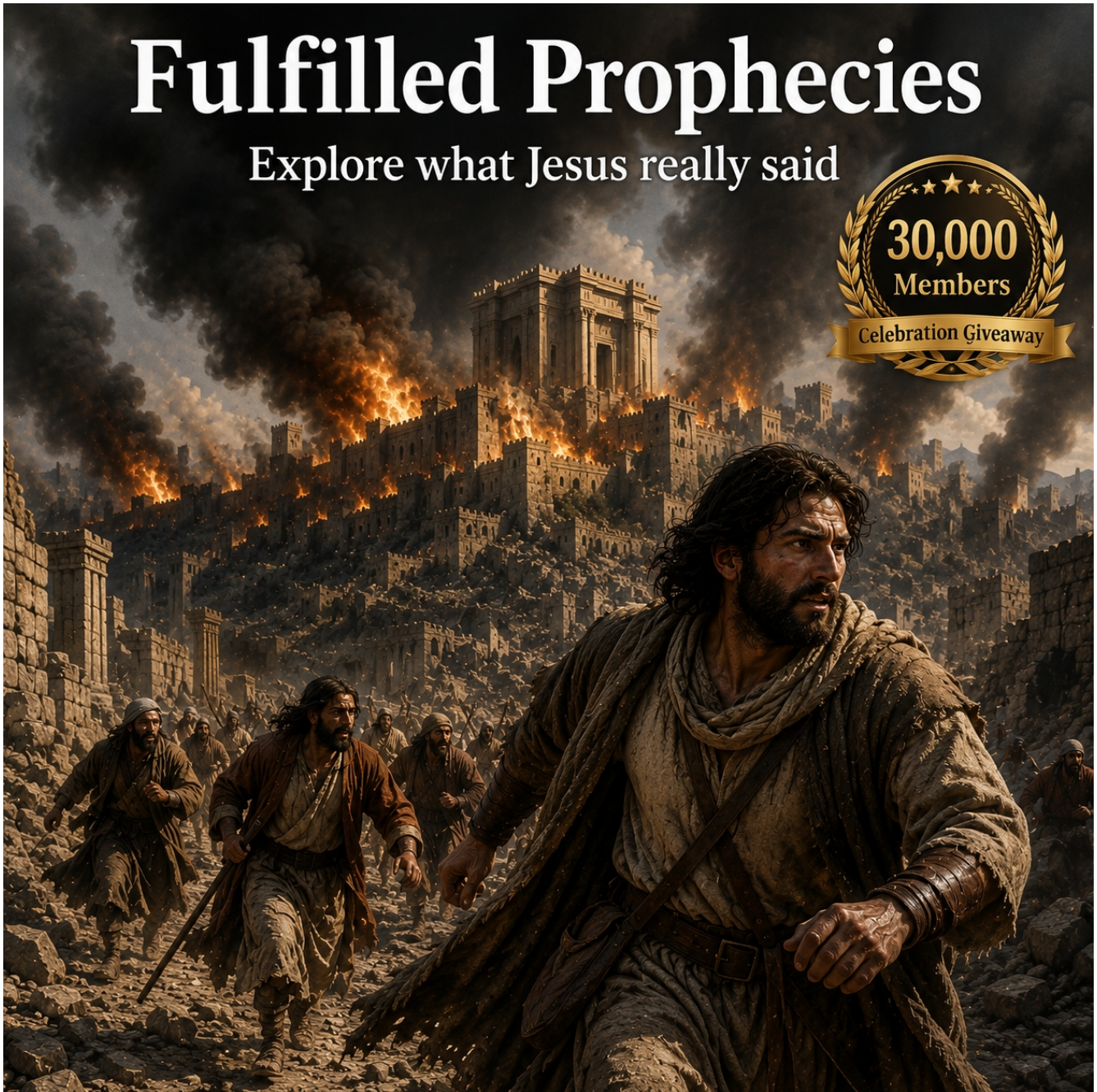


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The Host Standing Before God's Throne



The Host Of Heaven In Scripture (Part 1 of 55)

Introduction

† The phrase host of heaven appears throughout Scripture and refers to the heavenly beings who serve before God's throne and carry out His will.

† Scripture never presents God as ruling alone in isolation. He is surrounded by His heavenly host who worship, serve, and execute His commands (Psalm 103:20-21; Daniel 7:10).

† Rather than relying on speculation, we will examine only what the Bible says about the host of heaven.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

† Micaiah was given a vision of God's throne surrounded by the host of heaven.

† The host of heaven are presented as attendants before God's throne, serving Him and carrying out His purposes (Psalm 89:5-7).

† This scene demonstrates God's absolute authority over all heavenly beings.

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord.

You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their lights,
The earth and everything that is on it,
The seas and everything that is in them.
You give life to all of them,
And the heavenly lights bow down before You.
† The host of heaven are created beings.
† They are not equal with God and are not objects of worship.
† Their primary role is to worship and glorify the Creator who made all things (Revelation 4:10-11).

Psalm 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.
† God's hosts are described as ministers who perform His will.
† They do not act independently but carry out God's commands.
† Every action of the heavenly host is subject to God's authority and purpose (Hebrews 1:14).

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

† The sons of God are presented as appearing before the Lord in the heavenly realm.
† The text reveals an organized heavenly administration under God's sovereign rule.
† Even Satan could not act apart from God's permission and authority (Job 1:12; Job 2:6).

Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding,
Who set its measurements? Since you know.
Or who stretched the measuring line over it?
On what were its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
† The host of heaven existed before mankind was created.
† The sons of God witnessed God's creative work and rejoiced in His wisdom and power.
† This passage confirms that the heavenly host were already present when God established the earth.

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.

† Daniel saw an immense heavenly assembly gathered before God.

† The countless ministers and attendants emphasize God's universal kingship.

† The heavenly host participates in the administration of God's judgments and purposes.

Revelation 19:14

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

† The host of heaven are also described as heavenly armies.

† They accompany Christ as He carries out divine judgment.

† Their authority comes from Christ alone, not from themselves (Matthew 26:53).

Historical References

† Josephus frequently referred to angels and heavenly beings as God's heavenly armies and ministers serving His rule.

† Philo described the heavenly host as servants and messengers carrying out the will of God.

† Justin Martyr taught that heavenly beings were created servants of God and not objects of worship.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host as ministering spirits under God's authority.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The host of heaven reminds us that God's throne is active and His kingdom is fully established.

† We are not called to worship angels but to worship the God whom they worship (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8-9).

† Just as the heavenly host obey God's word, we should also seek to obey His will in our daily lives (Matthew 6:10).

† The host of heaven demonstrates that God's purposes are never hindered and His rule is never threatened (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who are the host of heaven?

A: They are the heavenly beings, including angels and ministers, who serve before God's throne and carry out His will (Psalm 103:20-21; Nehemiah 9:6).

Q: Are the host of heaven equal with God?

A: No. They are created beings who worship and serve Him (Nehemiah 9:6; Revelation 4:11).

Q: Were the host of heaven present at creation?

A: Yes. The sons of God shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4-7).

Q: Should Christians pray to or worship the host of heaven?

A: No. Worship belongs to God alone (Revelation 22:8-9; Matthew 4:10).

Q: Do the host of heaven still serve God today?

A: Yes. God's angels continue serving according to His purposes (Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Why do some people call the host of heaven God's Divine Council?

A: Some modern Bible teachers use the term Divine Council to describe passages where God is pictured surrounded by heavenly beings who stand before Him and serve His purposes (1 Kings 22:19; Job 1:6; Daniel 7:9-10). However, Scripture itself most often uses terms such as host of heaven, sons of God, angels, ministers, and armies of heaven.

Q: Does the Bible use the term Divine Council?

A: No. The phrase Divine Council does not appear in most English Bible translations. It is a theological term used to describe scenes where God is surrounded by His heavenly host. The biblical terms are host of heaven, sons of God, angels, ministers, and armies of heaven.

Q: Do the host of heaven help God make decisions?

A: God alone possesses all wisdom and authority (Isaiah 46:9-10). Scripture shows the host of heaven standing before Him and carrying out His will, but God's purposes do not depend upon them (Psalm 115:3; Daniel 4:35).

Q: Are believers part of the host of heaven?

A: The host of heaven normally refers to heavenly beings who serve before God's throne. However, believers have come to the heavenly Jerusalem and join in the worship of God with the angels (Hebrews 12:22-24).

Q: How often does the Bible mention the host of heaven?

A: The exact phrase host of heaven appears dozens of times, and related terms such as angels, sons of God, holy ones, ministers, and armies of heaven appear hundreds of times throughout Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, the heavenly host are consistently portrayed as worshiping God and carrying out His will. (Job 38:4-7; Psalm 103:20-21; Daniel 7:10; Revelation 19:14)

Q: Is there Scripture that shows heavenly beings coming to earth?

A: Yes. Throughout Scripture, heavenly beings were sent by God to carry out specific assignments on earth. Angels appeared to Abraham (Genesis 18:1-2), Lot (Genesis 19:1), Daniel (Daniel 9:21-23), Mary (Luke 1:26-28), the shepherds (Luke 2:13-14), and the apostles (Acts 5:19; Acts 12:7-10). These appearances demonstrate that God has, at times, sent members of the heavenly host to minister, deliver messages, provide protection, and accomplish His purposes on earth (Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Do heavenly beings still come to earth today?

A: Scripture does not say that God has stopped using His ministering spirits. Hebrews 1:14 describes them as ministering spirits sent to serve according to God's purposes. However, Scripture never instructs believers to seek angels or focus on them. Our focus is always to remain on Christ and His word (Hebrews 1:14; Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8-9).

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Source Index

† 1 Kings 22:19; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 103:20-21; Job 1:6; Job 38:4-7; Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 19:14; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 22:8-9

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

Note: The rest of the parts in the series are very short. And If I repeat a certain verse over and over, it's for a good reason.

The Host Standing Before God's Throne



The Host Standing Before God's Throne (Part 2 of 55)

Introduction

† Throughout Scripture, God is repeatedly revealed as seated upon His throne with the host of heaven standing before Him.

† These heavenly beings worship, serve, and carry out God's will throughout heaven and earth.

† The throne scenes of Scripture consistently emphasize God's sovereignty and the submission of the heavenly host to His authority.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

† Micaiah was given a glimpse into the heavenly realm where God's throne is surrounded by His host.

† The host stand before God as servants awaiting His commands (Psalm 103:20-21).

† This scene demonstrates that all heavenly authority remains subject to God alone (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also

came among them.

† The sons of God are shown presenting themselves before the Lord.

† This reveals order and accountability within the heavenly realm.

† No heavenly being acts independently of God's authority (Job 1:12; Job 2:6).

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

† Isaiah saw heavenly beings standing before the throne in continual worship.

† The focus of heaven is the holiness and glory of God.

† The host direct all praise and honor toward the One seated upon the throne (Revelation 4:11).

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.

† Daniel witnessed an innumerable host gathered before God's throne.

† Thousands ministered while countless others stood before Him in service.

† God's throne is the center of judgment, authority, and heavenly administration (Psalm 103:19).

Revelation 4:8-11

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, who was and who is and who is to come."

And when the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

† John's vision confirms the same throne room reality seen by Isaiah and Daniel.

† Worship surrounds God's throne continually.

† Every heavenly being acknowledges God's authority as Creator and King (Colossians 1:16).

Revelation 5:11

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

† The host of heaven are beyond human calculation.

† The vast multitude magnifies the greatness of God's kingdom.

† Heaven is filled with worshippers and servants devoted to God's purposes (Hebrews 12:22).

Historical References

† Josephus described the heavenly realm as populated by innumerable ministering beings serving under God's authority.

† Philo wrote of heavenly beings assembled around the divine throne.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels worship and serve the Creator.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host as ministering before God in obedience to His will.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's throne remains established over all creation regardless of events on earth (Psalm 103:19).

† The worship of heaven reminds us that God alone is worthy of glory and honor.

† The obedience of the heavenly host provides an example of faithful service to God's will.

† We can rest knowing God's purposes are being carried out according to His perfect plan (Romans 8:28).

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why are heavenly beings shown standing before God's throne?

A: Standing before the throne symbolizes service, readiness, and submission to God's authority (Daniel 7:10).

Q: Do heavenly beings rule alongside God?

A: No. God alone is sovereign. The heavenly host serve Him and carry out His will (Daniel 4:35; Psalm 115:3).

Q: What is the primary activity of the host before God's throne?

A: Worship, service, and obedience to God's commands (Psalm 103:20-21; Revelation 4:11).

Q: How many heavenly beings stand before God's throne?

A: Scripture describes them as thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand (Daniel 7:10; Revelation 5:11).

Q: Does God's throne still rule today?

A: Yes. God's kingdom continues to rule over all and His authority never ends (Psalm 103:19; Hebrews 12:28).

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† 1 Kings 22:19; Job 1:6; Isaiah 6:1-3; Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 4:8-11; Revelation 5:11

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Sons Of God



The Sons Of God (Part 3 of 55)

Introduction

† The phrase sons of God appears throughout Scripture and is one of the most misunderstood terms in the Bible.

† Rather than relying on tradition or speculation, we must allow Scripture to define who the sons of God are.

† The Bible consistently places the sons of God in the heavenly realm as members of the host of heaven who serve before God.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

† The sons of God are pictured presenting themselves before the Lord in heaven.

† The scene is not earthly but heavenly.

† The sons of God are shown as part of the heavenly assembly standing before God (Daniel 7:10).

Job 2:1

Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord.

† The same heavenly gathering appears a second time.

† The repetition confirms that this was an established heavenly assembly.

† The sons of God are presented as accountable servants before God's throne (Psalm 103:20-21).

Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

Who set its measurements? Since you know.

Or who stretched the measuring line over it?

On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

When the morning stars sang together

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

† The sons of God existed before mankind was created.

† They witnessed God's creative work and rejoiced in it.

† This passage identifies the sons of God as heavenly beings rather than human beings.

Psalms 89:5-7

The heavens will praise Your wonders, Lord;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord,

A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,

And awesome above all those who are around Him?

† The sons of the mighty are associated with the assembly of the holy ones in heaven.

† God stands above all heavenly beings without equal.

† The passage emphasizes God's supremacy over the heavenly host.

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.

† Daniel saw a vast heavenly assembly surrounding God's throne.

† This gathering corresponds to the heavenly scenes described in Job.

† The sons of God are among the heavenly host who minister before God.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to

myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The heavenly realm contains an innumerable company of angels surrounding God's throne.

† The writer draws attention to the heavenly assembly known throughout Scripture.

† Believers have come into fellowship with the heavenly kingdom through Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus referred to angels as heavenly beings serving before God's throne.

† Philo frequently described heavenly beings gathered around God in service and worship.

† Justin Martyr identified the heavenly host as created servants of God.

† Irenaeus taught that angels and heavenly beings serve under God's authority.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The sons of God remind us that God rules over both heaven and earth.

† The heavenly host continually worship and obey God.

† Believers can take comfort knowing God's throne is surrounded by faithful servants carrying out His will.

† God's authority extends over every realm of creation.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who are the sons of God in Job?

A: They are heavenly beings who present themselves before the Lord as part of the heavenly assembly (Job 1:6; Job 2:1).

Q: Were the sons of God present at creation?

A: Yes. They shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4-7).

Q: Are the sons of God human beings in Job?

A: No. They existed before mankind was created and appear in heavenly scenes before God's throne (Job 38:4-7; Daniel 7:10).

Q: Are the sons of God equal with God?

A: No. God stands above all heavenly beings and has no equal (Psalm 89:6-7).

Q: Are believers called sons of God?

A: Yes. Believers are called sons of God through faith in Christ, but this is a different context than the heavenly beings described in Job (Galatians 3:26; Romans 8:14).

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Angels As God's Messengers



Angels As God's Messengers (Part 4 of 55)

Introduction

† Angels are among the most frequently mentioned members of the host of heaven in Scripture.

† The word angel means messenger and describes one who is sent with a message or assignment from God.

† Throughout Scripture, angels appear as servants carrying out God's will, delivering messages, providing protection, and executing judgment.

Genesis 19:1

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he stood up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

† Angels were sent by God to accomplish a specific mission.

† They acted under divine authority rather than their own authority.

† Their presence demonstrated God's awareness of events on earth (Genesis 18:20-21).

Daniel 9:21-23

while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to

me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. And he instructed me and talked with me and said, Daniel, I have come now to give you insight with understanding. At the beginning of your pleas the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, because you are highly esteemed; so pay attention to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

† Gabriel was sent to deliver understanding and revelation.

† The message originated with God, not with Gabriel.

† Angels function as messengers who communicate God's purposes.

Luke 1:26-28

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

† Gabriel was sent by God to announce the coming of Christ.

† The angel served as a messenger rather than the source of the message.

† This demonstrates God's use of heavenly beings to reveal His plans.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

† The heavenly host appeared in praise and worship of God.

† Their focus was upon God's glory rather than themselves.

† The host announced one of the most significant events in redemptive history.

Acts 12:7-10

And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near Peter, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Put on your belt and strap on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." And he went out and continued to follow, and yet he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. Now when they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

† Angels were sometimes sent to protect and deliver God's servants.

† The deliverance of Peter occurred through God's power and authority.

† The angel departed after completing the assigned task.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

† Angels are described as ministering spirits.

† They are sent by God for specific purposes.

† Their ministry serves God's plan and His people.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently referred to angels as messengers and servants of God.

† Philo described angels as heavenly ministers carrying out divine commands.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels were created beings serving under God's authority.

† Irenaeus described angels as obedient servants carrying out God's will.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Angels remind us that God actively rules over His creation.

† The ministry of angels demonstrates God's care for His people.

† We are never instructed to worship angels or seek communication with them.

† Our focus remains on God, who sends His servants according to His will.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What does the word angel mean?

A: The word angel means messenger and refers to one sent with a message or assignment from God (Daniel 9:21-23).

Q: Are angels part of the host of heaven?

A: Yes. Angels are members of the heavenly host who serve before God and carry out His will (Luke 2:13-14).

Q: Do angels act on their own authority?

A: No. Angels are sent by God and carry out His commands (Luke 1:26-28; Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Do angels still serve God today?

A: Yes. Scripture describes them as ministering spirits sent forth according to God's purposes (Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Should Christians worship angels?

A: No. Worship belongs to God alone and not to His messengers (Revelation 22:8-9).

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† Genesis 19:1; Daniel 9:21-23; Luke 1:26-28; Luke 2:13-14; Acts 12:7-10; Hebrews 1:14

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

Ministering Spirits



Ministering Spirits (Part 5 of 55)

Introduction

† Among the many titles given to members of the host of heaven, one of the most descriptive is ministering spirits.

† This title emphasizes their role as servants carrying out God's purposes.

† Scripture presents these heavenly beings as active participants in God's administration, always serving according to His will.

Psalm 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.

† Angels and hosts are described as ministers who carry out God's commands.

† Their strength is used in service to God's purposes.

† They respond to God's word with complete obedience.

Daniel 7:10

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.

- † The heavenly host are portrayed as ministers before God's throne.
- † Their service is centered upon God's authority and kingdom.
- † The throne room scene reveals continual ministry before the Ancient of Days.

