

The Throne of Grace

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### **Introduction: The Throne Where It All Begins—and Ends**

Before the first atom obeyed its orbit, before Lucifer dreamed his rebellion, before Eden ever bloomed in morning light—**there was a throne.** Not carved by hands, not built by kings, not propped up by power or propped on politics. Eternal. Self-existent. Radiant with a fire that no seraph dares to touch.

And here's the shocker:

That throne—the seat of Omnipotence, the source of all reality, the center of all glory—that throne, is **open.**

But not to the proud.

Not to the religious.

Not to the self-righteous.

**Only to the redeemed.**

Paul called it the “**throne of grace.**” Not the throne of karma. Not the throne of works. Not the throne of self-help or tradition. But the throne of *undeserved, unstoppable, blood-bought grace.*

Grace that reaches into graves.

Grace that rebuilds what sin burned down.

Grace that welcomes beggars into a kingdom and makes sinners sit in the very place Lucifer tried to steal.

In this 20-part series, we're not tiptoeing around theology—we are marching straight into the heart of God's eternal plan, peeling back the veil on the most powerful seat in the universe, and tracing its journey:

- From eternity past... to the rebellion of Lucifer.
- From the mercy seat in the Tabernacle... to the blood-splattered cross of Christ.
- From the heavenly courtroom... to the final throne in the New Jerusalem.

Because if you don't know the throne—you don't know the gospel.

If you don't understand who sits on it—you won't understand who *can stand before it*.

And if you don't grasp the grace it gives—you won't survive the judgment it brings.

Welcome to **The Throne of Grace**.

Where history begins.

Where judgment pauses.

Where mercy flows.

And where every knee will bow.

The question is not whether you'll meet the throne.

It's whether you'll meet it as a child or as a criminal.

Let's begin.

## **1 of 20: The Throne Before Time Began**

*Key Passage: Psalm 93:2 — “Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.”*

### **Introduction: The Eternal Seat of the Eternal Sovereign**

Before there was a universe... before a single molecule spun in the void... before there was void... there was a Throne. Not just a symbolic seat, not just a prophetic furniture piece—but a *real* and *eternal* throne, established before time's first tick. You can't wrap eternity in a clock. You can't measure the Ancient of Days with your Fitbit. You can't apply Einstein's relativity to a Being who simply *is*. The Throne of God isn't just old—it's older than old. The Scripture says, “from everlasting” (Psalm 93:2), and that's not poetry—that's pure fact.

This first study in **The Throne of Grace Series** takes us back to before Genesis 1:1. Yes, before “In the beginning,” there was a God who didn't begin. A God who never had a yesterday, who won't have a tomorrow, because He's not fenced in by time like His creation is. And yet—listen carefully—that same God governs worlds and eternities from a *throne*. A throne signifies authority, rulership, dominion, and rank. And the first thing we're here to understand is this:

God didn't *become* sovereign. He didn't *earn* His throne. He wasn't *appointed* or *elected*. He's always been King. The throne is His nature institutionalized. You want to understand grace? You've got to understand who's sitting on the throne—and He never wasn't there.

## **I. The Self-Existent God: The I AM of the Universe**

You can't go anywhere in the Bible without God reminding mankind of His Eternal Self-sufficiency. Moses asked for God's credentials, and He said: "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). Translation: "I have no start date. I borrow no breath. I don't clock in." Every other deity is a faker, a knockoff, a serotonin hallucination in the darkened imagination of fallen man.

Only the God of Scripture—Jehovah—can rightly claim to be eternal. And what was He doing before creation? Was He pacing the clouds? Loneliness? No, sir. God was perfectly satisfied within Himself. He didn't create the world because He was bored. He didn't make angels because He was lonely. And He surely didn't create man because He needed love. That's theological pop-psychology for suburban evangelicals trying to make God look like Dr. Phil.

In eternity past, God was complete. The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost existed in perfect unity (John 1:1–3). Before He said, "Let there be light," the light of His triune glory filled infinity. His throne was already fixed. His authority was already absolute. Creation didn't *give* Him a throne—it *revealed* that He had always had one.

Because truth be told, you can't have an eternal God without an eternal throne. A King can't be a king in name only. You can't be sovereign without something to be sovereign *over*. Which brings us to a very deep mystery—before there was even a *creation* to be ruled, the throne existed. It was "established of old," as Psalm 93:2 says—fixed, immovable, unchanging.

Let that sink in. Everything in this world is shifting like sand on sinking shores. Kings come and go. Empires rise and fall. Thrones are claimed and then crushed. But the throne of Jehovah? It was *never* empty, never challenged, never uncertain.

## **II. Creation Flows From the Throne**

If you've got a Bible that you believe, you'll notice a stunning pattern. Everything starts with the throne... *then* comes creation. In Isaiah 66:1, God declares: "Heaven is my throne, and

the earth is my footstool.” Meaning this: Heaven is the courtroom, earth is the courtroom *extension*. Both are built around the occupation of God’s eternal seat.

Creation wasn’t the beginning of God’s reign—creation was the *stage* on which His reign would unfold. That’s why in Genesis 1, the first verb is not “God was crowned”—it’s “God *created*.” He didn’t need creation to be Lord. He just *spoke*, and universes bowed.

In Revelation, the whole book revolves around God’s throne. You don’t get three chapters in before you’re listening to John say, “a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne” (Rev. 4:2). It’s like the Holy Spirit is shouting: “Before you see beasts and bowls and judgments and lambs and angels—you need to see the throne.” Why? Because everything comes from *that* throne: creation, salvation, damnation, and redemption.

And because that throne predates time, it proves that time isn’t something God is subject to—time is something God uses.

### **III. God’s Throne: Not Built, But *Being***

You can talk about Solomon’s throne, Nebuchadnezzar’s throne, Alexander’s throne, Napoleon’s throne, and a future antichrist throne—all man-made and man-upheld. But God’s throne isn’t crafted. He didn’t call in the angels to sand cedar logs and polish gold. You don’t build something eternal. His throne is linked to His person. It doesn’t exist in time. It’s the center of eternity, the command post of reality.

So, while time has a beginning (Genesis 1:1) and matter has a beginning, the throne does not. That’s why the Psalmist said, “Thy throne is established of old.” That word “old” in Hebrew doesn’t mean “really, really old,” like some antique dining table in a dead aunt’s basement. It means “before the concept of old *existed*.” No calendar. No history. No date on the wall.

We’re so small-minded. We say, “God was there before the beginning.” No, friend, God *was the backdrop* for beginning itself. Time didn’t catch Him from behind. He created it the way a potter molds clay. And He didn’t step *into* His ruling office when creation arrived—He was ruling in *self-existence* long before.

### **IV. The Throne and the Trinity: A Seat, But Not for One**

The throne of God is no lonely jewel. Yes, book after book shows us *One* seated, but don’t forget—this is the throne shared by Father, Son, and Spirit. Jesus doesn’t sit on a junior throne, kindergarten seat, or half-armrest bench. The Bible says: “I and my Father are one”

(John 10:30), and then Revelation shows us the Lamb “in the midst of the throne” (Revelation 7:17).

That has wrecked theologies from Nicaea to Salt Lake. Jesus isn’t an accessory. He’s not the eldest spirit brother who got the bigger privilege. He is the “image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15). Which means when Christ ascended and sat down (Hebrews 1:3), the throne wasn’t *enlarged*—it was *unveiled*.

Let the Unitarians stew on that. Let the Jehovah Witnesses choke on it. Let the Mormons rewrite their book another seven times. Jesus Christ shares the eternal throne as co-equal and co-eternal God. His presence didn’t change the nature of the throne—it revealed that the throne was big enough, glorious enough, and divine enough to house the one God in three Persons.

That throne is not built for hierarchy. It’s built for unity. For glory. For truth.

## **V. The Throne’s Significance Before Creation**

If the throne predates all things, then all things must *measure themselves against it*. Creation was not an accident. It bears divine architecture. The throne was the blueprint.

- The laws of physics? Issued from the throne.
- The moral law written in the human heart? Issued from the throne.
- The songs of angels and the pulse of galaxies? Born from the throne.

So why does man insist on inventing gods who crawl out of the dust? Why does he worship stones, sticks, golden calves, and sports teams? Because rejecting the throne is the first fruit of sin.

Adam wasn’t expelled from Eden for eating produce—he was expelled because rebellion cannot exist safely in the presence of a throne. Why? Because the King is both sovereign and holy. That’s why the *only* way back to the throne is by blood.

## **VI. Objections From Unbelief: Answered By the Throne**

Atheists froth at the mouth when you talk about God before creation. They shout, “Who created God?” That’s like asking, “Who parented an orphan?” It’s a category error made by people whose brains are chained to time.

The Bible-believer has no such problem. Scripture says God “inhabiteth eternity” (Isaiah 57:15). He isn’t *in* time. Time is *in* Him. Eternity is not long—it has no length. Eternity is the infinite now where God dwells.

So when Psalm 93:2 says, “Thy throne is established of old,” and “Thou art from everlasting,” it’s saying that before creation, there was *somewhere* God sat. But don’t project your lazy boy recliner onto it. This is the throne whose foundations are righteousness and justice (Psalm 89:14). It is the axis of cosmic order, the signature of His divine authority.

And atheists? They don’t reject the throne because it’s foolish. They reject it because it’s *ultimate*. Man doesn’t want accountability. He wants autonomy. But there is no autonomy in God’s universe. You’re either a servant of the King or a rebel deserving justice.

## **VII. The Eternal Throne and the Mystery of Glory**

Don’t miss this—glory existed before creation. When Christ came to earth, He said: “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee *before the world was*” (John 17:5). That glory didn’t come from creation—it poured into creation from the throne.

Now look: there are two kinds of glory. One is visible: bright, overwhelming, white-hot. The other is positional: the glory tied to rank, authority, and office. When Jesus prayed that prayer, He wasn’t asking for His eternal deity back (He never lost it). He was speaking of the *visible reign* He laid aside to walk the dusty roads of Galilee.

That throne glory—the essence of divine authority—was there before anything else. Angels saw it (Job 38:7). Lucifer coveted it (Isaiah 14:14). And the redeemed will one day share in it—not because they deserve it, but because the blood of the Lamb makes them kings and priests (Revelation 1:6).

### **Conclusion: Why This Matters**

Why start this series here? Because everything else depends on this. If God’s throne had a beginning, His authority has an expiration date. But if His throne is eternal...

- His grace is unearned.
- His mercy is unending.
- His justice is unstoppable.

- His word is unchangeable.
- His kingdom is undefeatable.

And this eternal throne is not a distant relic—it’s where Jesus Christ sits today, interceding for sinners, ruling over church history, and preparing to judge the quick and the dead.

You’re invited—not as a spectator, but as a son or daughter. Because in the greatest twist of the ages, the King of that eternal throne left it, died on a cross, rose from the dead, and now bids you *come boldly* to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16).

## **2 of 20: Lucifer’s Fall – A Throne Contested**

*Key Passage: Isaiah 14:12-14 — “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...”*

### **Introduction: The First Sin Was Not on Earth**

Before Eden ever bloomed... before dust became flesh... before Adam took his first breath and Eve was lifted from his side... sin existed. But not in a garden. Not in a man. Not in the flesh. But in a *cherub*. A supernatural, throne-room insider named Lucifer—Heaven’s brightest created being, who dared to dream the unthinkable: he wanted the *throne*.

It didn’t start in some demonic nightclub in a back alley of Babylon. It started in the most sacred chamber in eternity, at the foot of the very throne of Almighty God. The place where angels don’t breathe without permission. The place where praise is native like oxygen. That, my friend, is where the first coup was staged. Not in the Pentagon. Not in Parliament. Not in the Vatican. But in Heaven itself.

You want to understand the war for your soul? You want to understand why the nations rage? Why deception is global? Why sin is aggressive? Then you’d better understand the rebellion that began when a creature tried to claim the *Creator’s* seat. The fall of Lucifer is not a side note in Bible doctrine—it’s the primordial fracture. The original mutiny. The audacity of a created being trying to overthrow the throne of Him *who never began*.

### **I. Lucifer: The Most Perfect Creature Ever Made**

Let's get something straight. Lucifer was not a demon at the start. He was not a snake. He wasn't some pitchfork-wielding goon with goat legs and bad teeth. He wasn't even *Satan* yet—that name came later. When God made Lucifer, He made a masterpiece. Ezekiel 28 says he was “full of wisdom,” “perfect in beauty,” “the anointed cherub that covereth.” He had a role no man has ever touched, no angel has matched, no principality has surpassed.

Lucifer wasn't a choir boy—he *led* the symphony of heaven. His pipes were *built in*. His stones were prepared. His light, his name, his title—“son of the morning”—all carried the glimmer of Heaven's pure splendor. If God's throne radiated glory, Lucifer reflected it like a diamond in sunlight. And that's where the problem began.

Lucifer wasn't tempted from the outside. He didn't fall because some lesser angel whispered in his ear. He fed himself lies. He started believing his own press. Pride was born in the most privileged heart in creation. How's that for irony? The first sin didn't come from poverty or pain. It came from *ego in the presence of perfection*.

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee” (Ezekiel 28:15).

Iniquity. Not just wrong. *Warped wrong*. A twisted, self-bent desire that said: “I deserve what only God has.”

## II. The Five “I Wills” — The Declaration of War

Isaiah 14:13–14 records Lucifer's manifesto. The five “I wills.” If the Bible was a movie script, this would be the scene where the villain finally reveals his motive:

1. **“I will ascend into heaven.”**

Not “enter heaven.” Not “serve in heaven.” No, no. *Ascend*. The creature wants to *rise*—not according to rank but according to ambition.

2. **“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.”**

He had *a* throne. But now he wanted *the* throne. He wanted authority over the angels (“the stars of God”). He wanted to *rule* them.

3. **“I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north.”**

That's not geography. That's divinity. The “mount of the congregation” is the seat of divine assembly. Lucifer wants to sit where only God sits.

4. **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.”**

Not above the clouds on earth—above the clouds of heaven. Above the place where glory is unlimited.

#### 5. “I will be like the Most High.”

There it is. The spine-chilling climax. Lucifer didn't want to be *near* God. He didn't want to be *below* God. He wanted to be *God*.

And God didn't need a sword. He just spoke. And Lucifer fell.

### III. The Fall: Not Annihilation, But Alteration

When we talk about Lucifer's fall, we aren't talking about extermination. God didn't vaporize him like a bug on a windshield. God stripped him of privilege. God expelled him from the mount. God renamed him—*Satan* (the adversary), *the dragon*, *the accuser*, *the serpent*.

But God didn't destroy him. That's a problem for the weak-minded, but it's a proof of sovereignty for the sincere. God allows Satan to live—for now—not because He is powerless, but because judgment is not a knee-jerk reaction with God. It is deliberate. It is patient. And it will be *eternal*.

But rewind: where did he fall from? Jesus said, “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” (Luke 10:18). From *heaven*. Not earth. Not the age of man. This was a heavenly rebellion. Cosmic. Eternal. Pure evil born in the shadow of pure holiness.

That's why sin is not a mistake. It's treason. You don't fix treason with counseling. You don't heal rebellion with therapy. You don't soothe sedition with soft words. Only blood. Only judgment. Only divine wrath can fix what pride polluted.

### IV. The Throne: Target of the First Rebellion

Satan didn't want earth first. He wasn't after Eden. He wasn't after man. Not at first. He wanted one thing and one thing alone: the throne of God.

You must understand this if you want to understand anything else. Satan is not trying to make hell “fun.” Satan is not in competition with Jesus like Coke vs Pepsi. He is not trying to build his own universe. He wants *the* throne. That's why he tempted Eve—not to spoil humanity, but to get a foothold in creation where Man was given *dominion*.

Lucifer's fall didn't end his lust—it redirected it. When he was cast down, earth became the battlefield because heaven had been closed to him. So he turned to the newest creation, the latest image-bearer of God—*you*. Humanity. If he couldn't topple the throne of God directly, he'd aim to corrupt the ones made in God's image.

## V. War in Heaven: Phase One Completed, Phase Two Pending

Revelation 12 tells us there was war in heaven—past tense and future tense. Satan’s original fall was the *first* expulsion. But there’s another coming—when Michael boots him and his angels out permanently during the Tribulation. His access is revoked. His case is closed.

And after that? One final attempt. The Battle of Armageddon. The last gasp of the creature who still wants the crown. He will gather the nations, inspire the antichrist, and dare to make war against the Lamb.

But the Lamb is not just a Shepherd. He is a *lion*. And when He comes to take the throne He never lost, there won’t be a second Calvary. There will be conquest.

## VI. The Moral of Lucifer’s Fall

Pride is not just a sin—it’s the root of all sin. It’s the spiritual cancer that turns worship into idolatry, obedience into arrogance, and angels into devils.

That’s why Proverbs 16:18 says, “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” Lucifer is the living, burning symbol of pride’s destiny. No matter how high a being may climb, if he tries to dethrone God, he will fall—and he will not recover.

Lucifer’s fall shows three truths:

1. **God's throne is invincible.**

No rebellion has ever dethroned Him. No lie has ever dimmed His glory.

2. **Sin begins in the heart before it shows in the hands.**

Lucifer fell not because of action, but *intention*. Pride turns inward before it reaches outward.

3. **Rebellion is always punished, but never victorious.**

Satan is still falling. Still losing. Still outmatched. Still doomed.

## VII. The Cross: Satan’s Second Fall Began There

When Christ died, Satan lost something greater than he ever imagined. He wanted the throne—but lost the keys to death and hell. At Calvary, Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out” (John 12:31).

Satan bruised Christ's heel, but Christ crushed his head (Genesis 3:15). Every salvation, every soul redeemed, every sinner transformed is a victory against the rebellion that started in eternity past.

Satan wanted the throne. Instead, his rebellion paved the way for the *bold access* we now have to the throne of grace. That's the upside-down genius of God—He takes the darkest rebellion and turns it into a highway of redemption.

