

THE ULTIMATE VETERAN

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INTRO:

In Revelation 4, the redeemed move to Heaven. The scene is amazing. The Father's presence, rainbow, elders, lightnings, thundering's, voices, lamps, beasts, and worship. There's a shift in Chapter 5.

REV. 5

V1 - The focus shifts from the throne to a sealed book. The seven seals had to be opened before the book could be read. In the book, God holds the history of the world in His hand and He is about to initiate the consummation of all things. Preparation, manifestation, proclamation, explanation, and consummation = Jesus.

V2-4 – No one in the entire universe is worthy to even look at the book. Only God can unfold His plan. John weeps; why? He was promised to see the future, but now that might be postponed.

V5-7 - Jesus is the lion and the lamb. As the lion, he prevailed to open the seals. He came to destroy the works of the devil. The lion is strong, heroic, and vigilant. He sleeps with at least one open eye. As a lamb, He represents humility, gentleness, and sacrificial love.

- Slain – represents the ultimate sacrifice He made to defeat Satan, sin, and death. The horns represent omnipotence. The eyes represent His omniscience.
- He took the book – no other created being in all the universe was worthy, but because of His finished work, He's worthy to open the seals and reveal the destiny of all creation.
- He's the only veteran who paid the ultimate price and rose from the grave to witness His achievements.

V8-14 - The song that was never sung before was based on things that were never done before: God becoming a man; He ascended into Heaven with a body; He offers remission of sin; man can be sealed with the spirit; and we can become kings and priests.

- All creation praises the Father and the Lamb. Every creature in Heaven, Earth,, under the Earth, in the sea, and all that's in them worship the Father, and Jesus as God.

HEB. 1:1-8 Since we worship Jesus as God in Heaven, we better view Him as God now; for He's the only way to God in Heaven.

CONCLUSION:

The ultimate veteran didn't fight in the Civil War, WWI, WW2, the Korean War, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf war. He fought a spiritual war between good and evil, light and darkness, death, and life. He fought to destroy the works of darkness and liberate all mankind from the power of sin and death.

REV. 1:18 – He fought and won the battle.

PHIL. 2:9-11 - His reward is revealed in His Name.