

the LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

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"And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the Throne a scroll written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll, and to loose the seals of it?' And no man in heaven, nor in earth, nor under the earth, was able to open the scroll, nor to look into it. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the scroll, nor to look into it. And one of the elders said unto me, 'Weep not; behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll, and to loosen the seven seals of it.'" (Revelation 5:1-5)

Lion: from the Greek word *Leon* which means: a lion, literally of figuratively.

Tribe: from the Greek word *phyles* which means: a clan, or tribe; the descendants of a common ancestor.

Judah: from the Greek word *louda* which means: the proper names: Judah, Judas, Jude. the fourth son of the patriarch Jacob, and the tribe named after him; the messianic tribe! Of Hebrew origin: *Yhuwdah* meaning *praise*.

The context of this title **is** that Jesus, being the prophesied messianic King, of the root of David, and thus the prophesied **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**; - He, Jesus **is** the one who has prevailed and became worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals. Consider this passage:

"Judah, you are he whom your brethren shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall **bow down** before you. Judah is a Lion's cub. From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he couched as a Lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (he-whose-it-is) comes; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding His foal unto the vine, and His donkeys colt unto the choice vine; He washed His garments in wine, and His clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes shall be red with wine, and His teeth white with milk." (Genesis 49:8-12 – from Jacobs Messianic prophecy to his son Judah)

Scepter: an ornamented staff carried by kings on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty. The staff of a King. Symbolized In the Book of Revelation as "the Rod of Iron" by which Jesus shall rule over the nations with! As it says:

"And she brought forth a man child (Jesus), who was to rule all nations with a Rod of Iron: and her child (Jesus) was caught up unto God, and to His Throne." (Revelation 12:5)

Consider now how Jesus is 'praised' by those in the Throne Room of Heaven:

"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. And He (the Lamb, Jesus) came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat upon the throne (the Lord God Almighty). And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders **fell down before the Lamb**, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book, and to open the seals of it; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God through Your blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:6-10)

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And continuing:

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels around and about the Throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.** And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him who sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.** And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives for ever and ever.” (Revelation 5:11-13)

And again:

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him; for the **Marriage of the Lamb has come**, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.' And he said unto me, 'Write, Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said unto me, 'These are the true sayings of God.' And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, 'See that you do not do that; for I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He who sat upon it was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called **The Word of God**. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with **a Rod of Iron**: and He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His vesture and on His thigh a Name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation 19:6-16)

**JESUS is ...
the Lion of the Tribe of Judah**

Who shall rule the nations with a Scepter of Iron!

And all nations and peoples shall bow down praising the Lion and the Lamb!

Saying, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing - forever and ever!!

All Praise and Thanksgiving to You Jesus!

Amen! And Amen!!