### **Conclusion: Whose Throne Will You Worship?**

There are only two thrones in this universe that matter: the eternal throne of God—and the imitation throne of Satan. One is eternal, the other is temporary. One gives grace, the other demands allegiance. One saves, the other enslaves.

Lucifer's fall was the first contest for the throne. It will be the last. You're not a spectator—you're a participant. Your worship is either submission to the Creator or complicity with the rebel.

The throne will not be contested forever. One day, every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess. Curious, isn't it? In the end, even the devil himself will bend the knee before the One whose throne he tried to steal.

Because no creature can dethrone the Creator. No lie can overturn the truth. No war can stop the King of Kings.

His throne was established of old.

It still stands today.

And it will stand forever.

### **3 of 20: The Earthly Pattern – The Mercy Seat**

*Key Passage: Exodus 25:17-22 — “And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold...”*

### **Introduction: Heaven's Blueprint in Earthly Form**

Before Jesus Christ ever walked the dusty roads of Galilee... before John saw a throne in heaven... before Paul wrote a word about "bold access"... God gave mankind a *model*. A

divinely handcrafted shadow of something so immense, so transcendent, that even angels tread lightly around it. That model was the Ark of the Covenant, and at its center—the Mercy Seat—where the glory of God *rested* between two golden cherubim.

What you read in Exodus 25 isn't primitive liturgy. It's not a relic of ritualistic religion. It's a *replica*. An earthly type of the heavenly throne. And if you don't get that, you'll miss why grace is even possible. You'll miss what Jesus fulfilled. You'll miss why Calvary was more than a cross—it was a throne transaction.

There is no throne of grace without a seat of mercy. No grace without blood. No access without a mediator. When God told Moses, "Make me a sanctuary... as I show thee," He didn't say, "Make me a tent for man." He said, "Make me a *throne room*." A place where heaven touches earth. Where justice meets mercy. Where blood covers sin and man sees the *shadow* of God's throne.

## **I. The Ark of the Covenant – God's Throne on Earth**

Let's start with what the Ark is *not*. It's not a religious artifact. It's not a good luck charm for Jews in battle. It's not Spielberg's explosive relic. It is the *throne of Jehovah* in tangible expression.

In 1 Samuel 4, when the Ark was brought to battle, the Israelites shouted, "The LORD is come into the camp!" Why? Because the Ark wasn't symbolic. It wasn't a reminder. It was the physical *footstool* of the invisible God (Psalm 99:5). When the glory cloud descended in the tabernacle, it didn't hover over empty furniture. It stopped *at the Mercy Seat*.

Why? Because that's where the King sat.

Look at Exodus 25:22:

"And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat."

God doesn't meet man on common ground. He meets man through *mercy*. And mercy flows from the *seat*.

## **II. The Mercy Seat: Not a Chair—A Covering**

The word "seat" fools modern minds. The Mercy Seat isn't a cushioned throne. It's a *lid*. A cover that sits on top of the Ark. The Hebrew word is "kapporeth"—from the same root as "atonement." Put it together and what you have is this: the only way a holy God could meet with sinful Israel was if their transgressions were *covered* from His sight.

Inside the Ark were three things:

1. **The Tables of the Law** – A broken law, reminders of guilt.
2. **Aaron's Rod that Budded** – Rejected authority brought back from death.
3. **The Golden Pot of Manna** – Divine provision Israel despised.

That right there is humanity in a box: defiance of God's law, rebellion against God's authority, and ingratitude for God's provision. And *on top* of all that—blood. Because on the Day of Atonement, the high priest sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat seven times. God didn't see the law. He didn't see the rod. He didn't see the manna. He saw *blood*. And in that moment, access was granted and wrath restrained.

You can preach every sermon on grace you want, but until you see blood on the throne, you haven't preached Bible grace.

### **III. The Cherubim: Heavenly Witnesses**

Exodus 25:18–20 tells us two figures were engraved on the Mercy Seat—cherubim. Not angels with harps. Cherubim. The same beings that guarded Eden after the Fall (Genesis 3:24). The same ones that bear the throne of God in Ezekiel 1 and 10.

What are they doing there? Facing one another, wings stretched forward, looking down at the blood. They see the law beneath the blood. The rebellion beneath the blood. The ingratitude beneath the blood—and they say nothing. Because the blood says everything.

You want to know how heaven views redemption? Look at the cherubim. They surround the throne. They worship the Lamb. They witness grace in action and marvel.

That's why Peter said angels "desire to look into" the things of salvation (1 Peter 1:12). Grace wasn't offered to *them*. But they saw it pictured every time a high priest walked into the most holy place—once a year, with blood, and came back out alive.

### **IV. The Heavenly Pattern: Moses Didn't Improvise**

God didn't hand Moses a sketch and say, "Make something pretty." He said, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount" (Hebrews 8:5). The tabernacle, with all its strange furniture and ceremonies, wasn't artistic expression—it was *architectural obedience*. Moses was shown a heavenly original and told to build an earthy copy.

That means the true Mercy Seat isn't in the wilderness. It's in heaven. The real throne wasn't made of wood overlaid with gold. It's eternal, uncreated, radiant, and occupied by One who is both *judge* and *justifier*.

And here's the next shocker: Jesus Christ didn't place His blood on an earthly Mercy Seat. Hebrews 9:24 says He entered *not* into the holy places made with hands, but "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

The blood of bulls and goats only *covered* sin temporarily. The blood of Jesus *cleansed* sin permanently—because it was applied to the *real* Mercy Seat.

## **V. Mercy and Law: Twin Pillars of the Throne**

Psalm 89:14 says: "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face." God's throne is built on law and stabilized by mercy. Remove either one and the throne collapses.

- Without justice, God is not holy.
- Without mercy, God is not approachable.

That's why He didn't lower the law to save man. He didn't ignore it. He covered it with blood. That's the theology of the Mercy Seat. That's the gospel in a box. The law accuses. The blood answers. Grace reigns through righteousness—and only through righteousness (Romans 5:21).

If you preach grace without righteousness, you're not preaching the Bible. You're preaching soft soap, greasy forgiveness, and sentimental slop. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble—but only through the blood at the throne.

## **VI. The Veil: Grace Delayed, Not Denied**

Let's not forget: the Mercy Seat was hidden behind a veil. No Israelite ever saw it. Even the high priest could only enter once a year. Access was limited. God was there—but inaccessible. You know why? The blood of an animal could never open the way *fully*. It could only delay wrath—never *dismiss* it.

But when Jesus died, the veil was torn (Matthew 27:51). Not by man. By God. From the top down. Heaven ripped apart the barrier and said, "Come in. The price is paid."

That's why Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace." Why? Because the blood of Jesus is not symbolic—it's sufficient. It's applied. It's accepted. And the Mercy Seat is no longer guarded by curtains and priests. It's open to sinners who believe.

## **VII. The Mercy Seat and the Empty Tomb**

Here's something people miss: on Resurrection morning, when Mary looked into the empty tomb, what did she see? Two angels sitting—one at the head and one at the feet—where the body of Jesus had lain (John 20:12). That's not an accident. That's the heavenly pattern revealed on earth.

The *true Mercy Seat* wasn't a gold lid. It was the body of Jesus Christ, broken for sinners. The angels at the tomb were positioned like the cherubim over the Mercy Seat. And what was between them? Blood—not animal blood, but God's own blood (Acts 20:28).

That's why salvation is not a ritual. It's a throne-room reality.

## **Conclusion: The Throne of Grace Has Always Been a Throne of Blood**

The Ark, the Mercy Seat, the veil, the blood—they were not Israel's religion. They were God's revelation. The earthly shadow of a heavenly throne. A throne that administers grace through blood, not through law. A throne where God meets man, not because man climbed up, but because *God came down*.

And that's the pattern. From Exodus to Revelation. From Sinai to Calvary. From the Ark to the Empty Tomb. The throne remains, and the invitation stands:

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy..."  
(Hebrews 4:16)

But don't misunderstand—there is no grace where there is no blood. No mercy where there is no covering. No access where there is no faith.

The Mercy Seat is not just a relic. It's a revelation of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, the High Priest of heaven, the blood that speaks better things than Abel, and the One who sits upon the throne—*forever*.

#### **4 of 20: The Vision of Isaiah – Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Key Passage: Isaiah 6:1–5 — “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...”*

#### **Introduction: A Prophet Meets the King**

Before Isaiah preached a single sermon... before he thundered warnings to kings and princes... before he delivered prophecies filled with Messianic mystery... he saw something that shattered him to the core. Not a dream. Not a symbol. Not a theological abstraction. A *throne*. And not just any throne. The one that was high—and *lifted up*. The *real* throne. The eternal throne. The throne of the Lord God Almighty.

The year was a crisis-year. King Uzziah—Judah’s longest reigning monarch—was dead. The nation was politically rocked. The people were spiritually dry. And in that moment of national uncertainty, God didn’t give Isaiah an opinion poll or a motivational pep-talk. God gave Isaiah a vision of Himself.

That vision wasn’t soft. It wasn’t soothing. It wasn’t “gentle Jesus meek and mild.” It was cataclysmic. Terrifying. Overwhelming. A blast of glory that exposed the lies in Isaiah’s heart and the filth of Israel’s condition. It flattened him. Convicted him. Cleansed him. Commissioned him.

You and I will never preach right, pray right, or live right until we see—really see—the throne of God as Isaiah did. Because if there’s one truth the modern church cannot tolerate, it is this: *God is holy—blindingly, terrifyingly holy—and He expects repentance before ministry.*

#### **I. The Throne Seen: “High and Lifted Up”**

Isaiah 6:1 begins with a death. “In the year that king Uzziah died...” Uzziah was a great king—until he wasn’t. Pride consumed him. He walked into the temple to burn incense (a priest’s job), and God struck him with leprosy (2 Chronicles 26:16–21). He died an outcast, and the throne of Israel was left empty.

But look how it starts: *the earthly king died... the heavenly King was still seated*. There is no succession crisis in heaven. No rebellion ever rattles God’s throne. It is *established of old* (Psalm 93:2). Uzziah is dead. God is not. A good reminder for anyone trusting in presidents, popes, pastors, or politicians.

And there He sits: “high and lifted up.” That’s not a metaphor. That’s location. The throne of God isn’t on the hill of Rome or the rock of Mecca. It isn’t in temples, mosques, or

megachurches. It is above them all. Visible only to the pure in heart. Accessible only through blood.

Isaiah didn't imagine God. He *saw* Him. And the sight shook him to his soul.

## II. The Seraphim: Worship with Fire in Their Wings

Isaiah saw more than a throne. He saw six-winged beings—*seraphim*. The word means “burning ones.” Not cartoon angels with halos. Not children with harps. But blazing, holy, blinding creatures whose presence would drop every man on earth to his face in terror.

How are they described?

- **Two wings cover their face.**  
Even perfect angels can't look fully upon God.
- **Two wings cover their feet.**  
The holiest creatures still cover themselves before the holiness of God.
- **Two wings fly.**  
They move with purpose. They don't float. They burn with action and adoration.

And what do they say? Not chant. Not whisper. Not mumble. They *cry*:

“Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.” (Isaiah 6:3)

They don't shout “love, love, love” or “grace, grace, grace” or “welcome, welcome, welcome.” Their eternal anthem is holiness. Because love without holiness is sentiment. Grace without holiness is corruption. Welcome without holiness is blasphemy.

Holiness is who God is. Grace is what He gives.

## III. Shaking Foundations and Smoke-Filled Halls

Next, the very foundations of the temple shake “at the voice of him that cried” (Isaiah 6:4). Think of that. One seraph raises his voice—and the pillars quake. What does that tell you about the One being worshipped?

His presence generates trembling. His glory generates smoke. His holiness demands distance. You don't “enter the presence” of this God and take a selfie. You don't casually stroll into this throne room with skinny jeans and a latte.

You either fall in worship—or die in your sins.

God is not a buddy. He is not a life coach. He is not the universe's emotional support deity. He is the great "I AM" who dwelleth "in the light which no man can approach unto" (1 Timothy 6:16). He sits on a throne surrounded by fire and lightning—and yet, this same God invites sinners to draw near through Jesus Christ.

Do you see the contrast? Holiness without mercy destroys. Mercy without holiness deceives. But at the throne—both are present. And both are perfect.

#### **IV. Isaiah's Response: Woe Is Me**

Verse 5 is a death-sentence confession:

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips..."

Isaiah—a prophet, a preacher, a patriot—doesn't fall back on his ministry, his morality, or his religious pedigree. One glimpse of God, and he knows: "I deserve hell."

Why the lips? Because the mouth is the megaphone of the soul (Matthew 12:34). If the lips are unclean, the heart is filthy. Isaiah doesn't justify himself. He doesn't explain himself. He doesn't try to negotiate. He confesses. And God *always* meets repentance with grace.

Which brings us to...

#### **V. The Cleansing Coal: From Altar to Mouth**

One of the seraphim flies to the altar—the *place of sacrifice*—grabs a live coal, and presses it to Isaiah's lips.

Not a gentle touch. Not a dab with linen. A burning coal. A hot stone. Painful purging. Holy cleansing. Grace with fire.

And what does the angel say?

"Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." (Isaiah 6:7)

That's salvation.

But don't miss this: the coal didn't purify in the *temple*. It purified from the *altar*. No one is saved by worship without sacrifice. No one is cleaned by singing hymns or holding candles. Salvation only comes by blood-stained flame from the place of atonement.

For Isaiah, that was symbolic. For you—it's the cross. The coal that touched Isaiah's mouth was a preview of the blood that would touch your soul.

## **VI. The Throne Calls for Service**

Once Isaiah is cleansed, suddenly he hears a voice—not from the angel, but from the throne:

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

God doesn’t call unclean vessels into ministry. He cleans them first. There is no calling before cleansing. Isaiah couldn’t preach until he had been purged. Modern preaching has reversed this—we send men before we sanctify them.

Isaiah’s response is simple: “Here am I; send me.”

Not, “I’ve always felt called.” Not, “Let me finish seminary.” Not, “Let me figure out my strengths.” He simply goes where the throne sends. He preaches what the throne declares. And he does so with a coal-scorched mouth.

Every preacher worth his salt has a coal story. A moment when God seared the pride out of him and made his speech a vessel of grace and truth.

## **VII. The Vision of the Throne Is the Fuel of Ministry**

Isaiah preached for nearly 50 years after this moment. He warned kings. He announced judgment. He proclaimed Christ’s birth (Isaiah 7:14), death (53:5), resurrection (53:10), and return (63:1–4). What sustained him through mockery, rejection, and martyrdom?

Not ego. Not talent. Not personality. But a vision.

He had looked upon the throne. He had seen the King. And once you’ve seen that, there’s no turning back.

## **Conclusion: You Can’t Preach Around the Throne**

If you want revival, don’t preach about politics. Don’t preach about potential. Preach the throne of God—*high and lifted up*. Preach His holiness until men tremble. Preach His mercy until they weep. Preach His grace until they bow.

Because once a church sees God—*really* sees Him—sin is exposed. Lips are cleansed. Hearts are broken. And men are sent.

Isaiah didn't get a new strategy. He got a new sight. And it wrecked him—in the best way. May God give us the same.

## **5 of 20: The Son at the Right Hand**

*Key Passage: Hebrews 1:3 — “..when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

### **Introduction: The Throne Has a Son — and He's Sitting**

Let's set the record straight: Jesus Christ is *not* still hanging helplessly on a cross. He is not trapped in a manger. He's not pacing the golden streets of heaven wringing His hands in worry. He is **seated** — not anywhere — but at the *right hand of the Majesty on high*.

The Book of Hebrews doesn't open with a baby in swaddling clothes or a bleeding Lamb. It opens with a *King-Priest* seated in glory. His work *finished*, His place *secured*, His authority *unquestioned*. And that one verse in Hebrews 1:3 detonates a thousand heresies — from Roman altars to Mormon fantasies, from Jehovah's Witness reductions to liberal denials.

Christ is not waiting to be enthroned. He is enthroned. He is not aspiring to divinity. He is divine. He is not at the side of God as an assistant, apprentice, or advisor. He is the **right hand** — the seat of power, the position of honor, the embodiment of all authority, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father.

Let's break this down. This isn't dry doctrine. This is fuel for faith. Fire for worship. Assurance for the believer. And deathblow for anyone trying to demote Christ.

### **I. Who Sits at the Right Hand? Not an Angel, Not a Man Alone**

Hebrews starts swinging from verse 1. Jesus is “better than the angels” (Heb. 1:4). Why? Because no angel ever sat at the right hand of God. No angel is called “Son.” No angel ever purged a single sin. And God never said to an angel, “Sit thou at my right hand” (Heb. 1:13).

And don't miss this — **no man** in his natural state could ever sit there, either. fallen and finite. Even the greatest saints — Enoch, Abraham, David, Paul — all fall on their faces before the throne. But Jesus? He *sits*.

Why? Because He's not just man. He is the **God-Man** — fully human in His suffering, fully divine in His exaltation. As Son of Man He bore our sin. As Son of God He bore it *away*. And then *sat down*.

That's significant. In the Old Testament tabernacle, there were no chairs. No benches. No relaxation room. You know why? Because the work of the priest was never done. Sin wasn't purged — it was only *covered*, temporarily.

But when Jesus cried, "It is finished," He wasn't blowing smoke. His sacrifice was sufficient. His blood was accepted. His victory was final. And so — *He sat down*.

## II. The Right Hand — The Throne Beside the Throne

Let's clear something up: this isn't a "junior throne." The right hand isn't a lesser seat for a sub-deity. The term "right hand" in Hebrew thought is the position of **ultimate co-authority**. It signifies equal rule, shared glory, unified will.

Psalms 110:1 — quoted over 20 times in the NT — says:

"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

There's no mistaking it... That's the Father speaking to the Son. That's Jehovah inviting Adonai to rule. That's God offering God a seat. Wrap your mind around it. David called someone "my Lord" who *wasn't* the Father. Who was that? The *Christ*, said Jesus (Matthew 22:41–46).

