

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Revelation 5:1-14 **Sunday, April 29, 2018** **L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.**

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What do you think was written on the scroll in God the Father’s hand (may be several good answers)?

Perhaps the plans of God from before God created the world, including how Jesus would come the first time to redeem and save His people from their sins by His sacrificial death on the cross; and furthermore, what Jesus will do when He comes again as visible Lord of lords and King of kings. Perhaps the names of all God’s people.

2. Give a reason why you think John wept bitterly (may be more than 1 reason)?

Perhaps he knew that because of sin no mere human being, including himself, was qualified or worthy to do anything God wanted done, especially when it came to opening the sealed scroll in God’s hand. Because

of God's grace, God gives believers opportunities to serve Him in other ways than opening this special scroll.

3. Describe what John saw when he first looked at Jesus? What do you think it meant?

John saw a living lamb that still carried the marks of having been slaughtered or brutally killed. He saw Jesus bearing the marks of His crucifixion, even as the disciples saw Jesus after He rose from the dead and showed them the marks of the nails in His hands. The lamb had seven eyes and seven horns; John saw Jesus in His divine dignity; Jesus was all-powerful, all-seeing, and in His Spirit everywhere present throughout the universe.

4. How important to God are the prayers of true Christians; people John called "saints"?

The prayers of Christians are extremely important to God since the four living creatures and all twenty-four elders hold their prayers in their hands, fall down before Jesus, and present the prayers of Christians to Him.

5. Who did Jesus die for and ransom by His blood? What will He make of them?

Jesus died for and ransomed "saints from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9). Jesus will make these saints "a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth" (Revelation 5:10).

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