

Jesus is Seated on the Throne

We have been studying the life of Christ. Below are verses that tell us about His ascension:

Acts 1:6 - 11 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

SO, WHAT HAPPENED AFTER JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN? Do the scriptures tell us? Have you wondered what happened later?

Psalms 110 foretells what would happen after Christ's death. Psalm 110 tells us that Christ would sit at the right hand of God the Father and He would be Priest and King.

I Corinthians 15:24 – 28 tells us a little more: *Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.*

But, it is in the book of Revelation that we see Christ sit on His Throne and we see Him Coronated as King. The book of Revelation lets us see Christ's ascension from Heaven's side. Let's see what the Apostle John wrote down for us to know. In this book, God lets you and me get a glimpse of the crowning of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

(The book of Revelation is written in apocalyptic style. This means its message is written in symbols and visions that are very vivid and graphic.)

REVELATION 4 – The Throne in Heaven

John is writing. He looks and sees a door that opens in the sky! A voice like a trumpet invites John to come in and see what takes place.

When John goes in, he sees a throne (v. 2) and one is seated on the throne. All around the throne is beauty (v. 3). Also around the throne are 24 thrones with 24 elders seated on them.

Thunder and lightning are coming from the main throne. There are also seven spirits of God there with seven lamps of fire. There is a beautiful sea of glass and four creatures are around the throne – a lion, a calf, a creature with the face of a man, and an eagle. They each have six wings and they have eyes all around.

These four creatures sing constantly day and night to the one who sits on the throne: “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.” (v. 8).

The 24 elders fall down and cast their crowns before Him. (This indicates that they are His servants.) They are also singing a song: *“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 5 – The Coronation Scene

John looks and he sees that the One on the throne holds a book (or scroll). It is written on the inside and the outside and sealed with seven seals.

He saw an angel who is proclaiming in a loud voice, *“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break the seals?”*

It was important to open the book (scroll), and no one in heaven or earth was able to open it. John began to cry because there was no one to open it. But one of the elders said to John, *“Do not weep. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has overcome so that He can open the scroll and its seals.”*

(“Overcome” is the great message of the book of Revelation.)

v. 6 – John looked and he saw something he had not seen between the throne and the four living creatures. He saw a Lamb standing as it had been slain. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out to all the earth.

The slain Lamb came bringing the sacrifice of Himself. He went to the throne and took the book. (v. 7, 8) When He did, the four living creatures and 24 elders fell down before the Lamb. Each had a harp and held a golden bowl of incense (which are the prayers of the saints).

These creatures and elders began to worship the Lamb, and they began to sing a new song that said, *“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”*

(The “Lamb” is Jesus. He was worthy because He died, and in His death He purchased for God the people from every nation on earth. These people can reign in heaven now and be a kingdom of priests to God because of Christ’s sacrifice.)

v. 11 – John continued to look and he began to hear the voice of myriads and myriads of angels around the throne. *(More than could be counted.)* They were singing loudly, *“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”*

Then John began to hear every creature in heaven, on the earth, under the earth and on the sea sing praises to the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, *“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

The four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

JESUS THE LAMB IS CORONATED AS KING AND PRIEST! He is crowned and goes forth to conquer! GOD WILL WIN! HE OVERCOMES!