So let the cults grind their teeth. Let the heretics stutter and sweat. Jesus is not "a god." He is not "a creation." He is not "a firstborn creature." He is the *express image of God's person* (Heb. 1:3), and "in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9).

When He sits, God sits.

## III. The Work Finished — The Man Glorified

Hebrews 1:3 says:

"when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down..."

Three glorious truths explode right here:

1. **He purged our sins.**

Not covered. Not postponed. **Purged.** Our sins aren't floating in heavenly limbo. They're gone — legally removed, eternally forgiven, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

2. **He did it by Himself.**

No human priest. No religious system. No sacrament. No co-redeemer. *By Himself.* If Jesus didn't finish your salvation, you're damned. And if He *did* finish it — you're free. Gloriously free.

3. **He sat down.**

Not because He was tired — but because He was triumphant. You don't sit down when work is waiting. You sit when work is done.

Are you getting this? The throne is not the *goal* of redemption. It's the *proof* of redemption. Christ didn't sit down until sin was purged, hell was broken, death was defeated, and the law was satisfied. The sitting *celebrates the finished work.*

#### **IV. What Is Christ Doing Now? More Than You Think**

Christ is seated — but not silent. His exaltation is not celestial retirement. He sits *actively* in three roles:

- **High Priest:** “He ever liveth to make intercession” (Heb. 7:25). The wounds He bears before the throne are your plea in heaven's court. That's why you don't need a priest on earth. You have One in glory.
- **King of Kings:** “He must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet” (1 Cor. 15:25). His reign is not future-only. He's ruling *now*. Over empires. Over history. Over demons. Over death.
- **Head of the Church:** “He is the head of the body” (Col. 1:18). The church is not run from Rome, or Nashville, or Salt Lake — but from heaven. All power flows from the seated Christ to His Body on earth.

So stop acting like you're down here alone. You're connected to the throne. When you pray, your voice echoes in heaven. When you preach, the King empowers your words. When you're persecuted, the Sovereign schedules payback.

#### **V. The Right Hand and the Coming Judgment**

Let this hit you: the same Christ who sits at the right hand as Priest, will stand as Judge. Stephen saw Him *standing* (Acts 7:55). That's courtroom posture. That's decision time. That's judgment ready to fall. And one day soon — all heaven and earth will flee from His face (Revelation 20:11).

But now — right now — He offers *grace*. The throne of judgment is not open yet. The throne of grace is. That's why Hebrews 4:16 says:

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace...”

You don't beg at the door. You don't bow to saints. You *come boldly*. Why? Because the Son is seated — and you're seated *with Him* (Eph. 2:6). The right hand is not just positional. It's relational.

## **VI. The Right Hand — The End of Religion**

Let's get practical. If Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand...

- Religion is useless.  
You can't improve on His work. You can't add to His blood. You can't replace His sacrifice with rituals.
- Purgatory is nonsense.  
Christ didn't sit down before finishing your cleansing — He sat down *because it was finished*.
- Priests are obsolete.  
Why crawl to a confessional when you can walk into glory? The true High Priest isn't behind a curtain — He's *on a throne*.
- Mary is unneeded.  
If Christ is seated, intercession is His domain. He doesn't subcontract prayer to His mother.

Every doctrine that demotes Christ or decentralizes the throne is hell-born heresy.

## **VII. The Son Seated — But Not Forever**

For all His sitting, there's a moment coming when He'll stand. Revelation 19:11 says “heaven opened,” and a white horse appears. The seated Lamb rises as the Conquering

Lion. The One who sat to intercede will stand to *intervene*. The right hand will yield a right hook — against the nations, against the devil, against death itself.

And when the smoke clears — He'll still sit. But this time, on the **throne of David** (Luke 1:32–33), reigning visibly over earth. No more scoffing atheists. No more stubborn rebels. No more counterfeit kings. Just the King of Kings — and His redeemed.

### **Conclusion: Sit Down — Because He Sat Down**

What does it mean that the Son is seated? Everything.

- You can rest — because your salvation is secure.
- You can worship — because the One you praise reigns supreme.
- You can preach — because the One you serve has all power.
- You can endure — because your life is hidden with Christ in God.

You cannot dethrone Him. You cannot demote Him. You cannot delay Him.

He is seated — because the work is done.

He is at the right hand — because the crown is His.

He is Lord — because there is no other.

And one day soon, the world will answer to the seated One.

He sat down.

Will you bow down?

### **6 of 20: Grace Made Possible – The Torn Veil**

*Key Passage: Hebrews 4:14–16 — “Seeing then that we have a great high priest... let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace...”*

### **Introduction: From Closed Curtains to Open Access**

There was a time when God could not be approached—not by the holiest man alive, not by the most devout worshipper, not by the most fervent saint. There was a time when the

presence of God was *lethal*. When one crack in the ritual, one misstep in the ceremony, one fibrous thread pulled the wrong way—and the man who dared even *think* about entering God’s presence fell dead under the wrath of a thrice-holy King.

That time... was all of human history before the cross.

But now, because of one torn veil, the door stands open. The God who thundered on Sinai now whispers, “Come.” The throne before which seraphim veil their faces now invites sinners to draw near. And it’s all because of Christ—one Man, one Sacrifice, one Priest, one torn veil.

This essay isn’t just about a curtain in the temple. It’s about the most radical change in redemptive history: the moment when grace stopped being a promise and became a *passcode*. A passcode into the holiest place in the universe—the throne of grace.

## I. Before the Torn Veil: God at a Distance

Let’s start with what the average Israelite experienced in the Old Testament: *separation*. The tabernacle was a massive “Do Not Enter” sign wrapped in curtains, laws, blood, fear, and fire.

Here’s the setup:

- **Outer Court:** Anyone could go here—with proper sacrifice.
- **Holy Place:** Priests only.
- **Holy of Holies:** One priest. Once a year. With blood. And trembling.

And in that inner room—behind that final veil—the **glory of God rested**. The Mercy Seat. The cherubim. The presence. The Shekinah. But no one *saw* it. No one *touched* it. They could only imagine it... and fear it.

And that veil said one thing loudly and clearly:

“God is here. You are not welcome.”

Why? Not because God was cruel—but because man was guilty. Sin makes access *unsafe*. You want to know how bad your sin is? Look at the veil. It took inches of fabric, forty feet high, embroidered with cherubim, to keep you from dying in the presence of your Maker.

Religion—no matter how impressive—could not bridge that gap. Ceremony could not tear the veil. Law could not pull back the curtain. Only blood could do it—but not animal blood. Not yearly blood.

Eternal blood.

## II. The Great High Priest: Heaven's Final Mediator

Hebrews 4:14 introduces Jesus not just as a priest—but as a **great high priest**. A title no Old Testament priest ever held. Aaron never sat at God's right hand. Eli never offered a perfect sacrifice. Caiaphas never tore the veil. But Jesus did all of that—and more.

Let's be clear:

- A priest stands between God and man.
- A high priest stands alone, once a year, with blood.
- A **great high priest** walks into the real Most Holy Place—not with animal blood, but with His own.

Jesus is not just *in heaven*. He *passed through the heavens* (Heb. 4:14). He didn't sneak in. He didn't tiptoe into God's presence hoping for mercy. He walked in *as the beloved Son*, carrying the full merit of His righteousness and the full payment of His blood.

He wasn't stopped. He wasn't questioned. He wasn't rejected. He was *received*. And accepted.

Because when Christ entered heaven as High Priest, He wasn't representing Himself.

He was representing *you*.

## III. The Torn Veil: A Divine Rent Receipt

Matthew 27:51 says:

“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom...”

Not from the bottom to the top—as if man clawed his way in. *From the top to the bottom*. God did it. Heaven ripped apart earth's barrier. And what did it reveal? Not the wrath of God—but the *way to God*.

Here was the visible sign that everything had changed.

- Law: Fulfilled.
- Sacrifice: Offered.

- Priesthood: Replaced.
- Access: Granted.

You don't need a temple. You don't need a priesthood. You don't need a ritual. You don't need to wait for a special day of atonement. The day the veil tore, grace stopped being a future hope and became a present reality.

The throne of God—the one Isaiah trembled before, the one Daniel saw blazing with fire, the one from which judgment will fall—*became the throne of grace*.

And the call is simple:

“Come boldly.”

#### **IV. Boldness: The Scandal of Grace**

Now let's slow down and let this sink in:

**God commands boldness.** Not arrogance. Not flippancy. But *boldness*.

Religion says: “Crawl.”

Grace says: “Come.”

Religion says: “Try harder.”

Grace says: “It's finished.”

Religion says: “Maybe one day you'll be worthy.”

Grace says: “The worthy One already came.”

You don't come boldly because of who *you* are. You come boldly because of who *He* is.

And don't let anyone intimidate you with “reverence” that denies grace. True reverence bows low *as it comes near*. False reverence stays far away and calls its fear “humility.”

God didn't rip the veil so we could admire the architecture. He ripped it so **sinners could walk in**.

#### **V. The Throne of Grace: Not a Couch of Comfort, But a Court of Authority**

Let's talk about this throne. The Bible doesn't say “room of grace,” or “altar of grace,” or “sofa of grace.” It says *throne*.

Meaning:

- God still rules.
- God still judges.
- God still commands.

The difference is this: the throne that once spelled *judgment* now offers *mercy* — because the Judge became the Sacrifice.

Grace isn't God ignoring sin. Grace is God *paying* for sin—so He can be both “just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26).

So when you pray, don't picture a therapist on a couch. Picture a King on a throne—who beckons you forward and says:

“Ask... that you may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

That word “help” in Greek means *reinforcement*. Grace doesn't just forgive you—it fortifies you. It doesn't just wipe your slate—it strengthens your soul.

## **VI. The Veil Torn—But Not Removed**

Let's be theologically precise: the veil is *torn* — not *gone*. What does that mean? It means the presence of God is *available*, but not automatic. No one runs into heaven's throne room without blood and faith.

Grace is free—but not cheap. Mercy is offered—but not imposed. The torn veil does not let rebels waltz in—it invites the repentant to draw near.

Hebrews 10:19–22 makes it plain:

- “Boldness to enter... by the blood of Jesus.”
- “A new and living way... through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.”
- “Let us draw near... in full assurance of faith.”

In other words, the veil was Christ's flesh torn for you. His death was your doorway. His body, broken, was the curtain torn.

You enter through Him—or you don't enter at all.

## **VII. The Priesthood of Christ: Once for All, Forever in Effect**

There is no need for another priest. No need for another sacrifice. No need for another mediator. Christ is both *the way* and *the welcome*.

When Roman Catholicism teaches a repeated sacrifice on the altar, that's blasphemy against the torn veil. When Mormonism teaches that you must obey eternal laws to ascend, that's an insult to the seated Christ. When any religious system tells you to "do more," it denies that Christ did *enough*.

Hebrews 7:25 is definitive:

"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him..."

To the uttermost. From sin. From wrath. From hell. From dead religion.

### **Conclusion: Bold Access for Broken People**

Let's simplify this for the heart:

- If you're guilty — there's mercy.
- If you're weak — there's grace.
- If you're unsure — there's help.
- If you're alone — there's a throne.

And the invitation still stands:

"Come boldly."

Not because you're clean—but because He cleanses.

Not because you're worthy—but because He was wounded.

Not because you're holy—but because the Holy One brought you near.

The veil is torn.

The blood is on the Mercy Seat.

The throne is now a throne of grace.

So come boldly—or not at all.

## **7 of 20: Throne of Judgment or Grace?**

Key Passage: Romans 14:10 — “...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”

### **Introduction: One Throne—Two Faces**

There’s a throne in heaven—solid, eternal, blazing with glory—and every soul in human history will face it. Whether you’re a king on a marble pedestal, a slave in fields of dust, a priest in stained glass temples, or an atheist in a lab coat of pride—you *are going to stand there*. This throne has no equal. It doesn’t wobble with elections, or rust with time, or bow to threats. It is fixed in sovereignty and flaming in holiness.

But here is the mystery: the same throne that is death to rebels is grace to believers. The same seat that will damn the wicked is the very seat that pardoned you. The same God who sits as Judge will sit as Savior. How do you explain this contradiction? How can one throne give life to one and death to another? The answer hangs on one word—*blood*.

The issue isn't the throne. It’s not its position. It’s not the One who sits on it. What ultimately matters is which *side* of grace you stand on when it’s your turn to kneel before that throne.

### **I. The Throne Defined: One Seat, Two Seasons**

Let’s begin with clarity. Revelation 20 calls it “the great white throne.” Hebrews calls it the “throne of grace.” They are not two different chairs. They are not competing courts. They are the same throne facing two different eras.

- For the believer—it is the **throne of grace**.
- For the unbeliever—it is the **throne of judgment**.

When you come to God *before* death, through the blood of Jesus, you stand before the throne as a child of grace. When you are summoned *after* death, without Christ, you will stand before that same throne as a guilty sinner—and there will be no mercy for the damned.

The dilemma isn’t that God has two faces—it’s that man has two futures, and only one throne governs both.

### **II. The Throne of Grace: Welcome to the Holiest Place**

Hebrews 4:16 says:

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy...”

You want mercy? You want forgiveness? You want help in time of need? There’s only one place you can find it—*at the throne*. You won’t find it in your feelings, your efforts, or your priest. It lies in the literal seat of divine authority—because grace isn’t a concept. It’s an official pardon from the highest seat in the universe.

The world doesn’t understand grace because it doesn’t understand the throne. They want grace without a King. Mercy without majesty. Forgiveness without sacrifice. But the Bible will have none of that. Christ didn’t die to make God “relatable.” He died to make you *redeemable*.

The throne of grace isn’t cheap. It’s blood-bought. Every ounce of mercy you receive cost Jesus His life. Every prayer you utter in Jesus’ name echoes through a court only opened by crucifixion.

### **III. The Judgment Seat of Christ: Accountability for Saints**

Now hold on before we get too comfortable. Grace does not cancel accountability. Romans 14:10 says we “shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.” That’s written to believers. That’s you, Church.

This is not the Great White Throne. This is not about salvation. This is about *service*. This is about *reward*. This is the moment your Christian life will be audited—not for condemnation, but for compensation.

You say, “I’m saved by grace.” Yes, you are. But what did grace *produce* in you? Did it produce obedience? Sacrifice? Worship? Or laziness? Worldliness? Wasted potential?

2 Corinthians 5:10 says:

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body...”

Your hidden motives will be revealed. Your secret sacrifices will be rewarded. Your careless living will be burned away like wood, hay, and stubble. You could enter heaven a millionaire in inheritance—and walk out bankrupt in reward.

Don’t confuse salvation with worth. Salvation is free. Reward is earned.

#### **IV. The Great White Throne: Final Judgment for the Lost**

Now let's talk terror. Revelation 20:11–12 describes a throne from which “earth and the heaven fled away.” No rainbow. No mercy seat. No cherubim adorning. Just a white light of holy justice—and the dead, small and great, standing in line for sentence.

No defense lawyer. No second chance. No cross in sight. Why? Because this is not the time for grace. Grace was offered. Grace was rejected. This is the time for *truth*. “Books were opened,” and every deed, every lie, every lust, every theft, every blasphemy is read before the court.

Your grandmother won't sweet-talk this Judge. Your excuses won't outwit Him. Your good works won't outweigh your sin. Your tears won't stop His verdict.

“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

That is the same God. The same throne. The same holiness. Different moment. Different outcome. For the unbeliever, there is no grace beyond the grave.

#### **V. What Determines the Difference? The Cross You Cling To**

The same throne offers either grace or judgment. The dividing line is Jesus Christ.

You want grace? You'd better know the Lamb. You'd better bow while the invitation stands. You'd better come while His wounds still speak mercy.

God doesn't change when you stand before Him. *You* change. Or don't. Either you approach that throne covered in blood—or you walk in naked in your sin.

The cross decides whether that throne is your refuge or your ruin.

- The blood says “**forgiven.**”
- The absence of blood says “**guilty.**”

That's it. You either get judged in Christ—or judged without Him. You either meet a Father—or you face a Judge.

#### **VI. The Role of Mercy and Justice: Twin Pillars of the Throne**

Psalms 89:14 says:

“Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.”

Notice the structure:

- The throne is built on **justice**.
- The path to the throne is **mercy**.

Grace doesn't erase the Law—it satisfies it. Mercy doesn't deny sin—it pays for it. Christ didn't beg God to go easy on you—He became the Lamb that God slew *instead* of you.

So when you stand before the throne, you don't want justice. You want *mercy given legally* through the blood of the Lamb.

Grace is not God ignoring justice. Grace is God fulfilling justice so *He can offer mercy*.

## **VII. Your Appointment with the Throne: Inescapable, Inexorable**

Everyone wants heaven. No one wants judgment. But the Bible says, “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). You don't get to skip that appointment. You don't get to reschedule. You don't get to dodge the summons.

One day, your lungs will stop, and your heart will quit, and your eyes will see the One who made you. And the first thing you'll notice is not the streets of gold. It's not your loved ones waiting at the gate. It's the *throne*—high, lifted up, unshaken, unavoidable.

You'll either walk toward it with boldness because Christ went before you...

Or you'll be dragged toward it in terror because you stood against Him.

Either way—you're going.

## **Conclusion: Grace Now, Judgment Later — Choose While You Can**

The same throne offers two futures:

- **A throne of grace—now**
- **A throne of judgment—later**

And time is the only difference between the two.

Today, the throne is open. The blood still speaks. The message still stands: “Come unto me.”

But one day—the throne will stand alone, the books will open, and grace will be over.

So the question isn’t “Will you face the throne?” The question is—

### **Which throne will you face?**

Either a Father saying “Well done”...

Or a Judge saying “Depart from me.”

It all depends on this—

Have you bowed your knee...

