

Sunday, June 12, Revelation 4:1-11

The Great Throne Room

“The throne room vision of chapter 4 is in deliberate contrast with the ‘glory’ of Caesar’s throne and so is a response to the imperial cult, which was a major source of persecution for the seven churches and one of the key issues in the book as a whole...

The details of the scene-the acclamation, the crowns, the worship of the sovereign, the rows of officials-all were seen in Caesar’s court. Here, we see that only God is truly worthy of this.” Osborne (Baker Exegetical Commentary)

Old Testament Parallels with Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1, and Daniel 7

Isaiah 6:1-2 In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two each covered his face, and with two each covered his feet, and with two each flew.

Isaiah 6:3-4 And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies. The whole earth is full of His glory.” And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

Daniel 7:9-10 “I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were serving Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court convened, and the books were opened.

Revelation 3:31 The one who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father on His throne.

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A door standing open

Genesis 28:16-17 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “The Lord is certainly in this place, and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

Matthew 3:16-17 After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him, 17 and behold, a voice from the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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Voice like the sound of a trumpet

Revelation 1:9-10 I, John, your brother and fellow participant in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

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