

We will now begin our sixth lecture on Revelation. /Today's text is Revelation chapter 5.
/The title of chapter five is, "The Plan of Salvation."

/First, there is none who can open the scroll./ Verses 1-2. /Second, John wept and wept.
/Verses 3-4. /Third, Jesus of victory. /Verses 5-7. /Fourth, the praises of angels and all the
creatures. /Verses 8-14.

/Read 5:1. /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.

/This book is God's plan of salvation. /God has a plan for the future of this world. /It states
that there was a scroll in his right hand. /This means that God will organize all things of this
world.

/Our God has a specific plan for the future. /God has plans for all things of the world, /for the
rise and fall of nations, /and he rules over life and death and the ups and downs of life.

/It states that the scroll had "writing on both sides." /This means that God's revelation cannot
be manipulated, and it represents completion. /The Bible is complete with no defects. /God
completely carries out his plan of salvation.

/It also states that the scroll was sealed with seven seals. /The scroll could not be opened
because it was sealed completely, and its contents could not be understood. /Therefore, no
one on this earth can break open that seal.

/Read verse 2. /And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to
break the seals and open the scroll?"

/The angel proclaimed in a loud voice. /The angel proclaimed, "Who is worthy to break the
seals and open the scroll?" /The angel asked, who will be the person to fulfill God's salvation
plan?

/Read verse 3. /But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

/However, there was no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth who could open the scroll or even look inside it. /"In heaven" represents believers who have parted from this world /and it represents the angels. /Next, "on earth" symbolizes lives of men and creatures.

/"Under the earth" symbolizes the souls of those in hell. /There is none who can fulfill this plan of salvation.

/Read verse 4. /I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

/The apostle John wailed aloud because there was no person that could open the scroll or look inside. /Indeed, John shed tears because he felt that this was shameful.

/This is because John saw the devastation that would fall upon all of humanity as a result of sin. /John mourned for the salvation of men. /Romans 9:2-3

/We must also mourn for the salvation of our neighbors with shameful hearts. /Also, humans are sinners of total depravity. /They are wholly incapacitated. /Humans cannot go before God because they are sinners.

/This sealed scroll cannot be opened by human strength. /Jesus Christ alone can fulfill this sealed scroll. /Acts 4:12

/Read verse 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."

/One of the elders replied. /He said, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has

triumphed.” /These words are a fulfillment of Genesis 49:9, 10. /Here, the “Lion” is the king of animals.

/This symbolizes that Jesus will rule with a crown. /Jesus defeats the sins of this world and the devil. /There is none but Christ Jesus who can carry out the contents of this revelation.

/Jesus prophesies. /He carries out salvation and judgment. /We have no way to salvation but through Jesus. /The “Root of David” refers to Jesus who succeeded the royal lineage of David.

/Jesus Christ is a spiritual King. /Revelation 22:16 /Romans 15:12 /Isaiah 11:1 /2 Samuel 7:12 /"Triumphed" means that Jesus Christ had victory over all with His crown.

/What did Jesus win against? /First, He defeated sin. /1 Corinthians 15:56, 57 /Second, He defeated the devil. /Colossians 2:14, 15 /Luke 10:18 /Third, He defeated the world. /John 16:33

/Fourth, He defeated the gates of Hades. /Matthew 16:18 /Fifth, He defeated death. /Matthew 28:6 /1 Corinthians 15:55-57

/Jesus triumphed over all on the cross. /He defeated death. /He gave us life and salvation.

/Read verse 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.

/The “Lamb” symbolizes Jesus. /Jesus became a sin offering. /Jesus became an offering of sacrifice for our sins. /This number seven is a number of completeness.

/The horns symbolize authority and ability. /Jesus defeated sin and death with His universal power. /The seven eyes mentioned here refer to the Holy Spirit. /This teaches that the Holy

Spirit knows everything.

/It states here, "looking as if it had been slain." /This means that Jesus died on the cross in place of us and rose again. /He became a sin offering before God for our sins.

/Read verse 7. /He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

/Jesus, the Lamb came. /God the Father received this scroll. /Jesus took on the responsibility of carrying out the plan of salvation.

/Now, Jesus actively accomplishes salvation. /Jesus has taken on the responsibility. /Jesus is one who acts according to the plan.

/Read verse 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 the saints.

/The four living creatures refer to angels. /The twenty-four elders are representatives of believers who have received salvation. /They were so thankful for Jesus' grace of redemption that they bowed down and worshipped before Jesus. /They worshipped humbly.