*before the throne of grace?*

## **8 of 20: The Throne in Heaven – Revelation Unveiled**

*Key Passage: Revelation 4:2-6 — “And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne...”*

### **Introduction: The Door Swings Open – Heaven Reveals Its Centerpiece**

John wasn’t invited into Heaven to tour the mansions. He wasn’t called up to inspect the streets of gold or stroll the glassy sea. The voice from beyond the veil didn’t cry, “Come up hither and look at the New Jerusalem’s architecture!” No — the first thing Heaven showed a mortal man was *a throne*. And not just a throne — but *the* throne. The throne of thrones. The central, cosmic control seat of eternity.

It was set — immovable, unshakable, untouchable. While thrones on earth crumble and crowns collect dust in museums, this one never budes, never breaks, never bends to strife or time. This throne is the epicenter of eternity — and everything that follows in Revelation explodes out of it. Every seal. Every trumpet. Every vial. Every victory. Every vindicated saint and every crushed rebel is a result of what happens from *this throne*.

No man alive has ever seen what John saw — not with mortal eyes. And if you ever want to understand eternity, the gospel, judgment, worship, or the very essence of God, you better follow John into that open door... and stare hard at what sits beyond it.

## I. Caught Up to See the Unseeable

Revelation 4:2 starts with shock:

“And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven...”

John didn’t walk. He didn’t climb. He didn’t meditate. He was *pulled*. Yanked out of time into eternity. Body still on earth. Soul in the judgment hall of God. And what did he see? Not elders. Not angels. Not harps or glass. Those come later. The *first* thing he saw was a *throne*.

Because Heaven doesn’t revolve around angels or apostles or saints or mansions or crowns. It revolves around a throne and the One who sits on it.

And don’t miss this: the throne is **already there**. It’s not being built. It’s not being prepared. It’s *set*. That’s the word — “set in heaven.” Permanent. Positioned. Presiding. You don’t vote it in. You don’t tear it down. You don’t question its jurisdiction.

It is the one unshakable reality in the universe.

## II. The One Who Sat – Beyond Description, Yet Revealed

John says, “and one sat on the throne.” Who? No name is given yet. No features described. Only *glory*. Only *appearance*. Only *majesty*.

He tries to describe Him:

“...he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone”

Not a face. Not a form. A *light*. A refraction. A blazing unity of red (sardine) and crystal (jasper). Judgment and purity. Wrath and righteousness. Justice and holiness projected through gemstones.

What’s missing? Personality? Gender? No. God is not a light beam floating on a chair. That’s the *glory* of a Person — the same glory that Moses could not behold without death (Ex. 33:20). The same God who dwelt in unapproachable light — is now being *seen* by a redeemed man. But only as light through stone. Vision through cloud. Mystery through color.

That’s what holiness looks like when translated through human vision.

## III. An Emerald Rainbow – Covenant in the Courtroom

“And there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.”

(Revelation 4:3)

What’s a rainbow doing here? Isn’t that a sign for the earth? Yes — it’s a sign that God will not destroy the world with water again. The bow is *His*. A reminder of *grace* — hanging in the courtroom of *judgment*. You want a picture of divine balance? There it is. The One who judges is the One who remembers mercy.

But this rainbow isn’t multicolored. It’s emerald. Green. Life. Renewal. Spring. Like light shining through the green glow of eternity. It doesn’t arch across the sky — it *encircles* the throne. Grace doesn’t stand beside judgment. Grace surrounds it.

That means this: when you approach this throne — even in awe and trembling — you always pass through *covenant grace*.

Without that rainbow — that eternal covenant — no angel could sing, no elder could cast crowns, no saint could walk into the Holiest. The rainbow surrounds heaven’s authority like a halo of undeserved favor.

#### **IV. Lightning, Thunder, and Voices – The Raw Power of the Throne**

Verse 5:

“And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices...”

This is no quiet cathedral. No stained-glass sanctuary. The throne is a storm. A hurricane of divine authority, erupting with electrical judgment. Lightning declares God’s speed. Thunder echoes His voice. Voices hurl His decrees.

The same God who shook Sinai with smoke and fire now shakes the universe with unseen power. Every judgment Jesus casts in Revelation flows from here. Every seal broken. Every star falling. Every plague unleashed. All because the throne has spoken.

No man interrupts this throne.

No parliament vetoes this voice.

No devil overrules this judgment.

If you can handle this truth—you’re ready for Revelation. Everything downstream flows from the lightning at the throne.

## **V. The Sea of Glass – Peace Before Power**

Verse 6 adds another detail:

“And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal...”

What’s this? Not water — glass. A solid, flawless sea. No ripple. No wave. No storm. Total tranquility.

That’s the paradox of God. Lightning above. Stillness below. Rage and rest. Chaos and calm. Judgments like fire — and a peace like crystal flooring His authority.

That’s what the blood of Jesus made possible. For you to stand where angels fall. For sinners to walk where lightning strikes. For redemption to silence condemnation.

God’s wrath is real — but so is His rest. The throne gives both. Grace opens the door — judgment enforces the line. And the sea of glass is where washed sinners will stand forever — surrounded by power, but held by peace.

## **VI. Four Living Creatures – Worship on Fire**

Verse 6 introduces four beings:

“full of eyes before and behind.”

Not statues. Not dancers. *Creators of flame*. Living cherubim. Covered in sight. Unceasing in song. Four faces — lion, calf, man, eagle — creation represented in perpetual worship, crying:

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

You think God needs a worship service? These beings don’t *start* or *stop* singing. They burn worship. They broadcast holiness. They fuel eternity with praise. And whenever they worship, the 24 elders respond, casting crowns at the throne (Rev. 4:10–11).

Because here’s the truth: the closer you get to the throne, the less you cling to your crowns. No ego survives heaven. No title competes with glory. No self-exaltation survives the light of that jasper-and-sardine One.

Worship isn’t a style—it’s a surrender.

## **VII. The Throne: Revelation’s Starting Line and Ending Point**

Before one seal is broken... before one trumpet blows... before the Beast rises or the Lamb returns...

God shows us the **throne**.

Revelation is not the Book of the Antichrist. It's the Book of the **King**. The King who sits before He judges. The King who reigns before He returns. The King who writes the future with lightning from His throne.

And when all is said and done — the throne remains.

“And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.” (Rev. 21:5)

Not angels. Not man. Not Israel. Not the church.

The One on the throne.

The center of heaven. The source of worship. The end of rebellion. The fountain of grace. The furnace of judgment.

Every knee shall bow.

Every tongue confess.

Every sinner be judged — or forgiven — before that throne.

### **Conclusion: Can You Handle the Throne?**

You can preach about heaven all day — but until you talk about the throne, you're just describing scenery.

You can sing about grace until your voice is gone — but until you see the lightning, you don't understand who *gave* that grace.

You can read Revelation like a mystery novel — but until you see the seated One, you've missed the plot entirely.

The throne is the message.

The throne is the center.

The throne is coming.

The question isn't if you'll face it.

The question is this—

**Will you meet the throne as Judge? Or as Father?**

One throne. Two outcomes.

Decide now.

## **9 of 20: The Lamb in the Midst of the Throne**

*Key Passage: Revelation 5:6 — “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne... stood a Lamb as it had been slain...”*

### **Introduction: The Lion We Expect... The Lamb We See**

Heaven opens. The throne of God blazes with unapproachable glory. Thunder rolls. Lightning flashes. Angelic beings declare His worth. The 24 elders bow in endless worship. And in the midst of that unimaginable cosmic majesty—John sees something no mortal ever expected: a *Lamb*.

Not a roaring Lion (not yet). Not a blazing Judge (not yet). Not a conquering King (not yet). But a Lamb. And not just a Lamb—a *Lamb as it had been slain*.

That’s not symbolic poetry. John didn’t see a cute, white farm animal grazing in the fields of glory. He saw a Lamb with *wounds*. Marked by slaughter. Bearing the trauma of sacrifice. The skull-crushing, hell-shattering, sin-bearing Lamb of God—alive, but forever scarred. Standing, yet slaughtered. Exalted, yet crucified.

Christ does not hide His wounds in heaven. He broadcasts them. Not as reminders of tragedy—but as *trophies* of victory. They’re not symbols of defeat—they’re signatures of salvation. The Lamb in the midst of the throne is the greatest revelation in Scripture: it proves that God won the universe with *blood*, not bullets—*mercy*, not militancy.

The Lamb is not before the throne. Not beside the throne. Not near the throne. But “*in the midst of the throne*.”

Because mercy is not secondary to judgment.

Grace is not the prelude.

The Lamb is the center.

### **I. The Slain Lamb Standing: Death Reversed, Victory Revealed**

Revelation 5 opens with a crisis in heaven: a sealed scroll in the right hand of the One on the throne. No one can open it. No one is worthy. No angel. No prophet. No king. No apostle. All creation stands silent—and John weeps.

Then it happens:

“Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda... hath prevailed...”

John turns—and sees... **a Lamb.**

Why? Because the victory of the Lion came *through* the death of the Lamb. Before Christ ever sits to judge the world, He stands as the Lamb who *bled* for the world.

Death was His battlefield. Humility was His weapon. The cross was His conquest. His wounds are His credentials.

He wasn't resurrected into forgetfulness. He rose *with scars*. Not because God forgot to heal Him. But because the wounds preach louder in heaven than any angel ever could.

The Lamb stands in heaven because the work of redemption didn't *weaken* God—it *revealed* Him.

## **II. The Lamb in the Midst: The Throne Is Red-Stained**

Let's take this slowly. The Lamb is not merely near the throne. He is *in the midst* of the throne. The location matters. Because the Lamb does not assist in redemption. The Lamb *is* redemption. He does not borrow authority from the throne—He *shares* it.

This destroys false doctrine:

- Christ is not a part-time Redeemer and full-time King.
- He is not a sin-bearer in history and a monarch in eternity.
- He is the Lamb *King*. The slain *Sovereign*.

Why is this important? Because God doesn't *set aside* justice to show grace. God fulfills justice *with* grace through the Lamb.

The Lamb sits where previously only holy judgment sat. Meaning this: the only reason the throne became a throne of grace is because its Judge became a Sacrifice.

The throne didn't change.

The Lamb *claimed* it.

## **III. The Book and the Worthy One: No Plan Without the Lamb**

Revelation 5:1–5 gives us the scene: a scroll sealed with seven seals. Not a scrapbook of prophecy. Not a decorative piece. That scroll is the *title deed* to the universe. Inside are the judgments, victories, and decrees that will restore creation to its rightful King.

And not one being can take it. No cherubim. No archangel. No elder. Not even Gabriel dares touch it. Because this scroll represents universal ownership.

Only One can take it—One worthy by creation (Col. 1:16), and worthy by redemption (Heb. 9:12). The Lion-Lamb steps forward, takes the scroll, and heaven *explodes* in worship.

“Thou art worthy... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood...” (Rev. 5:9)

Christ didn’t win salvation in a heavenly courtroom. He won it on a bloody hill outside Jerusalem. And that’s what makes Him worthy to sit upon the throne and loose the seals.

The Lamb

- The Blood  
= The Ownership of Heaven and Earth

#### **IV. The Seven Horns and Seven Eyes – The Omnipotent, Omniscient Lamb**

Revelation 5:6 says the Lamb has *seven horns* (perfect power) and *seven eyes* (perfect wisdom—“which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth”).

That means this Lamb is not weak. Not helpless. Not timid. He is omnipotent and omniscient. In other words—He doesn’t stay slain. He reigns slain.

That’s the wisdom of God: the One who conquered by dying now rules by rising.

Islam chokes on this. Liberal religion despises it. Cults ignore it. They want a powerful Christ. A conquering Christ. A militant Messiah. But God gives us a *wounded King*—

Because victory that comes without love is tyranny.

#### **V. Worship in Heaven: All Eyes on the Lamb**

The moment the Lamb takes the scroll, worship detonates. First the *four living creatures*, then the *twenty-four elders*, then ten thousand times ten thousand *angels*, and finally “*every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth...*”—they all sing praise:

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain...”

Not “Worthy is the Creator.”

Not “Worthy is the Judge.”

Not “Worthy is the King.”

*Worthy is the Lamb.*

Why? Because the Lamb is the heart of God.

Justice is His throne. Holiness is His nature. But Redemption is His glory.

Heaven does not sing about God’s power. They sing of His *purchase*. They don’t worship Him for His lightning. They worship Him for His love.

That’s why every believer will one day cast their crown at His feet—not out of obligation, but adoration. Because all glory, all victory, all grace was given—not through an army, but a Lamb slain.

## **VI. The Lamb’s Wounds: Heaven’s Only Scars**

No other being in heaven bears scars. Not Elijah. Not Stephen. Not Paul. Not the martyrs. Only *Jesus*.

Why?

Because the eternal reminder of salvation is not a stained-glass window—it’s a scarred Savior.

Those wounds preach louder than every sermon, every psalm, every choir. They are eternal proof that justice was satisfied, wrath was quenched, righteousness was fulfilled, and love was poured out without limit.

When you enter heaven—you won’t see a crucifix. You’ll see a *Crucified One who lives forevermore*.

## **VII. The Lamb is the Lion: The Coming Roar**

Don’t get the idea that Jesus stays in Lamb-mode forever. The Lamb is also the Lion. The One who died will reign. The wounds are for remembrance—the eyes are for judgment, and the horns are for war.

Once He's finished redeeming His own, He'll rise from the midst of the throne as the Lion of Judah—and unleash seal after seal, trumpet after trumpet, vial after vial—and the kings of the earth will beg for the mountains to fall on them.

The Lamb paid for grace.

The Lion will execute justice.

And both sit on the same throne.

### **Conclusion: The Lamb in the Throne—Your Eternal Refuge or Your Eternal Ruin**

The Lamb in the midst of the throne is the greatest picture of God's mind toward man. He's not hiding His wounds. He's offering them.

Today, He is the Lamb who takes your sin.

Tomorrow, He will be the Lion who devours His enemies.

But make no mistake—He is always, and forever, the One on the throne.

So, who is He to you?

- The Lamb who was slain *for you*?
- Or the Lion who will come *for you*?

You decide that here.

He seals the deal there.

### **10 of 20: Sea of Glass – A Type of Judgment Past**

*Key Passage: Revelation 15:2 — “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast... stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”*

### **Introduction: The Calm Before the Conquest**

Imagine standing in the presence of God and seeing a floor that looks like a sea, yet not a drop of water moves. No wave. No ripple. No tide. *Glass*. Solid, smooth, reflective, holy. And mingled with fire—justice that once burned, now frozen in triumph.

The sea of glass is not a poetic oddity. It's not decoration for heaven's hallway. It's one of the most profound, sweeping symbols in all Scripture. It's the *place where judgment is past, and worship begins*. It's the proof that war is over and victory is complete. And those standing on it? The ones who've come through the fire and now stand on God's *finished judgment*.

This is not the Red Sea. This is not the raging waters of Noah. This is not the sea of unrest on earth. This is judgment **already passed through**. Frozen. Solid. Settled. A platform for worship and victory.

The sea of glass is the courtroom floor of heaven where grace triumphs over wrath and the victorious stand on what once threatened to destroy.

## I. A Sea Unlike Any Other

Let's start with the obvious: this isn't water. It isn't liquid. It's like a sea—but it's *glass*. Why call it a sea at all?

Because the Bible consistently uses the sea as a symbol of chaos, judgment, and separation.

- **Genesis 1:2** — The deep waters symbolized a world without form, under judgment and darkness.
- **Exodus 14** — The Red Sea was a barrier between Israel and liberty, judgment for Egypt.
- **Jonah 1** — The sea swallows the prophet under the hand of God's correction.
- **Psalms 46:2–3** — The roaring sea symbolizes the nations in uproar.
- **Revelation 13:1** — The Beast arises out of the sea—humanity in rebellion, surging with sin.

But in Revelation 4 and 15, the sea is no longer violent—it is *glass*. No more roaring waves. No more threatening storms. No more nations raging. No more hostile waters between God and man.

Judgment has been fulfilled.

Chaos has been silenced.

The curse has been conquered.

Those who stand on this sea are not escaping judgment—they have *already passed through* it.

## II. The Mosaic Shadow: Sea of Brass

The sea of glass in heaven has a counterpart on earth: the *brazen sea* in Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 7:23–26). That massive bronze basin in the court was where the priests washed before entering God's presence. Symbol of cleansing. Symbol of separation. Symbol of ceremony before access.

That brazen sea held water.

This heavenly sea holds **no water**—because blood has already washed. Ceremonial cleansing is finished. Priestly washing is complete. The saints who stand there don't bring sacrifices—they bring *songs*.

The earthly sea cleansed feet.

The heavenly sea displays final victory underfoot.

## III. The Fire in the Glass: Judgment Remembered, Not Repeated

Revelation 15:2 says the sea is "*mingled with fire*." Fire in Scripture is the emblem of divine judgment.

- Fire consumed Sodom.
- Fire fell on Elijah's sacrifice.
- Fire will dissolve the heavens (2 Pet. 3:12).

But there's a difference between *active fire* and *frozen fire*.

This fire doesn't burn the saints—it *testified against the wicked*. It tells the story of wrath tasted by One, and avoided by many.

Blood quenched the flame.

Grace cooled the heat.

And now all that remains is the memory of judgment—mingled into the very foundation of heaven’s worship.

Every saint on that glass sea stands as a witness:

“God judged sin — and I passed through in the Lamb!”

#### **IV. Victors on the Glass: Overcomers at Rest**

John sees them on the sea:

“them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image..”

These aren't pew-warmers or passive believers. These are *overcomers*. Tribulation saints who resisted the mark, refused the image, endured the flame—and won.

Not by politics.

Not by protest.

Not by revolt.

But by blood and by faith (Rev. 12:11).

They stand—not on a battlefield, not in a graveyard—but on a sea of judgment already settled.

The same fire that would have consumed them if they’d bowed to the Beast—now reflects their glory in Christ's triumph.

They stand on what once threatened them.

