of His nature, but the fulfillment of His messianic role as the righteous judge of all the earth. Placing this judgment in the person of the gentle Lamb underscores the profound seriousness of rejecting His sacrifice and the perfect justice of God's final verdict.

> ### *Scripture Focus*
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> *"...they called to the mountains and the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?'" — Revelation 6:16-17 (ESV)*

Reflection

How do you reconcile the sacrificial love of the Lamb with the righteous wrath of the Lamb? What does this paradox reveal about the nature of God's justice and the consequences of sin? This same Lamb, who is an object of terror for His enemies, is an object of supreme comfort and care for His own people, fulfilling the role of a tender shepherd.

⚠ Day 5: The Shepherd Lamb

After the stark vision of the Lamb's wrath, Revelation pivots to present one of the most beautiful and tender paradoxes in all of Scripture: the Lamb as Shepherd. This gentle, intimate portrait stands in stark contrast to the previous day's theme, highlighting the wonderfully multifaceted nature of Christ. To His enemies, He is a figure of judgment; to His flock, He is the source of eternal comfort and care. He who bore the wounds of sacrifice now leads His redeemed people into their everlasting rest.

The comforting promise for the redeemed is that the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water. The commentary highlights a profound linguistic nuance here: the Greek verb for "shepherd" (ποιμαίνειν) is used in its tender, favorable sense, which contrasts sharply with how it is used elsewhere in Revelation to describe Christ's iron-fisted rule over the nations. This is a shepherd of gentle care, not of judgment. The tenderness deepens with the final, breathtaking promise that God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, an intimate act revealing the Lamb's ultimate concern for the complete well-being and restoration of every single member of His flock.

> ### *Scripture Focus*
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> *"For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." — Revelation 7:17 (ESV)*

Reflection

Think of a current trial, sorrow, or source of tears in your life. What does it mean for you, in this moment, to trust that the Shepherd Lamb will one day lead you to "springs of living water" and wipe every tear away? The Lamb's personal care for His people is matched by His absolute cosmic authority over all earthly and spiritual powers that oppose them.

Day 6: The Conquering Lamb

The book of Revelation portrays all of history as a spiritual war between the kingdom of God and the powers of darkness. This cosmic conflict is not destined for a stalemate or a negotiated peace, but for the absolute and final triumph of the Lamb. Kings and empires will rage, and the forces of evil will gather for one last, desperate assault. But the outcome is never in doubt. The Lamb will conquer.

John presents the definitive declaration that when the world's kings make war against the Lamb, the Lamb will conquer them. This victory is directly connected to His ultimate identity, revealed in the same breath: "he is Lord of lords and King of kings." This image, as another commentary explains, connects to the Jewish apocalyptic symbol of the "horned lamb"—a figure representing a powerful messianic leader and conqueror. In this vision, John merges the idea of a gentle sacrifice with that of triumphant, kingly might, assuring believers that the one who died for them is also the one who fights for them with unconquerable power.

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"They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." — Revelation 17:14 (ESV)

Reflection

In what area of your life do you feel defeated or overwhelmed by opposing forces? How can the reality that the Lamb is the Conquering King of kings change your perspective and anchor your hope today? After the Lamb's final battle and ultimate conquest comes the eternal peace of His unending reign in the New Jerusalem.

🏠 Day 7: The Lamb as Lamp

Our journey culminates in the final, glorious vision of the New Jerusalem, the eternal home of the redeemed. In this ultimate reality, many of the created things we rely upon for life and worship are beautifully rendered obsolete. There is no more sun or moon to give light, and no temple is needed for worship, because the direct, unmediated presence of God and the Lamb fills all things. Here, the Lamb is not just the central figure of worship; He is the very environment of heaven itself.

John's description of the Lamb's role in the eternal city is breathtaking:

The Lamb is the Temple. All barriers are removed, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple. Worship is the constant, face-to-face reality of dwelling in the presence of God.

The Lamb is the Lamp. The city has no need for sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. Christ Himself is the eternal source of all light, truth, knowledge, and glory.

The Lamb is the Source of Life. From the throne of God and of the Lamb flows the river of the water of life, signifying that He is the eternal wellspring of all life, healing, and sustenance for His people.

> ### *Scripture Focus*
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> *"And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb." — Revelation 21:23 (ESV)*

Reflection

Take a moment to imagine a world where the only light is the glory of the Lamb. What does it mean for you to orient your life toward that light today, allowing His truth and glory to illuminate your path? He who was the slain sacrifice has become the eternal source of all light, life, and worship for His people forever.

Conclusion: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Over this past week, we have beheld the Lamb in seven of His glorious facets. We have seen Him as the Slain but Standing sacrifice, the uniquely Worthy one, the Redeeming savior whose blood cleanses and conquers. We have trembled before the Wrathful judge, taken comfort in the Shepherd who guides, and found courage

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is the beginning and the end, our hope and our salvation.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this revelation of who you are. We worship you as the Lamb on the throne. We long for the day of your return, when we will see you face to face. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!