/They worshipped with thanks and praise. /They worshipped while praying. /Also, each had a harp and held golden bowls full of incense. /These incense are the believers' prayers.

/This means that our prayers go up to God. /Therefore, when we pray, we must do so by offering our time, strength, and hearts. /We must also throw away any dirty fragrances. /2 Corinthians 2:14, 15

/Therefore, we must diffuse beautiful aroma before God. /Hence, God receives these kinds of prayers.

/Read verse 9. /And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

/It states that they sang a new song. /The new song praises God for having been made anew in spirit. /Here, this is believers praising Jesus, the Son of God. /Then contents of praise appear.

/First, they praised Jesus who was "worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals." /Other people could not break open this seal. /Only Jesus alone can break open this seal.

/Second, they praised Jesus who was "slain." /This is giving thanks for the grace of redemption.

/Next, they praised, "with your blood you purchased men for God." /This is praise for having received salvation by the blood of Jesus on the cross.

/Read verse 10. /You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

/They praised God who allowed them to become a kingdom and priests to serve him. /This means that believers are to be ruled by God. /1 Peter 2:9 /Next, the believers praised God for their reign on earth.

/God chose believers among all groups, languages, peoples, and nations. /This means that God gives salvation without discrimination. /It states that they will reign on the earth.

/Believers have spiritual kingship. /They have universal kingship. /They possess an eternal throne. /We will reign with Jesus.

/Read verse 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.

/Many angels praise God. /Hebrews 12:22 /1 Corinthians 1:30 /Our Jesus is worthy of receiving praise. /The angels numbered thousands of thousands and ten thousands of ten thousands. /A countless number of an army of angels praise God.

/Read verse 12. /In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

/The angels praise Jesus. /In a loud voice they claim that He is worthy of power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise. /"Honor" refers to the being of the Lord.

/"Glory" is the light that comes from His being. /Thus, we must praise Jesus who is eternal./ We must praise Jesus who is majestic.

/Read verse 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, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

/Now, every creature praises the Father and the Son. /They are praising God the Father and Jesus the Son. /This shows all creatures as righteous. This shows the righteous thoughts of man.

/Creatures cannot speak, yet, they respond to the redemption of Jesus./ That is, they follow and respond to Jesus' redemption of the universe. /Romans 8:19 /Psalm 148:2-10.

/They praise God the Father who sent his only begotten Son to fulfill redemption through the cross and the resurrection. /They also praise God for the grace of having been redeemed through the blood of Jesus the Son.

/Read verse 14. /The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

/"The four living creatures" refer to angels. /The angels say "Amen" when the living creatures give praise, /and the elders fell down and worshipped.

/Likewise, in today's text, Jesus Christ received the plan of salvation. /Jesus now carries out salvation. /At this time, the elders worshipped.

/The angels also gave praise. /The living creatures also gave praise. /We must also praise and give thanks to God and Jesus who saved us.

/We will continue our lecture on Revelation chapter 6.

/The title of chapter 6 is, "Opening the Seals." /First, the movement of the gospel- /white horse. /Verses 1-2. /Second, the work of the antichrist- /fiery red horse. /Verses 3-4. /Third, famine- /black horse. /Verses 5-6.

/Fourth, syncretism- /pale horse. /Verses 7-8. /Fifth, the appeal of the martyrs. /Verses 9-11. /Sixth, the great and dreadful day. /Verses 12-17.

/Read 6:1. /I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"

/Jesus the Lamb began to open the seven seals. /Chapter five states that there was a scroll completely sealed with seven seals. /Jesus received and kept that scroll.

/Jesus began to open those seals. /He opened the sealed scroll. /At that moment, one of the four living creatures spoke in a voice like thunder. /The four living creatures are one kind of angels. /5:8 /Ezekiel 10:14

/Read verse 2. /I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

/A white horse ran when the first seal was opened. /The rider on the white horse held a bow. /He was also given a crown. /Then he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

/Then what does this white horse symbolize? /This white horse symbolizes the movement of the gospel, or the war of gospel. /It symbolizes the gospel. /The color white is generally the color of God.

/One's sins are said to become as white as snow when one repents. /Isaiah 1:18 /White clothes are said to be given to those who overcome. /Revelation 3:5 /Jesus' clothes became white at the transfiguration. /Matthew 17:1-2

/The twenty-four elders were dressed in white. /Revelation 4:4 /Generally, the color white is the color of the gospel. /There are some who claim that this white horse is the antichrist.

/That is false. /If you observe commentaries of Wordsworth, Alford, Yoon Seon Park, and Hendrickson, it states that this white horse is the movement of the gospel.