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to serve Him.
† Angels ministered to Jesus following His temptation in the wilderness.
† Their ministry was directed by God and focused upon serving Christ.
† This demonstrates that heavenly beings actively carry out assignments given by God.

Luke 22:43

Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.
† An angel was sent to strengthen Jesus before His arrest and crucifixion.
† God used a ministering spirit to provide encouragement during a time of suffering.
† The ministry of angels reflects God's care and purpose.

Acts 27:23-24

For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong, whom I also serve, came to me, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has graciously granted you all those who are sailing with you.'
† An angel delivered reassurance and encouragement to Paul during a storm.
† The message focused upon God's plan rather than the angel himself.
† Ministering spirits direct attention toward God's purposes.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?
† This verse provides one of the clearest descriptions of the role of angels.
† They are sent forth by God for service.
† Their ministry is connected to God's redemptive plan for His people.

Historical References

- † Josephus described angels as servants who carry out God's commands.
- † Philo wrote of heavenly ministers serving according to divine authority.
- † Justin Martyr taught that angels were created servants of God.
- † Irenaeus described angels as ministering beings carrying out God's will.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † The ministry of heavenly beings reminds us that God actively governs His creation.
- † God's servants carry out His purposes according to His perfect wisdom.
- † Believers can trust that God's plans are being fulfilled even when unseen.
- † Our focus remains on God rather than the servants He sends.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What are ministering spirits?

A: They are heavenly beings sent by God to carry out His purposes and serve according to His will

(Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Are ministering spirits angels?

A: Yes. Scripture identifies angels as ministering spirits sent forth for service (Psalm 103:20-21; Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Do ministering spirits act independently?

A: No. They carry out God's commands and serve according to His authority (Psalm 103:20-21).

Q: Did angels minister to Jesus?

A: Yes. Angels ministered to Jesus after His temptation and strengthened Him before His arrest (Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43).

Q: What is the primary purpose of ministering spirits?

A: Their purpose is to serve God and carry out His will in fulfillment of His purposes (Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 1:14).

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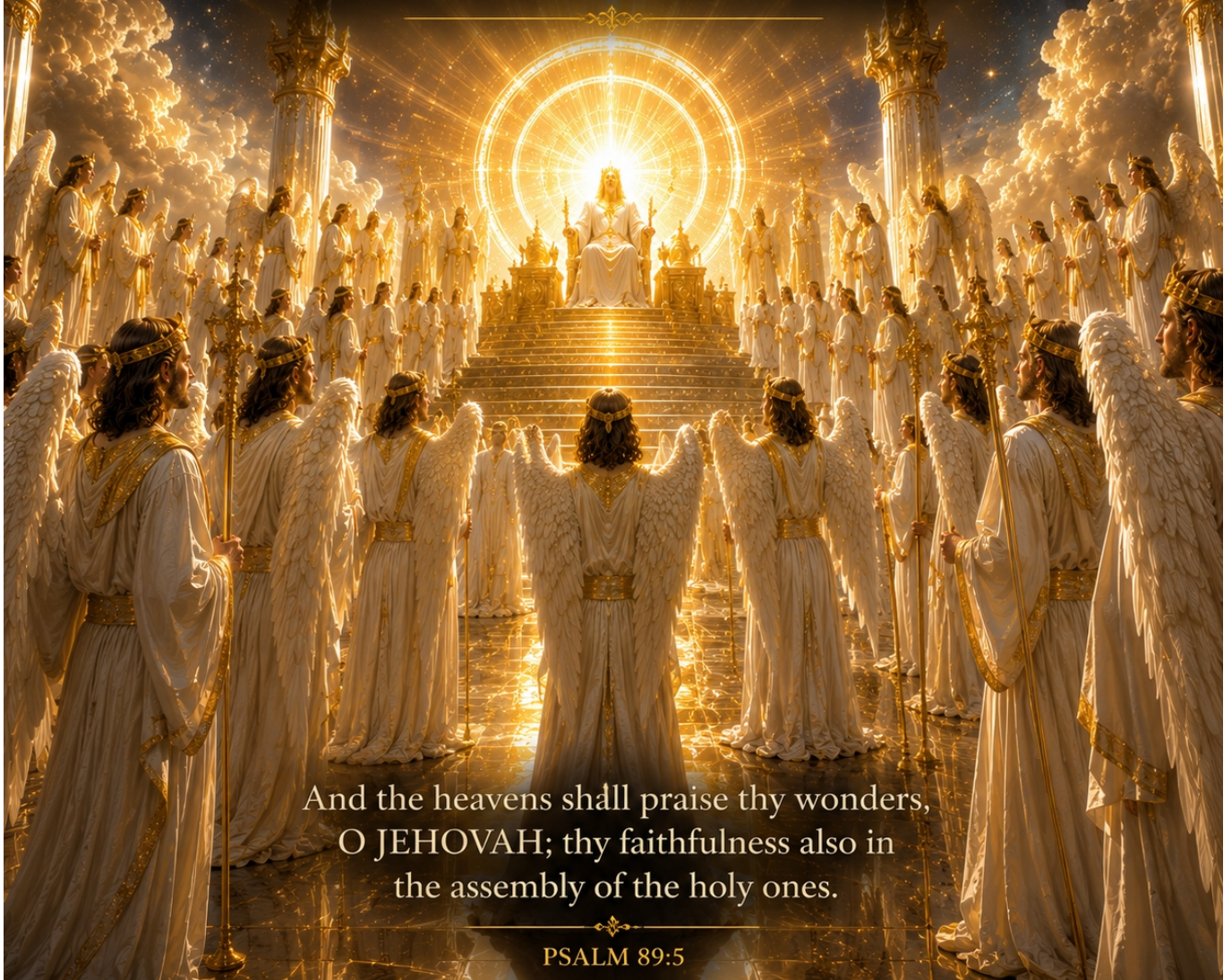
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The Holy Ones

MEMBERS OF THE HEAVENLY HOST
SURROUNDING GOD'S THRONE



And the heavens shall praise thy wonders,
O JEHOVAH; thy faithfulness also in
the assembly of the holy ones.

PSALM 89:5

The Holy Ones (Part 6 of 55)

Introduction

- † The title holy ones appears throughout Scripture in connection with members of the heavenly host.
- † The term emphasizes their separation unto God's service and their place within the heavenly realm.
- † Scripture consistently portrays the holy ones as surrounding God's throne, worshiping Him, and carrying out His purposes.

Deuteronomy 33:2

The Lord came from Sinai,
And dawned on them from Seir;
He shone from Mount Paran,
And He came from the midst of myriads of holy ones;
At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

- † The holy ones are associated with God's heavenly entourage.
- † They accompany manifestations of God's glory and authority.
- † The passage presents them as attendants of the divine King.

Job 5:1

Call now, is there anyone who will answer you?

And to which of the holy ones will you turn?

† The holy ones are presented as a recognized group within the heavenly realm.

† Yet the passage emphasizes that ultimate dependence belongs to God rather than heavenly beings.

† Even the holy ones remain subject to God's authority.

Psalms 89:5-7

The heavens will praise Your wonders, Lord;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord,

A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,

And awesome above all those who are around Him?

† The holy ones are gathered in a heavenly assembly.

† God stands above all who surround Him.

† The passage emphasizes God's uniqueness and supremacy among the heavenly host.

Daniel 4:13

I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

† The holy one is described as coming from heaven.

† This identifies the holy ones as heavenly beings rather than earthly rulers.

† The holy one serves as a messenger carrying out God's decree.

Daniel 4:17

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers,

And the decision is a command of the holy ones,

In order that the living may know

That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,

And He grants it to whomever He wishes

And sets over it the lowliest of people.

† The holy ones participate in the proclamation of God's judgments.

† Their role is connected to God's government over the affairs of men.

† The focus remains on the sovereignty of the Most High.

Zechariah 14:5

And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

† The holy ones are pictured accompanying the Lord.

† They are presented as part of His heavenly retinue.

† The passage reflects the consistent biblical imagery of God surrounded by His host.

Historical References

† Josephus referred to heavenly attendants surrounding God's throne and carrying out His commands.

† Philo described holy heavenly beings devoted to the service of God.

† Justin Martyr taught that holy heavenly beings worship and serve the Creator.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host as holy servants carrying out God's will.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The holy ones remind us of God's holiness and majesty.

† The worship of the heavenly host points our attention toward God's glory.

† The obedience of the holy ones provides an example of faithful service.

† God's throne remains surrounded by worship and honor.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who are the holy ones?

A: The holy ones are heavenly beings set apart for God's service and associated with His heavenly host (Psalm 89:5-7).

Q: Are the holy ones part of the host of heaven?

A: Yes. Scripture places them among the heavenly beings who surround God's throne and carry out His purposes (Deuteronomy 33:2; Psalm 89:5-7).

Q: Are the holy ones equal with God?

A: No. God is exalted above all the holy ones and has no equal (Psalm 89:6-7).

Q: Can holy ones come from heaven to earth?

A: Yes. Daniel described a holy one coming down from heaven with a divine message (Daniel 4:13).

Q: What is the purpose of the holy ones?

A: They worship God, serve Him, and participate in carrying out His purposes and judgments (Daniel 4:17; Zechariah 14:5).

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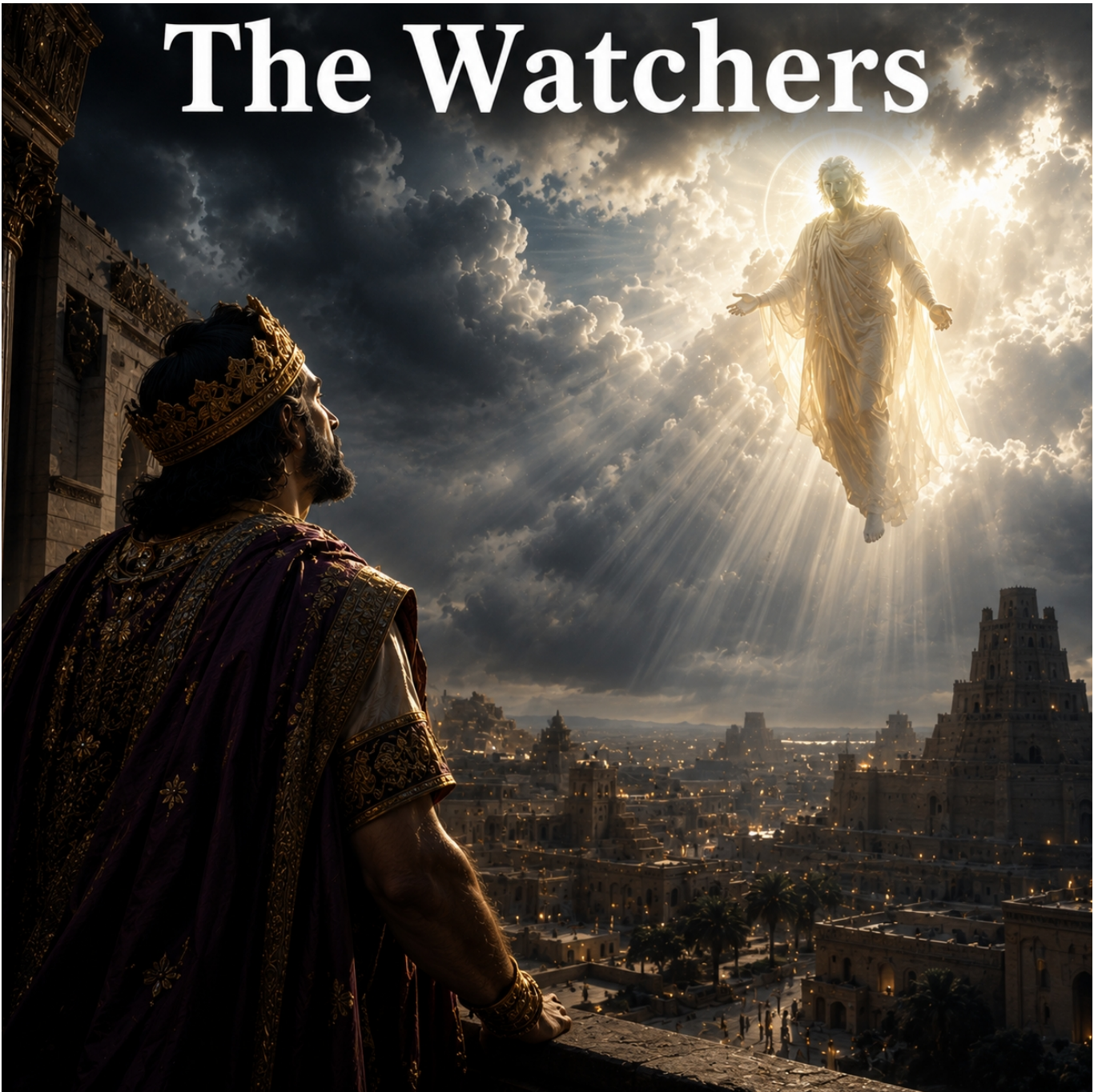
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The Watchers



The Watchers (Part 7 of 55)

Introduction

† The title watcher appears only in the book of Daniel and is one of the most unique descriptions of a member of the heavenly host.

† Scripture does not present watchers as a separate race of beings but as heavenly servants carrying out God's decrees.

† The emphasis of every passage is not upon the watcher himself but upon the sovereignty of God who sends him.

Daniel 4:13

I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

† The watcher is described as coming down from heaven.

† He is also called a holy one, linking him to the heavenly host.

† His appearance was connected to a message from God concerning Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:14

He shouted out and spoke as follows:

Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,

Shake off its foliage and scatter its fruit;

Let the animals flee from under it

And the birds from its branches.

† The watcher announced a judgment that had been determined by God.

† He functioned as a messenger proclaiming a divine decree.

† The authority belonged to God rather than to the watcher.

Daniel 4:17

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers,

And the decision is a command of the holy ones,

In order that the living may know

That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,

And He grants it to whomever He wishes

And sets over it the lowliest of people.

† The decree was proclaimed through the watchers and holy ones.

† The purpose was to reveal that the Most High rules in the affairs of men.

† The focus of the passage is God's sovereignty over earthly kingdoms.

Daniel 4:24-25

this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the animals of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

† Daniel identifies the decree as coming from the Most High.

† This confirms that the watcher was acting as God's servant.

† The heavenly messenger delivered God's judgment, not his own.

Daniel 4:34-35

But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account,

But He does according to His will among the army of heaven

And among the inhabitants of earth;

And no one can fend off His hand

Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

† The lesson of the watcher's message was God's absolute authority.

† God rules both the army of heaven and the inhabitants of earth.

† No being in heaven or earth can resist His will.

Psalms 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,

Mighty in strength, who perform His word,

Obedient to the voice of His word!

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,

You who serve Him, doing His will.

† The role of the watcher is consistent with the ministry of the heavenly host.

† God's servants carry out His commands and fulfill His purposes.

† Heavenly beings act in obedience to God's word.

Historical References

† Josephus viewed the heavenly messengers of Daniel as servants carrying out divine decrees.

† Philo described heavenly beings as ministers acting under God's authority.

† Justin Martyr taught that heavenly beings serve according to God's commands.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host as obedient servants carrying out God's will.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The watcher reminds us that God rules over the kingdoms of men.

† Earthly rulers remain subject to God's authority.

† God's purposes cannot be overturned by human power.

† Believers can trust the sovereignty of God in every generation.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is a watcher?

A: A watcher is a heavenly being described in Daniel who carries out and proclaims God's decrees (Daniel 4:13-14).

Q: Are watchers part of the host of heaven?

A: Yes. Daniel identifies the watcher as a holy one who came from heaven (Daniel 4:13).

Q: Do watchers possess authority of their own?

A: No. They act as servants carrying out the will and decrees of God (Daniel 4:24-25).

Q: Why was the watcher sent to Nebuchadnezzar?

A: To declare God's judgment and teach that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men (Daniel 4:17).

Q: What is the main lesson of the watcher passages?

A: God is sovereign over heaven and earth and accomplishes His will through His servants (Daniel 4:34-35).

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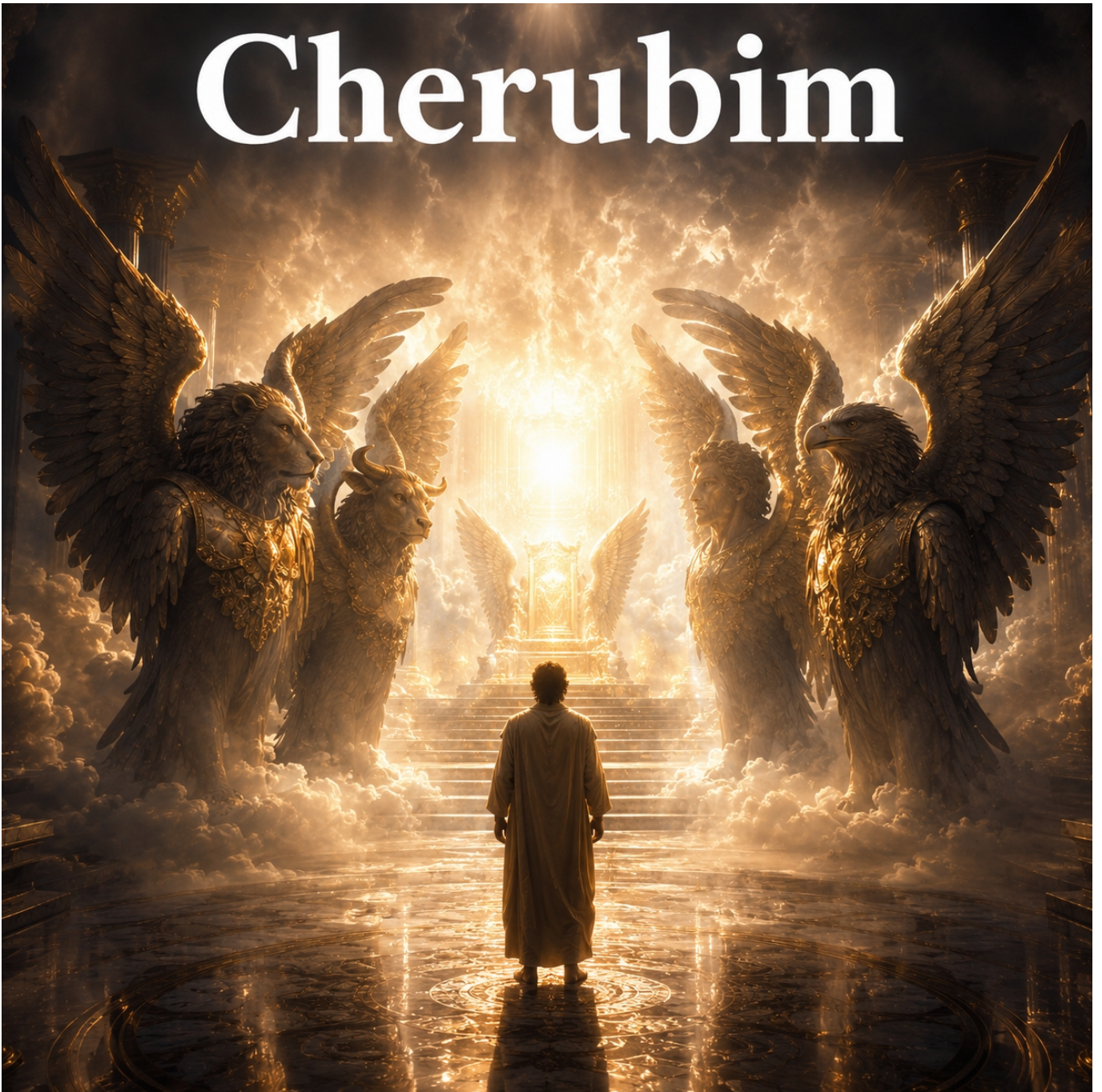
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Cherubim



Cherubim (Part 8 of 22)

Introduction

- † The cherubim are among the most frequently mentioned members of the heavenly host in Scripture.
- † They are closely associated with God's presence, holiness, and throne.
- † From Genesis to Revelation, cherubim appear in connection with God's glory and His dwelling place.

