

THE LION OF JUDAH IS STEPPING IN! Pastor David Cannistraci

1 John 5:4-5 “For everyone born of God is **VICTORIOUS** and overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has conquered and overcome the world—our [continuing, persistent] faith [in Jesus the Son of God]. Who is the one who is **VICTORIOUS** and overcomes the world? It is the one who believes and recognizes the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.” AMP

Revelation 5:1-10 “Then I saw a **scroll** in the right hand of the one seated on **the throne**. It had writing on the front and the back, and it was **sealed with seven seals**. I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and **break its seals**?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. So I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look inside it. Then one of the elders said to me, “**Don’t weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah**...has emerged **VICTORIOUS** so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” Then, in between **the throne** and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw **a Lamb, standing as if it had been slain**... He came forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one seated on the **throne**. When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...They took up **a new song**, saying, “**You are worthy** to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and **THEY WILL RULE ON EARTH**.” CEB

- **Notice the scroll with seven seals (5:1ff).**
- **The angel cried, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?” (5:2-3).**
- **John weeps uncontrollably (5:4).**
- **THE LION OF JUDAH STEPS IN (5:5).**
- **The Lion is also the Lamb (5:6).**

Isaiah 53:5-7 “But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led **like a lamb** to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.” NLT

- **All heaven breaks out in worship (5:7-10).**

VICTORY KEYS FOR THIS SEASON

1. **Know that God has a plan, and nothing will stop it.**

Psalm 33:10-12 “The Lord overrules what the nations plan; he frustrates what the peoples intend to do. But **THE LORD’S PLAN STANDS FOREVER**; what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.” CEB

2. **Embrace your identity in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.**

Our identity is found in both the Lion and the Lamb.

Proverbs 28:1 “A wicked person flees when no one is chasing him, but **righteous people are as bold as lions.**” GWT

**STOP TELLING GOD HOW BIG YOUR GOLIATH IS
AND START TELLING GOLIATH HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS!**

3. **Stop weeping over losses and look for victories.**

In Jesus, we move from weeping to rejoicing.

1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thank God! **HE GIVES US VICTORY** over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” NLT

Life is filled with “losses,” but God can turn them into victories.