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The Kingdom Fulfilled

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His Story

Genesis 1-11 – History of Creation & Nations

Genesis 12-50 – History of a nation (Israel)

O.T. – The Messiah is Coming

Gospels – The Messiah is Here

Acts – The Church is born

Epistles – How we now live/Messiah Coming Back

Revelation – Conclusion of all History

The King & His Kingdom

Genesis 37:10 – shall we bow before you

Exodus 2:14 – who made you prince over us

1 Samuel 18:7 – They have rejected me (God)

Luke 19:14 – We'll not have this man to rule
over us

John 1:11 – Came unto His own, received Him
not

Type of Christ

Joseph – suffering servant

Moses – Priest/Prophet

David -- King

Psalm 110:1-2

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at My right hand

Until I make Your enemies a footstool for
Your feet.”

The LORD will stretch out Your
strong scepter from Zion, *saying*,
“Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”

Psalm 2:1-2

Why are the nations in an uproar, and their people involved in a vain plot? As the kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers conspire together against the LORD and his anointed one, they say,

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Daniel 7:9

**“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.**

Daniel 7:13

**“I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a son of man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.**

Daniel 7:14

**And to Him was given dominion,
Honor, and a kingdom,**

**So that all the peoples, nations, and
populations of all languages Might serve Him.**

**His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away; And His kingdom
is one which will not be destroyed.**

“a door standing open in heaven”

Same imagery: Jesus baptism, Peter's vision of the unclean food on a sheet coming down out of heaven

Acts 7:55-56: But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, **I see the heavens opened**, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

“In the Spirit”

4 Times in Revelation

1:10 - Vision of Jesus

4:2 - vision of Throne Room in heaven

17:3 - judgment of Harlot

21:10 - New Jerusalem

Thronus: lesser thrones (seats)

The Throne is a symbol of sovereign rule and Divine authority (7:15; 11:19; 16:17, 18; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Isa 6:1).

- Messiah will sit: on His Father's Throne Ps 110:1; Rev 3:21
- on the "Throne of His Mercy" Heb 4:16
- on the "Throne of David" Isa 9:7 Lk 1:32

Thronus: lesser thrones (seats)

- The 12 apostles will sit on 12 thrones and judge the 12 tribes and the angels (Mt 19:28; 1 Cor 6:3).
- 24 Elders sit on thrones (Rev 4:4)

Thronus: lesser thrones (seats)

Jesus said to the church of Laodicea,
"To him that overcometh will I
grant to sit with me in **my throne**,
even as I also overcame, and am set
down with my Father in **his
throne**" (Rev 3:21).

Thronus: lesser thrones (seats)

God's people (the church saints) are "kings and priests" (Rev. 1:6), reigning and serving with Christ. Their joint rule with Christ (Rev. 5:10), their white garments, and their golden crowns all seem to indicate that these 24 represent the redeemed (verses 9-11; 5:5-14; 7:11-17; 11:16-18; 14:3; 19:4). These are the "overcomers" who have conquered because of their faith in Christ (1 John 5:4-5).

24 Elders (7 times in Rev.)

- 24 courses of priests established by King David (1 Chronicles 24:3-5)
- 12 – the number of government (tribes, apostles)
- 2 -- the number of witness
- 24 Elders – 12X2
- 24 – you COULDN'T BE A KING AND PRIEST IN O.T. (Melchizedek, Jesus, and church saints)
- Remember: the Priests 'lived by the Altar' as they had no inheritance (don't cling to the world)

These Elders cannot be:

Angels: Angels are not numbered (Heb. 12:22), crowned, or enthroned. Angels are not redeemable and, therefore, cannot sing the Song of the Redeemed. In addition, in Rev 7:11 they are listed separately and distinctly from the 24 Elders.

These Elders cannot be:

Israel: the nation is not yet saved, glorified, and coronated. That is still to come at this point in Revelation. Their resurrection and glory will come at the end of the 7-year tribulation time (Daniel 12:1-3; Revelation 7 & 12).

These Elders cannot be:

Tribulation saints: aren't yet saved (7:9, 10, 13-14). Only one group will be complete and glorified at that point—the church. Here elders represent the church, which sings the song of redemption (5:8-10). They are the overcomers who have their crowns and live in the place prepared for them, where they have gone with Jesus (John 14:1-4).

Crowns Promised

- Crown of **Life** (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10) for those who have suffered for His sake.
- Crown of **Righteousness** (2 Tim 4:8) for those who loved His appearing.
- Crown of **Glory** (1 Pet 5:4) those who fed the flock.
- Crown **Incorruptible** (1 Cor 9:25) for those who press on steadfastly (persevere).
- Crown of **Rejoicing** (1 Thess 2:19) soul-winners.