Genesis 3:24

So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

- † The first mention of cherubim appears immediately after the fall of man.
- † Cherubim were assigned to guard access to the tree of life.
- † Their presence emphasizes the holiness of God and the separation caused by sin.

Exodus 25:18-20

You shall make two cherubim of gold; make them of hammered work at the two ends of the atoning cover. Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the atoning cover at its two ends. And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward,

covering the atoning cover with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the atoning cover.

† The cherubim were placed upon the mercy seat in the Most Holy Place.

† Their position symbolized God's throne and presence among His people.

† The earthly tabernacle reflected heavenly realities (Hebrews 8:5).

2 Samuel 22:11

He rode on a cherub and flew;

He appeared on the wings of the wind.

† Cherubim are associated with God's throne imagery and glory.

† The language emphasizes God's majesty and sovereign rule.

† The cherub serves as part of the symbolic imagery surrounding God's presence.

Ezekiel 10:1-2

Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them. And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he entered in my sight.

† Ezekiel connects the cherubim directly with God's throne.

† They are closely associated with God's glory and judgment.

† The vision reveals cherubim serving in the presence of God.

Ezekiel 10:20

These are the living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim.

† Ezekiel explicitly identifies the living creatures as cherubim.

† The cherubim are presented as heavenly beings surrounding God's throne.

† Their ministry centers upon God's presence and authority.

Revelation 4:6-8

and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

† The throne room imagery of Revelation parallels the visions of Ezekiel.

† The living creatures remain closely connected to God's throne and worship.

† Their continual praise emphasizes the holiness of God.

Historical References

† Josephus described cherubim as heavenly beings associated with God's presence.

† Philo connected cherubim with the holiness and majesty of God's throne.

† Justin Martyr viewed cherubim as members of the heavenly host serving before God.

† Irenaeus described cherubim as heavenly attendants surrounding God's glory.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The cherubim remind us of God's holiness and majesty.

† Their continual worship directs attention to God's glory rather than themselves.

† God's throne remains the center of authority in heaven and earth.

† The presence of cherubim throughout Scripture highlights the greatness of the God we serve.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What are cherubim?

A: Cherubim are heavenly beings associated with God's throne, presence, and holiness (Ezekiel 10:20).

Q: Where are cherubim first mentioned?

A: They first appear guarding the way to the tree of life after Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden (Genesis 3:24).

Q: Are cherubim part of the host of heaven?

A: Yes. They are heavenly beings who serve in the presence of God and are associated with His throne (Ezekiel 10:1-2).

Q: What was the purpose of the cherubim on the mercy seat?

A: They symbolized God's throne and presence among His covenant people (Exodus 25:18-20).

Q: What do cherubim teach us about God?

A: They point to God's holiness, glory, authority, and the worship that surrounds His throne (Revelation 4:6-8).

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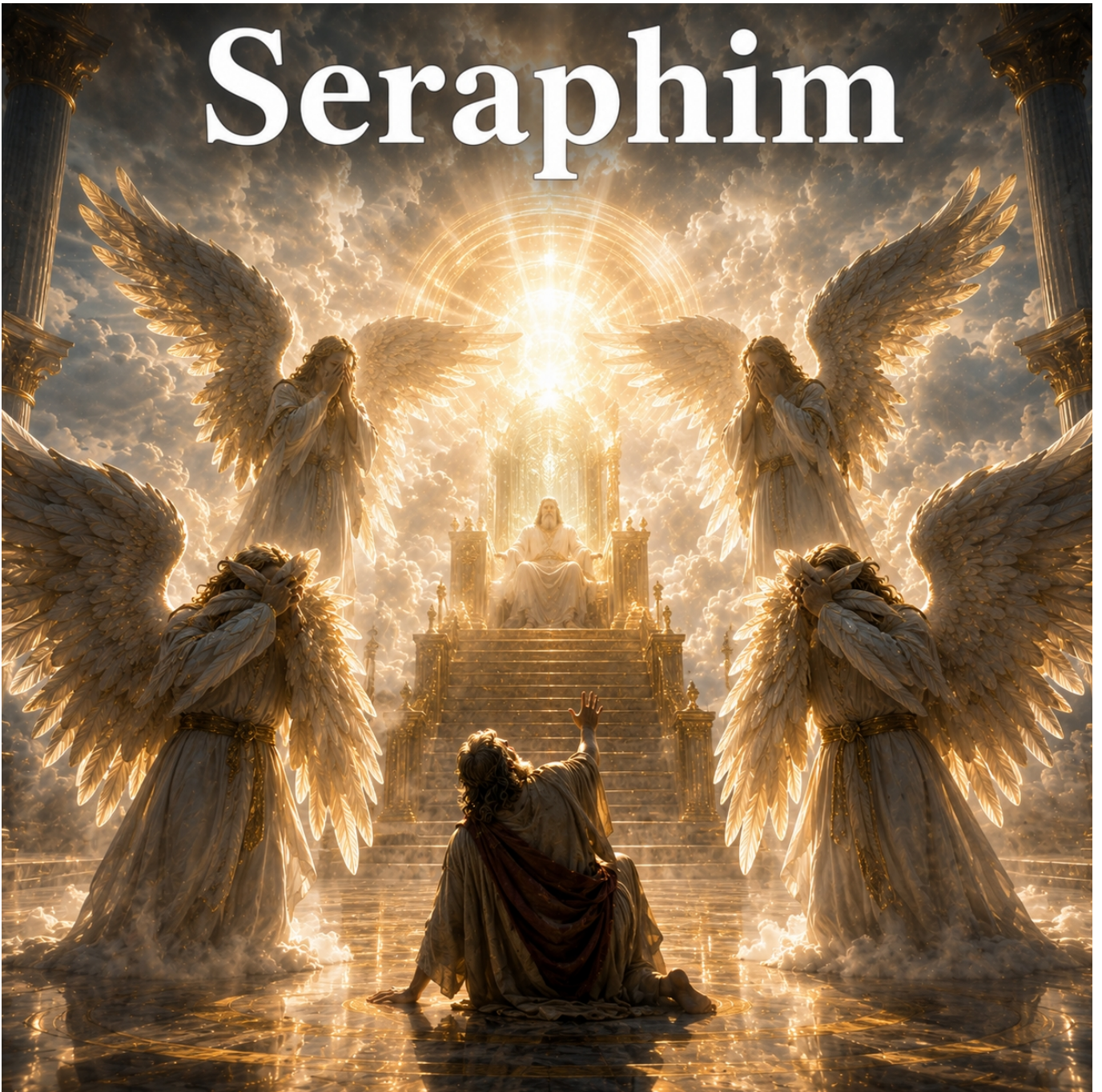
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Seraphim



Seraphim (Part 9 of 55)

Introduction

- † The seraphim are mentioned by name only in Isaiah's vision of God's throne.
- † Although Scripture provides fewer details about the seraphim than the cherubim, their role in worship and service before God is clearly revealed.
- † The vision emphasizes God's holiness and the reverence shown by the heavenly host in His presence.

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.

- † The seraphim are shown standing above God's throne.
- † Their position emphasizes their continual service before the Lord.
- † Even these heavenly beings display reverence in God's presence.

Isaiah 6:3

And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† The primary focus of the seraphim is the holiness of God.

† Their worship directs all attention toward God's glory.

† The heavenly host continually acknowledge God's holiness and majesty.

Isaiah 6:4

And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

† The worship of the seraphim is associated with the power and glory of God.

† Their proclamation magnifies God's presence.

† The scene reveals the awe-inspiring nature of God's throne room.

Isaiah 6:5

Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined!

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I live among a people of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of armies."

† Isaiah became aware of his own unworthiness in the presence of God's holiness.

† The worship of the seraphim highlighted the contrast between God's perfection and human weakness.

† God's holiness is the central theme of the vision.

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin."

† One of the seraphim was sent to minister to Isaiah.

† The action symbolized cleansing and preparation for service.

† The seraphim acted according to God's purpose and authority.

Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

† John's throne room vision contains similarities to Isaiah's vision.

† The continual declaration of God's holiness remains central.

† The worship surrounding God's throne never ceases.

Historical References

† Josephus associated heavenly worship with the throne room of God.

† Philo described heavenly beings continually praising God's holiness.

† Justin Martyr taught that heavenly beings worship before God's throne.

† Irenaeus referred to heavenly attendants who glorify God continually.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The seraphim remind us that God is holy beyond human comprehension.

† Worship should direct attention to God's glory rather than ourselves.

† God's holiness calls His people to reverence and obedience.

† The worship of heaven provides a model of honor and devotion to God.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What are seraphim?

A: Seraphim are heavenly beings who stand before God's throne and proclaim His holiness (Isaiah 6:1-3).

Q: How many wings do seraphim have?

A: Isaiah described the seraphim as having six wings (Isaiah 6:2).

Q: What is the primary activity of the seraphim?

A: They worship God and proclaim His holiness and glory (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: Did a seraph minister to Isaiah?

A: Yes. One of the seraphim touched Isaiah's lips as part of God's cleansing and preparation for service (Isaiah 6:6-7).

Q: What do the seraphim teach us about God?

A: They emphasize God's holiness, glory, and worthiness of worship (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

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† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Heavenly Host At Creation



The Heavenly Host At Creation (Part 10 of 55)

Introduction

† The heavenly host did not originate after the creation of mankind.

† Scripture reveals that heavenly beings were already present when God created the earth.

† Their existence before humanity demonstrates that God's heavenly kingdom was established long before man's creation.

Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

Who set its measurements? Since you know.

Or who stretched the measuring line over it?

On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

When the morning stars sang together

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

† The sons of God were present when God laid the foundations of the earth.

- † Their joyful response reveals their awareness of God's creative work.
- † This passage places the heavenly host before the creation of mankind.

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord.
You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their lights,
The earth and everything that is on it,
The seas and everything that is in them.
You give life to all of them,
And the heavenly lights bow down before You.

- † God is identified as the Creator of both the heavens and their host.
- † The host of heaven are presented as worshippers of God.
- † Their existence is dependent upon the Creator whom they serve.

Psalms 148:2-5

Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His heavenly armies!
Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
Praise Him, highest heavens,
And the waters that are above the heavens!
They are to praise the name of the Lord,
For He commanded and they were created.

- † Angels and the heavenly host are included among God's created beings.
- † The host owe their existence to God's command.
- † Creation itself is called to praise the Creator.

Colossians 1:16

for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

- † Christ is identified as the Creator of all things visible and invisible.
- † The heavenly realm and its inhabitants were created through Him.
- † Every authority in heaven ultimately derives from Christ.

Hebrews 1:7

And regarding the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds,
And His ministers a flame of fire."

- † Angels are created servants of God.
- † Their role is one of ministry rather than sovereignty.
- † The heavenly host exist to serve God's purposes.

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things,
and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

- † All creation owes its existence to God's will.
- † This includes both earthly and heavenly beings.
- † The worship of heaven acknowledges God as Creator of all.

Historical References

- † Josephus taught that angels were created by God and serve under His authority.
- † Philo described the heavenly host as part of God's created order.

- † Justin Martyr affirmed that heavenly beings were created servants of God.
- † Irenaeus taught that all heavenly powers were created through God's Word.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † The heavenly host remind us that God existed before all creation.
- † Every created being depends upon God for life and purpose.
- † The worship of heaven points us toward the Creator rather than the creation.
- † Christ's authority extends over every visible and invisible realm.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Were the heavenly host present at creation?

A: Yes. The sons of God shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4-7).

Q: Did God create the heavenly host?

A: Yes. Scripture teaches that God created the heavens and all their host (Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 148:2-5).

Q: Are angels eternal?

A: No. Angels are created beings who owe their existence to God (Psalm 148:5; Hebrews 1:7).

Q: Who created the heavenly host?

A: All things in heaven and earth were created through Christ and for Christ (Colossians 1:16).

Q: What was the response of the heavenly host at creation?

A: They sang together and shouted for joy at God's creative work (Job 38:7).

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- † Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

Thousands Upon Thousands Before God's Throne



Thousands Upon Thousands Before God's Throne (Part 11 of 55)

Introduction

† Scripture repeatedly describes God's throne as surrounded by an innumerable company of heavenly beings.

† These scenes reveal the greatness of God's kingdom and the vastness of the heavenly host.

† From Daniel to Revelation, countless servants and worshippers are seen standing before God's throne.

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.

- † Daniel saw an immeasurable multitude gathered before God's throne.
- † Thousands ministered while countless others stood in service.
- † The scene emphasizes God's authority over a vast heavenly kingdom.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

- † The host of heaven are pictured assembled before God.
- † The heavenly kingdom operates under God's authority.
- † Every member of the host remains subject to His rule.

Psalms 68:17

The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands;
The Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

- † The psalmist uses vast numbers to describe God's heavenly host.
- † The imagery emphasizes God's majesty and power.
- † The Lord remains at the center of the heavenly assembly.

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

- † The heavenly Jerusalem is populated by an innumerable company of angels.
- † The heavenly host are presented as a present reality.
- † Believers have come into fellowship with God's heavenly kingdom through Christ.

Revelation 5:11

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

- † John's vision parallels Daniel's vision centuries earlier.
- † The heavenly host are beyond human calculation.
- † Their worship surrounds God's throne continually.

Revelation 7:11

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,

- † The heavenly host are portrayed as worshippers before God's throne.
- † Their posture demonstrates reverence and submission.
- † Worship remains central to the activity of heaven.

Historical References

- † Josephus described heaven as populated by innumerable heavenly servants.
- † Philo wrote of countless heavenly beings surrounding God.
- † Justin Martyr taught that heaven contains vast numbers of ministering spirits.
- † Irenaeus described multitudes of heavenly beings worshipping before God's throne.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † The countless host before God's throne remind us of the greatness of His kingdom.
- † God's rule extends beyond what human eyes can see.

† Believers are part of a kingdom that includes both heaven and earth.

† The worship of heaven encourages us to honor and glorify God.

Q & A Appendix

Q: How many heavenly beings stand before God's throne?

A: Scripture describes them as thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand (Daniel 7:10; Revelation 5:11).

Q: Are these numbers meant to be exact?

A: The emphasis is on an innumerable multitude surrounding God's throne (Hebrews 12:22).

Q: What are these heavenly beings doing?

A: They minister, serve, and worship before God's throne (Daniel 7:10; Revelation 7:11).

Q: Are the heavenly host still before God's throne today?

A: Yes. Scripture presents the heavenly kingdom as continually populated by God's host (Hebrews 12:22).

Q: What does this reveal about God?

A: It reveals the greatness, majesty, and authority of God's kingdom over all creation (Psalm 68:17; Revelation 5:11).

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Source Index

† Daniel 7:9-10; 1 Kings 22:19; Psalm 68:17; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 5:11; Revelation 7:11

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Armies Of Heaven



The Armies Of Heaven (Part 12 of 55)

Introduction

- † Scripture frequently describes the heavenly host as the armies of heaven.
- † This title emphasizes order, authority, and service under God's command.
- † The armies of heaven are not portrayed as independent powers but as servants carrying out the will of the Lord.

Joshua 5:13-15

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" He said, "No; rather I have come now as captain of the army of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" And the captain of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

- † The host of Jehovah is presented as an organized heavenly army.
- † The prince of the host acts under God's authority.
- † The focus remains on God's leadership rather than military power.

1 Samuel 17:45

But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a saber, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

† Jehovah of hosts is one of the most common titles for God in Scripture.

† The title identifies God as ruler over the heavenly host.

† David's confidence rested in God's power rather than human strength.

2 Kings 6:16-17

And he said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, please, open his eyes so that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

† Elisha's servant was allowed to see part of the heavenly army.

† The armies of heaven surrounded God's servant for protection.

† The account demonstrates God's unseen power at work.

Psalms 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,

Mighty in strength, who perform His word,

Obedying the voice of His word!

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,

You who serve Him, doing His will.

† God's hosts are described as ministers who obey His commands.

† The armies of heaven serve according to God's will.

† Their strength is exercised in obedience to Him.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

† The heavenly host appeared praising God at the birth of Christ.

† The armies of heaven are worshippers as well as servants.

† Their purpose is always centered upon God's glory.

Revelation 19:14

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

† The armies of heaven are pictured following the victorious Christ.

† Their position demonstrates loyalty and submission to their King.

† Christ alone leads the armies of heaven.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently referred to heavenly armies serving under God's authority.

† Philo described the heavenly host as ordered servants carrying out divine commands.

† Justin Martyr taught that heavenly powers operate under God's rule.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly armies as servants of the Creator.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The armies of heaven remind us that God's resources are beyond human limitation.

† God's servants carry out His will whether seen or unseen.

† Believers can trust God's power even when circumstances appear overwhelming.

† Christ reigns as King over every authority in heaven and earth.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What are the armies of heaven?

A: They are the heavenly host serving under God's authority and carrying out His will (Psalm 103:20-21).

Q: Is God called the Lord of hosts?

A: Yes. Jehovah of hosts identifies God as ruler over the heavenly armies (1 Samuel 17:45).

Q: Did anyone in Scripture see the armies of heaven?

A: Yes. Elisha's servant saw the mountain filled with horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:16-17).

Q: Are the armies of heaven worshippers?

A: Yes. The heavenly host praised God at the birth of Christ (Luke 2:13-14).

Q: Who leads the armies of heaven?

A: Christ is pictured leading the armies of heaven in Revelation 19:14.

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† Joshua 5:13-15; 1 Samuel 17:45; 2 Kings 6:16-17; Psalm 103:20-21; Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 19:14

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Heavenly Host Worshipping God



“And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about
the throne... saying with a great voice,
Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain...”

REVELATION 5:11-12

The Heavenly Host Worshipping God (Part 13 of 55)

Introduction

† One of the most consistent activities of the heavenly host throughout Scripture is worship.

† Whether described as angels, holy ones, cherubim, seraphim, or the armies of heaven, their focus is always directed toward God.

† The worship of heaven reveals God's worthiness, holiness, and sovereign authority.

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the Lord.

