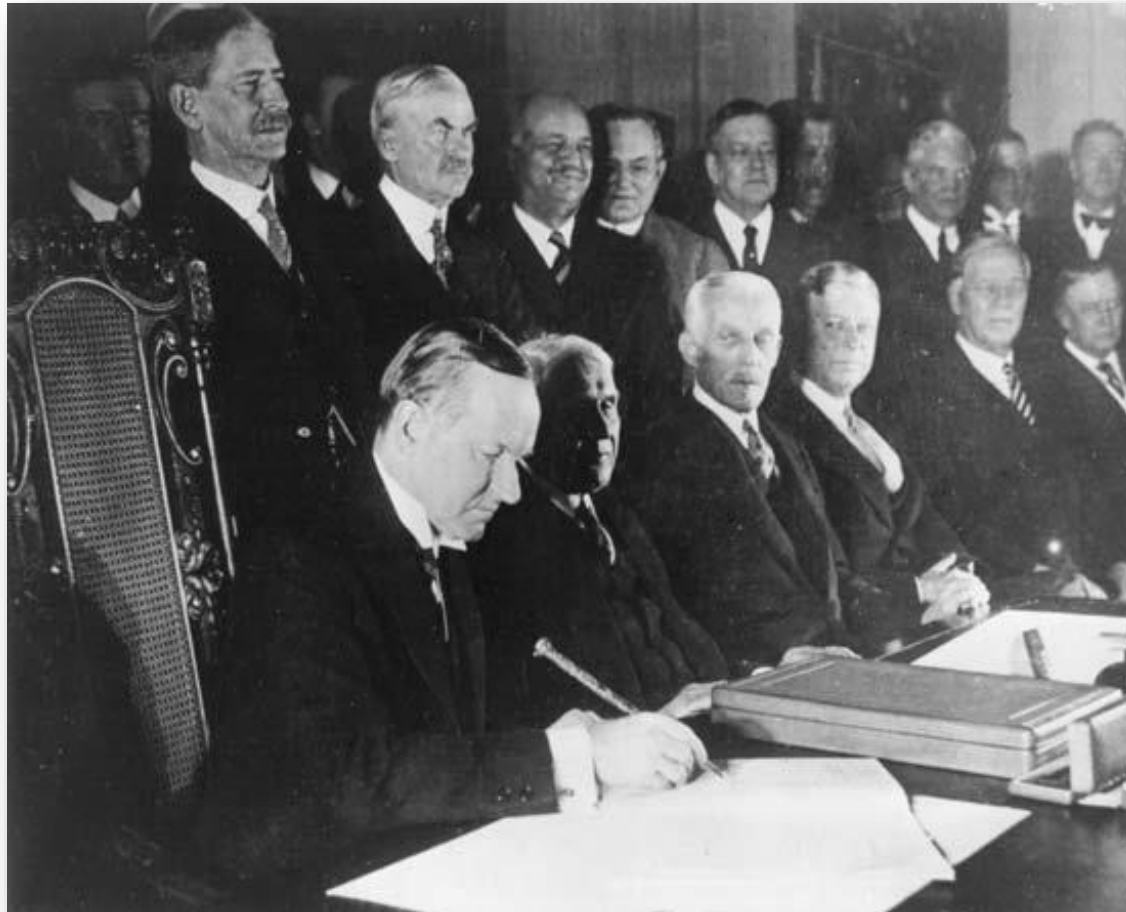




Palestinian prisoners playing harps, Nineveh

The Coming King



Signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact, 1928





Revelation 5:1 NIV

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Revelation 5:4 NIV

I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.



Revelation 5:5 NIV

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:6 NIV

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the sevenfold Spirit of God sent out into all the earth.





Psalm 137:1-3 NIV

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.*

*There on the poplars
we hung our harps,*

*for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"*

Revelation 5:7-8 NIV

He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people.

Revelation 5:9-10 NIV

And they sang a new song, saying:

*“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for
God*

*persons from every tribe and language
and people and nation.*

*You have made them to be a kingdom and
priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”*

Revelation 5:11-12 NIV

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”*

Revelation 5:13 NIV

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Christ is worthy because his power is so completely different from that of the Caesar. It is a power that is manifested in his love, in his willingness to give all of himself for the sake of those whom he loves. And in that willingness, in the power of that self-giving love, lies the liberation of his people.

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Revelation 22:17,20 NIV

*The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” And let the one who hears say, “**Come!**” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I **am coming soon.**”*