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O.T. Background to 7 Sealed Scroll

Revelation 5:1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

Ezekiel 2:9-10 "Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. 10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe."

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Daniel 12:4 But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

Revelation 22:10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."

7 Sealed Scroll

1. Book disclosing God's will for consummation of all things
2. "Title Deed" to what rightfully belongs to God

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Jesus Is Worthy to Open the Seals

Revelation 5:2-5 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. 4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

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The Lion of Judah and Root of David

Rev. 5:5 ...the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David...

Genesis 49:9-10 Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

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Until Shiloh Comes?

שֵׁלוֹחַ = sheeloh

ESV – Gen. 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (shay loh)

NET – Gen. 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; the nations will obey him (shelloh).

(MT mss; Samaritan; Targums; LXX; 4Q252)

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Jesus Is "The One Who Comes"

Gen. 49:10 NET The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, **until he comes to whom it belongs**; the nations will obey him.

Psalms 118:26a Blessed **is the one who comes** in the name of the LORD... (Mark 1:7; Mark 11:9; Luke 7:19).

Ezekiel 21:27 A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I will make it. This also will be no more **until He comes whose right it is**, and I will give it to Him.'

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The Lamb: Lion of Judah, Root of David

Revelation 5:5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, has **overcome** so as to open the book and its seven seals."

Isaiah 11:1, 10 Then a shoot will spring from the **shoot of Jesse**, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit...Then in that day the nations will resort to the **root of Jesse**, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.

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Jesus Overcame for Us!

Rev. 5:5b ...the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, **has overcome** so as to open the book and its seven seals.

1 John 5:4-5 For whatever is born of God **overcomes** the world; and this is the victory that has **overcome** the world—our faith. 5 Who is the one who **overcomes** the world, but **he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

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