Code Breakers:

The Emerald Throne and the Scroll with Seven Seals

Revelation 4-5 | Week of September 3, 2026

READ:

Revelation 4–5 | Revelation 1:17–18 | Revelation 2–3 | Revelation 6 | Revelation 10:1 | Revelation 18:21 | Matthew 6:10

KEY POINTS:

- The Throne Is Not Empty – When life feels chaotic, remember that God is still sovereign.

- The Scroll Is Not Forgotten – God's purposes have not been abandoned. Our faithfulness is not wasted, our suffering is not unseen, and our prayers are not forgotten.

- The Lamb Is Worthy – Jesus conquers through sacrifice. He is the Lion of Judah who became the slain Lamb, and He alone is worthy to finish God's story.

- Worship Is Surrender – We place our crowns, accomplishments, resources, plans, and future before God because He is worthy and we are not the ones who sit on the throne.

- Pray On and Live Faithfully – Because Jesus has taken the scroll, we can trust that God will accomplish His purposes. We can pray, serve, and share the gospel with confidence.

QUESTIONS:

1. When life feels chaotic or uncertain, what do you instinctively place your trust in—your own ability to control the situation, the opinions of others, or the sovereignty of God? What does that reveal about what is truly ruling your heart?

2. John wept when no one was found worthy to open the scroll becuase it seemed that God's purposes would remain unfinished. When have you felt that same sense of disappointment or uncertainty in your own life? How does seeing Jesus step forward as the worthy Lamb give you a different perspective on that situation, and what would it look like to trust Him with what you still cannot understand?

3. The elders lay their crowns before the throne. What "crown" are you most tempted to hold onto—your accomplishments, relationships, reputation, comfort, plans, or control? What would genuine surrender look like in that area?

4. The book of Revelation reminds us that we are not God. Where are you carrying responsibility that belongs to Him? How might accepting your limitations lead you toward greater trust, humility, and freedom?

5. Because the Lamb is worthy, we can pray on and live faithfully. What is one area where disappointment, suffering, or unanswered prayer has weakened your faithfulness? What step of trust and obedience is God inviting you to take now?

LIFE APPLICATION

- Remember the Throne – When life feels chaotic, pause and remind yourself that God is still sovereign. You do not have to carry the weight of the universe.

- Lay Down Your Crowns – Identify one area where you are trying to control the outcome and intentionally surrender it to God.

- Pray On – Bring one ongoing concern before God this week, trusting that no prayer is lost and no cry is forgotten.

- Live for the Lamb – Take one step of faithfulness through worship, service, or sharing the gospel, remembering that Jesus is worthy to receive glory from every people group.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord,

Thank You that You are sovereign. Thank You that our suffering is not meaningless, our prayers are not forgotten, and Your purposes will be fulfilled. Help us lay down our crowns and surrender the things we cannot control. Teach us to trust Jesus, the Lion and the Lamb, who has triumphed through His sacrifice. Give us courage to pray on, live faithfully, and share the gospel with others. We worship You because You are worthy.

In Jesus' name, Amen.