/We claim that this is the movement of the gospel of Christ. /There are some people who claim that the rider held a bow, but no arrows. /However, this is false. /If it is stated that the rider held a bow, then it is certain that he had arrows.

/Someone going out with a gun also goes out with bullets. /Someone who goes out with a packed lunch will also have packed side dishes, chopsticks, and a spoon. /Therefore, this bow symbolizes God's Word.

/Therefore, the white horse symbolizes Jesus' movement of the gospel. /A horse represents war and movement. /Zechariah 6:1-5 /A horse is also the wind. /The wind is also war. /Jeremiah 51:1

/Revelation 19:11-16 /If you look here, Jesus appears on a white horse and makes war. /It is stated that this movement of the gospel was bent on conquest. /Again, the bow symbolizes God's Word. /Psalm 45:5 /Hebrews 4:12

/Our hearts have been pierced by God's Word. /The crown symbolizes the glory of the gospel. /There's glory for those who preach the gospel and work for the gospel. /1 Timothy 1:11

/It states that he was a conqueror bent on conquest. /There is no failure in the gospel. /There is victory in the end. /Revelation 3:21 /5:5 /John 16:33 /There is God's power in the gospel. /Romans 1:16 /The gospel triumphs in the end. /Matthew 24:14

/Therefore, we must become people who are used for the gospel. /We must continuously preach the gospel. /We must spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. /Then we will have the final victory in the end.

/The gospel will have the final victory. /Temporarily, it may seem like this gospel is withering away. /However, in the end, the gospel and God's kingdom will have the final victory.

/Read verse 3. /When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!"

/Jesus opens the second seal. /A fiery red horse appears when the second seal is opened. /This fiery red horse is the movement of the antichrist. /It is an influence that opposes the gospel. /This is an atheistic thought.

/It is the movement of the antichrist. /The fiery red horse symbolizes sin and the devil. /Isaiah 1:18 /Revelation 12:3 /Revelation states that the devil is a red dragon.

/Therefore, this fiery red horse wages war between spirits. /They fight against each other because their thoughts are not alike. /Countries fight against countries, /nations fight against nations.

/The rider on this fiery red horse is said to have received a large sword. /This means that many people die by military forces when this fiery red horse runs. /Peace fades. /War arises nationally and internationally.

/Many people die. /They receive large swords and slay one another. /Great wars and great disputes arise. /Matthew 2:16 /The works of this fiery red horse cause many people all around the world to die.

/When there are works of the gospel, the fiery red horse appears to counteract the work of the gospel. /Whenever we try to believe faithfully, persecution always follows. /Even then, there is no reason to fear.

/That is because in the end, this gospel conquers and conquers again. /The works of this fiery red horse is only put into action because God has allowed it to.

/If you look here in verse 4, it states, "Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth."
/This movement of the antichrist only occurs because God allows it to.

/Read verse 5. /When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

/The third horse is a black horse. /This black horse symbolizes famine. /The color black symbolizes sorrow. /Lamentations 5:10 /This is an economic war. /This is a war on commercial trade. /Matthew 24:7 /There will be famine in the last days.

/Raw materials will gradually deplete and lead to famine. /Also, the world will become

secularized. /The truth will be blurred. /Amos 8:11 /There will be famine of the Word. /It will become more difficult to seek spiritual truth.

/If the economy suffers famine, /this means that there will be famine of the truth. /This is the economic war and the war of trade. /Nations in today's world all strive to make money.

/In this modern era, it is difficult to make a living without trade. /Nations need to purchase and sell products to one another. /They need to export and import goods. /Oil is gradually becoming scarce. /Trees are also gradually becoming scarce.

/Steel is also gradually becoming scarce. /Many kinds of resources are slowly becoming scarce. /These days, even water is scarce. /Likewise, famine is said to come when economic insufficiencies arise.

/Here, it states that the rider held a pair of scales. /Since ancient times, scales have been necessary when bargaining. /Therefore, this pair of scales is related to commerce and the economy.

/Also, this pair of scales symbolizes justice and judgment. /Daniel 5:27 /Thus, this means that if we do not stand upright according to God's Word, we will receive judgment before God.

/Read verse 6. /Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

/It states that now there will be a period of famine. /One denarius can buy one quart of wheat. /One denarius becomes three quarts of barley. /This denarius is a classification of money made of silver.

/One denarius is equal to one day's worth of wages. /However, one must work all day in order to buy one quart of wheat. /One must also work all day in order to earn three quarts of barley.

