

**Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying  
Message Four : The Lion-Lamb**

**I. Overview:**

The book of Revelation is a picture of Jesus Christ; the lion is a symbol of Christ, portraying Him as a strong fighter against the enemy, and Christ's overcoming qualifies Him to open the scroll and its seven seals. As the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Christ overcame and defeated the rebellious Satan, and as the redeeming Lamb, He took away the sin of fallen man. To the enemy He is a Lion, and to us He is a Lamb; hence, He is the Lion-Lamb. As far as redemption is concerned, Christ sat down at the right hand of God in the heavens after His ascension. These seven eyes are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth, and they run to and fro through the whole earth. In essence and existence God's Spirit is one; in the intensified function and work of God's operation, God's Spirit is sevenfold. At the time that the book of Revelation was written, the church had become degraded, and the age was dark. The sevenfold intensified Spirit of God was needed for God's move and work on the earth. Christ is the only One qualified to unveil and carry out the mystery of God. We need to realize that Christ is worthy to open the seven seals of the secret of the divine economy. Christ is worthy of our praises; He is worthy even of our lives.

**II. Truth and Enlightenment:**

Day 1 —

A. Why is He worthy to open the scroll concerning God's economy?

As the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Christ overcame and defeated the rebellious Satan, the enemy of God, and as the redeeming Lamb, He took away the sin of fallen man. By doing so, He removed the hindrances to the fulfillment of God's purpose. Therefore, He is worthy to open the scroll concerning God's economy.

The lion is a symbol of Christ, portraying Him as a strong fighter against the enemy.

B. Explain a good painting of the divine Lion in Revelation.

Revelation is a single portrait, a "painting" portraying and depicting Jesus. All the 22 chapters of Revelation are a good painting of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but they also show an environment. Eventually, the Lion as the Lamb marries a bride, the bride becomes a square city, and the Lamb sits on the throne with God. The Lion is enthroned in the centre of the New Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Day 2 —

A. Expound how to experience and enjoy Christ as the Lion-Lamb.

In Revelation 5:5-10 we see that we may experience and enjoy Christ as the Lion-Lamb. From 5:1 through 6:1, we see the vision of Him as the Lion-Lamb in the midst of God's throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the twenty-four elders of the universe, opening the seven seals of God's universal administration. To the enemy, He is the Lion; to us, the redeemed ones, He is the dear, precious Lamb.

B. Explain Christ as the Lamb and the Lion.

In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God", but in Revelation one of the elders said, "Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah". In the Gospel of John we see that Christ came in the flesh as the Lamb of God mainly to take away the sin of the world, but in Revelation we see that Christ is the Lion-Lamb not only to take away sin but also to overcome and defeat His enemies.

Day 3 —

A. Expound in Revelation 5:6 that the Lamb has seven horns.

In Revelation 5:6 John says that the Lamb has seven horns. Horns signify strength in fighting. Christ is the redeeming Lamb, yet He has horns for fighting. He is the fighting Redeemer. His fighting is complete in God's move, as signified by the number seven. Revelation 5:6 also says that the Lamb has "seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Eyes are for observing and searching.

B. Explain that in a church meeting, we are under a special kind of observation.

Before we attend the meeting, we may speak freely, but after the meeting Christ regulates our speaking. In the evening some kind of inner voice within us may urge us to go to a meeting. It may not be our natural preference to go, but we cannot avoid going. Then when we arrive at the meeting, we touch the living Christ. The burning, searching, enlightening, and observing reality of Christ as the life-giving Spirit is in the churches.

Day 4 —

A. Expound the reference to engraving the stone in Zechariah 3:9.

This indicates that this stone is Christ. The Lord Jesus, as the building stone, was engraved, dealt with, by God on the cross for the iniquity of God's people. In one day, by that engraving on the cross, the Lord Jesus took away all the sins of God's people. In short, the stone with seven eyes in Zechariah 3:9 is the Lamb with seven eyes in Revelation 5:6.

B. Explain the lampstand equaling the stone in Zechariah.

Zechariah 4:2 says, "There is a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl on top of it and its seven lamps upon it." In 3:9 the building stone has seven eyes, and in verse 2, the lampstand has seven lamps. This reveals that the lampstand equals the stone. The stone is for the building, and the lampstand is for light, for enlightening. On the stone there are seven eyes, and on the lampstand there are seven lamps. Hence, the seven lamps of the lampstand must be the seven eyes on the stone.

Day 5 —

A. Compare In Revelation, the sequence of the Triune God is different from that found in Matthew.

In Matthew 28:19 the sequence of the Triune God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But in Revelation 1:4 and 5 the sequence is changed. The seven Spirits of God are listed in the second place instead of the third. This reveals the importance of the intensified function of the sevenfold Spirit of God. This point is confirmed by the repeated emphasis on the Spirit's speaking.

B. Why do we say that the age in Revelation is the age of the Spirit?

In Revelation the Spirit occupies the second place in the sequence of the Divine Trinity because in this book the age has been changed from the Son to the Spirit. The age is the age of the Spirit, and in this age the Spirit has been intensified. Because the Spirit in 1:4 is the intensified Spirit of God, He is called the seven Spirits. The seven Spirits are undoubtedly the Spirit of God because They are ranked among the Triune God in verses 4 and 5.

Day 6 —

A. Explain the significance of Revelation 5:9-10.

In Revelation 5:9-10 we see the elders singing a new song of praise to the Lamb. The song here is new because the Lamb whom it praises had just been slain. This new song praises the worthiness of the Lamb. In the whole universe no one is worthy to open the mystery of God's economy but Christ, the overcoming Lion and the redeeming Lamb.

B. Why is the Lamb as well as the Lion worthy to open the scroll?

Our Savior is the Lamb as well as the Lion. This One is worthy to open the scroll. Apart from Him, no one in the universe is worthy to open the secret, the mystery, of God's economy. But the Lion-Lamb is worthy because He has accomplished redemption and has won the victory over Satan. As the One who has brought God's authority to the earth. Therefore, He is completely qualified and positioned to open the mystery of God's economy.

### III. Conclusion:

Numbers 24:9, "He couches; he lies down like a lion And like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed is everyone who blesses you..." The more we praise the Lord for His people and speak well of them in faith, the more we place ourselves under God's blessings. According to the meaning of the truth, the church is the Lion's kingdom, and everyone who is in the church is a young lion. In God's eyes, to man we are lambs following the Lamb, and to Satan, we are young lions. Although we may not fully realize this; Satan, who knows that all believers are young lions, acknowledges it. We need to constantly tell Satan, "Satan, do not touch me. Do you not know that my family is a family of lions?" Christ is the young lion, the crouching male lion, and the fertile female lion, and we are His young lions. This refers to Christ's complete victory.