

# The Day The Devil Lost His Keys

**Revelation 5:1-4** <sup>1</sup>And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? <sup>3</sup>And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. <sup>4</sup>And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

- John is watching the endtime unfold before his eyes (in one place in Revelation, he uses the phrase “I saw” 36 times in 34 verses!).
- At this point, he is overcome by anxiety and desperation because he doesn’t know how things will end.
- From John’s limited earthly perspective, it seems that destiny is hanging in the balance because no one is worthy to open the seals of this scroll of judgment which will vindicate the redeemed of all ages.
- There is no one in heaven (dominion of God), in earth (dominion of man), or under the earth (dominion of Satan), found capable of completing the task.
- This veteran of intense personal persecution, and countless battles with religious leaders, Roman emperors, and Satan himself is now reduced to tears because the outcome of the ages is so uncertain!
- John says, “I wept much” – “to sob and wail aloud ... MUCH!”
- THE THINGS OF GOD ARE OFTEN FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY THEY APPEAR TO US WITH OUR EARTHLY PERSPECTIVE
- One of the worshipping elders steps over to John and says, “Do not weep ... behold the Lion ...” John looks and says, “I see a Lamb!”
- **Revelation 5:5-6** <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. <sup>6</sup>And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- THE PROBLEM ISN’T JOHN’S EYESIGHT, IT’S HIS PERSPECTIVE – what he sees is correct, but what he understands is incorrect!
- THE ONE WHO WAS WAILING HAD HIS EYES ON THE PROBLEM, WHILE THE ONE WHO WAS WORSHIPPING HAD HIS EYES ON THE SOLUTION!

- Have you ever felt hopeless, overwhelmed, trapped or helpless? That’s simply because you haven’t seen the end of the story!
- Heaven’s “Script of the Ages” is called “the mystery of God” (Revelation 10:7) because Satan can’t understand it. He’s also powerless to change it! And he wants to convince you that God has left you just as much in the dark as he is!
- **GOD HAS GIVEN US A KEY CALLED WORSHIP THAT CHANGES OUR PERSPECTIVE ON HEAVENLY THINGS.** Satan cannot even begin to understand it, because he lost his keys a long time ago! He lost all access to the purposes of God the moment he rebelled. And he has been frantically trying to bluff his way to victory ever since!
- **1 Corinthians 2:7-10** <sup>7</sup>But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: <sup>8</sup>Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. <sup>10</sup>But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- Worship is the key that lifts you up to God’s perspective. The higher you fly in worship, the smaller the devil and his kingdom look!
- When you see things from Heaven’s perspective, the one opening the scroll which controls the ages is not just a slain Lamb but a strong Lion! Once John understood this, he could stop weeping!
- Jesus was not just the Lamb slain in Revelation 5, or the Lamb slain at Calvary – He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! (Revelation 13:8) His “temporary defeat” had ALWAYS been part of God’s plan for ultimate victory! AND SATAN TOOK THE BAIT!
- After Calvary, Satan and his demons had just three short days to celebrate their killing of God’s latest “prophet” before GOD WALKED INTO HELL. Satan was puzzled and asked, “God, what are you doing here? You said that, since the fall of man, death, Hell and the grave would be my domain! Who gave You the authority to come in here?”
- God replied, “Don’t you know? YOU gave me the authority you crucified me at Calvary!” Satan screamed, “What do you mean? That was just another prophet named Jesus!” God said, “No, that wasn’t just another prophet – it was ME!” And at that moment, Satan understood a Scripture that had gnawed at him for centuries!

- **Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
- **James 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
- ALL SATAN DID THE DAY HE KILLED THE LAMB WAS TO UNVEIL THE LION! And what he didn't know has been revealed to us by God's Spirit – 1 Corinthians 2:10.
- **Revelation 1:17-18** <sup>17</sup>And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: <sup>18</sup>I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- Ask yourself: IF SATAN DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE KEYS TO HIS OWN KINGDOM, HOW CAN HE LOCK ME UP? Satan can't even lock up his own house!
- Jesus has absolute power over physical death and spiritual death. When He said to the thief on the cross, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43), He was speaking of the abode of the dead. It had been under the control of Satan since the Garden of Eden (Job 3:17-19). Jesus went through death into the grave, but He came out with keys to both!
- **Psalm 68:18 - JEHOVAH:** Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.
- **Ephesians 4:8 - JESUS:** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- **Ezekiel 37:13** And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,
- Ask Lazarus who Jehovah is! Ask the son of the widow of Nain! Ask the daughter of Jairus! JESUS IS JEHOVAH!
- If Satan is powerless in the realm of your death (our "last enemy" – 1 Corinthians 15:26), then he is powerless in the realm of your life! His only "power" is deception!
- **We need to stop wailing and start worshipping!** What the devil meant for evil, God is going to use for good!