You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their lights,
The earth and everything that is on it,
The seas and everything that is in them.
You give life to all of them,
And the heavenly lights bow down before You.
† The host of heaven are explicitly described as worshippers of God.
† Their worship is directed toward the Creator.
† The heavenly host acknowledge God's authority over all creation.

Psalms 103:20-22

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the Lord, my soul!
† Angels and hosts are called to bless and praise the Lord.
† Worship is connected to obedience and faithful service.
† God's dominion extends throughout heaven and earth.

Isaiah 6:2-3

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. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies. The whole earth is full of His glory."
† The seraphim continually proclaim God's holiness.
† Heaven's worship centers on God's character and glory.
† The worship of the heavenly host exalts God above all else.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."
† The heavenly host appeared praising God at the birth of Christ.
† Their worship celebrated God's redemptive plan.
† The host directed glory to God rather than to themselves.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."
† Countless heavenly beings worship the Lamb.
† The worship of heaven recognizes Christ's worthiness and victory.
† The heavenly host unite in praise before God's throne.

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, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

- † The heavenly host worship with humility and reverence.
- † Their praise acknowledges God's eternal greatness.
- † Worship remains one of the central activities of heaven.

Historical References

- † Josephus described heavenly beings continually honoring and serving God.
- † Philo wrote of heavenly worship surrounding God's throne.
- † Justin Martyr taught that angels glorify and worship the Creator.
- † Irenaeus described the heavenly host as continually praising God.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † The worship of heaven reminds us that God alone is worthy of praise.
- † Worship is not merely an activity but a response to God's character and glory.
- † The heavenly host provide an example of reverence, obedience, and devotion.
- † Believers join in that worship as citizens of God's heavenly kingdom.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is one of the primary activities of the heavenly host?

A: Worship. Scripture repeatedly portrays the heavenly host praising and glorifying God (Nehemiah 9:6; Revelation 7:11-12).

Q: Why do the heavenly host worship God?

A: Because He is their Creator, King, and Lord over all creation (Psalm 103:20-22; Nehemiah 9:6).

Q: Do the heavenly host worship Christ?

A: Yes. Revelation shows countless heavenly beings declaring the Lamb worthy of worship and honor (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: They continually declare God's holiness, saying Holy, holy, holy is Jehovah of hosts (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: What can believers learn from the worship of heaven?

A: To honor God with reverence, obedience, gratitude, and praise for His greatness and salvation.

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- † Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 103:20-22; Isaiah 6:2-3; Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 5:11-12; Revelation 7:11-12
- † Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus



The Host Of Heaven In God's Government

The Host Of Heaven In God's Government (Part 14 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are frequently associated with God's rule and administration.
- † They do not govern independently, nor do they possess authority equal to God.
- † Rather, they serve as ministers, messengers, worshippers, and servants carrying out the purposes of the Most High.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

- † The host of heaven are pictured surrounding God's throne.
- † Their position reflects service and readiness before the King.
- † The authority belongs to God who sits upon the throne.

Daniel 4:17

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers,
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,
And He grants it to whomever He wishes
And sets over it the lowliest of people.

- † The heavenly host participate in proclaiming God's decrees.
- † The purpose is to reveal God's sovereignty over earthly kingdoms.
- † The Most High remains the ultimate ruler over all affairs.

Daniel 7:10

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.

- † The heavenly host minister before God's throne.
- † They are present in connection with divine judgment and authority.
- † The scene portrays an orderly heavenly kingdom under God's rule.

Psalms 103:19-21

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
And His sovereignty rules over all.
Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.

- † God's kingdom rules over all creation.
- † Angels and hosts carry out God's commands.
- † Their ministry demonstrates obedience to God's authority.

Colossians 1:16

for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.
† Every authority in heaven originates through Christ.
† Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers exist under His authority.
† Christ is supreme over the entire heavenly realm.

Revelation 4:10-11

the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."
† Heaven's government is centered upon worship of God.
† Every authority ultimately submits to the One seated upon the throne.
† The heavenly host acknowledge God's absolute sovereignty.

Historical References

- † Josephus described heaven as operating under the authority of God and His appointed servants.
- † Philo taught that heavenly beings function under divine government.
- † Justin Martyr described angels as servants carrying out God's commands.
- † Irenaeus taught that all heavenly powers remain subject to the Creator.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † God's government extends over heaven and earth.
- † Nothing occurs outside of His authority and knowledge.
- † Believers can trust the One whose throne rules over all.
- † The obedience of the heavenly host reminds us to faithfully serve God in our own lives.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Does the host of heaven govern independently from God?

A: No. The host of heaven serve under God's authority and carry out His purposes (Psalm 103:19-21).

Q: Why are heavenly beings associated with God's throne?

A: They minister before God and serve within His heavenly kingdom (1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:10).

Q: What do the watchers and holy ones reveal about God's government?

A: They demonstrate that God rules over the kingdoms of men and carries out His decrees through His servants (Daniel 4:17).

Q: Is Christ ruler over the heavenly host?

A: Yes. All things in heaven and earth were created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16).

Q: What is the central activity surrounding God's throne?

A: Worship, service, and submission to God's authority (Revelation 4:10-11).

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† 1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 4:17; Daniel 7:10; Psalm 103:19-21; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:10-11

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Heavenly Host In Judgment



The Heavenly Host In Judgment (Part 15 of 55)

Introduction

† The host of heaven are often associated with worship, service, and praise, but Scripture also presents them as participants in God's judgments.

† They do not judge according to their own authority.

† Rather, they carry out the decrees and purposes of the Most High who alone is Judge of all.

Genesis 19:12-13

Then the two men said to Lot, "Whom else do you have here? A son-in-law and your sons and daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place; for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the Lord that the Lord has sent us to destroy it."

† Heavenly messengers were sent to execute God's judgment upon Sodom.

† The authority belonged to God who sent them.

† The heavenly host act as servants carrying out divine commands.

2 Kings 19:35

Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when the rest got up early in the morning, behold, all of the 185,000 were dead.

† A single angel carried out God's judgment against Assyria.

† The event demonstrated God's power over earthly armies.

† Judgment was executed through a servant acting under divine authority.

Daniel 4:17

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers,

And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,
And He grants it to whomever He wishes
And sets over it the lowliest of people.

† The heavenly host participated in proclaiming God's judgment upon Nebuchadnezzar.

† The purpose was to reveal God's sovereignty.

† The Most High remains the source of every decree.

Matthew 13:41-42

The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

† Angels are portrayed carrying out the commands of Christ.

† The judgment belongs to the Son of Man.

† The heavenly host serve under His authority.

Matthew 24:30-31

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

† The angels were sent by Christ to gather His elect.

† The heavenly host participate in the fulfillment of God's purposes.

† Their actions are directed by the authority of the Son of Man.

Revelation 15:1

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

† Angels are shown carrying out God's judgments.

† The plagues originate from God's wrath rather than angelic authority.

† The heavenly host remain servants of God's purposes.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently described angels as agents carrying out divine judgments.

† Philo taught that heavenly beings serve as ministers of God's purposes.

† Justin Martyr described angels acting under God's authority in matters of judgment.

† Irenaeus taught that heavenly servants carry out the decrees of God.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's judgments are always righteous and just.

† The heavenly host remind us that God actively governs His creation.

† No earthly power can prevent the fulfillment of God's purposes.

† Believers can trust the righteousness of God's rule and judgment.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Do members of the heavenly host participate in judgment?

A: Yes. Scripture shows angels and heavenly servants carrying out God's judgments and decrees (Genesis 19:12-13; Revelation 15:1).

Q: Do angels judge by their own authority?

A: No. They act only under God's authority and command (Matthew 13:41-42).

Q: What was the purpose of the decree announced by the watchers?

A: To show that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men (Daniel 4:17).

Q: Did angels participate in the judgment of Sodom?

A: Yes. God sent heavenly messengers to carry out His judgment upon the city (Genesis 19:12-13).

Q: What does the host of heaven teach us about judgment?

A: That God's judgments are certain, righteous, and carried out according to His sovereign will.

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† Genesis 19:12-13; 2 Kings 19:35; Daniel 4:17; Matthew 13:41-42; Matthew 24:30-31; Revelation 15:1

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus



The Host Of Heaven And The Throne Of God

The Host Of Heaven And The Throne Of God (Part 16 of 55)

Introduction

† One of the most consistent themes throughout Scripture is the relationship between the host of heaven and the throne of God.

† Whether described as angels, holy ones, cherubim, seraphim, or the heavenly host, they are repeatedly seen surrounding God's throne.

† The throne of God stands at the center of heaven's government, worship, and service.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

† The host of heaven are pictured standing before God's throne.

† Their position reflects readiness, service, and submission.

† God's throne is the center of heavenly authority.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† The seraphim surround God's throne in worship.

† Their attention is focused entirely upon God's holiness.

† The throne scene emphasizes God's majesty and glory.

Ezekiel 10:1

Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them.

† The cherubim are closely associated with God's throne.

† They serve in the immediate presence of God.

† The vision highlights the holiness and authority of the heavenly throne.

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.

† Countless members of the heavenly host minister before God's throne.

† The throne room is presented as the center of divine authority and judgment.

† The host serve before the Ancient of Days.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The heavenly throne is connected with the heavenly Jerusalem.

† Innumerable angels surround God's presence.

† Believers are brought into fellowship with this heavenly reality through Christ.

Revelation 4:2-4

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and someone was sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

† The throne is the focal point of John's heavenly vision.

† Everything in heaven is arranged around God's throne.

† The heavenly host exist in service and worship before the One who sits upon it.

Historical References

† Josephus described God's throne as surrounded by heavenly servants.

† Philo frequently wrote of heavenly beings ministering before God.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels worship before God's throne.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host gathered around the throne of God.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's throne reminds us that He reigns over all creation.

† Heaven is not chaotic but perfectly ordered under God's authority.

† The worship of the heavenly host points us toward God's holiness and majesty.
† Believers can take comfort knowing the throne of God remains established forever.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Where is the host of heaven most often seen in Scripture?

A: They are frequently seen gathered around the throne of God in worship and service (1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:10).

Q: What do the seraphim do before God's throne?

A: They proclaim God's holiness and worship Him continually (Isaiah 6:1-3).

Q: What do the cherubim have to do with God's throne?

A: They are closely associated with God's presence and throne in Ezekiel's visions (Ezekiel 10:1).

Q: How many heavenly beings surround God's throne?

A: Scripture describes them as thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand (Daniel 7:10).

Q: What does God's throne teach us today?

A: That God reigns over heaven and earth with absolute authority and perfect justice.

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† 1 Kings 22:19; Isaiah 6:1-3; Ezekiel 10:1; Daniel 7:9-10; Hebrews 12:22-23; Revelation 4:2-4

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Glory Of God



The Host Of Heaven And The Glory Of God (Part 17 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are closely associated with the glory of God.
- † Wherever God's glory is revealed, the heavenly host are often found worshipping, serving, and proclaiming His greatness.
- † The glory belongs to God alone, while the host of heaven continually direct attention toward Him.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

- † The seraphim proclaim the glory and holiness of God.
- † Their worship centers entirely upon God's greatness.
- † The heavenly host direct attention to God's glory rather than themselves.

Ezekiel 1:26-28

Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man. Then I noticed from the appearance of His waist and upward something like gleaming metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him. Like the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of

the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

† The heavenly throne is surrounded by the glory of God.

† The cherubim are present within this vision of divine majesty.

† God's glory dominates the entire scene.

Psalm 29:1-2

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe to the Lord, sons of the mighty,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

Worship the Lord in holy attire.

† The sons of the mighty are called to give glory to God.

† Worship is presented as the proper response to God's majesty.

† Heaven acknowledges the glory that belongs to the Lord alone.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

† The heavenly host announced the birth of Christ with praise.

† Their message centered upon God's glory.

† The host directed honor toward God rather than themselves.

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

† Heaven declares God worthy of glory and honor.

† Creation itself points back to the Creator.

† The heavenly host acknowledge God's absolute worthiness.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

† Countless heavenly beings proclaim glory to the Lamb.

† Heaven recognizes Christ's authority and victory.

† The host unite in worship before God's throne.

Historical References

† Josephus described heavenly beings glorifying God before His throne.

† Philo wrote of heaven's continual praise directed toward God.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels honor and worship the Creator.

† Irenaeus described the heavenly host glorifying God without ceasing.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The host of heaven remind us that God alone deserves glory.

† Worship is the proper response to God's greatness and salvation.

† The heavenly host provide an example of reverence and devotion.

† Believers are called to glorify God in every aspect of life.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What do the heavenly host primarily proclaim?

A: They proclaim God's holiness, majesty, and glory (Isaiah 6:3; Luke 2:14).

Q: Does the glory belong to the heavenly host?

A: No. The heavenly host continually direct glory toward God and Christ (Revelation 4:11; Revelation 5:12).

Q: What did the heavenly host announce at Christ's birth?

A: Glory to God in the highest and peace among men in whom He is well pleased (Luke 2:13-14).

Q: What do the countless angels proclaim around God's throne?

A: They declare the Lamb worthy to receive glory, honor, and blessing (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: What can believers learn from the host of heaven?

A: To live lives that honor, worship, and glorify God.

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† Isaiah 6:1-3; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Psalm 29:1-2; Luke 2:13-14; Revelation 4:11; Revelation 5:11-12

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus



The Host Of Heaven And The Kingdom Of God (Part 18 of 55)

Introduction

- † The host of heaven are closely connected to the kingdom of God throughout Scripture.
- † They serve within God's kingdom, worship its King, and carry out His commands.
- † The kingdom belongs to God alone, yet the heavenly host participate in its administration and service.

Psalms 103:19-21

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
And His sovereignty rules over all.
Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.

Daniel 4:34-35

But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;
For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.
All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account,
But He does according to His will among the army of heaven
And among the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can fend off His hand

Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

† God's kingdom extends over both heaven and earth.

† The army of heaven operates according to God's will.

† No power can resist His sovereign authority.

Daniel 7:13-14

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.

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.

† The kingdom is given to the Son of Man.

† Christ's authority extends over all nations and peoples.

† The heavenly host serve under the reign of the King.

Matthew 13:41

The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

† Angels carry out the commands of Christ within His kingdom.

† The authority belongs to the Son of Man.

† The heavenly host serve under His direction.

Colossians 1:13

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

† Believers have been transferred into Christ's kingdom.

† The kingdom is a present reality for those in Christ.

† The heavenly host and God's people belong to the same heavenly kingdom.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The heavenly kingdom includes innumerable angels.

† Believers have come into fellowship with this heavenly realm.

† God's kingdom unites heaven and earth under His authority.

Historical References

† Josephus described God's kingdom as extending over heaven and earth.

† Philo taught that heavenly beings serve within God's divine order.

† Justin Martyr described angels as servants of God's kingdom.

† Irenaeus taught that all heavenly powers are subject to Christ's reign.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers are citizens of Christ's kingdom now.

† God's kingdom is greater than any earthly government.

† The heavenly host remind us that Christ reigns over all authority.

† We serve the same King who rules heaven and earth.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Does the host of heaven belong to God's kingdom?

A: Yes. The heavenly host serve within God's kingdom and carry out His will (Psalm 103:19-21).

Q: Who is King over the heavenly host?

A: Christ reigns as King over all authority in heaven and earth (Daniel 7:13-14).

Q: Are believers part of the same kingdom?

A: Yes. Believers have been transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13).

Q: Does God's kingdom include heaven and earth?

A: Yes. God's dominion extends over the army of heaven and the inhabitants of earth (Daniel 4:34-35).

Q: What role do angels have in the kingdom?

A: They serve as ministers and servants carrying out the commands of God and Christ (Matthew 13:41; Psalm 103:20-21).

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† Psalm 103:19-21; Daniel 4:34-35; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 13:41; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:22-23

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Coming Of Christ



The Host Of Heaven And The Coming Of Christ (Part 19 of 55)

Introduction

- † The host of heaven are closely associated with major events in the ministry and reign of Christ.
- † They announced His birth, ministered during His earthly ministry, and are associated with His coming in glory.
- † Throughout Scripture the heavenly host serve under the authority of the Son of God.

Luke 2:13-14

- And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."
- † The heavenly host announced the birth of Christ.
 - † Their message focused on God's glory and peace.
 - † The coming of Christ was celebrated by heaven itself.

Matthew 4:11

- Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to serve Him.
- † Angels ministered to Christ after His temptation.
 - † The heavenly host served the Son during His earthly ministry.
 - † Their ministry demonstrated heaven's support of God's purpose.

Matthew 26:53

Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

- † Christ possessed authority to call upon the armies of heaven.
- † The heavenly host remained subject to His command.
- † Yet Christ willingly submitted to the Father's redemptive plan.

Matthew 24:30-31

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

- † The angels are sent forth by Christ.
- † The heavenly host carry out His commands.
- † Their role demonstrates His authority as King.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

- † The angels are described as belonging to Christ.
- † The heavenly host accompany the Lord in His revealed authority.
- † Their presence reflects His power and glory.

Revelation 19:14

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

- † The armies of heaven follow Christ.
- † He is portrayed as the victorious King.
- † The heavenly host serve under His leadership and authority.

Historical References

- † Josephus described heavenly beings serving God's purposes throughout history.
- † Philo taught that heavenly ministers carry out divine commands.
- † Justin Martyr emphasized the ministry of angels in relation to Christ.
- † Irenaeus taught that the heavenly host serve under the authority of the Son of God.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Christ reigns over the host of heaven and the kingdoms of earth.
- † The heavenly host remind us of His authority and glory.
- † Believers can trust the One whom heaven serves and obeys.
- † The same Christ announced by angels continues to reign as King.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Did the heavenly host announce Christ's birth?

A: Yes. A multitude of the heavenly host praised God at the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:13-14).

Q: Did angels minister to Christ during His earthly ministry?

A: Yes. Angels ministered to Him following His temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11).

Q: Did Christ have authority over the heavenly host?

A: Yes. He stated that He could call upon more than twelve legions of angels (Matthew 26:53).

Q: What role do angels have in Christ's coming?

A: They are sent forth by Christ to carry out His commands and gather His elect (Matthew 24:30-31).

Q: What do the armies of heaven reveal about Christ?
A: They reveal His authority, kingship, and leadership over all heavenly powers (Revelation 19:14).

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† Luke 2:13-14; Matthew 4:11; Matthew 26:53; Matthew 24:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 19:14

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven As Ministering Spirits



The Host Of Heaven As Ministering Spirits (Part 20 of 55)

Introduction

- † One of the primary functions of the heavenly host is ministry and service.
- † Scripture repeatedly presents angels and heavenly beings as servants carrying out God's will.
- † They are not objects of worship but ministers sent forth by God to accomplish His purposes.

Psalm 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.

- † The host of heaven are described as ministers of God.
- † Their purpose is to fulfill His word and pleasure.
- † Their service is marked by obedience and strength.

Daniel 7:10

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.

† The heavenly host are portrayed as ministering before God's throne.

† Their service is continuous and orderly.

† The scene emphasizes God's authority over His servants.

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to serve Him.

† Angels ministered to Christ following His temptation.

† The heavenly host served God's Son during His earthly ministry.

