

# The THRONE ROOM of HEAVEN



God's throne is in the midst of the **heavenly** temple in the New Jerusalem - and stands as the holiest place in the universe.

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[Revelation 4:1-2]

"The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

2Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**3**Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around."

[Psalm 97:1-3]



The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! 2The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples ... Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!" [Psalm 99:1-2,9]

The Revelation of Jesus Christ "He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; 4he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire." [Psalm 104:3-4]

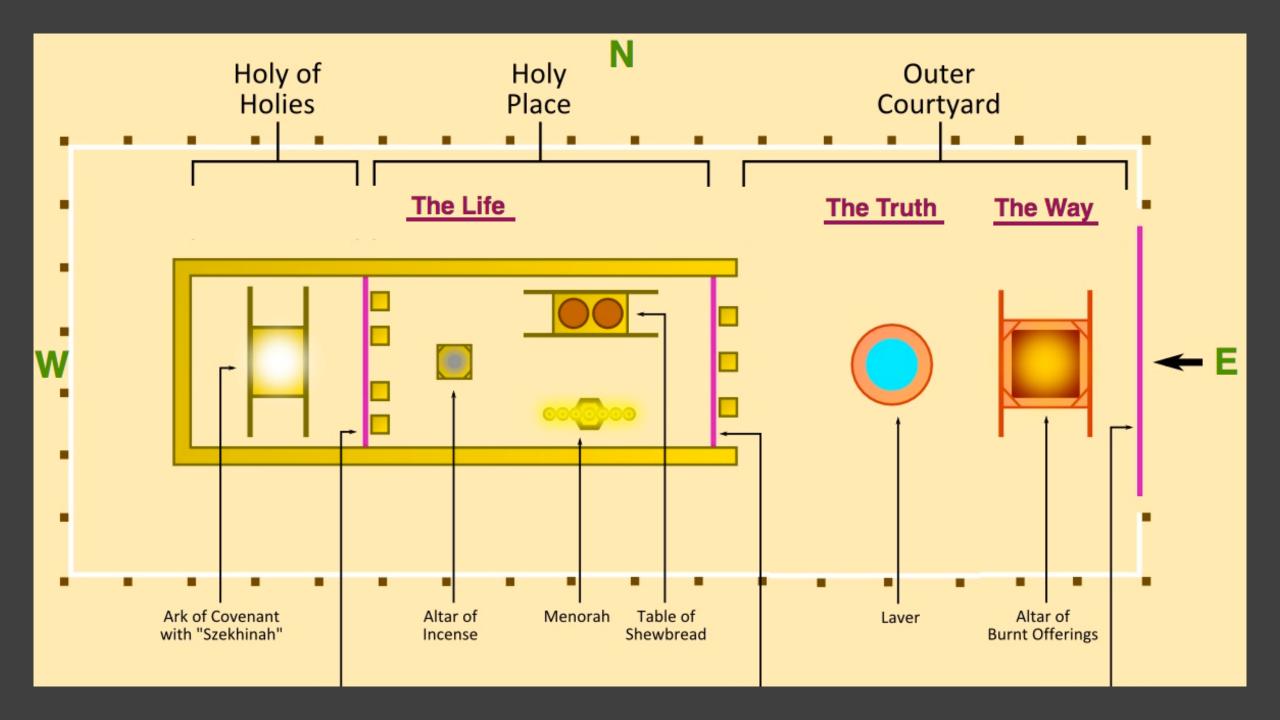
"He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. 11He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind."

[2 Samuel 22:10-11]

## The Heavenly Temple



"Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail." [Revelation 11:19]









### The New Jerusalem





"Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, 2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King." [Psalm 48:1-2]

"There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**5**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns."

[Psalm 46:4-5]

"You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;" [Isaiah 14:13]

"You were in **Eden, the garden of God**; every precious stone was your covering ... You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked."

[Ezekiel 28:13-14]

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant ... "

[Hebrews 12:22-24]

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband ... "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

[Revelation 21:2,9-11]

"The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name."

[Revelation 3:12]

All that we see in the earthly realm is merely a **copy** and **shadow** of the true substance of things not seen in the heavenly realm.

"Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2a minister in the holy places, in the true tabernacle that the Lord set up, not man."

[Hebrews 8:1-2]

"They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

[Hebrews 8:5]



Contrary to **popular** opinion, John's vision of heaven has nothing to do with the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

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## Testimony of Enoch



"By faith **Enoch was taken up** so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God."

[Hebrews 11:5]

"The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, who will be 2 living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and godless are to be removed. And he took up his parable and said -Enoch a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me, and from them I heard everything, and from them I understood as I saw, but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to

#### [1 Enoch 1:1-3]

come."

## Testimony of Isaiah



In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" [Isaiah 6:1-3]

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

[Isaiah 6:4-5]

# Testimony of Ezekiel



"In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, <u>the heavens were</u> <u>opened, and I saw visions of God</u>... [Ezekiel 1:1]

"And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance ... Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking."

[Ezekiel 1:26-28]

# Testimony of Daniel



"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. 10A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

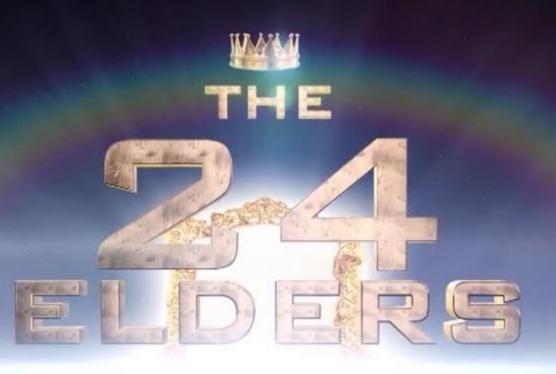
[Daniel 7:13-14]

# Testimony of Paul



"I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 21 know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter."