They strum harps on what once symbolized chaos.

Their feet are planted on the testimony of God’s wrath completed—and their song is the *Song of Moses* and the *Song of the Lamb*.

#### **V. From Red Sea to Glass Sea – Same God, Same Deliverance**

The Song of Moses (Rev. 15:3) reaches back to Exodus 15—the celebration of Israel standing on the *other side* of judgment.

They passed through the waters.

Pharaoh sank into them.

God turned chaos into a path for His people—and destruction for His enemies.

That's the sea of glass.

Judgment has been executed.

The enemy is destroyed.

God's people stand on the other side.

The Song of Moses is the first victory song in the Bible.

The Song of the Lamb is the final one.

Same melody of deliverance.

Same theme of substitution.

Same God who brings His people *through*.

The glass sea is heaven's Red Sea—forever calm, forever conquered, forever telling the story of redeemed people standing where enemies once drowned.

## **VI. No More Sea – A Symbol Forever Silenced**

Revelation 21:1 says, "...and there was no more sea."

Why? Because the sea symbolizes separation. Division. Danger. Restlessness. Sinful humanity. And in eternity—there's none of that left.

The wicked face the fire of judgment.

The redeemed stand upon its memory.

And the world to come has *no more sea*. No more storm. No more turmoil. No more chaotic waters of rebellion. No more distance between God and man.

The God who stilled the storm in Galilee has stilled the ultimate storm forever.

## **VII. The Sea of Glass: The Platform of Unchanging Praise**

Let this sink into your soul:

**In eternity, you will stand where judgment once raged.**

Not by your own strength.

Not by your own merit.

But because the Lamb went through the fire, and froze its fury beneath His blood.

The sea of glass is the eternal reminder that:

- Judgment is finished.
- Sin is conquered.
- Grace is eternal.
- Victory is certain.

It's the floor of heaven. The foundation of worship. And the reason no saint ever sings about *himself* — only about *the Lamb*.

Because only He could cross the sea as both Judge and Deliverer.

### **Conclusion: Stand on the Glass—Or Fall Into the Fire**

You will face the fire of God someday. You'll either stand on top of it—or burn beneath it.

You either let Jesus go through the judgment *for you* now—or you'll go through it *without Him* later.

The sea of glass is not an aesthetic—it's a warning.

Judgment is real.

Hell is certain.

But for the blood-washed—it is *finished*.

Today, that sea is a promise.

Tomorrow, it will be a platform.

Either you'll sing on it...

Or you'll scream beneath it.

The choice is made this side of death.

## **11 of 20: The 24 Elders – A Pattern of Priestly Authority**

*Key Passage: 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.”*

### **Introduction: The King’s Inner Court**

You can’t get past two verses into Revelation 4 without being confronted by a mystery: *Who are these 24 elders sitting on thrones, robed in white, crowned in gold, circling the throne of God Himself?* These are not angels. Angels don’t wear crowns. These are not Old Testament saints. Their resurrection hasn’t happened yet in Revelation 4. And they’re not prophets like Moses or David — neither are seen seated and crowned in heaven before the resurrection morning.

So who are they?

Who are these twenty-four enthroned, robed, crowned, worshipping figures who are always in the presence of God, always ready to cast down their rewards, always ready to sing His glory?

They are not just heavenly cheerleaders — they are *heaven’s council*. They are the government around the government. They are symbolic and literal pillars of the eternal priesthood and kingship that God is establishing in His cosmos.

The 24 elders answer a question few Christians even think to ask: *What exactly is heaven doing while all of earth is losing its mind?* The elders show that heaven isn’t reactive — it’s ruling.

### **I. Who Are the 24 Elders? Representing the Redeemed**

Let’s cover the basics. The 24 elders are:

- *Seated on thrones* — meaning they rule.
- *Wearing white raiment* — meaning they’re righteous.
- *Wearing crowns of gold* — meaning they’re rewarded rulers.
- *Before the throne* — meaning they’re in God’s presence.
- *And they worship* — meaning they’re not deity, but they’re direct recipients of grace.

These 24 elders are not Christ, not angels, not the Godhead — but *redeemed individuals* who have been exalted to positions of authority.

They symbolize a complete priesthood (*24 is 12 + 12 = Israel + Church*), a merger of the old covenant and new covenant people of God, eternally unified in praise.

They are priests and kings — exactly what Jesus promised His church would be (Revelation 1:6, 5:10). They are the *firstfruits* of what the entire Body of Christ will be in glory.

Think of them like ambassadors of the redeemed — human representatives so close to the throne they can hear every lightning crack and bow at every command.

## II. The Number 24: Not Random — Divinely Designed

24 isn't an arbitrary number — it's woven through Scripture like a thread:

- There were 24 orders of priesthood established under King David (1 Chronicles 24).
- There were 24 divisions of worship appointed in the Temple (1 Chron. 25).
- The Levites, who worshiped God continually, were organized in 24 courses.

These 24 elders, therefore, fulfill and complete what the Old Testament foreshadowed: a **royal priesthood serving before the throne without interruption**. Not once a year. Not through animal blood. Not behind a veil. But face-to-face with God forever.

The 24 elders show that *every shadow in the Old Testament finds its substance in heaven*.

The pattern wasn't random — it was prophetic.

## III. Priests and Kings: The Twin Roles of the Elders

Revelation repeatedly says the redeemed will be both *priests* and *kings*. The 24 elders are the embodiment of that promise:

- They are **seated** — a king rules from a throne (Rev. 4:4).
- They are **clothed** in white — priests wear linen (Rev. 4:4, Lev. 16:4).
- They wear **crowns of gold** — not wreaths (stephanos), but victor crowns like kings (Rev. 4:4).
- They carry **harps and bowls of incense** — instruments of worship and prayer (Rev. 5:8).

These are not idle worshipers or retirement saints lounging in eternity. They're spiritual senators—men and women glorified, ruling, worshiping, communing, executing God's government in the ages to come.

If the throne of God is the Supreme Court of the universe, the 24 elders are the tribunal of redeemed representatives who will judge angels (1 Corinthians 6:3), rule cities and nations (Luke 19:17), and mediate heavenly worship through prayer and praise.

#### **IV. Their Actions: What the Elders *Do* Matters**

Revelation 4:10–11 tells us what the elders do:

“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne... and cast their crowns before the throne, saying...”

This is not casual reverence. This is relentless worship. These elders are not ruled by ambition — they're ruled by adoration.

Notice the verb: **cast**. Not lay. Not place. *Cast*. They don't hang on to reward. They don't polish trophy crowns. The second God is glorified—they fling every symbol of achievement at His feet.

Why? Because they know what we barely grasp: everything they did, everything they earned, every victory they gained — was the grace of the One on the throne.

That's why no one in heaven boasts. There's no competition. No jockeying for position. No self-congratulation. Pride died at the rapture. Self died at the cross. And eternity is ruled from humility.

#### **V. A Pattern for the Church: What We Will Be**

The 24 elders are not spiritual celebrities in heaven. They're *proof* of what every blood-washed believer is destined to become: a king-priest in the presence of God.

They are the prototypes of the resurrected body, the eternal destiny of the Bride, and the heavenly identity of the rewarded church.

That's the future of the Christian — not merely a harp-playing cloud-floater, but a throne-sitting, crown-wearing, prayer-offering, authority-exercising *glorified servant king*.

The church today is often obsessed with survival.

But the church in Scripture is destined for *sovereignty*.

We're not being saved only *from* hell — we're being saved *for* a throne.

And the 24 elders are the living preview.

## **VI. This is Not Israel Alone: It's the Bride and the Branches**

Don't make the mistake of thinking the 24 elders are just Israel. Yes, 12 may represent the patriarchs. But the other 12 reflect the apostles — Christ's covenant body. Together, they symbolize one unified people of God, sealed by blood, united in worship, ruling with Christ.

Not two brides.

Not two kingdoms.

One Lamb. One people. One government.

That's why the elders represent the "church of the firstborn" (Heb. 12:23), a "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2:9), and "kings and priests unto God" (Rev. 1:6).

There's no contradiction between Israel's promises and the church's inheritance — all is fulfilled in Christ, and shared in glory by every saint redeemed by His blood.

## **VII. A Foretaste of Heavenly Order: Divine Delegation**

Revelation 4 is not chaos. It's courtroom order. God doesn't run heaven like a dictator with no deputies. Authority is always *delegated* in Scripture:

- Adam had dominion over earth.
- Israel had judges and prophets.
- David had mighty men and captains.
- Christ has elders and saints.

God delights to share His authority with redeemed humanity. That's what the 24 elders prove: redemption doesn't just save you — it *restores you to reign*.

Adam lost paradise's throne.

Christ regained heaven's throne.

The saints will rule on His throne.

That's the story of the Bible in one line.

### **Conclusion: The Elders Await Their Heirs**

The question is not whether the 24 elders are real.

The question is whether you're ready to join them.

They are proof that:

- God keeps His promises.
- Christ shares His authority.
- Redemption restores dominion.
- Worship precedes ruling.
- And only the humble ever hold crowns in heaven.

Their crowns can be cast.

But they cannot be bought.

Their seats can be occupied.

But they cannot be earned by merit.

Their garments can be worn.

But they must be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Are you living like someone who will one day sit, serve, worship, and rule beside the throne of God?

Or are you living like this life is all you'll ever have?

The elders are waiting.

Not for applause.

But for heirs.

### **12 of 20: The Throne on Earth – New Jerusalem's Seat**

*Key Passage: Revelation 22:1-3 — "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as*

*crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb... and his servants shall serve him.*

## **Introduction: The Throne Comes Down — Earth Restored, Eden Reborn**

History began with God walking on earth among men. It will end—and begin again—the same way. But this time, no serpent interrupts. No sin intrudes. No curse lingers. No veil separates. The tabernacle of God is finally with men. And what began as a garden in Eden ends with a *city from heaven*—a cosmic capital called New Jerusalem—and at its center? The throne.

Not in some distant nebula. Not in an exclusive heavenly realm out of reach. But on earth. This earth—renewed, resurrected, reborn. The throne of God finds its final resting place not in the heaven of heavens, but in the heart of redeemed humanity, shining from a city that has foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10).

The whole Bible drives toward this one thing: *God ruling with His people, on His planet, from His throne*. Revelation 22 is not just the end of a book. It's the grand finale of the whole redemptive symphony. And at the climax, there is a throne—not floating in a galaxy far away—but *set on earth*.

Heaven doesn't stay up there.

Heaven *descends*.

## **I. A City Descends: New Jerusalem, the Capital of Eternity**

Revelation 21:2 says:

“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven...”

This is not allegory. This is a literal descent. A city so massive it puts every empire to shame. 1,500 miles square. 1,500 miles tall. Made of transparent gold and jeweled foundations. Streets like glass. Gates like pearls. Walls of jasper. No temple, no sun, no moon—and yet, no darkness.

Why? Because “the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof” (Rev. 21:23).

This is the celestial headquarters of the universe. And the throne—the very throne John saw in chapter 4—is now *inside this city*, shining like a sun from a world where night is no more.

This is not man ascending to God. This is God descending to man.

What Adam lost in Eden, God restores in New Jerusalem.

## **II. The River of Life: Flowing From the Throne**

Revelation 22:1 shows us something incredible:

“a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

There was a river in Eden—but it flowed in four directions and watered a temporary paradise lost through sin. But this river—this one flows from the eternal throne, supplying life to an everlasting paradise.

This isn't a symbol—it's the literal provision of divine life flowing from the presence of God. No pollution. No drought. No death. No disease. What all the fountains of youth could never do, the river from the throne will accomplish forever.

Death isn't just gone. It's replaced by an *endless supply of life*.

The cursed earth we live on is replaced by an earth made incorruptible—fueled directly by the Source of all life.

## **III. The Tree of Life: Forbidden Fruit Now Forever Fed**

Next to the river is the Tree of Life—not lost to flaming swords, not hidden in a myth, not sealed in an unreachable garden—but now bearing fruit every month for the nations.

Revelation 22:2:

“In the midst of the street of it... was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits... and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

The tree man once was barred from (Genesis 3:22–24) is now the eternal meal of the redeemed. Not symbolic fruit on a symbolic tree in a symbolic city, but 12 types of fruit for eternal sustenance.

The leaves don't heal sickness (there is no sickness). Instead, they preserve perfect wholeness and harmony among the nations. Nations, yes — because eternity is not a shapeless blob, but a populated, structured society under one King.

And this tree's source? The river.

And that river's source? The throne.

Life flows from glory.

#### **IV. God and the Lamb: One Throne, One Reign, One People**

Revelation 22:1 says “the throne of God and of the Lamb.” One throne. Two identities. One God in two Persons. Father and Son forever enthroned in unified rule.

There is no competition between Father and Son. No hierarchy. No delegation. They share the same seat — because they share the same nature.

And this throne is *with mankind*.

Verse 3 says:

“And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it... and his servants shall serve him.”

Who are these servants? Not angels. Not Israel alone. But the redeemed of all ages. The Bride. The Body. The priests and kings from every nation and tongue. The throne that once judged the lost now empowers the found.

That throne we feared?

We will serve from it.

That light we couldn't approach?

We will live in it.

That throne we once trembled before?

We will reign with it.

#### **V. His Face Revealed: The Unseen God Seen**

Revelation 22:4 delivers the most staggering line:

“And they shall see his face...”

Moses couldn't see it (Ex. 33:20). No man ever had (John 1:18). Isaiah saw the train, not the face. Ezekiel saw the wheels and fire, not the face.

But the redeemed? We will see Him. The invisible made visible. The One no man has seen or can see — will be seen, because we will finally be like Him (1 John 3:2).

Every longing, every ache, every tear, every moment of faith — ends here. No more distance. No more symbols. No more mediation.

Face-to-face.

And “his name shall be in their foreheads” — not as religious branding, but as identity. Ownership. Love.

## **VI. No Temple, No Sun, No Curse — Only Glory**

Revelation 22:5 says:

“And there shall be no night there... and they shall reign forever and ever.”

Think about this: no temple, because the Lord is the Temple. No sun, because the glory of God generates light. No curse, because sin is finally extinct. No sorrow, because love is finally uninterrupted.

We won't spend eternity in clouds, but in cities. In fellowship. In worship. In work without weariness. In glory without fading. In dominion without danger.

Heaven isn't retirement.

It's resurrection.

## **VII. The Throne on Earth Means the End of Separation**

Every religion on earth tries to get man to God. Every ritual tries to build ladders, bridges, stairways, or towers. But Revelation 21–22 flips the script. God comes to *us*.

Eternity isn't about escape from earth.

It's about the restoration of earth.

God's throne doesn't stay in heaven. It invades the earth and remakes it entirely. Jesus' prayer is answered:

“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

Not *like* heaven.

As heaven.

That's why Satan hates this doctrine. He wants a fractured eternity where earth and heaven are forever separated. But Christ's blood didn't just cleanse sinners — it redeemed creation.

### **Conclusion: Are You Ready for the Throne on Earth?**

This world is temporary. Governments fall. Kingdoms collapse. Banks fail. Bloodlines end. But there's a throne coming — not in D.C., not in Rome, not in Jerusalem today — but in *New Jerusalem*, the city that never fades.

And from that throne:

- Life flows.
- Light shines.
- Love reigns.
- And every knee bows.

The question isn't whether God will reign on earth.

He will.

The question isn't whether you'll see the throne.

You will.

The only question is:

**Will you stand as a servant in His light?**

**Or fall as a rebel in His flame?**

That throne is coming.

And once it sits on earth?

There are no more choices.

## **13 of 20: The River of Life From the Throne**

Key Passage: Revelation 22:1 — “And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”

### **Introduction: The Eternal Stream That Never Runs Dry**

There’s a river that no drought can drain, no pollution can poison, no death can stop. It flows—not from mountains, not from ice caps, not from clouds—but from the *very throne of God and of the Lamb*. This isn’t a metaphorical creek of spiritual energy. This is a literal, holy, eternal river whose source is not nature, but Deity. A river that doesn’t just satisfy—it gives life. Not like the Nile, which brought temporal fertility. Not like the Ganges, polluted with offerings of idols. This river flows with life *because it flows from Life Himself*.

In Eden, a river flowed out of the garden to water the earth. It divided into four heads (Genesis 2:10), creating a world of fruitfulness. But that river was only a shadow. A foreshadowing. A prophecy in physical geography of a spiritual reality that would only be fulfilled once the curse of sin was destroyed, once the Lamb reclaimed the earth, and once heaven came down to live with man.

In Revelation 22, the river does not divide. It does not reduce. It proceeds straight from the throne, unstoppable in force, untainted in purity, uncontested in authority.

The river of life isn’t just in heaven — it *is heaven’s bloodstream*.

### **I. The Source: Proceeding Out of the Throne**

Revelation 22:1 says this river proceeds “out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” The throne isn’t just a seat of power — it’s a source of life. There is no other fountain. There is no tributary. There is no stream flowing anywhere else. Every molecule of life in eternity flows from the authority, purity, and victory of the Godhead.

What does that mean?

- No life exists apart from God.
- No blessing flows independently of the Lamb.
- No creation thrives without His authority.

In this world, men look to governments, science, money, medicine, and intellect to sustain life. But in eternity, *God alone* is the sustainer. No more hospitals. No more water plants.

No more survival tactics. The Lamb's throne produces both rulership and refreshment, authority and abundance.

The river doesn't just proceed. It *proclaims* that the throne is not only sovereign — it is *supplying*.

## II. The Purity: “Clear As Crystal”

John deliberately notes that the river is “clear as crystal.” Not murky. Not mixed. Not muddied.

No sediment of sin.

No stain of rebellion.

No history of decay.

Here on earth, even the purest mountain stream can carry unseen parasites, toxins, or microscopic death. But this river is *perfect* because it proceeds from the **Holy One**. What starts in purity stays in power.

And it makes sense. In eternity, nothing unclean shall enter (Rev. 21:27). There is no curse, no rot, no shadow of death. So the water must be as pure as the God it reflects.

