



God's Books In Heaven

- The Book of DAYS Psalm 139:16
- The Book of TEARS Psalm 56:8
- The Book of DEEDS Revelation 20:12
- The Book of LIFE Revelation 20:12, 21:27

- The Book of FINAL HISTORY Revelation 5

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World history IS “on course”!
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God’s Story Line With A Goal Line!

History = HIS Story!

God is still on his throne—and
he has written “the book” on how
this present world will come to an end!

Revelation 4:2 & 5:1, NIV

...there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it...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.

Who Will Open This Book?

At first, no one emerged as “worthy”
to move God’s story line to the goal line!

Revelation 5:2-4, NIV

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy...

Only The "Lion" Is Worthy!

The "triumph" of the Lion is what qualifies him to open the book of final history.

Revelation 5:5, NIV

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah...has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

How The "Lion" Has Triumphed

This mighty Lion triumphed by becoming a sacrificial Lamb—who was slaughtered!

Revelation 5:6, NIV

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne...

Isaiah 53:7 & John 1:29, NIV

...he was led like a lamb to the slaughter...the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

The "Lamb" Can Open This Book!

On behalf of God the Father, Jesus will see to it that final history will be HIS STORY!

Revelation 5:6-7 & 6:1, NIV

The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne... I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals.

Why History Will Stay "On Course"

The story line will keep moving toward God's goal line because *Jesus has everything covered from A to Z!*

Revelation 22:12-13, NIV

"Look, I am coming soon!...I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Worthy To Receive Worship!

The worshipers in heaven couldn't help but sing the Lamb's praises!

Revelation 5:8-9, NIV

And when he had taken [the scroll], the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Universal Worship

There is a crescendo of praise to the Lamb because the choir of worshipers keeps expanding!

Revelation 5:11-13, NIV

Then I looked and heard the voices of many angels...They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain..." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

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