## **Journey Through the Bible: Revelation** Session 13: The Scroll of Seven Seals (Chapter 5) Remember Acts 17:11 Christ's Outline for the Book - "Have Seen" the Risen Christ (Ch. 1) - "That Which Is" the Seven Churches (Ch. 2-3) - "Hereafter" The Conquest (Ch. 4-22) The Scroll - Papyrus: Rush that Grows 15' High, 6' Under Water - Pith is Harvested, Thatched Crossways, and Moistened - 2 Layers are Glued and Beaten Together then Smoothed - Recto: Writing Side (Horizontal Grain) - Verso: Exterior (Vertical Grain) - Opistograoph: "Written Behind" - Legal Instruction on Who Was Entitled to Take Possession and Read the Document - Multiple Seals Used to Secure the Contents of Legal **Documents** (EX. Wills of Augustus and Vespasian Had Multiple Seals) The New Testament Concealed - God Commanded the Purchase of Land for Later Redemption - Jeremiah Knew Babylon would Occupy Israel for 70 Years. - Evidence of the People of God's Return to the Land of **Promise** - The Document - Established Heirship and Title to the Land - Made Legitimate by 2 Witnesses - Sealed to be Opened Only at the Appointed Time by the Legitimate Heir (Goel: "Kinsman Redeemer") גאל Goel (Lev. 25:23-28) "The Avenger" or "The Redeemer" (Kinsman) - Responsible for Seeking Justice for a Murdered Relative - Responsible for Ensuring Fallow Property Remained in the Family

| - Legal Qualifications - Male Next of Kin - Willing to Assume Responsibility - Capable of Ensuring Care of the Family's Property  |  |
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| <ul> <li>Levirate (Deut. 25:5-10; Ruth)</li> <li>If a Husband Dies Prior to Having an Heir</li> <li>The Oldest Brother Marries His Widow</li> <li>Offers Her His Resources and Protection</li> <li>Raises a Son in the Name of the Deceased</li> <li>So that the Family will Continue</li> <li>Redeems the Deceased's Land for the Children</li> </ul>  |  |
| Ruth - Boaz Acts as Goel and Levirate (Redeemer) - Redeems the Land in the Name of Naomi's Deceased Son - Marries Ruth (Gentile Bride) - By Faith and Marriage Grafted into the Faith and Family  |  |
| <ul> <li>The Scroll Through John's Eyes (v. 1-4)</li> <li>The Redemption of Israel</li> <li>The Redemption of the World</li> <li>The Fulfillment of the Messiah (Day of the Lord) Ref. Isaiah 61</li> <li>The End of Sin and the Enemy</li> <li>The Fulfillment of Salvation and Restoration of the Kingdom of God</li> </ul>   |  |
| The Lamb (v. 5-6)  Not Referred to in Ch's 2&3  Identified as Jesus by John the Baptist (Jn. 1:29)  Attributes of the Lamb in His 1 <sup>st</sup> Coming, Lion in 2 <sup>nd</sup> " slaughtered" (as slain) Ref. Jer. 11:19  7 Horns (All Power and Honor)  Ref. Deut. 22:17; 1 Kgs. 22:11; Zech. 1:18; Ps. 75:4;  1 Sam. 2:1-10; Ps. 89:17-24; 112:9-10; 148:14  7 Eyes-Holy Spirit: All Seeing/Knowing (Zech. 3:8-9; 4:10)  Promised the Throne of Israel via David (Luke 1:32)  Reign Over All the Earth (2 Sam. 7; Ps. 2:8) |  |

| Prophetic Meaning of Biblical Numbers  1 – Union  3 – Perfect Fellowship  6 – Imperfect/Fallen  7 – Complete Set of /Whole, Holy  10 – Order in Creation/Responsibility  Seven Possessions of Worthiness  All Power – Will and Capability  All Riches – The Universe is His Property  All Wisdom – Perfect in Ordered Thought  All Strength – The Conquering King of Kings  All Honor – "Every Knee will Bow"  All Glory – All Worship is Due to Him  |  |
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| All Blessings – The Treasures of Heaven (Ps. 103:1-2)   |  |
| Worthiness in Sacrifice (Holiness) God Needs for Nothing (Righteousness) God is Just in All Things (Fallenness) Humanity Stood in Debt and Condemned (Grace) God's Love Provided a Rescue (Substitution) Without the Shedding of Blood (Heb. 9:22) (Perpetration) The Debt Was Paid/Wrath was Sated (Salvation) Humanity Restored as Children of God  For the Next Session: - Read the Book of Ruth - What Impressions Do You Get from Boaz? - Place Jesus and the Church for Ruth and Boaz - Journal Your Thoughts and Feelings - Share with Your Groups |  |
| Next Sessions: - Christ: The Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth) - The Rapture as Described in the Bible - The 70 Weeks of Daniel (Daniel 9) - The 70 <sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel (Daniel 9)   |  |