



I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33 (NLT)

## **I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SCROLL—(V.1-2)**

*Reasons we know that this scroll is important:*

1. Held in the right hand of God
2. Written on both sides
3. Sealed with seven seals
4. Extreme reaction of John

## **II. THE PROBLEM REGARDING THE SCROLL (V.3-4)**

### **No one was worthy to open it**

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!”...

Revelation 21:4-5a (NLT)

## **III. THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM – THE LAMB (V.5-14)**

### **1. The portrayal of the Lamb (v.5-6)**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29 (NLT)

He was wounded for our rebellious acts. He was crushed for our sins. He was punished so that we could have peace, and we received healing from his wounds. We have all strayed like sheep. Each one of us has turned to go his own way, and the LORD has laid all our sins on him. He was abused and punished, but he didn’t open his mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. He was like a sheep that is silent when its wool is cut off. He didn’t open his mouth.

Isaiah 53:5-7 (GWT)

### **2. The depiction of the scene (v.7-14)**

Sing a new song to the LORD...The LORD says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

Isaiah 42:10; 43:18-19 (NCV)

Someday the mystery of suffering...of madhouses, mass graves...of widows and orphans [will] be illuminated. Someday [will] come the “hereafter,” when we shall learn all the answers. Someday the paralyzing contradiction between justice, on the one hand, and life's [apparent] game of chance, on the other, [will] be reconciled. Someday the tension between rich and poor, between the sunny side of life and the gloomy zones of horror, [will] be equalized.

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