Introduction: Nothing happens on the earth that has not been mandated from Heaven... including the terrible events on the earth during the Great Tribulation. Today we are going to see the action in Heaven that initiates God's final judgment against the world, culminating in the return of Jesus Christ.

- I. The Meaning Of Redemption
 - A. Our <u>Past</u> Redemption (1 Peter 1:18-19)

1 Peter 1:18a-19 ^{18a} "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold...¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ."

B. Our Future Redemption (Luke 21:28)

Luke 21:28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

II. The Seven-Sealed Book Of Redemption (Revelation 5:1)

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."

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The Four "Books" Mentioned in Revelation

- **1. The book of life** (Revelation 20:15) This book contains the names of all who are saved.
- **2. The book of works** (Revelation 20:13) This book lists all of our deeds the good and the bad.
- **3. The little book** (Revelation 10) This book contains the final events before the return of Christ.
- **4. The seven-sealed book** (Revelation 5)
- A. The Form of the Book
- B. The Contents of the Book
- **III.** The Lamb Of Redemption (Revelation 5:2-7)
 - A. The Search for One to Open the Book (Revelation 5:2-4)

Revelation 5:2-4 $\,^2$ "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."

B. The Lion of Judah and the Root of David (Revelation 5:5)

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."

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C. The Lion That Is a Lamb (Revelation 5:6-7)

Revelation 5:6-7 ⁶ "And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And He came, and He took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne."

Isaiah 53:7 "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth."

Jeremiah 11:19a "But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter..."

- **1. The seven horns:** Seven horns refer to Jesus' omnipotence.
- **2. The seven eyes:** Seven eyes refer to Jesus' omniscience.
- **3. The seven spirits of God:** Seven Spirits of God refer to Jesus' omnipresence.
- **IV. The Hymns Of Redemption** (Revelation 5:8-14)
 - **A. By the Living Creatures and Church** (Revelation 5:8-10)

Revelation 5:8-10 ⁸ "When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.""

B. By the Angels (Revelation 5:11-12)

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Revelation 5:11-12 ¹¹ "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.'"

Seven Attributes of the Lamb

- 1. Power
- 2. Riches
- 3. Wisdom
- 4. Might
- 5. Honor
- 6. Glory
- 7. <u>Blessing</u>
- **C. By All of Creation** (Revelation 5:13-14)

Revelation 5:13-14 ¹³ "And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.' ¹⁴ And the four living creatures kept saying, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshiped."

Philippians 2:8-11 ⁸ "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. ¹⁰ So that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."