

God's Expansive Plan of the Lamb

It narrows to one Person but expands in understanding and scope

"Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world", 1 Pet. 1:19, 20

- 1. LAMB sacrifice a necessity** *Cain and Abel* over 5800 years ago
Gen. 4:2-5 Both brothers brought sacrifices: Abel of the sheep (blood), Cain brought fruit. Abel was accepted and Cain rejected based on faith concerning the right sacrifice for God.
NT Reality *Heb. 11:4; 9:22* "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain"
"And without shedding of blood is no remission [of sin]"
- 2. LAMB provided by God as a substitute** *Abraham & Isaac* over 3800 years ago
Gen. 22 "God will provide himself a lamb" – ram died in the place of Isaac so he could live
NT Reality *John 1:29* "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"
- 3. LAMB must be without blemish – and killed** *Israel's Passover* over 3400 years ago
Exo. 12 "your lamb shall be without blemish ... Israel shall kill it... when I see the blood"
NT Reality *1Cor. 5:7 / 1Pe. 1:19* "Christ our passover... precious blood... a lamb without blemish"
"It [a sacrifice] shall be perfect to be accepted", **Lev. 22:21**. "Who [Christ] did no sin", **1 Pet. 2:22**.
- 4. LAMB is a PERSON!!!!** *Prophet Isaiah's Stunning Revelation* over 2700 years ago
Isa. 53:7 The personal pronoun *he, him* or *his* is used 37 times in chapter 53 for God's suffering servant. The middle one is: "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter".
NT Reality *Luke 24:46* "Thus it is written [Isaiah, etc.], and thus it behoved Christ to suffer"
- 5. LAMB revealed as JESUS – who is the Son of God** *John the Baptist* 2,000 years ago
NT Reality *John 1:29, 34* "Seeth Jesus... and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world... And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God"
- 6. LAMB is a personal Savior for all** *Philip the evangelist* Christian Era
NT Reality *Acts 8:30-39* "The Scripture ... he [Ethiopian]" read was this... He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb... preached unto him Jesus... I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God... and he baptized him".
- 7. LAMB is Alive!!!** *The Apostle's Doctrine* Christian Era
NT Reality *1 Pet. 1:18-21* "Redeemed with... the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish... God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory"
- 8. LAMB is on the throne – revealed as world ruler** *Revelation of Christ* Heaven
NT Reality *Rev. 5:6, 9* "I beheld... in the midst of the throne... stood a lamb as it had been slain".
"Thou are worthy to take the book [title deed to judge and rule world]"
- 9. LAMB as Judge – executes wrath on this world** *Revelation of Christ* Kingdom
NT Reality *Rev. 6:16-17* "Hide us from... the wrath of the Lamb... who shall be able to stand?"
(The answer to who can stand is in 7:9,14: "stood... washed their robes... in the blood of the Lamb").
- 10. LAMB as King reigning – Forever** *New Heaven and New Earth* Eternity
NT Reality *Rev. 22:1, 5* "The throne of God and of the Lamb... and they shall reign forever"

The enlargement of the scope of the sacrifice (lamb)

Genesis 4	a lamb principle – “ <i>of sheep</i> ”, a blood sacrifice for sin needed	(3900BC?)
Genesis 22	a lamb for 1 person “ <i>ram... offering in the stead of his son [Isaac]</i> ”	(1800BC)
Exodus 12	a lamb for a family (Passover) “ <i>a lamb for a house</i> ”	(1450BC)
Leviticus 16	a sacrifice for a nation “ <i>atonement for the children of Israel</i> ”	(1445BC)
Isaiah 52-53	a lamb for “ <i>many nations</i> ” – “ <i>lamb to the slaughter...justify many</i> ”	(710BC)
John 1:29	a lamb for the world “ <i>Lamb of God...taketh away the sin of the <u>world</u></i> ”	(30AD)
Acts 8	a lamb for whosoever (Acts 2:21) “ <i>slaughter...like a lamb...I [Ethiopian] believe</i> ”	
1 Peter 1	a lamb for all history “ <i>Christ...as of a lamb...before the foundation of the world</i> ”	
Revelation 5	a lamb for the universe “ <i>Every creature...saying...glory...unto the Lamb</i> ”	
Revelation 22	a lamb for all eternity “ <i>the throne of God and of the Lamb...reign forever</i> ”	

In Rev. 5:5-6, John looks to see a kingly lion and sees a slain lamb – on the throne.

The one on the middle cross is in the middle of the throne
 The massacred of Golgotha is the Majesty of Glory
 The one ‘worthy of death’ is worthy to run the universe
 The carpenter of Nazareth is the controller of the world
 The victim is the victor
 The crucified is the crowned
 The humbled one of Calvary is the honored one of all creation
 The servant is the Sovereign
 The one mocked, shamed and spit upon is the one being sung unto in magnificent splendor
 The one rejected and killed is the royal King
 The one who had a seal put on his garden tomb is unloosing the seals of world judgment
 The wounded one is the wonder of all – and worshipped

Rev. 5:4-6 – Seven facts of the Lamb

1. The Lion of Judah	<i>the promised Deliverer of His people</i>	
2. The Root of David	<i>the promised Shepherd-King</i>	
3. The Slain Lamb	<i>the promised sin bearer</i>	
4. The Worthy One to open book	<i>the promised Glory of Israel who fulfills all</i>	
5. Seven Horns	<i>Omnipotent – perfect power</i>	(Job 42:2)
6. Seven Eyes	<i>Omniscient – perfect wisdom</i>	(Pro. 15:3)
7. Seven Spirits into all the earth	<i>Omnipresent – perfect presence</i>	(Psa. 139: 7-10)

Revelation 21 & 22, in the new heaven and new earth, the Lamb is 7 things

1. The Lamb is the bridegroom	(love)	Rev. 21:9
2. The Lamb is the foundation	(stability)	Rev. 21:14
3. The Lamb is the temple	(worship)	Rev. 21:22
4. The Lamb is the light	(glory)	Rev. 21:23
5. The Lamb is the door	(way)	Rev. 21:27
6. The Lamb is the life	(fruit)	Rev. 22:1
7. The Lamb is the King	(justice)	Rev. 22:3

In Rev. the “Lamb” referring to the Lord Jesus is used 28 times: (7x4 – perfection for the world)
 Isaiah 53 - the cross (crucifixion) / Rev. 5 - the crown (coronation) / Rev. 21 - the city (consummation)