Not only is it physically clear — it is morally flawless.

You don't drink at your own risk.

You drink in perfect rest.

## III. The Power: Life-Giving, Not Life-Sustaining

There's one thing you must understand: this river doesn't sustain life — it *gives* life. It doesn't just keep things alive — it *creates* eternal vitality. Because no matter how healthy Adam was in Eden, once he sinned, death corroded his soul. Once he was cut off from God, mortality began its clock.

But this river can never be cut off.

Every drink is life itself.

This is the river Jesus hinted at in John 7:38:

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

Life didn't originate in your soul. It originated in His throne.

The life that kept Christ in the tomb?

Same life in this river.

The life that healed lepers, raised Lazarus, fed 5,000?

Same life in this river.

The life that defeated death on the third day?

It's the water of that throne.

Eternal life is not a concept. It's a current — and it flows in the crystal river of God.

#### **IV. Connection to Eden: Paradise Lost, Paradise Restored**

Everything in Revelation 22 is a deliberate reversal of Genesis 3. In Genesis 3, a curse spreads across the earth because of sin, cutting humanity off from the tree of life and the river of God. In Revelation 22, the curse is **gone** (“And there shall be no more curse...” v. 3), the tree is restored (“...the tree of life...” v. 2), and the river flows freely from the throne.

In Eden:

- A river flowed to water the garden.
- The tree of life gave life to man.
- God walked with humanity.

In New Jerusalem:

- A river flows to water the city.
- The tree of life feeds glorified saints.
- God dwells *forever* with His people.

The river is proof that Eden was not abandoned — it was postponed. God doesn't lose paradise. He upgrades it.

#### **V. The River and the Spirit: Living Water Manifested**

Make no mistake — the river isn't just about hydration. It's connected to the *Spirit*. When Jesus promised rivers of living water, John explains:

“this spake he of the Spirit...” (John 7:39)

What the Spirit was doing in part in the Church Age — giving spiritual life, refreshing the soul, bringing dead sinners to salvation — the river of life will do in full in eternity. It will flow physically, spiritually, eternally — washing all who enter the gates of that city in perfect, never-ending vitality.

The Spirit is not absent in eternity. He is represented in the eternal river.

The river is not just for drinking.

It is the **eternal outflow of God Himself.**

## **VI. Only One River: No Divisions in Eternity**

Unlike Eden’s river that parted into four, this river never divides — because division is dead. There is no north, south, east, and west flow of doctrine or purpose. One throne. One river. One people. One eternal life.

The world today is fractured — denominations, nations, ideologies, languages. But in eternity, the divisions are gone. That’s why there’s only one river.

No confusion.

No compromise.

No competition.

All life flows from the same source.

Spiritual unity is no longer a command — it’s a reality.

## **VII. No Sea — Just a River**

Revelation 21:1 says, “there was no more sea.” Why no sea? Because the sea symbolizes restlessness, rebellion, separation. It represents the dominion of sin and the nations in chaos. But the river symbolizes the peace of God and the eternal supply of His goodness.

In eternity, there’s no more ocean to separate nations — just one river to connect redeemed humanity under the throne of God.

We came from water in the womb.

We live by water on earth.

We are sustained by water in eternity.

God is not just creating a new planet — He is creating a *new order*.

### **Conclusion: Are You Drinking or Dying?**

You don't have to wait for eternity to drink from this river.

The invitation is already open.

Jesus said in John 4:14:

“whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst...”

The water is available now — spiritually. The river will be available then — literally.

The only question is...

Will you drink now by faith?

Or will you die thirsty trying to drink from the dry wells of sin?

There's only one river.

There's only one throne.

There's only one life-giving source.

You either drink of the Lamb — or die of your lostness.

The river is flowing.

The call is open.

The Spirit says: *Come*.

### **14 of 20: Grace Today, Judgment Tomorrow**

*Key Passage: Acts 17:31 — “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained...”*

### **Introduction: Grace Has an Expiration Date**

Right now, we live in the age of grace. The throne of God, which once was shrouded behind a veil, is now called the “throne of grace” (Hebrews 4:16). The invitation is open. “Come.” “Believe.” “Repent.” “Mercy is available.” The Judge of all the earth has stayed His hand—not because sinners deserve it, but because the Lamb has been slain.

But grace has a clock on it.

Acts 17:31 doesn't say *if* God will judge the world. It says He *hath appointed a day*. A scheduled date—booked on heaven's eternal calendar—when the throne of grace will shift back into being what it has always been at its core: a **throne of judgment**.

Right now, the Judge sits with blood-stained hands.

Tomorrow, those same hands will hold a rod of iron.

Grace today—judgment tomorrow. A truth so simple, even a child can grasp it, but so terrifying and ignored that only a fool would deny it.

Let's examine why this coming shift from grace to judgment is not only crucial—but righteous.

## I. The Throne of Grace: Heaven's Open Door

Before we examine judgment, we need to be clear on what grace is and where it comes from. Grace is not God overlooking sin. It is God paying for sin—*in full*. Through His Son. At the cross.

Grace is the reason God hasn't dropped the guillotine on humanity yet.

Grace is why the wicked prosper, why the atheist lives another day to curse His name, why the liar breathes the air he pollutes with his fraud.

Grace. Unearned. Unwarranted. Unbelievable.

Hebrews 4:16 says, “Come boldly unto the throne of grace.” That's not a couch of permission—it's a *throne* of mercy. And it's not cheap. It was bought with blood.

The blood of the Lamb transformed that throne from a place where angel wings trembled into a place where sinners find life.

But grace—though infinite in supply—is limited in duration.

There is a “now” to grace. There will be a “no more.”

## II. The Appointed Day: Judgment Is Not Optional

Acts 17:31 doesn't give wiggle room:

“He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world...”

God's judgment isn't emotional. It's judicial. It's scheduled. It's prepared. And it's universal.

- God judged the ancient world with a flood—He will do it again with fire.
- God judged Egypt's gods through plagues—He will destroy all idols again.
- God judged Israel through exile—He will judge all nations through Christ.

Man thinks God procrastinates. He thinks silence equals surrender. But grace is not God's sleepiness—it's God's *patience*.

Habakkuk cried, “Why dost thou not save?”

Peter says God is “not willing that any should perish” (2 Pet. 3:9).

Mercy delays—but it never denies justice.

## III. Why This Shift Matters: Grace Without Judgment Is Lawlessness

Let's deal with the modern error: “If God is love, He won't judge.” That's the lie of Satan dressed in angel wings.

If there is no judgment—there is no justice.

If there is no hell—there is no holiness.

If there is no wrath—there is no righteousness.

You cannot have grace without judgment. Grace isn't God ignoring the law. It's God fulfilling the law in Christ so He can legally extend mercy to sinners.

If God never judges sin—then the cross was pointless.

If God forever delays judgment—then the saints' blood cries in vain.

Make no mistake: grace is not softness. Grace is a *pause* in judgment. And judgment—when it comes—will prove that grace was not a weakness, but a gift despised by the many and embraced by the few.

## IV. The Judge Has Been Appointed: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One

Acts 17:31:

“He will judge... by that man whom he hath ordained...”

God has already chosen the Judge: **Jesus Christ**. The same Jesus who said, “Father, forgive them,” is the same Jesus who will one day say, “Depart from me, ye cursed.”

The world thinks Jesus is too loving to judge.

That’s because they’ve never read Revelation 19.

Jesus is not just the Lamb of God—He is the Lion of Judah. Not just the Savior—He is the Sovereign.

He will judge:

- Not as a biased politician.
- Not as a passive counselor.
- Not as a bored deity phoning it in.
- But as the pure, perfect, holy God-Man who knows all, sees all, and misses nothing.

You either stand before Him in *grace* now—or in *judgment* later.

## **V. The World Is Not Getting Away With Anything**

Every atheist who mocks God.

Every tyrant who spills innocent blood.

Every molester who dies in peace.

Every false prophet who makes millions.

Every liar who never repents.

They are not free. They are waiting.

Waiting for the Judge they ignored. Every sin unpunished now is like a bullet in the heavenly vault. And on the appointed day—it will be fired as justice.

The throne of grace does not negate judgment—it *postpones* it.

And the longer grace stands, the greater the guilt of those who reject it.

## **VI. Why Judgment Matters: Because Grace Meant Something**

The cross isn't sentimental—it's judicial.

Christ didn't die because God was sad about sin.

He died because someone had to pay.

If judgment never comes, then grace is pointless, Christ's sacrifice is robbery, and God's character is fractured.

Judgment proves:

- The cross was necessary.
- Grace was real.
- Sin was serious.
- Holiness was unchanging.

The throne of grace *becomes* the throne of judgment so that heaven can say:  
“All wrongs have been made right.”

## **VII. What This Means For You: Today Is Mercy. Tomorrow Is Court.**

You are either *under grace* or *under wrath*. There is no third option. You either bow now before the throne of grace—where scars of the Lamb plead your case—or you will stand later before the Judge—whose eyes are flames of fire (Rev. 19:12).

Grace is what God gives to the humble.

Judgment is what He must give to the proud.

Grace offers freedom.

Judgment enforces justice.

Grace offers relationship.

Judgment offers recompense.

Grace says “Come.”

Judgment says “Depart.”

And the only difference is what you do with this moment.

## **Conclusion: The Clock Is Ticking—Where Will You Be When Grace Ends?**

Grace is a door. Judgment is the lock.

Grace is a bridge. Judgment is the river below.

Grace is the whisper: “Today.”

Judgment is the shout: “Too late.”

Many mock preaching on hell. Many delay repentance. Many scoff: “Where is the promise of His coming?” But God has already marked the day. He doesn’t repeat warnings because He’s unsure. He repeats them because men love self-deception.

You can reject Christ a thousand times now. But one day—you won’t even have the power to speak. The Judge will do the talking. And every excuse, every argument, every self-justification will fall silent before the One whose throne has switched from grace to judgment.

The question is:

Will Jesus be your Savior now—or your Judge forever?

Grace today means you still have a choice.

Judgment tomorrow means your choice will be final.

Choose wisely.

## **15 of 20: Thrones of Men – Usurpers and Imitators**

*Key Passage: Psalm 2:1-4 — “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed...”*

## **Introduction: The Madness of Mortal Thrones**

From the Tower of Babel to the U.N., from Pharaoh’s throne in Egypt to the Oval Office in Washington, D.C., men have never stopped trying to climb what only belongs to God—the **throne**. They can’t create worlds, so they conquer them. They can’t speak universes into existence, so they legislate themselves into godhood. They can’t be eternal, so they try to build systems that outlive them.

Every government with a crown, every leader with a scepter, every empire with a constitution, every man who has ever hoped to control *man*—has, in one form or another, sought to imitate the throne of God while rebelling against the One who sits on it.

Psalm 2 reveals God’s perspective on their efforts. The kings of the earth rage. The rulers take counsel together. They shake their fists toward heaven and say, “We will not have this man to reign over us!” And what does God do?

He doesn’t tremble.

He doesn’t negotiate.

He doesn’t roll up His sleeves and get worried.

**He laughs.**

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision” (Psalm 2:4).

Let’s unpack this battle of thrones and expose the foolish pride of men who imitated a crown they couldn’t carry.

## **I. The Original Imitator: Lucifer Set the Pattern**

Long before Caesar, Pharaoh, or Genghis Khan, there was someone else who said, “*I will exalt my throne*” (Isaiah 14:13). The first rebel king was not a man, but a cherub.

Lucifer wanted God’s throne and got turned into a dragon.

Adam wanted to be “as gods” and got a ground-curse.

Nimrod built a tower and got scattered people.

Nebuchadnezzar built a statue and got turned into grass-eating cattle.

Herod accepted worship and got eaten by worms.

Men never seem to learn:

You try to take God’s throne, God will take your mind, your voice, your kingdom—or your ability to breathe.

Lucifer was the prototype. Every king who seeks to remove God from authority is just playing Satan’s sequel. Thrones of men are weak reflections of the One they try to overthrow—and every attempt at imitation is born from the same ancient lie: “Ye shall be as gods.”

## **II. The Rage: Earthly Kings Against Heaven’s King**

Psalm 2:1–3 is shockingly modern:

“Why do the heathen rage...?

The kings of the earth set themselves...

The rulers take counsel together, against the LORD...”

Notice it doesn’t just say they rebel. It says they "set themselves." They get organized. They have summits. They build alliances. They form councils. It’s not random—it’s deliberate.

This is the world in unity...but it’s **unified against the wrong Person.**

Look at the world today:

- Governments legislate God out of their schools, laws, and cultures.
- Scientists mock Scripture while bowing to the altar of Darwin.
- Judges legalize abominations God has condemned.
- Nations gather in Davos to “reset” what God already ordered.
- Politicians drool over power while restricting your worship.

And they all think they're moving forward when they’re actually sprinting toward judgment.

God said, “Let us make man in our image.”

Man responds, “We will erase Your image from the earth.”

### **III. The Strategy: Court Against Christ**

Rulers don’t always attack God head-on. Many put on religious masks. They claim to serve God while rejecting His Word. Whether it's popes on thrones, cultists with prophecies, or globalists with peace treaties—the aim is the same:

**Replace the rule of Christ with the rule of man.**

Look at Psalm 2:3:

“Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”

What are these “bands” and “cords”? They’re God’s authority, His law, His discipline. This world calls obedience to God “bondage” and rebellion “freedom.” But every nation that rejects God ends up enslaving itself:

- Babylon fell.

- Rome burned.
- France went mad.
- England withered.
- America is next.

Why? Because no kingdom can survive when it dethrones the King of kings. History isn't random—it's a graveyard of governments who thought they could rule without God.

#### **IV. God's Response: Laughter from the Throne**

God doesn't panic. He doesn't plot. He doesn't pace the floors of heaven like a man whose plans are being threatened.

Verse 4: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh."

That's holy sarcasm.

That's divine mockery.

That's God looking down at the proud little ants and saying, *"You think you can overthrow My Son? You think you can dethrone the eternal Word? You think you can rewrite laws written in holiness and blood?"*

God laughs—because rebellion is not a threat to His power, it is a display of human insanity.

When God laughs, you'd better stop talking and start trembling.

#### **V. The King They Oppose: The Son, Not the Church**

Psalm 2 is not primarily about religion—it's about who rules humanity.

And God doesn't answer the kings of the earth with a reform movement or a better political party. He declares a **King**.

Verse 6:

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

Not elected. **Set.**

Not proposed. **Appointed.**

Not invited. **Installed.**

When God says “MY king,” He’s talking about Jesus Christ. And when Jesus is enthroned, He will not ask Congress for permission. He will not hold a referendum. He will not tolerate debate.

“Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” (Psalm 2:9).

That’s not grace. That’s rule. That’s not the Sermon on the Mount. That’s the sword from Revelation 19.

## **VI. Thrones of Men Are Temporary—Christ’s Throne Is Eternal**

Do you realize how temporary every human throne is?

- Nebuchadnezzar ruled 43 years. God rules eternity.
- Caesar Augustus ruled 41 years. God rules eternity.
- Queen Victoria ruled 63 years. God rules eternity.
- The Antichrist will rule 7 years and die like a dog.

Human crowns rust. Human scepters break. Human thrones crumble.

But Christ’s throne is forever and ever (Heb. 1:8). The same throne Lucifer tried to steal. The same throne the atheists deny. The same throne the world ignores.

It never shakes.

It never needs a vote.

It never bends to pressure.

## **VII. The Warning: “Kiss the Son” or Face the Rod**

Psalm 2 ends with advice you won’t hear at the U.N. or Harvard or Hollywood:

"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way..." (v. 12)

Submission to Jesus Christ is not optional—it is commanded.

You either kiss His hand now—or you face His rod then.

Men will not only be judged by how they lived. They will be judged by **whom they refused to bow to.**

There are only two kinds of men:

- Rebels who impersonated sovereignty.
- Servants who surrendered to the King.

The biggest throne in hell will belong to the Antichrist, but it won't be gold—it will be ashes.

The highest throne in heaven will belong to Christ, and every crown cast before Him will still shine.

### **Conclusion: Every Counterfeit Throne Will Be Crushed**

God doesn't share His throne.

He doesn't loan His glory.

He doesn't tolerate imitators.

The Psalm 2 kings of earth have their day, but **God has His decree.** And His decree is unshakable: *"I have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."*

Every president, pope, dictator, sultan, technocrat, globalist, and self-made billionaire who tries to rule without Jesus Christ is fighting a losing war.

The question today is not:

*"Who runs the world?"*

The question is:

*"Whose throne are you kneeling before?"*

Satan tried to ascend and fell like lightning.

Adam tried to be as gods and died in dust.

Kings rage, nations plot, rebels unite.

But God sits.

And laughs.

And waits.

Because one day—the usurpers will be silent, the imitators will be judged, and the only throne standing will be the One that always has been.

## **16 of 20: Throne of Satan – The Counterfeit Authority**

*Key Passage: Revelation 2:13 — “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is...”*

### **Introduction: The Devil Has a Throne Too**

You can't live long in this world without realizing something: not all thrones are made of gold, and not all authority comes from above. Just like there's a counterfeit Christ, a counterfeit gospel, and a counterfeit church—there is also a counterfeit *throne*.

Revelation 2:13 is one of the most chilling verses in the Bible. Jesus Christ Himself tells the church in Pergamos, “I know... where Satan’s seat is.” That’s not symbolism. That’s not a metaphor. That’s a **reality**. Satan is not a theory—he is a king without a rightful kingdom, sitting on a throne that doesn’t belong to him, ruling through deception, violence, and counterfeit power.

If God has a throne in heaven, Satan has a throne on earth.

If Christ rules through truth, Satan rules through lies.

If Christ gives life from His throne, Satan steals it from his.

And right now, as the world marches toward a one-world government, one-world religion, and one-world currency, you can bet the devil’s throne is not some ancient relic—it’s active. It’s global. And it’s more accessible than ever.

