

HOLY FOREVER

A dramatic, dark landscape with a large crucifix on a hill under a stormy sky. The scene is rendered in a monochromatic, dark blue and black palette. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a faint light source breaking through near the top center. In the foreground, a dirt path leads up a grassy hill. On the hill, a large, dark crucifix stands prominently. In the distance, two smaller, fainter crucifixes are visible on the horizon. The overall mood is somber and majestic.

The Song of Ages

Revelation 5:9-10 MEV

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals;
for you were slain,
and have redeemed us to God by Your blood
out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ and have made us kings and priests unto our God;
and we shall reign on the earth.”

God's final
settlement
for creation's
restoration

Revelation 5:1-5 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.

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth
was able to open the scroll or to look into it,

⁴ and I began to weep loudly because
no one was found worthy
to open the scroll or to look into it.

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.”

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

Revelation 5:7-9a MEV

He came and took the scroll
out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

⁸ When He had taken the scroll,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb,
each one having a harp,
and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of saints.

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

In John's day,
Roman emperors
were honored
upon their arrival
with shouts of
You are worthy!

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

For God was pleased
to have all his fullness dwell
in him, ²⁰ and through him to
reconcile all things to himself,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through his
blood shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 MOUNCE

agorazo
to visit the
marketplace;
to purchase
something

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What? Do you not know
that your body is the temple
of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,
whom you have received from God,
and that you are not your own?

²⁰ You were **bought** with a price.

Therefore glorify God in your
body and in your spirit,
which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:20 MEV

Revelation 5:9-10 MEV

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out of every **tribe** and **tongue** and **people** and **nation**,

3 and have made us kings and priests unto our God;
and we shall reign on the earth.”

...and have made **us**
kings and **priests** unto
our God; and **we shall**
reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:10 MEV

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

Revelation 5:10 LEB

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth....”

Genesis 1:26 ESV

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Exodus 19:5-6a ESV

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