[2 Corinthians 12:1-4]





# The Revelation of Jesus Christ "And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

[Revelation 4:3-4]

The 24 Elders represent God's kings and priests who sit on the divine council, serve in the holy temple and rule with Christ in His kingdom.

"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

[1 Peter 2:4,9]

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and inherit eternal life."

[Matthew 19:28-29]

"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." [Luke 22:28-30]

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[Revelation 21:9-11]

"It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed ... And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

[Revelation 21:12, 14]

# Testimony of Moses on Sinai

"From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal."

[Revelation 4:5-6]

"On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast,

so that all the people in the camp trembled. **17**Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

[Exodus 19:16-17]

# "Now <u>Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke</u> because the LORD had descended on it in fire.

The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly." And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

[Exodus 19:18-20]

# Angels & Cherubim

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a **man**, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight."

[Revelation 4:6-7]

Seraphim/Cherubim are throne guardians who belong to the highest order of angelic beings and who dwell in closest proximity to God in His glory!

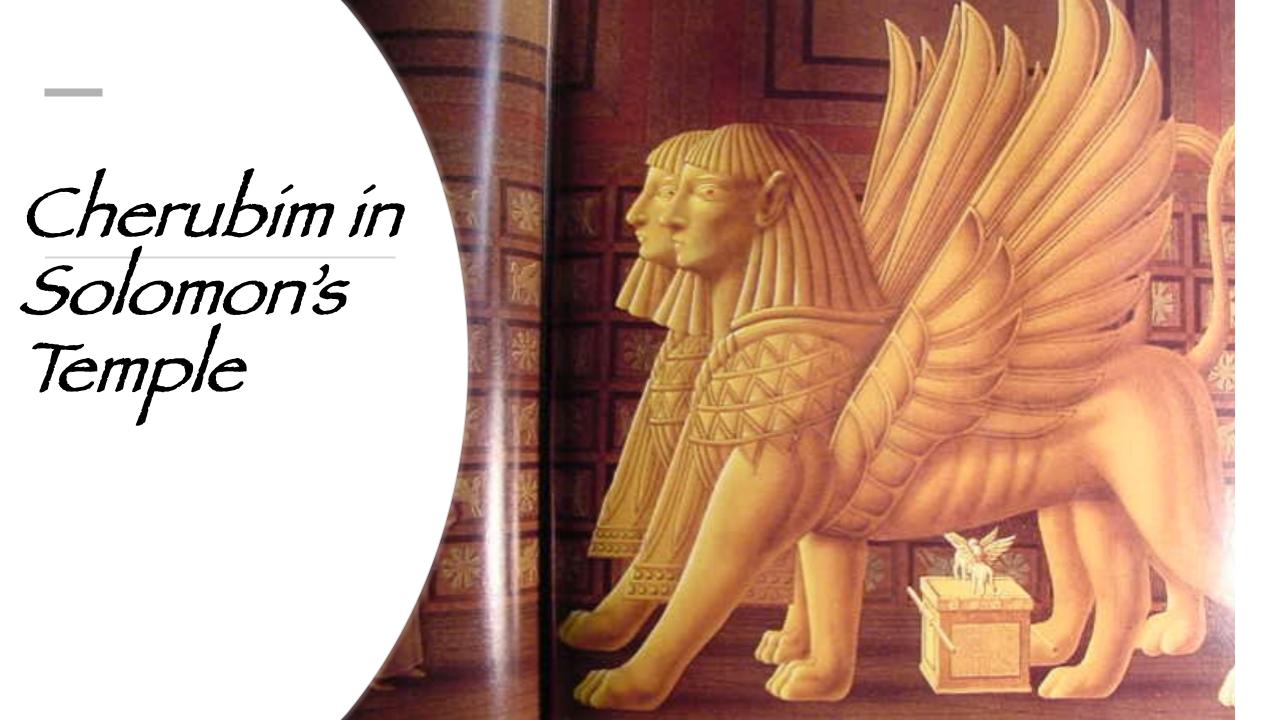
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# Ancient Griffin







"He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life." [Genesis 3:24]

"And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness, 6but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings ... As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle." [Ezekiel 1:5-6, 10]

"Then I looked, and behold, on the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim there appeared above them something like a sapphire, in appearance like a throne ... And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was a human face, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubim mounted up. These were the living creatures that I saw by the Chebar canal."

[Ezekiel 10:1, 14-15]

"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God;

every precious stone was your covering ... On the day that you were created they were prepared.

14You were an anointed guardian cherub.

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**God**: in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.

[Ezekiel 28:12-14]

Because God alone is supremely **holy**, He alone is forever worthy receive all honor, glory, worship and praise! [see Psalm 1451

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" [Revelation 4:8]

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And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying ... [Revelation 4:9-10]

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

[Revelation 4:11]

"I will extol you, **my God and King**), and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable."

[Psalm 145:1-3]

# APPLICATION



# Let us forever praise JESUS – the King of kings and our Great High Priest!

Remember, how we serve Christ now in this life will determine how we serve Him in the kingdom.

Just as God is holy – so are we to be holy – set apart by God unto a kingdom purpose.

Read Revelation 5 and pray for ears to hear