Let’s tear the mask off this counterfeit throne and expose the agenda behind Satan’s seat of authority.

### **I. What Is “Satan’s Seat”? Historical and Prophetic Layers**

When Jesus mentions “Satan’s seat” in Revelation 2:13, He’s addressing the historical city of Pergamos. Pergamos was a cultural capital in Asia Minor—loaded with temples, idolatry, Greek mystery religions, and emperor worship. In its heart sat a massive altar—built to Zeus, the “king of the gods.”

It was literally shaped like a throne. In fact, part of it survives today—in a museum in Berlin. You could walk up its steps.

But don't miss the underlying principle: Satan doesn't need hell to rule. He needs earth. He needs a seat. He needs a system. He needs a city.

In Pergamos, that seat was literal. But in the last days, it becomes **universal**.

That's why Revelation calls the Antichrist "the beast" who gets his authority, his throne, and his power directly from **the dragon** (Rev. 13:2).

You think Satan's seat died with paganism? No. It moved.

- From Pergamos to Rome.
- From Rome to Europe.
- From Europe to globalism.
- And soon—from globalism to Jerusalem.

The throne of Satan is a **traveling counterfeit**, always positioning itself closer and closer to the real throne in Zion.

## II. The Devil's Throne Is Built on Deception, Not Dominion

Satan is not a creator. He's a corruptor. He can't make his own universe, so he parasitizes God's. He can't sit on the heavenly throne, so he imitates it.

But don't misunderstand—Satan's authority is **real**. But it's counterfeit.

Think of counterfeit money. It's real enough to spend. It may look, feel, and smell legitimate—but its value comes from *deception*, not backing. Satan's throne works the same way.

He rules:

- Not by right—but by rebellion.
- Not by truth—but by lies.
- Not by sovereignty—but by seduction.

If God rules by righteousness, Satan rules by wickedness disguised as *light*.

That's exactly what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14:

“...for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

He offers angels without holiness.

Governments without God.

Salvation without blood.

Worship without truth.

And every sinner that rejects Christ becomes another citizen under a counterfeit throne.

### III. The World's Systems Serve Satan's Seat

Satan's seat today is seated in the systems that drive the world:

- **Political Thrones:** Nations without God.
- **Financial Thrones:** Elite global banking carts.
- **Religious Thrones:** Churches without Scripture.
- **Cultural Thrones:** Entertainment that exalts rebellion.
- **Educational Thrones:** Schools that teach evolution and atheism.
- **Technological Thrones:** Tools that enslave the mind.

You think Satan cares if the throne is in a cathedral or a government hall or a boardroom or a Twitter feed? No. As long as it holds influence. As long as it directs minds. As long as it builds a world where man reigns without God.

Ever wonder why so many world leaders hate Christ but love ecumenical unity? Why global powers reject morality but preach “peace” and “progress”? Because Satan's kingdom needs structure—and he's been building it in plain sight.

### IV. The Coming World Throne: Antichrist's Seat of Power

Revelation 13 shows us what happens when Satan's throne reaches its full form: the Antichrist rises with bold, brazen, universal authority. He signs peace treaties. He solves crises. He unites religions. He performs miracles. And the world worships **the beast**.

But notice the source:

“And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority” (Rev. 13:2).

That word “seat” is the same Greek word used in Revelation 2:13—**throne**.

The Antichrist is not a random dictator. He sits where Satan sits. He speaks what Satan speaks. He enacts what Satan planned in Eden, in Babel, in Pergamos, and in every godless empire since.

The throne of Satan is getting ready for its final occupant: the man of sin. And once the Church is gone, that throne will become the dominant seat of earthly rulership.

This is the climax of the counterfeit kingdom.

## **V. Satan's Throne Opposes Grace by Mimicking Holiness**

Here's the trick: Satan doesn't just imitate power—he imitates *spirituality*.

- He has churches (Rev. 2:9).
- He has doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1).
- He has miracles (2 Thess. 2:9).
- He has apostles (2 Cor. 11:13).
- He has communions (1 Cor. 10:20).
- He has worship music (Ezek. 28:13).
- He has baptisms, feasts, and festivals.

But what he doesn't have is **truth**. He replaces the cross with charisma. He replaces the Bible with experience. He replaces God with “self.” And millions bow the knee to his counterfeit throne every day.

If Satan cannot overthrow the real throne, he will build a fake one—and deceive the world into kneeling before it.

## **VI. Why Christians Must Know Where the Throne Is**

Revelation 2:13 is not just history—it's a warning. Christ says to the church in Pergamos, “I know where you live. I know where Satan's seat is. And yet... you hold fast My name.”

The throne of Satan can be *around* you—but it should never be *over* you.

Christians are not called to overthrow Satan's throne. We're not called to reform it. Not to paint it. Not to vote it into holiness.

We're called to **resist it**. To declare the Lordship of Christ in the midst of the enemy's territory. To live under *another* throne, even inside a world under Lucifer's.

You don't need Satan off the throne of the world. You just need him off the throne of your heart.

## **VII. The Final Collapse of the Counterfeit Throne**

Satan's throne has a future—and it's short.

Revelation 20:10 gives the final verdict:

“And the devil that deceived them... was cast into the lake of fire... and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

The throne that was stolen will be shattered.

The authority that was borrowed will be revoked.

The seat that was raised against God will be thrown down.

And when the true King sits upon the throne of David in the New Jerusalem, all counterfeit authority will be exposed as an embarrassing lie.

Lucifer's last act won't be a battle—it will be a confession.

“Jesus Christ is Lord.”

## **Conclusion: Your Knees Will Bow to One Throne—Choose Wisely**

There are only two thrones that matter:

- The throne of **grace**, where Christ calls you to salvation.
- The throne of **Satan**, where pride calls you to self-rule.

You can only bow to one.

You can only serve one.

You can only die with one.

Satan's throne is plastic gold and burning lies.

Christ's throne is solid glory and eternal truth.

And very soon, the counterfeit crown will be crushed—and only the true King will reign.

Revelation 11:15 will echo through the universe:

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

## **17 of 20: The Believer’s Seat – Seated in Heavenly Places**

*Key Passage: Ephesians 2:6 — “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*

### **Introduction: You Are Already There**

Let me drop a bomb on your theology: if you’re saved, you’re already in Heaven.

Yes—you heard me right.

Not “one day.”

Not “after the resurrection.”

Not “once you die.”

### **Now.**

Spiritually. Positionally. Legally. Eternally.

Paul doesn’t say, “God will raise us up.” He says, “God *hath* raised us up and *made us sit together* in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” That’s past tense, present reality. You’re already home—you’re just finishing the walk to the door.

This isn’t science fiction. It’s Scripture. You’re not on probation. You’re **positioned**. And your spirit (the real you) is already seated where Christ is seated—**at the right hand of the throne of God**.

What does that mean? It means the Christian lives a dual existence: physically on earth, spiritually in eternity. Like the matrix, your body functions here, but your consciousness, identity, and destiny are already plugged into Heaven’s reality. You’re not just saved—you’ve been relocated. The cords of time and flesh keep you walking this realm, but your seat is reserved and already occupied by your eternal self.

Let’s break it down:

- What does it mean to be seated in heavenly places?

- How literal is this spiritual reality?
- What other passages confirm this wild truth?

Strap in. This is not milk doctrine—this is meat.

### **I. The Believer's Position: In Christ, Not Beside Him**

Notice the phrase: “in heavenly places *in Christ Jesus*” (Eph. 2:6). Not near Him. Not below Him. **In Him**. That’s not poetry—that’s theology. That’s union.

When you were born again, something supernatural happened:

- Your flesh stayed in time.
- Your soul was washed.
- Your spirit was resurrected and **placed in Christ** (1 Cor. 12:13).

Your position is not based on experience—it’s based on identity. You’re not seated because you feel heavenly. You’re seated because you’re *in Him who is seated*.

Where is Christ right now?

- At the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2).  
What is He doing?
- Reigning, interceding, waiting for His enemies to be made His footstool (Psalm 110:1).  
Where are you in Him?
- Seated there too.

You’ll never understand salvation until you realize it’s not just forgiveness—it’s **relocation**. You didn’t just get out of hell. You got into Heaven—right now.

### **II. The Believer's Biography: Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Seating**

Ephesians 2:5–6 lays out the believer’s spiritual autobiography:

- **You were dead in sins.** (v. 5)
- **He quickened you.** (v. 5)
- **He raised you up.** (v. 6)

- **He made you sit.** (v. 6)

You didn't ask to sit. You didn't volunteer. **He made you sit.**

That means God is not waiting for you to earn a spot in glory—you're already occupying it because you're united to the One who owns it.

Paul says in Colossians 3:3:

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”

You're not “on the way to Heaven.” You're seated at a throne right now, hidden with Christ, waiting for the rest of your being to catch up.

This is why Paul says in Philippians 3:20—

“For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven...”

You are already a registered citizen of Heaven, not an applicant.

### **III. The Believer's Dual Existence: Walking in Time, Seated in Eternity**

Let's connect the dots:

Paul says you're walking on earth (Col. 2:6) *and* seated in Heaven (Eph. 2:6). You're a stranger and pilgrim on earth (1 Pet. 2:11) *and* a fellow citizen with the saints (Eph. 2:19). You're in the flesh (Rom. 8:10) *and* not in the flesh (Rom. 8:9). How can that be?

You're living **between two worlds.**

- Physically present on earth.
- Spiritually present in glory.

That's why your flesh groans (Rom. 8:23).

That's why your spirit longs (2 Cor. 5:2).

That's why your mind is renewed (Rom. 12:2).

You're being conformed to the reality you already occupy.

This is why you feel like a foreigner here. You are. This is why the world never feels like home. It isn't.

A saved man is a relocated man living in rented flesh until glory catches up with reality.

### **IV. The Witness of Scripture: Other Passages That Confirm This Reality**

You asked if there are other biblical witnesses. Absolutely. Let's go through them:

1. **Hebrews 12:22–24** — “Ye are come unto mount Sion... to the heavenly Jerusalem... to the general assembly and church of the firstborn...”  
Paul doesn't say “you will come.” He says “**ye are come.**”
2. **John 17:24** — Jesus prayed, “Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, *be with me where I am.*”  
That's not future—that's **present spiritual reality.**
3. **1 Corinthians 6:17** — “He that is joined unto the Lord is *one spirit.*”  
You are spiritually fused with Christ right now.
4. **Colossians 2:12** — “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are *risen with him...*”  
You've already been raised—just waiting for the body to sync up.
5. **Romans 8:30** — “Whom he justified, them he also *glorified.*”  
Past tense. Already done in God's mind.

If God already sees you glorified, seated, and secure—who are you to argue with Him?

## **V. The Believer's Authority: Reigning Through Relationship**

You're not seated in heavenly places so you can brag—you're seated so you can **reign**.

Read Romans 5:17:

“They which receive abundance of grace... shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”

You have access not only to grace, but to **throne authority**. That's why Paul says in Ephesians 1:3:

“Blessed us with all spiritual blessings *in heavenly places* in Christ.”

You're not just saved—you're empowered. You're seated not only for rest, but for rule. You are linked into the throne from which grace flows, prayers ascend, and decrees are issued.

That's why Satan hates you. He lost the throne—now he watches sinners take His place in Christ.

And one day, that spiritual seat will become physical. You will judge angels. You will reign with Christ. But for now—you reign through prayer, warfare, intercession, and preaching.

A man seated with Christ has authority over darkness—but only if he walks like he knows where his seat is.

## **VI. Why This Matters: Identity Determines Destiny**

Christians who don't understand their seating live like spiritual refugees.

Christians who *do* understand their seating live like sons in a kingdom.

If you believe you're just "working your way to Heaven," you'll live in fear, insecurity, and weakness.

But if you understand you're already seated—already united to the throne—already secured in glory—suddenly suffering has a context. Trials have purpose. Growth has certainty.

You don't fight *for* victory—you fight *from* victory.

You're not praying *up* to God—you're praying *with* Christ from the right hand of God.

You're not begging for scraps—you're living under a royal birthright.

You've got a seat. You didn't earn it—you inherited it. Use it, claim it, walk like it.

## **VII. The Fascination: Spiritual Reality That Overrides Physical Appearance**

This is where the Matrix analogy holds up. You're living in a world that looks real but isn't ultimate. You are "plugged into" two realms at once. The physical realm operates by sight, flesh, and time. The spiritual realm operates by truth, spirit, and eternity.

You've already crossed over—you just haven't fully checked in. The Spirit within you is the *first installment* of eternity (Eph. 1:14).

You are living now with the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), the nature of God (2 Pet. 1:4), and the seat of a king.

That's why Paul says in Colossians 3:2:

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Why?

Because that's where your real life is.

That's where your real seat is.

That's where your real future is.

You're not hoping for a place—you're **seated already**.

### **Conclusion: You Don't Sit to Earn Your Throne—You Sit Because You're in Christ**

Christianity is not a ladder toward Heaven—it's a resurrection from death. God didn't put you on probation—He put you on a throne. You're not trying to get to the presence of God—you're already there in spirit.

So live like it.

Walk like it.

Pray like it.

Preach like it.

Worship like it.

You are not a sinner trying to escape judgment. You are a saint seated in glory—living out the last steps of a plan that's already completed.

Eternity is not coming toward you—you're already in it.

### **18 of 20: The Throne in the Old Earth and Millennial Kingdom**

*Key Passage: Ezekiel 43:7 — “And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever...”*

### **Introduction: A Throne Set Between Two Worlds**

Between the smoking ruins of the Great Tribulation and the descending splendor of the New Jerusalem lies a throne unlike any in history—the **Millennial Throne of Christ on the Old Earth**. It's not heaven. It's not the New Earth. It's the **Old Earth redeemed, restored, and ruled**. It's the smoking battlefield where nations just shook their fists at Heaven, now turned into the Garden of Eden 2.0—with a throne at its center and a King on it.

That King is not a Pope, not a politician, not a prophet, not a preacher—but **Jesus Christ Himself**. Sitting in Jerusalem. With resurrected saints reigning with Him. Ruling with a rod

of iron. Fulfilling every covenant Israel ever received—and every promise the nations ever mocked.

That throne is the most dramatic bridge between ages: the throne of Christ on the fallen, restored planet before the final throne on the New Earth. This is the **only time in history** when Jesus Christ will reign physically over the earth *as it is*, with death, rebellion, law, and righteousness all coexisting for 1,000 literal years.

Let's look at what the Millennial Throne is, what it means, why it matters, and how it's a preview of the eternal throne in the New Earth.

### **I. The Timing: The Millennial Throne Comes After Hell on Earth**

Christ's Millennial reign doesn't begin after peace talks. It doesn't wait for a global revival. It doesn't come after the church has Christianized the world (as the Postmillennial heretics suggest). It comes **after hell breaks loose**. After the Beast reigns. After the Tribulation roars. After the nations gather at Armageddon. After the sky splits, and the King of kings rides back on a horse with armies of saints behind Him.

Revelation 19 ends with Christ defeating the Beast.

Revelation 20 begins with Christ reigning 1,000 years.

There is no gap. No delay. No vote.

Christ comes down—and the throne goes up.

Psalms 110:2 predicted it:

“The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.”

This is not the throne of grace.

This is not the throne of judgment (yet).

This is the **throne of government**—the throne of **righteous authority** over nations, enforced by the Son of God **in the city of David**.

### **II. The Location: Jerusalem Becomes the Center of the Earth**

Ezekiel 43:7 is explicit:

“The place of my throne... where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel...”

No popes in Rome. No queens in London. No dictators in Beijing.

The future **capital of the world** is **Jerusalem**—because the rightful King has returned.

Isaiah 2:2–4 predicts all nations will come up to **Jerusalem** to learn the law.

Zechariah 14:16 says every nation will come up **yearly** to worship the King in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 11:10 says Gentiles will *seek Him*—not in heaven—but in Israel.

Christ will not rule from the clouds. He will rule **from a restored temple, on a literal throne, with glorified saints and mortal subjects serving under Him.**

Ezekiel 47 shows a river flowing **from under the house of God**—just like we later see in Revelation 22 on the New Earth.

The throne of Christ in the Millennium is a *prophetic preview* of the throne in eternity.

### **III. The Nature of the Reign: A Rod of Iron, Not a Scepter of Suggestions**

Psalms 2:9 says Christ will **“break them with a rod of iron.”**

That ain't allegory—that's literal enforcement.

There will be **no elections.**

There will be **no coups.**

There will be **no protests against the monarchy of the Messiah.**

He rules with holiness.

He reigns with power.

He judges with perfect justice.

That rod of iron is not cruelty—it's strength. It's the only thing that can keep sin from destroying the world again until the final judgment.

The saints (that's us) will reign **with Him** (Rev. 20:6). We will judge angels and rule cities.

The church goes from persecution to participation, from slave to sovereign, from stranger to steward.

This reign is not symbolic—it's **literal government** under Christ on His throne in Zion, ruling over **mortal humans** living through the Millennium.

### **IV. The People: Who Lives in the Millennium?**

There will be three groups on the Old Earth during the Millennium:

1. **Christ and His glorified Church** (resurrected believers ruling with Him).
2. **The Jewish remnant** saved at Christ's return (Zechariah 12:10).
3. **Mortal Gentiles** who survived the Tribulation (Matthew 25 sheep nations).

Mortals will:

- Marry.
- Have children.
- Eat food.
- Build houses.
- Work the land.

And guess what? Their children—though living in a kingdom of righteousness—can still rebel.

That's right. At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan is loosed one last time and gathers **a number "as the sand of the sea"** in rebellion against the throne (Rev. 20:8).

You can't fix the human heart by environment. You need regeneration. A perfect King + perfect government + perfect law still cannot save sinners who refuse Christ.

## **V. The Purpose: Why God Rules Before Eternity Begins**

Why does God do this? Why not go straight from the rapture to the New Earth?