/This is eight times the normal price. /That is why there is not much to eat even after one works all day./ This means that times will become economically difficult.

/Also, this signifies that we receive and eat spiritual bread. /Isaiah 55:2 /This means that we must put in all our efforts if we want to eat spiritual bread.

/We are only able to eat the spiritual bread that God provides us if we submit to him all of our time, mind, strength, and riches. /This means that even if we try to eat spiritual bread, we cannot do so until we give our best efforts.

/As of now, the world is full of secularism. /Secularism gradually creeps into our minds. /Therefore, it is truly difficult to attain spiritual food. /Likewise, there will be a famine of the Word in the end.

/There will also be a physical famine. /Prices will soar. /Eventually, people will struggle to eat to live. /Still, they can receive salvation.

/Here in the end of verse 6, it says, do not damage the olive oil and wine. /This olive oil symbolizes a soul molded by the truth and the touch of the Holy Spirit. /It represents our faith that has grown up./ Matthew 25:4.

/The five wise virgins prepared oil. /That is, they prepared the skills of their faith. /It would be all right if great tribulations come. /This is because faith was prepared well in advance.

/We must also prepare our skills of faith like the five wise virgins. /Then we can overcome tribulations. /The "wine" symbolizes God's grace. /Isaiah 55:1

/This is to receive God's grace and grow through the truth and the touch of the Holy Spirit. /This refers to the person who is inspired by thanks for the grace of redemption. /A person who lives with such faith cannot be harmed by anyone. /Revelation 3:10

/The devil cannot damage our souls. /No one can harm the growth of our faith. /Even during Elijah's time, God watched over and protected the seven thousand people.

/Read verse 7. /When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say "Come!"

/The fourth seal is the pale horse.

/Read verse 8. /I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

/This pale horse is of mixed colors. /It symbolizes compromises and syncretism. /This pale color is also the color of fear and dead bodies. /This means that there will be great tribulations in the end.

/In the end, the rise of syncretism will gain momentum. /The truth and falseness will merge. /The work of the spirit and the work of the flesh will be mixed. /The work of the heavens and the work of the world will be mixed, /and God-centeredness and humanism will be mixed.

/We must hold on to the truth until the end. /This also implies a religious fall. /It symbolizes a war of religion. /This is similar to Christianity and Islam fighting against each other.

/It states here that the rider's name is Death. /It means that if one lives according to syncretism and makes compromises, his spirit will die.

/Many people cannot make distinctions. /They follow after falseness. /In the end, they face destruction. /This is the war of religion. /2 Corinthians 4:2 /1 Corinthians 1:22-24

/Today, we must throw away compromises. /The claims for compromises of the Ecumenical

movement are wrong. /Matthew 5:37

/We must say yes and yes, or no and no. /1 Corinthians 5:6 /We must eliminate yeast.

/Next, it states that Hades was following close behind him. /Here, "Hades" symbolizes the state of death. /It also symbolizes the grave.

/The "sword" symbolizes war. /This means that war will follow through this pale horse. /Even today, wars occur often in the Middle East. /Many wars occur around Israel as the focal point.

/Many different religious wars occur. /Here, there is also a famine. /Many people will die from the famine.

/Next, "Death" symbolizes the plague. /This means that many people will die by the plague. /Ezekiel 14:21 /Today, the earth is experiencing global warming.

/Many people use great amounts of oil. /Thus, large amounts of carbon dioxide are released. /Hence, the earth becomes hotter. /Then the climate changes. /Nowadays, floods are frequent.

/Typhoons become more violent. /Rain falls in large amounts. /"Death" symbolizes plague.

/There are AIDS and similar diseases, such as /Sars, /and mad cow disease. /The bird flu. /New viruses. /Infectious diseases such as these emerge. /There is also the foot-and-mouth disease.

/Next, are the "wild beasts of the earth." /This symbolizes the influences of the world's countries. /It also symbolizes riots. /Many people will kill one another. /Terrorism and bombings occur.

/Demonstrations occur, /and people fight against one another. /Therefore, many people die. /People grow wicked. /Suicide bombings occur. /Such events are the wild beasts of the earth.

/Likewise, war, bad harvests, famine, and death arrive as a result of the pale horse. /Plagues occur. /Riots occur. /We must think about the time period we live in when we hear of these different kinds of events.

/All things happen according to God's plan. /We must keep our faith well like the olive oil and wine. /We must prepare for tribulations. /We must be strengthened within the Lord's grace.

/The movement of the gospel will have the final victory. /Therefore, we must become people who are used for the movement of the gospel, and become people who spread the gospel.

/Thank you.