† Their ministry reflected God's care and provision.

Luke 1:19

The angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

† Gabriel was sent as a messenger from God's presence.

† Heavenly ministry often involves delivering God's word.

† The host serve according to divine assignment.

Hebrews 1:13-14

But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"Sit at My right hand,

Until I make Your enemies

A footstool for Your feet"?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

† Scripture explicitly calls angels ministering spirits.

† They are sent forth by God for service.

† Their ministry is connected to God's redemptive purposes.

Revelation 22:8-9

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. And he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!"

† Angels refuse worship because they are servants rather than masters.

† Their role is to direct attention toward God.

† The heavenly host serve alongside God's people in His purposes.

Historical References

† Josephus described angels as ministers carrying out God's commands.

† Philo viewed heavenly beings as servants of divine providence.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels were appointed ministers of God's will.

† Irenaeus described angels as ministering servants under God's authority.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The ministry of the heavenly host reminds us that God actively works to accomplish His purposes.

† All service ultimately belongs to God.

† Faithful ministry is marked by obedience rather than self-exaltation.

† Like the heavenly host, believers are called to serve the will of God.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What does Scripture call angels?

A: Scripture calls them ministering spirits sent forth to do service (Hebrews 1:14).

Q: What is one of the primary functions of the heavenly host?

A: To serve God and carry out His commands (Psalm 103:20-21).

Q: Did angels minister to Christ?

A: Yes. Angels ministered to Him after His temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11).

Q: Why did the angel refuse John's worship?

A: Because angels are fellow servants and worship belongs to God alone (Revelation 22:8-9).

Q: What can believers learn from ministering spirits?

A: To serve God faithfully, humbly, and obediently according to His will.

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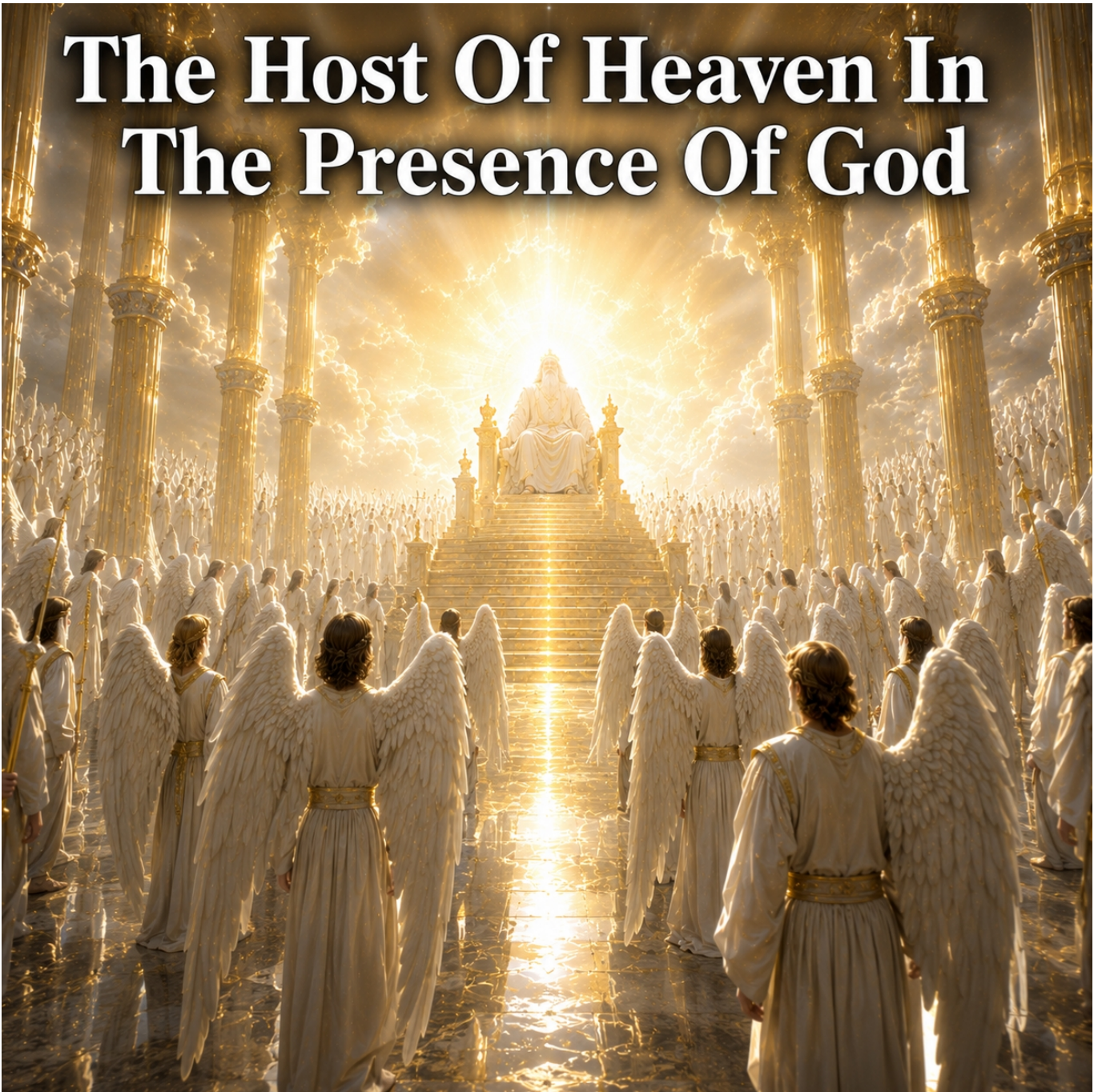
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The Host Of Heaven In The Presence Of God



The Host Of Heaven In The Presence Of God (Part 21 of 55)

Introduction

- † One of the most common descriptions of the heavenly host is their position before God Himself.
- † Scripture repeatedly portrays heavenly beings standing, serving, worshipping, and ministering in His presence.
- † The focus of these passages is never the greatness of the host, but the greatness of the One before whom they stand.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

- † The host of heaven are portrayed standing before God.
- † Their position reflects readiness and service.
- † God's throne remains the center of attention in the vision.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also

came among them.

† The sons of God are shown presenting themselves before the Lord.

† The gathering demonstrates God's authority over the heavenly realm.

† The heavenly host remain accountable to their Creator.

Daniel 7:10

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.

† Countless heavenly beings stand before God's throne.

† Their ministry is directed toward the Ancient of Days.

† The scene emphasizes God's supreme authority.

Luke 1:19

The angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

† Gabriel identifies himself as one who stands in God's presence.

† His ministry proceeds from God's authority.

† The heavenly host serve as messengers according to God's will.

Revelation 7:11

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,

† The angels are gathered around God's throne.

† Their response is worship and reverence.

† Heaven's focus remains upon God and His glory.

Revelation 8:2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

† These angels are specifically described as standing before God.

† Their authority comes from God's commission.

† The heavenly host act according to divine purpose.

Historical References

† Josephus described heavenly beings serving continually before God.

† Philo taught that heavenly ministers stand ready to fulfill God's commands.

† Justin Martyr referred to angels as servants operating in God's presence.

† Irenaeus described heavenly beings worshipping before God's throne.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The host of heaven remind us of God's majesty and authority.

† Worship is the natural response to God's presence.

† Faithful service begins with submission to God's will.

† Believers are called to honor the same God before whom the heavenly host stand.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Where is the host of heaven most often seen in Scripture?

A: They are frequently portrayed standing before God and His throne (1 Kings 22:19; Revelation 7:11).

Q: What was Gabriel's description of himself?

A: He said that he stands in the presence of God (Luke 1:19).

Q: What are the heavenly host doing before God's throne?

A: They minister, worship, serve, and carry out God's commands (Daniel 7:10; Revelation 7:11).

Q: Why is standing before God significant?

A: It reflects service, readiness, submission, and worship before the Creator.

Q: What can believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: To live in reverence, obedience, and worship before God.

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† 1 Kings 22:19; Job 1:6; Daniel 7:10; Luke 1:19; Revelation 7:11; Revelation 8:2

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Worship Of Christ



The Host Of Heaven And The Worship Of Christ (Part 22 of 55)

Introduction

- † Scripture reveals that the host of heaven worship not only the Father but also the Son.
- † The worship offered to Christ demonstrates His authority, glory, and divine status.
- † Throughout the New Testament the heavenly host honor the Son as they honor the Father.

Hebrews 1:5-6

For to which of the angels did He ever say,

"You are My Son,

Today I have fathered You"?

And again,

"I will be a Father to Him

And He will be a Son to Me"?

And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"And let all the angels of God worship Him."

† God commands the angels to worship the Son.

† Christ is distinguished from the angels by His unique position.

† The heavenly host acknowledge His authority and glory.

Matthew 28:17-18

And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

† Christ received worship after His resurrection.

† He declared His authority over heaven and earth.

† The worship of heaven reflects this authority.

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

† Every realm is called to acknowledge Christ.

† Heavenly beings are included in this universal recognition.

† The exaltation of Christ brings glory to the Father.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

† Countless angels worship the Lamb.

† The heavenly host proclaim His worthiness.

† Christ is honored before the throne of God.

Revelation 5:13

And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever."

† Worship is directed to both the One on the throne and the Lamb.

† The heavenly host participate in this praise.

† Christ shares in the honor and glory given in heaven.

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, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

† The worship of heaven is centered upon God and the Lamb.

† The host of heaven continually proclaim divine glory.

† Worship remains the defining activity surrounding God's throne.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr taught that Christ is worthy of heavenly honor and worship.

† Irenaeus described angels honoring the Son alongside the Father.

† Athanasius appealed to the worship of Christ in heaven as evidence of His divine status.

† Early Christian writers consistently recognized the worship of the Lamb in Revelation.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The worship of heaven reminds us of Christ's authority and glory.

† The heavenly host direct our attention to the exalted Son.
† Believers join heaven's testimony that Jesus Christ is Lord.
† Worship belongs to God and to the Lamb forever.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Do the angels worship Christ?

A: Yes. God commanded all the angels of God to worship the Son (Hebrews 1:6).

Q: Why is Christ worshipped in heaven?

A: Because He possesses all authority in heaven and on earth and is worthy of honor and glory (Matthew 28:18; Revelation 5:12).

Q: What do the angels proclaim about the Lamb?

A: They declare Him worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: Is worship directed only to the Father in Revelation?

A: No. Worship is directed to both the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:13).

Q: What does the worship of Christ reveal?

A: It reveals His exalted authority, glory, and lordship over heaven and earth.

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† Hebrews 1:5-6; Matthew 28:17-18; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 5:11-12; Revelation 5:13; Revelation 7:11-12

† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Athanasius

The Host Of Heaven And God's Messengers



The Host Of Heaven And God's Messengers (Part 23 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture God frequently used members of the heavenly host as messengers.
- † These heavenly messengers delivered warnings, announcements, encouragement, prophecy, and instruction.
- † Their message was never their own, but always originated from God.

Genesis 16:7-10

Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. He said, "Hagar, Sarai's slave woman, from where have you come, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." So the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority." The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count."

- † The heavenly messenger delivered God's instruction and promise.
- † The message provided direction and hope.
- † God's concern for individuals is seen through the ministry of His messenger.

Daniel 9:21-23

while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. And he instructed me and talked with me and said, "Daniel, I have come now to give you insight with understanding. At the beginning of your pleas the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, because you are highly esteemed; so pay attention to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

† Gabriel was sent with understanding from God.

† The messenger did not originate the revelation.

† His role was to communicate God's message faithfully.

Luke 1:11-13

Now an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.

† God used a heavenly messenger to announce the birth of John.

† The message revealed God's unfolding plan.

† The messenger served as a servant of divine revelation.

Luke 1:26-31

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and was pondering what kind of greeting this was. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

† Gabriel announced the coming of the Messiah.

† The message centered upon God's redemptive purpose.

† The heavenly host participated in revealing God's plan of salvation.

Acts 10:3-6

About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, "Cornelius!" And he looked at him intently and became terrified, and said, "What is it, lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and charitable gifts have ascended as a memorial offering before God. Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter; he is staying with a tanner named Simon, whose house is by the sea."

† The heavenly messenger directed Cornelius toward God's purpose.

† The message prepared the way for the spread of the gospel.

† God's messengers often point people toward God's revealed truth.

Revelation 22:6

And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

† God sent His messenger to reveal His message.

† The authority belonged to God rather than the messenger.

† The heavenly host faithfully communicate God's purposes.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently recorded angelic messengers delivering God's instructions.

† Philo described heavenly messengers as servants carrying divine communications.

† Justin Martyr taught that angels were often sent to reveal God's purposes.

† Irenaeus described angelic messengers as faithful servants of divine revelation.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God remains the source of all truth and revelation.

† The faithfulness of heavenly messengers reminds us to faithfully communicate God's word.

† Every true message points people toward God's purposes rather than human glory.

† Believers should value and obey the revelation God has already provided in Scripture.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is one of the primary roles of the heavenly host?

A: One of their primary roles is serving as God's messengers (Daniel 9:21-23).

Q: Did Gabriel deliver messages from God?

A: Yes. Gabriel was sent to Daniel, Zacharias, and Mary with messages from God (Daniel 9:21-23; Luke 1:11-13; Luke 1:26-31).

Q: Did heavenly messengers create their own message?

A: No. They faithfully delivered messages that originated from God (Revelation 22:6).

Q: What message did Gabriel bring to Mary?

A: He announced that she would give birth to Jesus the Messiah (Luke 1:26-31).

Q: What can believers learn from God's messengers?

A: To faithfully communicate God's truth and direct people toward His purposes.

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† Genesis 16:7-10; Daniel 9:21-23; Luke 1:11-13; Luke 1:26-31; Acts 10:3-6; Revelation 22:6† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And Spiritual Warfare



The Host Of Heaven And Spiritual Warfare (Part 24 of 55)

Introduction

- † Scripture reveals that there is more to reality than what can be seen with human eyes.
- † The host of heaven are sometimes portrayed in connection with spiritual conflict and the accomplishment of God's purposes.
- † These accounts emphasize God's sovereignty and power rather than a struggle between equal forces.

Joshua 5:13-15

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" He said, "No; rather I have come now as captain of the army of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" And the captain of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

- † The prince of Jehovah's host appeared before Joshua.
- † The focus was God's authority over the coming events.
- † Victory would come through God's power rather than human strength.

2 Kings 6:16-17

And he said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, please, open his eyes so that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

† God's protection extended beyond what could be physically seen.

† The heavenly host surrounded God's servant.

† The account demonstrates God's power to preserve His people.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,
And rescues them.

† God's protection is associated with His heavenly servants.

† Deliverance comes from the Lord.

† The heavenly host operate according to God's will.

Daniel 10:12-13

Then he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in my way for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

† God's purposes continued despite opposition.

† The heavenly host remained active in accomplishing God's will.

Ephesians 6:11-12

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

† The believer's conflict is ultimately spiritual rather than physical.

† God provides the armor needed to stand firm.

† Victory depends upon God's strength rather than human ability.

Revelation 12:7-8

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

† The vision portrays the triumph of God's purposes.

† The outcome demonstrates God's authority and victory.

† No opposition can ultimately prevail against God's kingdom.

Historical References

† Josephus described heavenly intervention in the affairs of nations.

† Philo wrote of divine powers carrying out God's purposes.

† Justin Martyr acknowledged the activity of heavenly beings in God's plan.

† Irenaeus taught that God's authority extends over every spiritual power.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers should trust God's power rather than fear opposition.

† God's purposes cannot be thwarted by earthly or spiritual resistance.

† Spiritual victory comes through reliance upon God.

† The host of heaven remind us that God's kingdom is greater than anything we face.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Does Scripture describe spiritual conflict?

A: Yes. Scripture reveals spiritual realities that exist beyond what human eyes can see (Daniel 10:12-13; Ephesians 6:11-12).

Q: Did Elisha's servant see the heavenly host?

A: Yes. God opened his eyes and he saw the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:16-17).

Q: Who is called the prince of Jehovah's host?

A: The figure who appeared to Joshua identified himself as the prince of Jehovah's host (Joshua 5:13-15).

Q: How should believers respond to spiritual opposition?

A: By putting on the whole armor of God and standing firm in His strength (Ephesians 6:11-12).

Q: What is the ultimate outcome of spiritual warfare?

A: God's purposes prevail and His kingdom stands victorious (Revelation 12:7-8).

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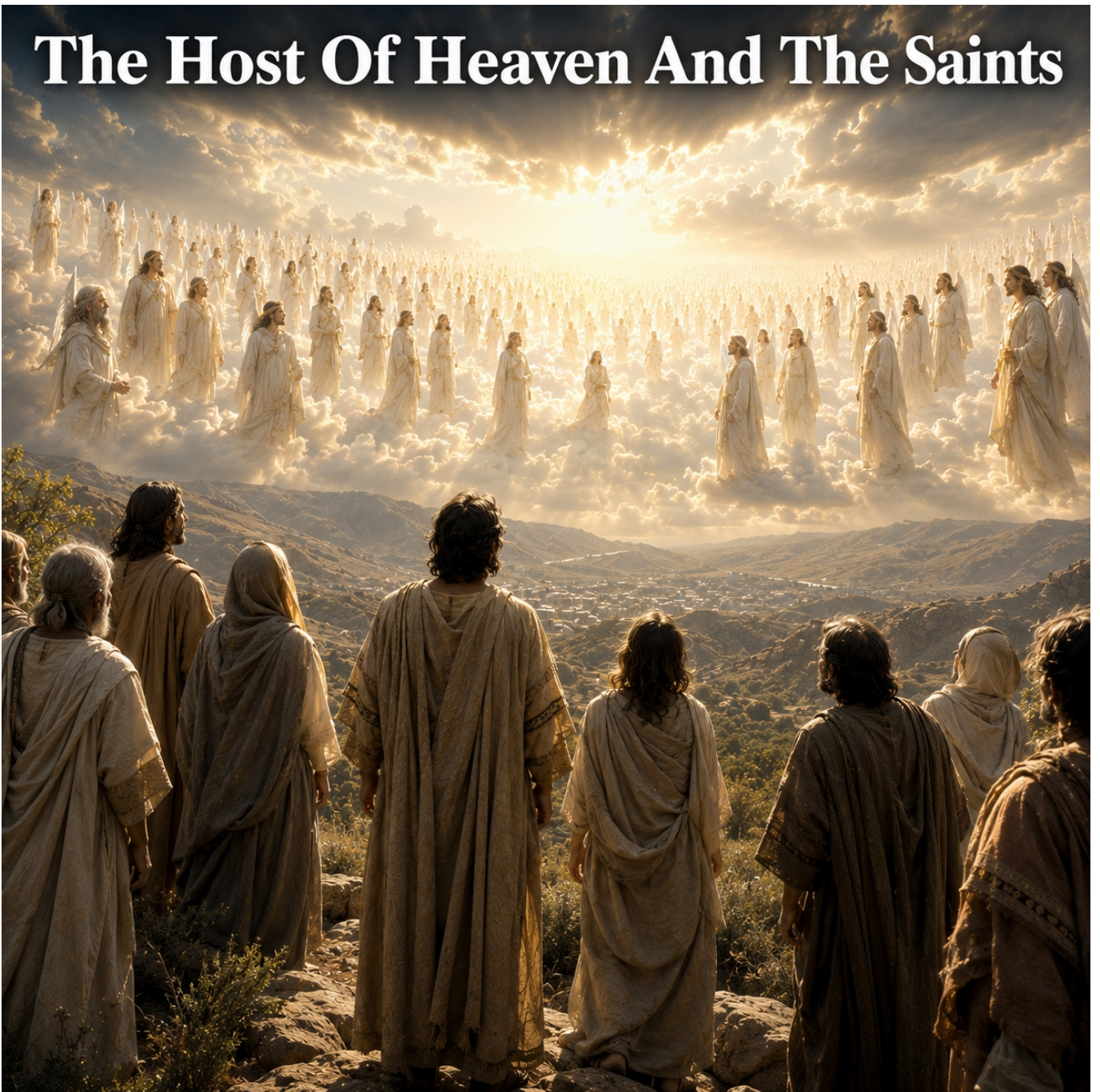
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† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Saints



The Host Of Heaven And The Saints (Part 25 of 55)

Introduction

† Scripture distinguishes between the host of heaven and the saints of God, yet it also reveals a close relationship between them.

