

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

THE SEVEN-SEALED BOOK



And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in the earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

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 odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth forever and ever.

—Revelation 5: 1-14

which is "the master key to all mysteries." The great world about us is the macrocosm, man is the microcosm. The "book . . . sealed with seven seals" mentioned in this passage symbolizes man, the microcosm.

For æons and æons humanity has been enmeshed in the bonds of materiality and selfishness, but the coming of the Christ as indwelling Planetary Spirit of the earth brought the first direct spiritual impulse to man and wrought definite changes in his constitution. It made possible the securing of purer desire stuff for man's desire body and loosened the connection between all human and vital bodies to such an extent that, by training, they are capable of separation. This powerful Love-Wisdom vibration impelled the unfoldment of man's seven spiritual centers so that he, the Spirit, might be liberated from the physical body and soar into the subtler spheres at will. Thus the Christ made initiation possible for all.

The Christ is "the Lion of the tribe of Juda," having been incarnated in the body of the man Jesus, who belonged to the tribe of Judah. "The Cosmic Christ is the Highest Initiate of the Sun Period, inhabiting the Central Sun and guiding the planets in their orbits by a Ray from Himself, which becomes the indwelling Spirit of each planet when it has been sufficiently ripened to contain such a great Intelligence."

Every being in the universe has its own vibration, sings its own song, we may say, or has its own "harp." The mighty Hierarchies which inhabit the signs of the zodiac well forth to man and the earth the celestial anthem, or the "new song" of the Christ. As we "follow in His footsteps" we become attuned to this vibration and join in the heavenly chorus.

The Hermetic axiom, "As above so below," states the Law of Analogy,