Four reasons:

1. **To fulfill every covenant to Israel.**  
God promised David an earthly throne (2 Sam. 7:16), and He keeps His word.
2. **To prove the failure of human government.**  
Man had 6,000 years to build his dreams. God gives 1,000 years of perfection—and still men revolt.
3. **To show grace before final judgment.**  
The Kingdom is proof that rebellion is not about environment—it's about the heart.
4. **To transition into the Eternal State.**  
After the Millennium, Christ turns over the kingdom to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24), and time gives way to eternity.

The Millennial throne is the **final demonstration** of God's sovereignty **in a fallen world**—before He creates a new one.

## **VI. The Connection: From Old Earth to New Earth**

The throne of Christ in the Millennium leads into the throne of God and the Lamb in the New Earth (Revelation 22:1–3).

Notice the parallels:

- **River of life flows from the throne** — both in Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22.
- **God dwells with man** — Ezekiel 43:7 and Revelation 21:3.
- **Jerusalem is central** — Millennial capital and eternal city.
- **The curse is removed** — in part during the Millennium, completely in the New Earth.

The Millennial throne is a **shadow of the eternal throne**.

The Old Earth throne is **temporary, transitional, and territorial**.

The New Earth throne is **eternal, spiritual, and universal**.

Christ rules **over** the nations in the Millennium.

Christ dwells **with** the nations in eternity.

## **VII. The Warning: You Will Be Under One of Two Thrones**

You're either under the **throne of Christ by faith now**, or you'll stand before the **throne of Christ by force later**.

- Reject Him now—you'll face Him at the Great White Throne.
- Receive Him now—you'll reign with Him on the Millennial throne.

The only question is:

**Will you serve Him as a citizen—or face Him as a criminal?**

Christ's throne is coming whether you're ready or not.

Better to be a servant in Zion than a rebel at Armageddon.

**Conclusion: The Millennial Throne—A Taste Before Eternity**

Christ is coming back—not figuratively, not spiritually, not politically—but **physically, visibly, and royally.**

He will sit on a real throne, in a real city, over a real world, in a real kingdom for a real 1,000 years. And when that final generation rebels and is crushed, this throne will pass into eternity:

“The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it...” (Rev. 22:3)

Old Earth becomes New Earth.

The temple becomes the Father and the Lamb.

The law giver becomes the eternal light.

The Millennial Throne is the **preview.**

The Eternal Throne is the **premiere.**

And the King is the same in both.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

## **19 of 20: Access Granted – The Role of Faith and Blood**

*Key Passage: Hebrews 10:19–22 — “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus...”*

### **Introduction: The Door to the Throne Was Not Left Open—It Was Torn Open**

Every human being is born outside the gate. Outside the covenant. Outside the presence. Outside the throne room. You’re not born in the palace—you’re born in exile.

There’s a reason sinners fear God. There’s a reason religious frauds build systems of works. There’s a reason people try penance, rituals, charity, religion, and superstition. Deep down, the heart of man knows—access to God is not natural. It is not earned. It is not cheap. And it is not neutral.

God is holy. Sinful man is not.

God dwells in light. Man walks in darkness.

God sits on a throne. Man builds idols.

So how does a guilty sinner get past the flaming sword of Eden? How does a rebel approach the Judge without being incinerated? How does a liar enter the holy sanctuary of the God who cannot lie?

One way. One method. One path.

**By blood—and by faith.**

Hebrews 10:19–22 lays it out, plainly and powerfully: the only way to enter the holiest place, the throne room of Heaven, is “by the blood of Jesus.” Not by works. Not by sacraments. Not by self-worth. Not by sincerity. **By blood.**

Let’s dig in and see why no man can approach the throne of grace except through faith in the blood—and why every religious system that replaces blood with behavior is spiritual fraud.

## **I. The Boldness of Access: The Paradox of the Throne of Grace**

Hebrews 10:19 doesn’t just say we have access—it says we have **boldness** to access.

Boldness. Confidence. Assurance. That’s a paradox. You’re telling me sinful men can walk right into the presence of the Holy One of Israel without being vaporized? Yes. But only with the right credentials.

See, the throne of God is not just a seat of sovereignty. It is a seat of **holiness**. Fire surrounds it. Light emanates from it. Cherubim guard it. The bloodless never approach it.

That’s why the high priest in the Old Testament shook with terror when he entered the Holy of Holies once a year—because if one thing was off—if one law was broken—if one act of irreverence happened—he would drop dead on the spot (Heb. 9:7).

But now—now through Christ—God says “*Come boldly.*” Not recklessly, not arrogantly, but **boldly**. Why? Because the blood has spoken for you. You don’t enter based on your worth—you enter based on the Lamb’s worth.

## **II. The Blood of Jesus: God’s One and Only Access Code**

There’s a reason the Bible says “without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb. 9:22). Without blood, the price of sin stands unpaid. Without blood, the guilt remains. Without blood, the sinner stays outside.

The blood of Jesus didn't *just* forgive you—it **qualified you**.

It didn't *just* wash you—it **opened the way**.

It didn't *just* save you—it **seated you**.

God didn't hang His Son on a tree so you could try to work your way into Heaven. He killed the only sinless Man in history so He could escort you into His own presence **freely**. The blood substitutes for your sin, satisfies God's justice, and silences Satan's accusations.

The blood is not symbolic. It is **God's judicial requirement** for access. The blood in Heaven is not dried up on the cross—Revelation 5:6 shows the Lamb standing **as it had been slain**. His eternal wound is your eternal access.

### **III. The Faith of the Believer: The Hand That Grabs Hold of Grace**

Blood gives access—but only **faith** takes it.

The blood was shed for all.

But it is applied to few.

Why? Because access isn't granted by **blood alone**—but by **blood received through faith**.

Faith is the arm that reaches out and says:

“I can't offer my works, but I receive His.”

“I can't trust my righteousness, but I trust His blood.”

“I can't pay, but I believe He paid in full.”

Hebrews 10:22 says we draw near “in full assurance of faith.” Faith is not wishful thinking—it's the bold admission that everything you need to enter the throne has been provided in the blood of Christ.

The Roman Catholic system teaches that faith + works give access. Islam teaches that obedience earns favor. Hinduism teaches reincarnation and self-improvement. Buddhism teaches that enlightenment brings acceptance.

But the Bible teaches that **faith in the blood** is the one and only doorway to the throne.

Faith rejects pride.

Faith rejects religion.

Faith rejects self.

Faith says: “I can't—but He did. I'm not—but He is. I failed—but He succeeded.”

#### **IV. No Religious Pretense Allowed: God Hates Counterfeit Access**

Let's get this straight:

God does not accept:

- Your tears,
- Your penance,
- Your fasting,
- Your law-keeping,
- Your sacraments,
- Your charity,
- Your baptism,
- Your morality,
- Your sincerity...

**...as access to His throne.**

If good works could get you there, Christ died in vain.

If religion could earn the throne room, the cross was pointless.

If sincerity could substitute for blood, Judas Iscariot is in Heaven.

No sinner has ever climbed up by ladders of performance.

Every saint enters through a hole in the veil torn by a crucified Messiah.

Hebrews 10:20 says we enter by "a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." When that body was broken, the barrier was broken. The only thing that broke the distance between you and God was flesh ripped open and blood poured out.

Every religion that ignores the blood commits spiritual treason.

Every priest who preaches works over faith mocks Calvary.

Every church that replaces "It is finished" with "Do your best" denies the Gospel.

#### **V. The Priesthood of Believers: No Middleman Needed**

Hebrews 10:21 says we have "a high priest over the house of God." That's not the Pope.

That's not Mary. That's not a pastor. That's not a prophet. **That's Jesus Christ.**

He is both sacrifice and priest. Both Lamb and Shepherd. Both Door and Deliverer. He didn't assign access to a religious system. He **opened the way permanently by His own blood.**

That means:

- You don't need rosaries—you need righteousness.
- You don't need prayer beads—you need the blood.
- You don't need confessions to a man—you need confession of faith in Christ.
- You don't need bishops—you need a better covenant.

You are not coming through the church. You are coming **through the veil.**

You are not approaching through a priesthood of flesh. You are entering through **the great High Priest.**

No more altars. No more sacrifices. No more priests.  
Just the blood. Just the faith. Just the access.

## **VI. The Invitation: Come Now—The Throne Is Open**

God's invitation is not passive. It is not vague. It is not philosophical. It is **personal, present, and urgent.**

Hebrews 4:16 — “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace...”

Not tomorrow.

Not “when you feel ready.”

Not “after you clean yourself up.”

**Now.**

“Come.”

“Enter.”

“Draw near.”

The only thing keeping men from access to God is refusal to believe that the blood is enough. **Hell is full of people who would not come. Heaven is full of people who could not qualify—but believed the blood did.**

## **VII. The Result: Access That Turns Sinners into Sons**

You don't kneel at the throne as a beggar—you walk in as a child.

You're not pulling on God's robe to get attention—you've been brought **near** by the blood (Eph. 2:13).

Because you enter by faith through the blood:

- Your sins are gone.
- Your identity is new.
- Your eternity is sealed.
- Your access is permanent.

You don't have to "stay good" to stay saved.

You don't have to "keep trying" to stay in grace.

Christ's blood didn't buy you a coupon—it bought you **union**. You are not tolerated in the throne room—you are welcomed, loved, seated, and sealed.

### **Conclusion: If You Don't Enter by Blood, You Don't Enter At All**

Salvation is not God lowering the standard.

It is God meeting the standard in your place.

Salvation is not God ignoring the stain.

It is God cleansing the stain with His own blood.

The only way in is by faith in the blood.

No works. No sacraments. No excuses. No substitutes.

Just blood—and belief.

Don't wait until the throne becomes a throne of judgment. Enter now, while it is still a throne of grace.

The veil is torn.

The blood is fresh.

The invitation is open.

Access has been granted.

## **20 of 20: The Final Throne – All Things Made New**

*Key Passage: Revelation 21:5 — “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new...”*

### **Introduction: The Last Throne Is Not New—But Everything Else Will Be**

History started in a garden—with man fleeing from the presence of God. It ends in a city—with man forever seated in the presence of God. Everything between Eden and Eternity is God’s unfolding plan to restore what was lost, redeem what fell, judge what rebelled, and reveal His eternal nature through a throne that has **never moved** and **never weakened**.

But in Revelation 21–22 something staggering happens. The eternal throne that has been covered with cherubim, guarded by angels, and approached with caution throughout Scripture... becomes the **center of our inheritance, joy, and life**.

Revelation 21:5 contains one of the most potent statements ever spoken by God:

“Behold, I make all things new.”

Not repaired.

Not reformed.

Not recycled.

**New.**

This is the climax of creation and redemption. The old creation had sin, sorrow, decay, death, tears, lies, and rebellion. The new creation has none of that—and the throne stands at the center of it all.

This is not the throne of grace. Not the throne of judgment. Not the Millennial throne. This is the **Final Throne—God All in All**.

Let’s explore the majestic conclusion of the Bible’s throne theme—the eternal rule of the King in the land where sin will never enter again.

### **I. The Final Throne: Not Moved—But Magnified**

In Revelation 4, John sees the throne set in Heaven. In Revelation 20, he sees the throne as a Great White Throne of judgment. In Revelation 21–22, he sees the throne again—but this time, it’s neither distant nor dreadful. It is central. It is visible. It is glorious—with no veil, no temple, and no separation.

This is the **throne of God and of the Lamb** (Rev. 22:1).

One throne. One rule. One presence. One King.

There will be no elections. No courts. No sin. No rebellion. No accusers. No lawbreakers. No tears. No night. Just God—uncontested, unhindered, unveiled.

What men rejected in Eden, Christ restores forever in the New Earth.

## II. All Things New: Creation Transformed, Not Just Redeemed

The word “new” in Revelation 21:5 is the Greek word *kainos*—meaning **new in quality and kind**. Not just *brand new*, but **better than ever**.

- **New Earth:** No more curse, no more work by the sweat of the brow, no more thorns or storms or earthquakes or deserts.
- **New Heaven:** The first heaven and earth flee away because they were contaminated by sin (Rev. 21:1).
- **New Jerusalem:** A city whose builder and maker is God (Heb. 11:10), prepared as a bride for a Bridegroom.

And in this new reality, the throne is not just above creation—it is **within it**. God does not merely rule. **He dwells**.

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men...” (Rev. 21:3)

This is not God dropping in for a visit. This is permanent **residence**. The throne room becomes the whole world—and the whole world becomes a garden-city-temple.

## III. The Eternal Throne: Where Grace and Glory Never End

God isn’t abolishing thrones. He’s fulfilling them.

The throne in Eden was guarded.

The throne in the Law was hidden.

The throne in Israel was defiled.

The throne in Heaven was distant.

The throne in the Millennium was conditional.

But the final throne is **forever**.

“And he shall reign for ever and ever” (Rev. 11:15).

That’s eternity without interruption.

That’s glory without end.

That’s sovereignty without rebellion.

The righteous rule of God that began in eternity past, was contested in time, and enforced in the Millennium, finally finds its eternal expression—when all enemies are defeated, death is destroyed, and God is **all in all** (1 Cor. 15:28).

#### **IV. The Elimination of the Last Enemy: Death Forever Destroyed**

Before the New Earth can flourish, death must die.

Revelation 20:14 says “death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.” That’s the funeral of the last enemy. After that—God wipes away every tear, erases every sorrow, banishes every memory of pain.

The only scars in eternity are on the Lamb—reminders not of sorrow, but of victory.

Death once sat on the throne of man’s emotional world. In the New Earth, it won’t even have a tombstone. It will be gone, eternally.

#### **V. The Harmony of the Throne and the People: A United Kingdom**

The New Earth isn’t a democracy. It’s a monarchy—with a King who will never die, degrade, be impeached, or be replaced.

And here’s the astounding part: **we reign with Him.**

Revelation 22:5 says, “They shall reign for ever and ever.”

Not for 1,000 years.

Not for a dispensation.

Forever.

The throne is not a stage. It is a shared inheritance. The saints don’t sit below—**they sit with.**

There will be no rebels left. No sinners in spirit or body. No nations in darkness. No demonic voices. No devils. Just perfected saints in perfect fellowship with a perfect King.

## VI. The City of the Throne: New Jerusalem—God’s Wedding Gift to the Bride

The seat of that throne is New Jerusalem—a cube-like city 1,500 miles wide, long, and high. It’s not a metaphor. It’s a **real city** with walls, gates, and foundations—each named after apostles and tribes.

It’s not heaven. It’s not Israel. It’s the **marriage of both**. And at its heart:

“...the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.” (Rev. 22:3)

There’s no temple because **the Lamb is the temple**. No sun or moon because **the Lamb is the light**. No curse because **the Lamb paid the curse**.

Everything in the city reflects Him:

- Streets of pure gold (divine nature)
- Gates of pearl (redemption through suffering)
- Foundations of precious stones (divine design and covenant)

## VII. The End of the Story—And the Beginning of Everything Else

When God says, “It is done” (Rev. 21:6), it’s not resignation—it’s triumph. The throne has survived every age, every test, every rebellion, every war.

And now—it rests in eternal peace.

The final throne isn’t about judgment. It’s about **joy**.

It’s not to destroy. It’s to  **dwell**.

It’s not about authority merely—it’s about **home**.

Look at Revelation 21:4–5 and marvel:

- No tears.
- No death.
- No sorrow.
- No crying.
- No pain.

Why? Because the One sitting on the throne has made **all things new**.

This isn’t the end of existence. It’s the beginning of endless life.

### **Conclusion: The Throne Was Never Meant to Be Far—Now It Is Home**

Every throne before this one was a shadow, a symbol, a hint of what was coming. The final throne is the **fulfillment** of every promise, every psalm, every prayer, and every prophecy.

The question is not whether **God will be on the throne forever.**

The question is whether **you will be there with Him.**

If you've entered by blood and faith, you'll not just see the throne—you'll enjoy it.

If not—you'll face it as a Judge before you ever see it as a home.

One throne. Two destinies.

Only one King.

And He says, "Behold, I make all things new."

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

### **Conclusion: The Throne That Ends All Pretending**

We've marched through eternity past, watched the rebellion in heaven, traced the blood-soaked footsteps to Calvary, stood in the center of John's Revelation, walked the corridors of the Millennial Kingdom, and glimpsed the eternal city of God.

And yet—one truth burns brighter than all the rest:

**The throne has always been the story.**

You weren't born into neutrality. The first breath you ever took happened in a battlefield between two thrones—one eternal and righteous, the other borrowed and blasphemous. And the day you die, the last breath you exhale will fall into the presence of one of them.

You cannot escape the throne.

You can ignore it.

You can mock it.

You can deny it.

But you cannot avoid it.

- Lucifer couldn't overthrow it.

- Heaven couldn't conceal it.
- Hell can't dethrone it.
- Time can't outrun it.
- Death can't silence it.
- And eternity can't outlast it.

You have seen it now in all its forms:

- **The throne before time began:** source of all sovereignty.
- **The throne in heaven:** holy, eternal, untouchable.
- **The throne on earth:** revealed through types, law, and prophecy.
- **The throne of grace:** blood-accessed, open to all who believe.
- **The throne in the Millennium:** visible, irresistible authority.
- **The final throne in eternity:** where God is *all in all*, and everything broken is made new by His word alone.

So now what?

You're not a spectator—you're a participant.

You don't stand at a distance—you've been invited in.

And you don't come to the throne wearing your own robes—you come through blood and faith in the Lamb who *opened the way*.

Everything in your life now flows from where you stand in relation to that throne.

Are you:

- Trying to build your own?
- Trying to sit on His?
- Or bowing before Him in wonder, washed and welcomed?

The throne of grace is open today.

The throne of judgment will be open tomorrow.

And the throne of eternity will stand forever.

The only question is:

**Which throne are you kneeling toward?**

Because in the end—there will be no atheists, no rebels, no crown-stealers, no self-made kings.

There will only be the throne.

And the King.

**“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”**