† The heavenly host worship before God, while redeemed believers are brought into fellowship with the heavenly realm through Christ.

† God's purpose has always been to unite His people in His presence.

Daniel 7:27

Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the empires will serve and obey Him.

† The kingdom belongs to the saints of the Most High.

† God's eternal reign includes His redeemed people.

† The saints share in the blessings of God's kingdom.

Matthew 22:30

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

† Christ compared the resurrected condition to the angels in heaven.

† The emphasis is upon a heavenly existence rather than earthly relationships.

† God's people ultimately belong to His heavenly order.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† Believers are brought into fellowship with innumerable angels.

† The heavenly Jerusalem includes both angels and redeemed people.

† God's presence unites the heavenly assembly.

Ephesians 3:14-15

For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

† God's family includes both heaven and earth.

† The redeemed belong to a greater heavenly household.

† God's purpose extends beyond earthly boundaries.

Revelation 7:9-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

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,

† The redeemed multitude and the angels appear together before God's throne.

† Both groups worship the Lamb.

† Heaven is portrayed as a united assembly praising God.

Revelation 22:3-4

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

† God's servants dwell in His presence.

† Service and worship continue before God's throne.

† The redeemed enjoy fellowship with God forever.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr taught that the redeemed would dwell in God's presence with the heavenly host.

† Irenaeus described the saints sharing in the blessings of God's kingdom.

† Clement of Alexandria wrote of the heavenly fellowship of God's people.

† Early Christian writers frequently connected the worship of angels and redeemed believers.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers belong to a heavenly family that extends beyond this world.

† Our citizenship is connected to the heavenly Jerusalem.

† The worship of heaven reminds us of our future and present hope in Christ.

† God's people are called to live as citizens of His kingdom now.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Are the saints and the heavenly host the same group?

A: No. Scripture distinguishes them, yet presents them together in God's presence (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: What relationship do believers have with the heavenly host?

A: Believers are brought into fellowship with the heavenly assembly through Christ (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: Where are the redeemed seen in Revelation?

A: Standing before the throne and before the Lamb together with the angels (Revelation 7:9-11).

Q: What kingdom is given to the saints?

A: The everlasting kingdom of the Most High (Daniel 7:27).

Q: What can believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: To worship, serve, and honor God as members of His heavenly family.

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† Daniel 7:27; Matthew 22:30; Hebrews 12:22-23; Ephesians 3:14-15; Revelation 7:9-11; Revelation 22:3-4

† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Clement of Alexandria

The Host Of Heaven In Prophetic Visions



The Host Of Heaven In Prophetic Visions (Part 26 of 55)

Introduction

- † Many of the clearest descriptions of the host of heaven are found in prophetic visions.
- † God often revealed heavenly realities to prophets through visions and symbolic imagery.
- † These visions consistently present the host of heaven serving, worshipping, and carrying out God's purposes.

1 Kings 22:19

- And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.
- † Micaiah was given a vision of God's heavenly throne.
 - † The host of heaven were seen standing before the Lord.
 - † The vision emphasized God's authority over heaven and earth.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† Isaiah saw the seraphim surrounding God's throne.

† Their worship focused upon God's holiness.

† The vision revealed the majesty of God's presence.

Ezekiel 1:5-10

And within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form. Each of them had four faces and four wings. Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they sparkled like polished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. As for the form of their faces, each had a human face; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.

† Ezekiel was shown heavenly beings associated with God's throne.

† The vision emphasized God's glory and sovereignty.

† The living creatures served within the heavenly realm.

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.

† Daniel saw countless heavenly beings before God's throne.

† The host of heaven were present in a scene of divine judgment.

† The vision revealed God's universal authority.

Zechariah 6:1-5

Now I raised my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were going out from between the two mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains. With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong spotted horses. So I responded and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?" The angel replied to me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out after taking their stand before the Lord of all the earth,

† Zechariah's vision revealed heavenly servants going forth from God's presence.

† The vision emphasized God's rule over the nations.

† The heavenly realm remains active in God's purposes.

Revelation 4:6-8

and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around

the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

† John's vision echoes the earlier visions of Isaiah and Ezekiel.

† The heavenly host continually worship before God's throne.

† The vision reveals God's eternal glory and majesty.

Historical References

† Josephus recognized prophetic visions as revelations of heavenly realities.

† Philo viewed prophetic visions as glimpses into God's heavenly order.

† Justin Martyr frequently referred to prophetic visions involving heavenly beings.

† Irenaeus taught that prophetic visions revealed truths concerning God's heavenly kingdom.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Prophetic visions remind us that God reigns beyond what human eyes can see.

† The heavenly host continually worship and serve God.

† God's throne remains established regardless of earthly circumstances.

† Believers can find confidence in God's sovereign rule.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why did God give prophetic visions of the heavenly host?

A: To reveal heavenly realities and God's sovereign rule (1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:9-10).

Q: What did Isaiah see in his vision?

A: He saw seraphim worshipping around God's throne (Isaiah 6:1-3).

Q: What did Daniel see before God's throne?

A: Thousands upon thousands ministering before the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9-10).

Q: What do prophetic visions consistently reveal about the host of heaven?

A: They worship God, serve Him, and carry out His purposes.

Q: What should believers learn from these visions?

A: That God reigns over heaven and earth and His kingdom cannot fail.

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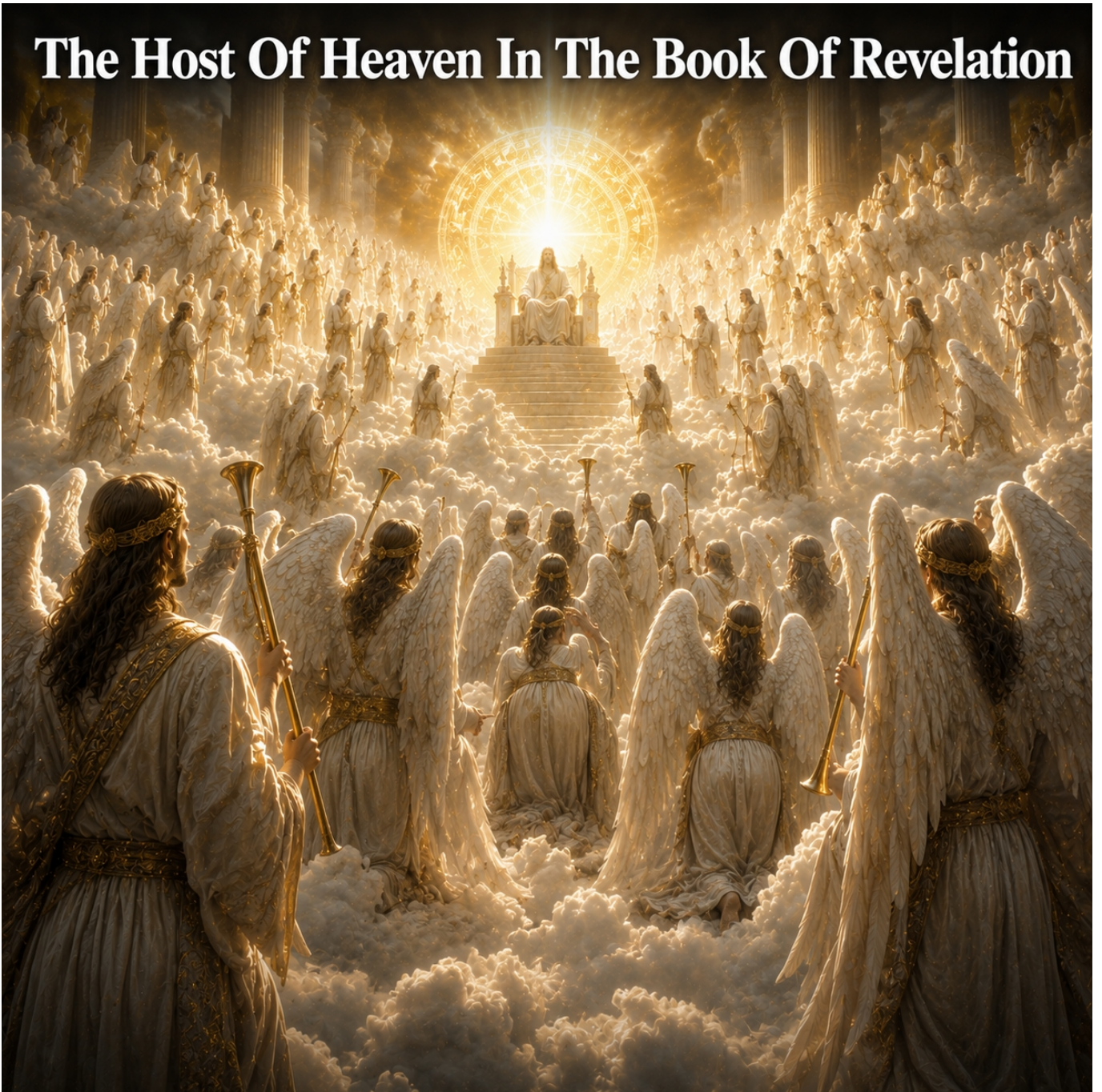
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† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven In The Book Of Revelation



The Host Of Heaven In The Book Of Revelation (Part 27 of 55)

Introduction

- † No book of Scripture contains more references to the heavenly host than Revelation.
- † Throughout the book the host of heaven appear worshipping, serving, announcing judgments, sounding trumpets, pouring bowls, and glorifying God and the Lamb.
- † Revelation provides one of the clearest pictures of heaven's continual activity before God's throne.

Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

- † The heavenly host continually worship God.
- † Their focus remains upon God's holiness and majesty.
- † Heaven is portrayed as a place of continual praise.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the

elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

† Countless heavenly beings surround God's throne.

† The host of heaven proclaim the worthiness of the Lamb.

† Christ is honored throughout heaven.

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, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

† The angels respond to God's greatness with worship.

† Reverence and praise characterize the heavenly host.

† Heaven's attention remains fixed upon God.

Revelation 8:2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

† The heavenly host carry out God's purposes.

† Their authority comes from God.

† They serve according to divine commission.

Revelation 14:6

And I saw another angel flying in midheaven with an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people;

† The heavenly host are involved in proclaiming God's message.

† Their ministry extends to the nations.

† God's purposes are communicated through His servants.

Revelation 19:14

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

† The armies of heaven follow Christ.

† The heavenly host serve under His authority.

† Their presence highlights the victory of the King.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr viewed Revelation as a revelation of heavenly realities.

† Irenaeus frequently referenced the worship of heaven found in Revelation.

† Hippolytus discussed the angelic activity described throughout the book.

† Early Christian writers recognized Revelation as providing a unique glimpse into heaven's worship and service.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Revelation reminds us that God reigns from His throne.

† The heavenly host continually worship and serve Him.

† Christ remains worthy of honor, glory, and praise.

† Believers can find comfort knowing God's purposes are being fulfilled according to His plan.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Does Revelation contain many references to the heavenly host?

A: Yes. Revelation contains numerous scenes involving angels, living creatures, and heavenly armies.

Q: What is the primary activity of the heavenly host in Revelation?

A: Worship and service before God's throne (Revelation 4:8; Revelation 7:11-12).

Q: What do the angels proclaim about Christ?

A: They declare that the Lamb is worthy of power, honor, glory, and blessing (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: What are the seven angels given in Revelation 8:2?

A: They are given seven trumpets to carry out God's purposes.

Q: What do the armies of heaven reveal about Christ?

A: They reveal His authority, kingship, and ultimate victory (Revelation 19:14).

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† Revelation 4:8; Revelation 5:11-12; Revelation 7:11-12; Revelation 8:2; Revelation 14:6; Revelation 19:14

† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Hippolytus

The Host Of Heaven And The New Jerusalem



The Host Of Heaven And The New Jerusalem (Part 28 of 55)

Introduction

- † The New Jerusalem is one of the greatest pictures of God's completed dwelling with His people.
- † Scripture presents the heavenly city as being closely connected with God's throne, His people, and the heavenly host.
- † The host of heaven are portrayed as part of the heavenly order surrounding God's eternal dwelling.

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

- † The heavenly Jerusalem is associated with innumerable angels.
- † The heavenly host are part of the heavenly assembly.
- † God's people are brought into fellowship with this heavenly reality.

Hebrews 12:23

to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

- † The heavenly city includes God's redeemed people.
- † The focus remains upon God's presence.
- † The heavenly host and redeemed saints appear together in the heavenly assembly.

Galatians 4:26

But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

- † Scripture identifies a heavenly Jerusalem above.
- † The city is connected to God's covenant people.
- † The heavenly realm is presented as a present reality.

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- † The New Jerusalem originates from God.
- † The city reflects God's completed dwelling with His people.
- † Heaven and God's presence remain central to the vision.

Revelation 21:12

It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on the gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

- † Angels are specifically associated with the gates of the city.
- † The heavenly host remain connected to God's dwelling place.
- † Their presence reflects the holiness of the city.

Revelation 22:3-5

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

- † The throne of God and the Lamb stand at the center of the city.
- † God's servants dwell in His presence.
- † The New Jerusalem reflects God's completed kingdom.

Historical References

- † Irenaeus connected the New Jerusalem with God's dwelling among His people.
- † Clement of Alexandria viewed the heavenly city as the dwelling place of the righteous.
- † Justin Martyr described the heavenly Jerusalem as part of God's eternal kingdom.
- † Early Christian writers frequently connected angels with the heavenly city.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Believers already belong to the heavenly Jerusalem through Christ.
- † Our citizenship is rooted in God's heavenly kingdom.
- † The New Jerusalem reminds us that God's desire has always been to dwell with His people.
- † The heavenly host point us toward the glory of God's presence.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Is the heavenly host connected to the New Jerusalem?

A: Yes. Hebrews 12:22 places innumerable angels within the heavenly Jerusalem.

Q: Who dwells in the heavenly Jerusalem?

A: God, the redeemed, and the heavenly assembly are all associated with the city (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: Are angels mentioned in the New Jerusalem?

A: Yes. Twelve angels are specifically associated with the gates of the city (Revelation 21:12).

Q: What stands at the center of the New Jerusalem?

A: The throne of God and of the Lamb (Revelation 22:3).

Q: What does the New Jerusalem teach believers today?

A: That God has brought His people into His heavenly kingdom and presence through Christ.

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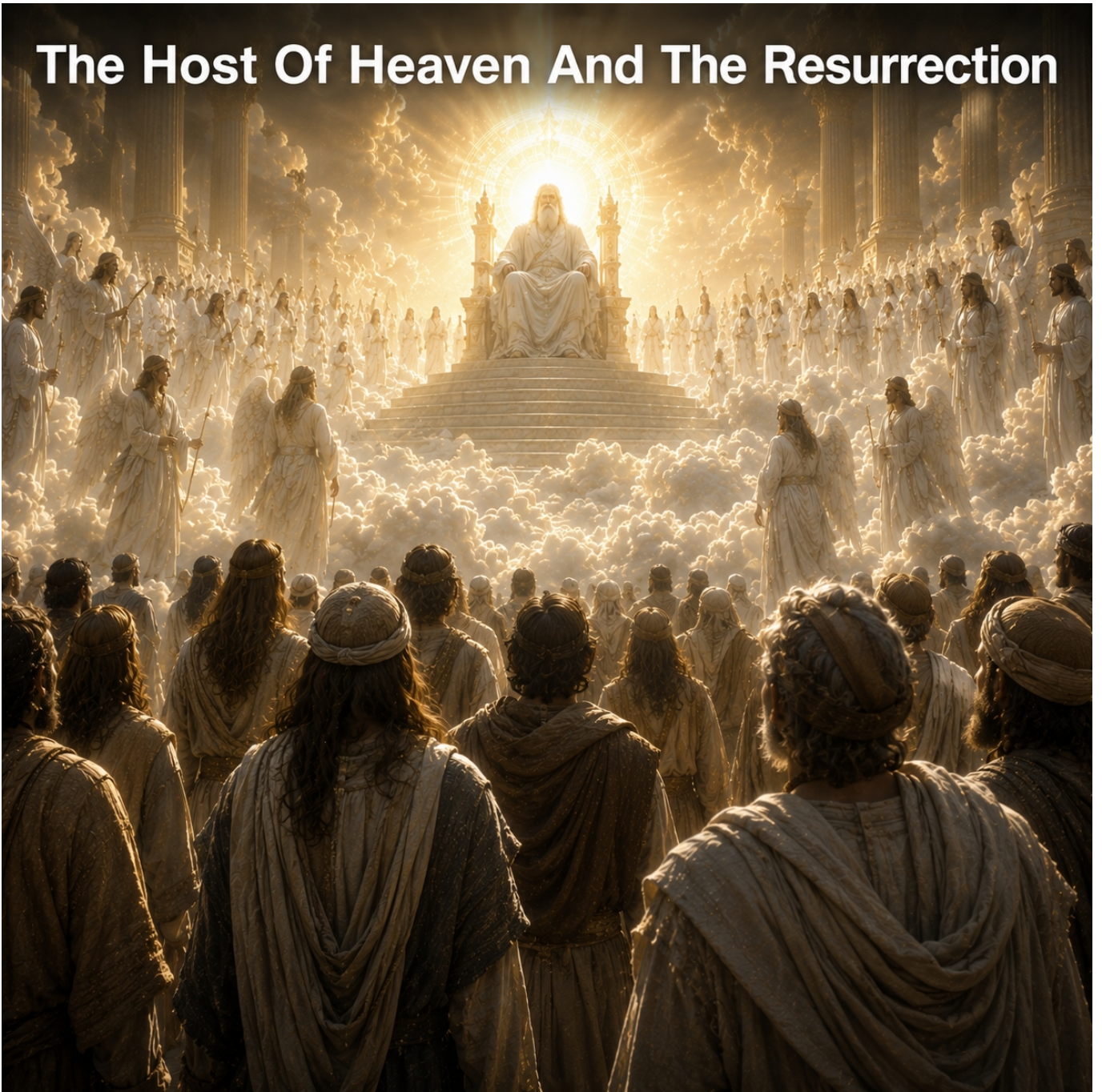
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† Irenaeus; Clement of Alexandria; Justin Martyr

The Host Of Heaven And The Resurrection



The Host Of Heaven And The Resurrection (Part 29 of 55)

Introduction

- † Scripture often connects the heavenly realm with the hope of resurrection and life.
- † The host of heaven are portrayed as existing in God's presence, while believers are promised participation in heavenly life through Christ.
- † The resurrection hope points beyond death to fellowship with God and His heavenly kingdom.