Crowns Promised

- **Crowns (stephanos)**: 1 Cor 9:25; 1 Thess 2:19; 2 Tim 4:8; Jas 1:12; 1 Pet 5:4.
- **Reward for works** (not salvation) Jas 1:12.
Never promised to angels; reward is with Him: “Bema” seat. **(Hebrews 6:10)**

The Temple in Heaven

Earthly temple

- Holy of Holies
- Seven-branched candlestick
 - Bronze laver
- Cherubim over the mercy seat
 - Priests
 - Brazen altar
 - Incense altar
- Ark of the covenant

Heavenly Temple

- The throne of God
- Seven lamps of fire before the throne
 - Sea of glass
- Four living creatures around the throne
- Priests Elders (kings and priests)
 - Altar (Rev. 6:9–11)
 - Incense altar (Rev. 8:3–5)
 - Ark of the covenant

Stones

Jasper: John later describes this stone as “crystal-clear” (21:11) which refracts all the colors of the spectrum in wondrous brilliance – a blazing white light. Jasper will also later appear **as first** in both the wall and foundation of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:11, 18-19).

Stones

- **Sardius:** A fiery bright ruby stone. Sardius is the first stone in the breastplate of the high priest, representing Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob. (Jesus was the firstborn of the dead.)
- It is the sixth stone in the foundation of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:20). 6 - # of man, man redeemed by the blood and gains entrance into the Kingdom).

Stones

- **Emerald.** (Symbolic of life). Green hue dominates the multi-colored rainbow surrounding God's throne (Ezekiel 1:28). From the time of Noah, the rainbow became a sign of God's faithfulness to His Word, His promises, and His Noahic covenant (Genesis 9:12-17)

The 'Bow'

- **“Rainbow”** is the Greek word iris, which can also mean “halo.” The rainbow reminds us of God’s covenant with Noah (Gen. 9:11–17), symbolic of His promise that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood
- Judgment is about to fall, but the rainbow reminds us that God is merciful, even when He judges (Hab. 3:2). Usually, a rainbow appears **after** the storm, but here, we see it **before** the storm.

Rev. 4:5 – Lightning, Thunder

Mount Sinai

Exodus 19:16; 20:18 – 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. Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

Seven Spirits of God

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of **the Lord** will rest on Him, The spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, The spirit of **counsel** and **strength**, The spirit of **knowledge** and the **fear of the Lord**.

Vs. 6 – “sea (laver) of glass”: bronze laver

Exodus 38:8 – He made the basin of bronze and its stand of bronze, **from the mirrors** of the ministering women who ministered in the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Vs. 6 – Four (Zoa) ‘Living Creatures’

- Called Cherubim (Ezekiel 10:20) Identified with the Camp of Israel
- They call for judgment (chap. 6), and give the bowls "full of wrath of God" to the Seven bowl Angels (chap. 16).
- The number (four) also associates them with the Earth (4 corners, 4 winds). Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Vs. 6 – Four (Zoa) ‘Living Creatures’

The Bible associates a face with the idea of person. In **First Chronicles 12:8** the Israelite warriors from the tribe of Gad were said to have had faces like a lion, denoting their fierceness in battle.

- the lion is the mightiest of wild animals
- the ox strongest of domesticated animals
- the eagle king of all birds
- man is highest of all creation.

Vs. 8 – ‘*Holy, Holy, Holy*’

“In Hebrew, the double repetition of a word adds emphasis (verily, verily), while the rare threefold repetition calls attention to **the infinite**. Isaiah experienced the same thing when he was caught up into the throne room of God and heard the expression

Isaiah 6:3 – And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Lord God Almighty

“**Lord God Almighty**,” emphasizes the power of God. As mentioned in chapter 1, the name Almighty is used nine times in Revelation. The only other such usage in the New Testament is **2 Corinthians 6:18**, but it is found at least thirty-one times in Job, a book that magnifies the power of God in nature. The ancient Greek word for Almighty is pantokrator, with the idea of “the one who has His hand on everything.”

Who was and is and is to come

This repeats another idea from a title of Jesus Himself in Rev 1:8 and refers to God's eternal Being. It translates the thought behind the meaning of the name "Yahweh."

{“I Am”} Self-existent One

Vs. 9 – “glory, and honor, and thanks ...”

This doxology will grow throughout Revelation

Revelation 7:11-12 – and all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

**who lives forever and ever ... “
(again, a title of Jesus Himself)**

Rev. 1:18 – “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Who Is Jesus?

Matthew 16:16 -- He said to them, “But who do **you yourselves** say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Do You Believe?

John 1:12 -- Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—