

CLASH OF KINGDOMS

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

CAPTIVATED BY THE KING

HOW A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN CHANGES EVERYTHING

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INTRODUCTION

LAST WEEK, JOHN IS RAPTURED INTO HEAVEN—"Come up hither."

He's not the only one: Enoch (Genesis 5:24), Elijah (2 Kings 2:11), Paul (caught up/harpazo 2 Corinthians 12:2, 4), Church (1 Thessalonians 4:17), John (Revelation 4:1-2), Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:12), Jesus (Revelation 12:5)

ISAIAH 26:20-21

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.
21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

1. GOD'S THRONE IS A GLORIOUS

REVELATION 4:1

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

See also: Isaiah 6:1-3; Ezekiel 1:4-14, 22-28; Daniel 7:9-28

HEBREWS 1:8

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

—The King on Heaven's throne offers His _____

HEBREWS 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

—The King on Heaven's throne calls me to live in _____

1 THESSALONIANS 2:12

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

HEBREWS 12:28

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

—The King on Heaven's throne deserves the _____

REVELATION 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

2 PETER 1:11

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

—The King delivers me from a defeated kingdom to _____

COLOSSIANS 1:13

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

—When He is enthroned in me, _____

ISAIAH 26:3-4

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

2. GOD'S THRONE IS SURROUNDED BY _____

REVELATION 4:4

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

REVELATION 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment. . . .

ISAIAH 1:18

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

3. GOD'S THRONE IS _____

REVELATION 4:5-6

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices : and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal. . . .

EZEKIEL 1:14

And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

LUKE 10:18

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

EXODUS 19:16

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

4. GOD'S THRONE IS SURROUNDED BY _____

REVELATION 4:6-9

. . . And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man,

and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

5. GOD'S THRONE IS SURROUNDED BY _____

REVELATION 4:10-11

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

6. GOD ENTHRONED INVITES US TO _____

PSALM 103:19-22

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

ROMANS 11:33-12:2

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.