

Christ in All The Scriptures

The Revelation

Introduction

There are few other Biblical books which contain more titles and descriptions of the Lord than Revelation. In it He is spoken of as:

- “Jesus Christ” (ch. 1:1)
- “The Faithful Witness” (ch. 1:5)
- “The First begotten from the dead” (ch. 1:5)
- “The Prince of the Kings of the earth” (ch. 1:5)
- “The Alpha and Omega” (ch. 1:11)
- “The First and the Last” (ch. 1:11)
- “The Son of man” (ch. 1:13)
- “The Amen” (ch. 3:14)
- “The Faithful and True” (ch. 3:14)
- “The beginning of the creation of God” (ch. 3:14)
- “The Lion of the tribe of Juda” (ch. 5:5)
- “The Root of David” (ch. 5:5)
- “The Lamb” (ch. 5:6)
- “The King of kings and Lord of lords” (ch. 17:14)
- “God” (ch. 20:12)
- “The Beginning and the End” (ch. 21:6)
- “The Root and Offspring of David” (ch. 22:16)
- “The Bright and Morning Star” (ch. 22:16)
- “Lord Jesus” (ch. 22:20)
- “Lord Jesus Christ” (ch. 22:21)
- And possibly, “The Angel” (ch. 10:1)

However, when we look more carefully, it is soon observed that the title “Lamb” occurs more often than any of the other titles, however, it does not always refer to the Lord. It is a manifestation of the great deceiver that the false prophet is also seen as a lamb (ch. 13:11).

Within the context of Isaiah the Lord is seen as the Servant of Jehovah (Isa. 53:13; 53:11) in His enduring of patient suffering. It is in this passage that for the first time a person is spoken of as fulfilling the function of the sacrificial Lamb.

In the New Testament the Lord is described as a Lamb along three avenues of truth:

- a) Philip, when opening the truth of Isaiah 53 to the Ethiopian eunuch, would have emphasized his patient sufferings (Acts 8:32).
- b) Peter, who was the man of impetuous action, emphasizes His sinlessness and His perfection despite all the satanic inspired belittlements of man, thus the suitability to be the sacrifice without blemish and without spot (1 Pet. 1:19).
- c) John the Baptist will emphasize the perfections of the fullness of His work at Calvary (Jn. 1:29, 36).

Aspects of Christ The Lamb In The Scriptures

Often we hear, when someone is speaking on Christ as the Lamb, something like the following:

- 1) In Genesis Christ is the Lamb prophesied (Gen. 22:8); In Exodus He is the Lamb sacrificed (Ex. 12:6); In Isaiah He is the Lamb prophesied (Isa. 53:7); In John He is the Lamb personified (Jn. 1:29); In Revelation He is the Lamb identified (Rev. 5:5-6) and the Lamb magnified (Rev. 5:12-14). These are all gloriously true, but perhaps we are only touching the hem of His garment. In the reviewing of the Scriptures the Lord is presented as the Lamb in a variety of contexts: For instance:
 - a) Ex. 12:4 and Jn. 1:29 the truth of the sufficiency of the Lamb is emphasized:
 - i) In Ex. 12:4 it states: “And if the household be too little for the lamb”. It is exceedingly clear that the lamb was never too little for household. There is sufficiency in the work of Christ for the whole world so that none can ever say, “There was no salvation provided for me”, for John, by the Holy Spirit wrote, “And He (Christ) is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 Jn. 2:2).
 - ii) Jn. 1:29 is the sufficiency of the Lord for the work entrusted to Him of taking away the sins of the world which is emphasized.

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- b) As the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). It impresses on our hearts and minds the wonders of divine love in a past eternity.
- c) What mind or heart, whither human or angelic, could comprehend the depths of His humiliation when, “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth” (Acts 8:32).
- d) Add to this the infinite preciousness of His sin cleansing, righteousness bestowing God honoring sacrifice, the only “blood” which is ever called precious. Peter wrote that we are redeemed with, “the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Pet. 1:19).
- e) Psalm 23:2-3 reminds us that the Lord is also our Shepherd who leads His people, a theme the Lord declares (Jn. 10:27), and this blessed truth will not stop in time for He, the Lamb, will be our eternal guide. “For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Rev. 7:17).
- f) I always find it amazing that when Christ is seen as the Great Defeater of Satan and death, He is not seen as the “Lion” but as the Lamb, what an enigma! Glorious are the words concerning the triumphant Lamb when the militaries of the world lift their tiny puny fists against Him, “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful” (Rev. 17:14).

Aspects of Christ the Lamb in Revelation

- 1) The word used:
 - a) The Greek word “arnion”, which is translated “lamb” is more precisely “little lamb”, and apart from John 21:15, is found exclusively in the book of Revelation where it occurs 27 times (as noted above the word, also can refer to the False prophet). It is a diminutive term and within the context of Revelation would seem to indicate that the one so insignificant, the one who was “meek and lowly of heart” (Matt. 11:29), of whom it was written, “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth” (Isa. 53:7), He is now the mighty Judge and exalted Lord. He alone has the right to the title deeds of earth with all judgment committed into His hand and power to execute judgment (Jn. 5:22, 27).
- 2) The varied statements concerning Christ as the Lamb in Revelation:
 - a) “And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb” (Rev. 6:16).
 - b) “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb” (Rev. 14:10).
 - b) Some are glorious in describing the triumph of the Lamb, such as:
 - i) “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” (Rev. 17:14).
 - c) Some reveal the supremacy of exaltation for the Lamb, such as:
 - i) “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 odors, which are the prayers of saints” (Rev. 5:8).

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- ii) “Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that 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 that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever” (Rev. 5:12, 13).
- d) Some reveal the assured victory of the saints through the Lamb, such as:
 - i) “And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14).

Concluding Truths

How blessed it will be when in the Holy City the glory of God and the Lamb lighten it (Rev. 21:23); to see that unpolluted river of life flow with it's life giving nutrients proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb (Rev. 22:1); and to serve the Lord, the Lamb, for all eternity (Rev. 22:3). Then, in the words of the old hymn, “That will be glory, for me”.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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