

“VOICE OF JOHN” SERIES

(Gospel of John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John, Revelation)

JESUS—THE GOD OF ALL LIFE AND LOVE ITSELF—IS HIMSELF THE VERY BEGINNING AND VERY ENDING OF YOUR INTENDED STORY

study #11:

7 SEALS: “Jesus Unlocks the Book of Future History”

— covering **Revelation chpts. 4-7** —

ACTION 1. John, after recording Jesus’ short messages to the 7 churches in Asia Minor, was shown a scene in heaven about **God The Father** and **God The Son** and a **Book of Future History** that needed to get opened. Read **Rev. chpt. 4** and also **5:1-2** and then each person discuss:

- what single point of description of God the Father or His throne room do you find most interesting?
- what is your guess as to how the Father, Son, and the Book might be related?

ACTION 2. Again, in his vision John saw “a book” that is locked up or sealed 7 times, and “if” it could get *unlocked* then God’s beautiful story for mankind (**5:10**) would finally start to unfold! Read **Rev. 5:1-10** and discuss:

- describe in your own words what all happened here and what you find most interesting
- why do you think John “hears” about Jesus being a lion but then “sees” him as a slain lamb instead?
- which quality about Jesus do the singers in heaven say makes him “worthy” to unlock the book?

ACTION 3. So now Jesus (The Lamb) starts unlocking the book’s 7 seals in order to make mankind’s final story successfully happen. Everyone on your own: browse through **Rev. Chpt. 6** and then discuss:

- give a 1-word description for “what happens” when each of the first 6 seals are opened.
- now also read **Rev. 8:1-2** and then discuss: what gets triggered when the book’s 7th seal is opened up?

7 Seals:

#1. _____
#2. _____
#3. _____
#4. _____
#5. _____
#6. _____
& #7. _____

ACTION 4. Just before the book’s 7th seal gets opened, now a totally new and different “seal” gets placed upon God’s human followers—just before the earth gets further “harm ed.” Read **Rev. 7:9-17** and then discuss:

- describe these people...who are they and why do you think John was even shown them?
- do you think the “tribulation” here in **Rev. 7:14** is the same thing, or something completely different, than the one John is talking about in **Rev. 1:9**?

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: **Revelation chpts. 8-11**

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ... read **GC** + Torah-Law during series: **Numbers 11-25** (*The Wilderness Experiment*)