

HOLY FOREVER

A dramatic, dark landscape with a large crucifix on a grassy hill under a stormy sky. The text "HOLY FOREVER" is at the top, and "The Song of Ages" is at the bottom.

The Song of Ages

Revelation 5:9-10 ESV

And they sang a new song:

You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because You were slaughtered,
and You redeemed people
for God by Your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.

¹⁰ You made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they will reign on the earth.

At once I was
in the Spirit, and
behold, a throne stood
in heaven, with one
seated on the throne.

Revelation 4:2 ESV

After this I looked,
and behold, a door
standing open in heaven!
And the first voice, which I
had heard speaking to me
like a trumpet, said, “Come
up here, and I will show
you what must take
place after this.”

Revelation 4:1 ESV

“Worthy are you,
our Lord and God, to
receive glory and honor
and power, for you
created all things....”

Revelation 4:11a ESV

indicates
completeness;
nothing can be,
or needs to be,
added

Then I saw in the
right hand of him who
was seated on the throne
a scroll written within
and on the back, sealed
with seven seals.
Revelation 5:1 ESV

Important
legal documents
(especially wills
and deeds) were
sealed with five
to seven seals.

the title
deed of
man's
inheritance

"the book
of the
world's
destiny"

God's final
settlement
for creation's
restoration

...just as sin entered
the world through one
man, and death through
sin, in this way death
spread to **all people**....

Romans 5:12 CSB

...the creation itself
also will be set free from
its slavery to corruption
into the glorious freedom
of the children of God.

Romans 8:21 MEV

God's final
settlement
for creation's
restoration

Then I saw a
new heaven and a
new earth; for the
first heaven and the
first earth had
passed away....

Revelation 21:1a CSB

Who is worthy
to set God's
final settlement
for creation's
restoration
in motion?

And I saw a mighty
angel proclaiming
with a loud voice,
"Who is worthy to
open the scroll and
break its seals?"
Revelation 5:2 ESV

Then I saw in the
right hand of him who
was seated on the throne
a scroll written within
and on the back, sealed
with seven seals.
Revelation 5:1 ESV

I wept and
wept because
no one was
found worthy....
Revelation 5:4

And no one in
heaven or on earth
or under the earth
was able to open
the scroll or to
look into it....
Revelation 5:3 ESV

Revelation 5:5-6 ESV

And one of the elders said to me,
“Weep no more; behold,
the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David,
has conquered,
so that he can open the scroll
and its seven seals.”

“Behold, the
Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of the
world!”

John 1:29 ESV

⁶ And between the throne
and the four living creatures
and among the elders
I saw a Lamb standing,
as though it had been slain....

“Behold, the
Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of the
world!”

John 1:29 ESV

“Behold, the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin that entered
the world through one man...
and the sin and corruption
and death that entered into
all of creation, and the life
of every human being,
as a result of that sin.”

John 1:29 SWEV

Revelation 5:7-9 HCSB

When He took the scroll, the four living creatures
and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb.
Each one had a harp and gold bowls filled with incense,
which are the prayers of the saints.

⁹ And they sang a new song:

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and to open its seals,
because You were slaughtered,
and You redeemed people
for God by Your blood
from every tribe and language
and people and nation.

American's Views On Sin

Lifeway Research 2017

34%

I am a sinner, and I work on being less of one.

28%

I am a sinner, and I depend on Jesus Christ to overcome sin.

10%

Sin does not exist.

8%

I am not a sinner.

5%

I am a sinner, and I'm fine with that.

15%

I prefer not to say.