

REDEEMED BY GOD AND FOR GOD

Revelation 5:9-10

*God's redemption in Christ transforms our outlook
from despair to worship.*

Two Views of Time

Time is cyclical and purposeless.

Time is linear and purposeful.

“With your blood you **purchased** [ransomed, redeemed] men and women for God.” (Revelation 5:9)

What does ‘redemption’ mean?

Redeem: to secure the release of something by the payment of a price; to “buy back” and restore something to its original intention

The person who secures redemption—the ‘rich relative’ who buys back the property—was called the *Go-el* in Hebrew, the **kinsman redeemer**.

God as Israel’s Redeemer

Psalm 19:14

Job 19:25

Isaiah 44:6

Leviticus 25—Levirate Marriage

If a man dies, leaving a widow and no heir—or if the tribal land was sold by a widow just to make ends meet—this law provided that the brother of the deceased could marry the widow.

The *Go-el*, or Kinsman-Redeemer

Three requirements for being a kinsman-redeemer:

1. You had to be from the same family.
2. You had to have the redemption price.
3. You had to be willing to pay the price (and risk your own inheritance).

Revelation 5

The “lion from the tribe of Judah” is able to open the scroll (v. 5).

Only Jesus can bring history to its rightful conclusion.

Jesus Christ is being referred to here as the great *Go-El*, the great Kinsman-Redeemer of the universe.

Does Jesus meet the requirements?

He was a kinsman.

He had the price.

He was willing to pay the price.

Jesus, our Kinsman-Redeemer

Romans 3: 23

Ephesians 1:7

Colossians 1:13-14

Titus 2:13-14