Daniel 12:2-3

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

- † Daniel connects resurrection with heavenly imagery.
- † The righteous are compared to the brightness of the heavens.
- † God's people are associated with heavenly glory.

Matthew 22:30

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

† Christ connected the resurrected condition with heavenly existence.

† The comparison focuses on life in God's presence.

† The resurrection points beyond earthly limitations.

Luke 20:36

for they cannot even die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

† The resurrection is associated with immortality.

† God's people are described in relation to the heavenly host.

† The focus is upon life that comes from God.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with His glorious body, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

† The believer's hope is connected to heaven.

† Christ brings transformation through His power.

† Resurrection life is rooted in union with Him.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The heavenly assembly includes angels and the perfected righteous.

† God's presence unites the heavenly family.

† The resurrection hope is tied to participation in this heavenly reality.

Revelation 21:4

and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

† The final victory includes the removal of death.

† God's presence brings complete restoration.

† Resurrection life is ultimately life with God.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr connected resurrection hope with life in God's heavenly kingdom.

† Irenaeus taught that the righteous would share in God's eternal life.

† Clement of Alexandria emphasized the heavenly destiny of God's people.

† Early Christian writers often connected resurrection with participation in the heavenly realm.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers can live with confidence because Christ has conquered death.

† Our hope is rooted in God's promise of life.

† The heavenly host remind us that God's kingdom extends beyond this present world.

† Resurrection life is found only through Christ.

Q & A Appendix

Q: How does Scripture connect resurrection and the heavenly realm?

A: The resurrection is associated with heavenly life and God's presence (Daniel 12:2-3; Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: What did Jesus say about the resurrected?

A: They are as the angels in heaven and can die no more (Matthew 22:30; Luke 20:36).

Q: Where is the believer's citizenship?

A: In heaven (Philippians 3:20).

Q: Who is included in the heavenly assembly?

A: Angels, the redeemed, and God Himself (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: What is the ultimate hope of resurrection?

A: Eternal life in the presence of God where death is no more (Revelation 21:4).

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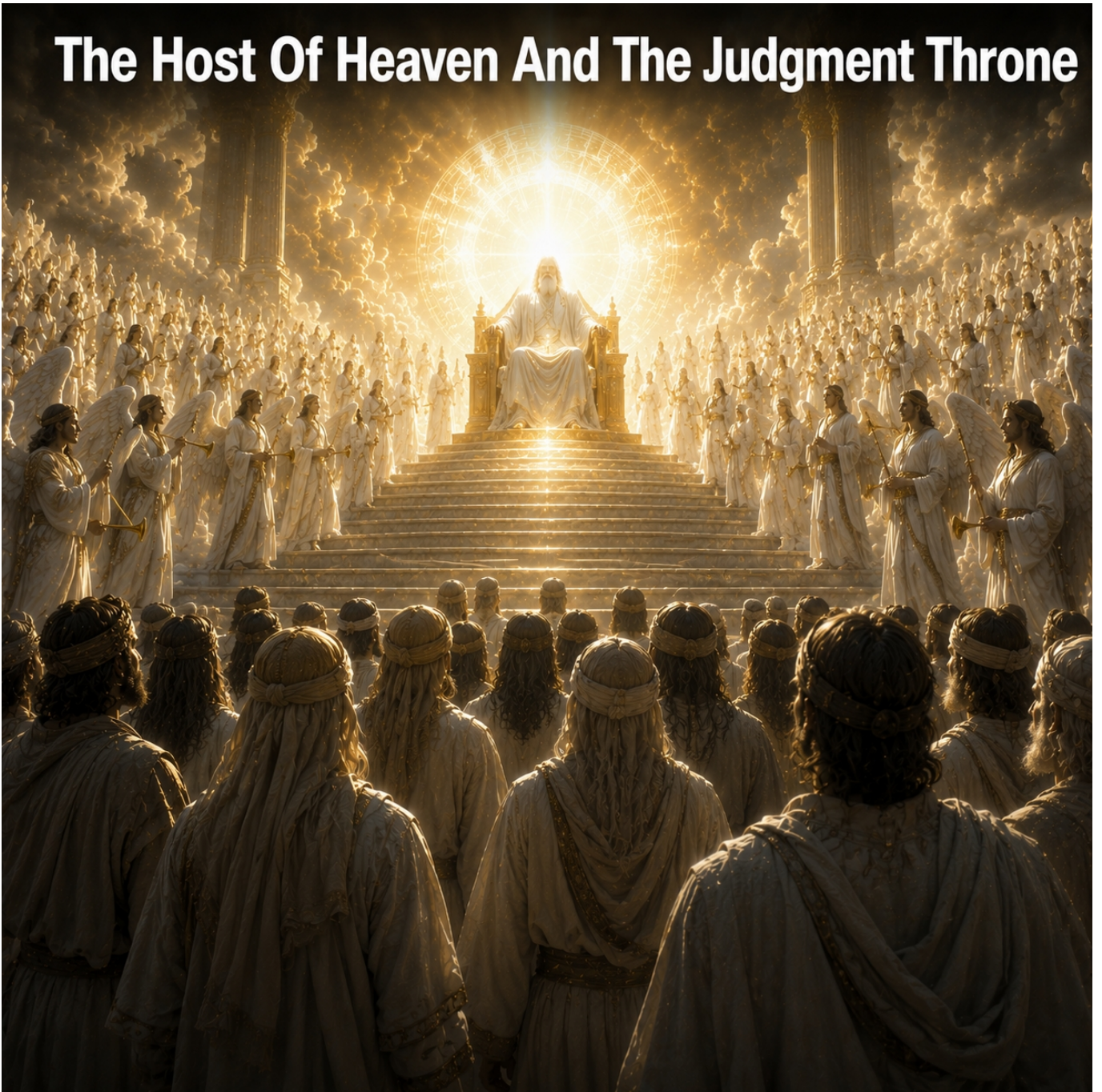
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† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Clement of Alexandria

The Host Of Heaven And The Judgment Throne



The Host Of Heaven And The Judgment Throne (Part 30 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are frequently associated with God's throne and His judgments.
- † The heavenly host do not judge independently, but serve before the One who judges righteously.
- † The judgment throne reveals God's authority over heaven, earth, nations, and mankind.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

- † The host of heaven are seen standing before God's throne.
- † The vision emphasizes God's authority over all creation.
- † The heavenly host serve in the presence of the Judge of all.

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.
† Countless heavenly beings stand before the Ancient of Days.
† The judgment scene centers upon God's throne.
† The heavenly host witness God's righteous judgments.

Psalm 89:5-7

The heavens will praise Your wonders, Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?
Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord,
A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,
And awesome above all those who are around Him?
† God is exalted above all heavenly beings.
† The holy ones acknowledge His authority.
† The heavenly assembly worships before Him.

Matthew 25:31

But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
† Christ is portrayed upon the throne of glory.
† The angels accompany Him as servants of His authority.
† The heavenly host acknowledge His kingship.

Revelation 4:2-4

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and someone was sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.
† The throne is central to the heavenly vision.
† Everything in heaven revolves around God's authority.
† The heavenly host gather around His throne.

Revelation 20:11-12

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
† The great white throne symbolizes God's ultimate authority.
† Judgment proceeds from the One seated upon the throne.
† Heaven recognizes His perfect righteousness.

Historical References

- † Josephus described God as the supreme Judge over heaven and earth.
- † Philo frequently connected God's throne with divine authority and justice.
- † Justin Martyr taught that all heavenly powers are subject to God's judgment.
- † Irenaeus emphasized the throne of God as the center of divine authority.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † God's throne reminds us that ultimate authority belongs to Him alone.
- † The heavenly host demonstrate reverence before God's judgments.
- † Believers can trust God's justice and righteousness.
- † Christ reigns from His heavenly throne as King and Judge.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is the role of the heavenly host around God's throne?

A: They serve, worship, and stand before God in His presence (1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:9-10).

Q: Who sits upon the judgment throne?

A: God and the Lamb are presented as possessing ultimate authority and judgment (Revelation 4:2-4; Matthew 25:31).

Q: Are the heavenly host judges?

A: No. They serve before the One who judges righteously.

Q: What do the countless heavenly beings in Daniel 7 do?

A: They minister before the Ancient of Days and stand before His throne (Daniel 7:10).

Q: What should believers learn from the judgment throne?**A:** To trust God's authority, justice, and righteous rule.

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- † Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Glory Of The Lamb



The Host Of Heaven And The Glory Of The Lamb (Part 31 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven direct worship, honor, and praise toward the Lamb.
- † The heavenly host recognize Christ's victory, authority, and worthiness.
- † The glory given to the Lamb reveals His exalted position in God's heavenly kingdom.

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

- † Christ is introduced as the Lamb of God.
- † His sacrificial work stands at the center of redemption.
- † The glory later given to the Lamb is connected to His completed work.

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- † Heavenly beings acknowledge Christ's authority.
- † The exaltation of Christ extends throughout heaven and earth.
- † Glory given to Christ brings glory to the Father.

Hebrews 1:6

And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,
"And let all the angels of God worship Him."

- † The angels are commanded to worship the Son.
- † Christ occupies a position above the heavenly host.
- † The worship of heaven centers upon Him.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

- † Countless heavenly beings praise the Lamb.
- † The host of heaven proclaim His worthiness.
- † Heaven celebrates His victory and authority.

Revelation 5:13

And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever."

- † Worship is directed toward both God and the Lamb.
- † The heavenly host participate in this universal praise.
- † Christ shares in the honor and glory proclaimed throughout heaven.

Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

- † The Lamb stands at the center of heaven's worship.
- † The redeemed and the heavenly host honor Him together.
- † Salvation is attributed to God and the Lamb.

Historical References

- † Justin Martyr taught that Christ receives heavenly worship and honor.
- † Irenaeus emphasized the worship of the Lamb described in Revelation.
- † Athanasius pointed to heavenly worship as evidence of Christ's exalted position.
- † Early Christian writers consistently recognized the glory given to the Lamb.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Christ remains worthy of worship, honor, and praise.
- † The heavenly host remind us of His authority and victory.
- † Believers join heaven's testimony concerning the Lamb.
- † Our lives should reflect gratitude for His redeeming work.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Why does the heavenly host worship the Lamb?

A: Because He is worthy of honor, glory, blessing, and authority (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: Are angels commanded to worship Christ?

A: Yes. God commanded all the angels of God to worship Him (Hebrews 1:6).

Q: What title is repeatedly given to Christ in Revelation?

A: The Lamb (Revelation 5:12; Revelation 7:10).

Q: Who joins the heavenly host in worshipping the Lamb?

A: The redeemed from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue (Revelation 7:9-10).

Q: What should believers learn from heaven's worship?

A: That Christ is worthy of our devotion, worship, and obedience.

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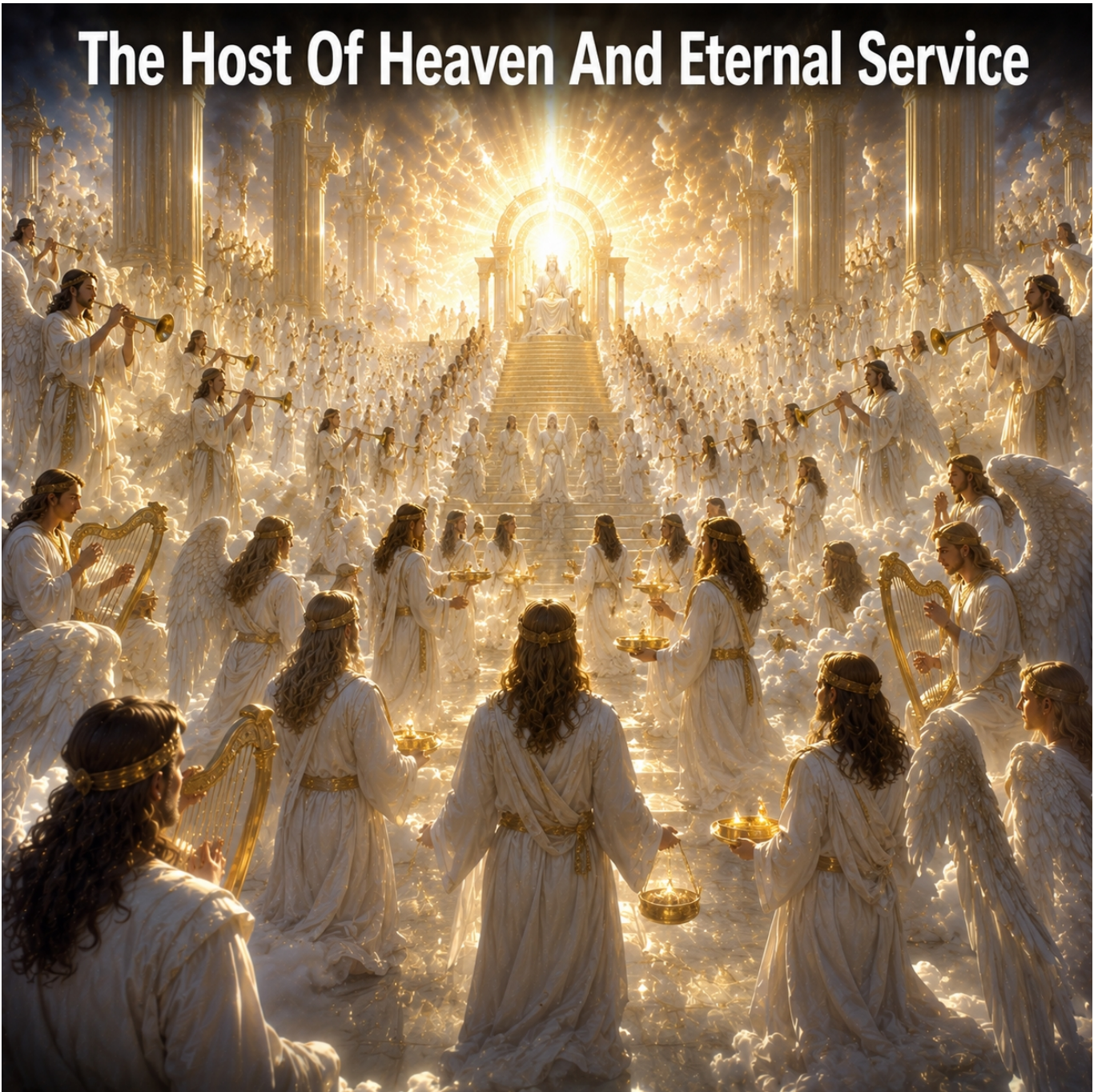
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† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Athanasius

The Host Of Heaven And Eternal Service



The Host Of Heaven And Eternal Service (Part 32 of 55)

Introduction

- † One of the most consistent themes throughout Scripture is the service of the heavenly host.
- † From Genesis to Revelation, the host of heaven are portrayed serving, worshipping, ministering, proclaiming, and carrying out God's purposes.
- † Their service points beyond themselves to the glory, authority, and kingdom of God.

Psalm 103:20-21

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!
Bless the Lord, all you His angels,
You who serve Him, doing His will.

- † The host of heaven are described as God's ministers.
- † Their service is characterized by obedience.
- † They fulfill God's will rather than their own.

Daniel 7:10

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.

† The heavenly host continually minister before God's throne.

† Service remains a central aspect of their existence.

† God's throne is the focus of their activity.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

† Angels are specifically called ministering spirits.

† Their service operates according to God's purposes.

† God commissions His servants to carry out His will.

Revelation 7:15

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

† Service continues in God's presence.

† The throne remains the center of heavenly activity.

† Worship and service are inseparable.

Revelation 22:3

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

† God's servants continue serving in His presence.

† The curse has been removed.

† Eternal fellowship includes worship and service.

Revelation 22:5

And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

† God's presence provides everlasting light.

† Service takes place within His kingdom.

† The reign of God's people continues forever.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr described angels as continual servants of God's will.

† Irenaeus emphasized the ministry of heavenly beings before God's throne.

† Clement of Alexandria taught that service to God is the highest calling.

† Early Christian writers consistently associated heaven with worship and faithful service.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The host of heaven remind believers that service is a privilege rather than a burden.

† God's purposes are accomplished through willing obedience.

† Worship and service belong together.

† Believers are called to faithfully serve God both now and forever.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is one of the primary activities of the heavenly host?

A: Serving God and carrying out His will (Psalm 103:20-21).

Q: What does Hebrews call angels?

A: Ministering spirits sent forth to do service (Hebrews 1:14).

Q: Where do the heavenly host serve?

A: Before the throne of God (Daniel 7:10; Revelation 7:15).

Q: Does service end in God's kingdom?

A: No. God's servants continue serving Him in His presence (Revelation 22:3).

Q: What lesson should believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: Faithful obedience, worship, and service to God.

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† Psalm 103:20-21; Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 7:15; Revelation 22:3; Revelation 22:5

† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Clement of Alexandria

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven And The Kingdom Of God (Part 33 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are closely connected with God's kingdom.
- † They worship the King, serve His purposes, and acknowledge His authority.
- † Every vision of the heavenly host ultimately points to the sovereignty of God's kingdom.

Psalms 103:19

- The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,
And His sovereignty rules over all.
- † God's kingdom extends over all creation.
 - † His throne is established in heaven.
 - † The host of heaven serve under His universal rule.

Daniel 4:35

- All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account,
But He does according to His will among the army of heaven
And among the inhabitants of earth;

And no one can fend off His hand
Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'
† God exercises authority over heaven and earth.
† The army of heaven operates according to His will.
† Nothing can prevent God's purposes from being accomplished.

Matthew 13:41

The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,
† The angels are presented as servants of the King.
† Their work is connected to the administration of His kingdom.
† Christ exercises authority over the heavenly host.

Matthew 26:53

Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?
† Christ possessed authority to call upon the armies of heaven.
† The heavenly host stand ready to serve God's purposes.
† Heaven's resources far exceed earthly power.

Colossians 1:13

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
† Believers have been transferred into Christ's kingdom.
† The kingdom is a present reality for God's people.
† The King reigns over both heaven and earth.

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."
† Heaven celebrates the triumph of God's kingdom.
† The heavenly host acknowledge Christ's reign.
† The kingdom belongs to the Lord and His Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus described God as ruler over both heaven and earth.
† Justin Martyr taught that Christ reigns as King over all creation.
† Irenaeus emphasized the authority of Christ's kingdom.
† Early Christian writers consistently connected the heavenly host with God's sovereign rule.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers serve a King whose kingdom cannot fail.
† God's authority extends over every earthly power.
† The heavenly host remind us that Christ reigns now.
† Our citizenship belongs to God's everlasting kingdom.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who rules over the host of heaven?

A: God rules over the army of heaven and all the earth (Daniel 4:35).

Q: Are angels connected to God's kingdom?

A: Yes. They serve Christ and carry out His kingdom purposes (Matthew 13:41).

Q: What kingdom have believers entered?

A: The kingdom of the Son of God's love (Colossians 1:13).

Q: What did heaven proclaim at the seventh trumpet?

A: That the kingdom belongs to the Lord and His Christ (Revelation 11:15).

Q: What should believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: To trust the reign, authority, and victory of God's kingdom.

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† Psalm 103:19; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 13:41; Matthew 26:53; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 11:15

† Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus



The Host Of Heaven And The Majesty Of God (Part 34 of 55)

Introduction

- † The highest purpose of the host of heaven is to glorify God.
- † Throughout Scripture the heavenly host continually acknowledge His greatness, holiness, power, and majesty.
- † Every vision of heaven ultimately directs attention to God Himself.

Psalms 148:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels;

Praise Him, all His heavenly armies!

† The host of heaven are called to praise God.

† Worship is one of their primary activities.

† Heaven continually acknowledges God's greatness.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

† The seraphim proclaim God's holiness.

† The focus remains upon God's glory rather than the heavenly beings themselves.

† Heaven declares God's majesty continually.

Psalms 89:6-7

For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord?

Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord,

A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,

And awesome above all those who are around Him?

† No heavenly being compares with God.

† The host of heaven acknowledge His supremacy.

† God alone is worthy of ultimate reverence.

Daniel 4:34-35

"But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account,

But He does according to His will among the army of heaven

And among the inhabitants of earth;

And no one can fend off His hand

Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

† God's authority extends throughout heaven and earth.

† The army of heaven operates under His sovereign will.

† His kingdom has no end.

Revelation 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

† Heaven attributes glory, honor, and power to God.

† Creation itself testifies to His majesty.

† The heavenly host worship Him as Creator.

Revelation 19:4-6

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And a voice came from the throne, saying,

"Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

† Heaven rejoices in God's reign.

† Worship surrounds His throne.

† The host of heaven celebrate His eternal kingship.

Historical References

† Josephus described God as supreme over all heavenly powers.

† Philo emphasized the greatness of God above every heavenly being.

† Justin Martyr taught that all heavenly hosts worship the Creator.

† Irenaeus declared that all glory belongs to God alone.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The host of heaven remind us that worship belongs to God.

† God's majesty exceeds all earthly and heavenly power.

† Believers are called to honor and glorify Him.

† Our lives should reflect the worship continually offered in heaven.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is the primary focus of the heavenly host?

A: The worship and glorification of God (Psalm 148:1-2).

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: Can any heavenly being be compared to God?

A: No. Scripture declares that none in heaven compare to Him (Psalm 89:6-7).

Q: Why does heaven worship God?

A: Because He is Creator, King, and Lord over all things (Revelation 4:11).

Q: What should believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: To continually honor, worship, and glorify God.

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† Psalm 148:1-2; Isaiah 6:1-3; Psalm 89:6-7; Daniel 4:34-35; Revelation 4:11; Revelation 19:4-6

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven Before The Throne Of God (Part 35 of 55)

Introduction

- † One of the most repeated pictures in Scripture is the host of heaven gathered before the throne of God.
- † The heavenly host are consistently portrayed worshipping, serving, praising, and standing in reverence before their Creator.
- † Every throne-room vision emphasizes God's holiness, authority, and glory.

1 Kings 22:19

- And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.
- † Micaiah saw the host of heaven assembled around God's throne.
 - † The heavenly host stood in readiness before the Lord.
 - † God's throne occupied the center of the vision.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

- † The sons of God are presented before the Lord.
- † God's authority governs the heavenly assembly.
- † The scene highlights His sovereignty over all creation.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.
The whole earth is full of His glory."

- † The seraphim surround God's throne.
- † Their worship focuses entirely upon God's holiness.
- † Heaven continually proclaims His glory.

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.

- † Countless heavenly beings stand before the Ancient of Days.
- † The throne dominates the entire scene.
- † The host of heaven minister in God's presence.

Revelation 4:8-11

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

And when the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

- † Heaven's worship never ceases.
- † The throne remains the focus of praise and adoration.
- † The heavenly host acknowledge God's eternal greatness.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and

blessing."

† The heavenly host surround the throne in worship.

† The Lamb receives honor and glory.

† Heaven rejoices in God's redemptive plan.

Historical References

† Josephus referred to God as the supreme ruler over the heavenly hosts.

† Philo described heavenly beings gathered before God's presence.

† Justin Martyr frequently spoke of the worship offered before God's throne.

† Irenaeus emphasized the heavenly assembly surrounding God's throne.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The throne of God reminds us of His absolute authority.

† The worship of heaven teaches us reverence and devotion.

† God's glory remains the center of all true worship.

† Believers are called to honor the One whom heaven continually praises.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Where is the host of heaven frequently seen in Scripture?

A: Gathered before the throne of God (1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:9-10).

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: What are the heavenly hosts doing before God's throne?

A: Worshipping, serving, and praising God (Revelation 4:8-11).

Q: Who else is worshipped around the throne in Revelation?

A: The Lamb who was slain (Revelation 5:11-12).

Q: What should believers learn from the heavenly assembly?

A: To honor, worship, and glorify God above all else.

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† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven And The Worship Of God (Part 36 of 55)

Introduction

- † Worship is one of the most prominent activities associated with the host of heaven.
- † Throughout Scripture the heavenly host continually praise, honor, and glorify God.
- † Their worship reveals God's holiness, majesty, and worthiness.

Nehemiah 9:6

- You alone are the Lord.
You have made the heavens,
The heaven of heavens with all their lights,
The earth and everything that is on it,
The seas and everything that is in them.
You give life to all of them,
And the heavenly lights bow down before You.
- † The host of heaven worship their Creator.
 - † Worship is presented as a continual response to God's greatness.
 - † All creation ultimately belongs to Him.

Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe unto Jehovah, O ye sons of the mighty, Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength. Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name; Worship Jehovah in holy array.

† The heavenly beings are called to honor God.

† Glory and strength belong to Him alone.

† Worship acknowledges God's supreme authority.

Psalm 103:20-22

Ascribe to the Lord, sons of the mighty,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

Worship the Lord in holy attire.

† The angels and hosts are called to bless the Lord.

† Their worship is connected to faithful service.

† God's dominion extends over all things.

Isaiah 6:2-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† The seraphim proclaim God's holiness.

† Heaven continually exalts His glory.

† Worship centers upon God's character.

Revelation 4:10-11

the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

† Heaven acknowledges God's worthiness.

† Worship is directed toward the Creator.

† The throne remains the center of heavenly praise.

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, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

† The angels worship before God's throne.

† Heaven unites in praise and thanksgiving.

† God's greatness inspires continual worship.

Historical References

† Philo described heavenly beings continually honoring God.

† Justin Martyr emphasized the worship of heaven directed toward the Creator.

† Irenaeus taught that all heavenly powers glorify God.

† Early Christian writers consistently portrayed heaven as a place of continual worship.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The worship of heaven provides a model for believers.

† God alone deserves glory, honor, and praise.

† Worship should be centered upon God's character and works.
† Believers join the testimony of heaven when they glorify God.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is one of the primary activities of the host of heaven?

A: Worshipping and glorifying God (Nehemiah 9:6).

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: Why is God worthy of worship?

A: Because He is Creator and Lord of all things (Revelation 4:11).

Q: Do the angels worship God?

A: Yes. They fall before the throne and worship Him (Revelation 7:11-12).

Q: What should believers learn from the worship of heaven?

A: To continually honor, praise, and glorify God.

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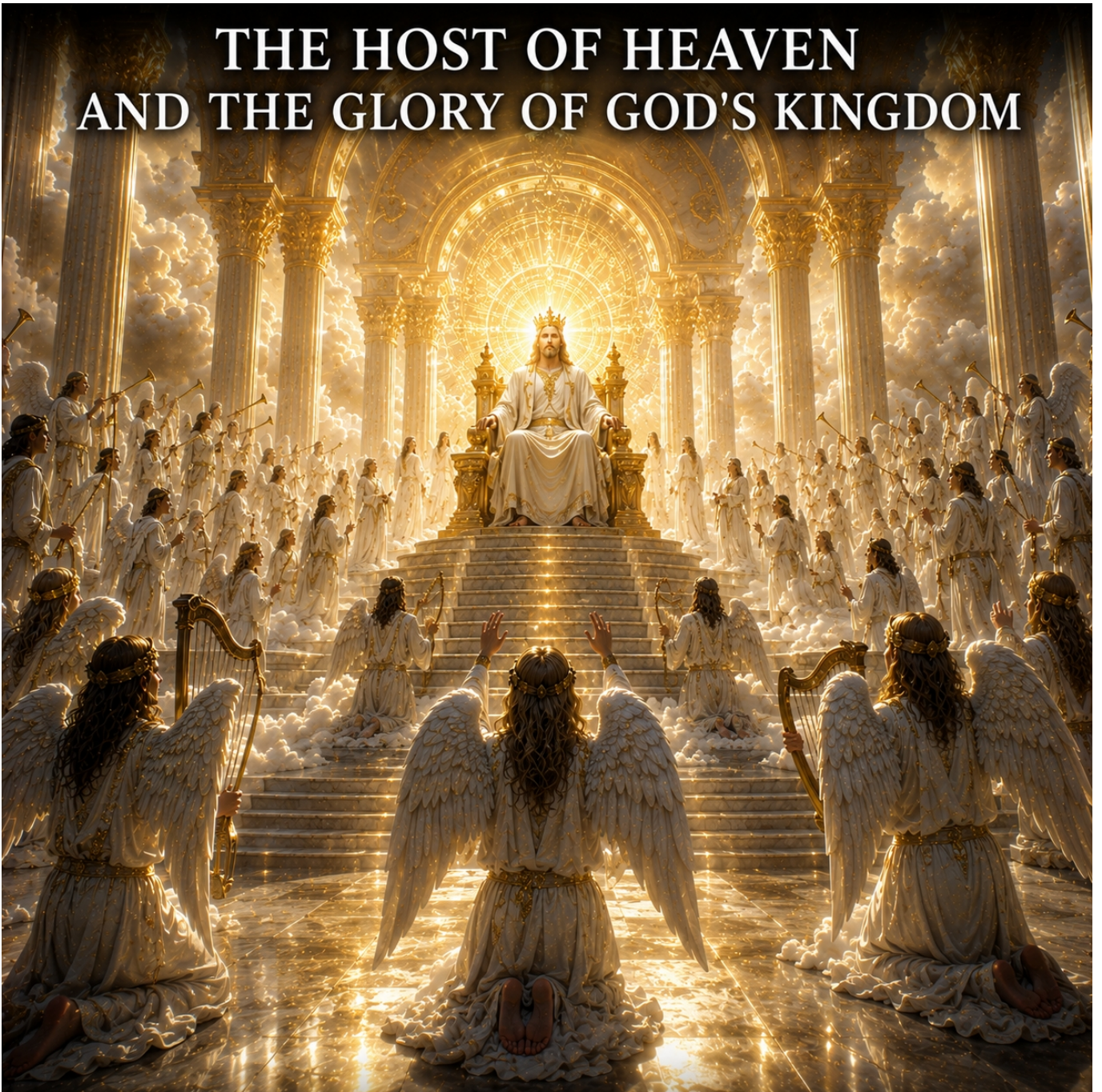
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† Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE GLORY OF GOD'S KINGDOM



The Host Of Heaven And The Glory Of God's Kingdom (Part 37 of 55)

Introduction

† The host of heaven are inseparably connected with the glory of God's kingdom.

† Throughout Scripture they stand before God's throne, worship His majesty, and proclaim His reign.

† The glory of the kingdom is not found in the heavenly host themselves, but in the King whom they serve.

Psalm 145:10-13

All Your works will give thanks to You, Lord,
And Your godly ones will bless You.
They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
And talk of Your might,
To make known to the sons of mankind Your mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in His words,

And holy in all His works.

† God's kingdom is glorious and everlasting.

† His power and majesty are proclaimed throughout creation.

† The heavenly host bear witness to His reign.

Daniel 7:13-14

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.

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.

† The Son of Man receives dominion, glory, and a kingdom.

† The kingdom belongs to Christ by divine authority.

† Heaven witnesses His exaltation.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his deeds.

† The angels are associated with Christ's glory.

† They accompany the King in His authority.

† The focus remains upon Christ's kingdom reign.

Colossians 1:13

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

† Believers have been transferred into Christ's kingdom.

† The kingdom is a present reality.

† God's people participate in His reign through Christ.

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let's show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

† God's kingdom cannot be shaken.

† The certainty of His reign inspires worship and reverence.

† The heavenly host reflect that same devotion.

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

† Heaven celebrates the triumph of God's kingdom.

† The heavenly host proclaim Christ's reign.

† The kingdom belongs to the Lord and His Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus described God as ruler over heaven and earth.

- † Justin Martyr taught that Christ reigns over an everlasting kingdom.
- † Irenaeus emphasized the glory and authority of Christ's kingdom.
- † Early Christian writers consistently associated the heavenly host with God's kingdom reign.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Believers belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken.
- † Christ reigns now as King.
- † The heavenly host remind us that God's kingdom is greater than every earthly kingdom.
- † Our lives should reflect loyalty to the King and His kingdom.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What do the heavenly host proclaim concerning God's kingdom?

A: They proclaim His glory, authority, and everlasting reign (Revelation 11:15).

Q: Who received dominion, glory, and a kingdom in Daniel's vision?

A: The Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14).

Q: Have believers entered Christ's kingdom?

A: Yes. Believers have been transferred into His kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Q: Can God's kingdom be shaken?

A: No. It is a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).

Q: What should believers learn from the heavenly host?

A: To honor Christ's reign and live as citizens of His kingdom.

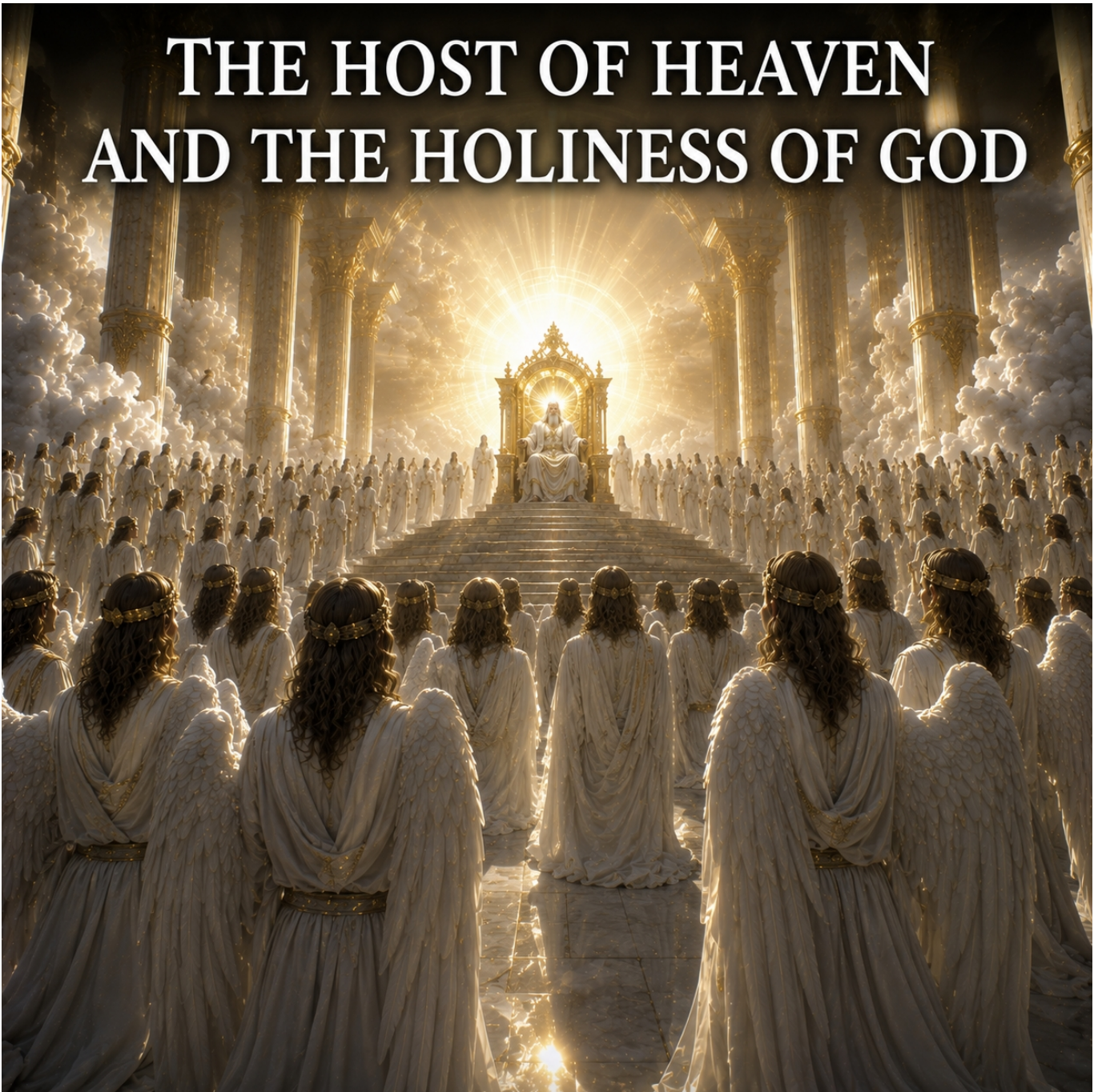
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- † Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE HOLINESS OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven And The Holiness Of God (Part 38 of 55)

Introduction

- † One of the central themes proclaimed by the host of heaven is the holiness of God.
- † Throughout Scripture heavenly beings continually acknowledge God's purity, righteousness, and glory.
- † The worship of heaven consistently points to the holiness of the One seated upon the throne.

Exodus 15:11

- Who is like You among the gods, Lord?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?
- † God's holiness sets Him apart from all others.
 - † His glory and holiness are inseparable.
 - † Heaven continually bears witness to this truth.

Isaiah 6:2-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.
The whole earth is full of His glory."
† The seraphim proclaim God's holiness.
† Their worship centers upon His character.
† God's glory fills heaven and earth.

Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord reigns, the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned above the cherubim, the earth quakes!
The Lord is great in Zion,
And He is exalted above all the peoples.
May they praise Your great and awesome name;
Holy is He.
† God reigns above all creation.
† The cherubim are associated with His throne.
† His holiness inspires worship and reverence.

Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."
† Heaven never ceases proclaiming God's holiness.
† The heavenly host continually worship before His throne.
† God's eternal nature is celebrated in heaven.

Revelation 15:3-4

And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
"Great and marvelous are Your works,
Lord God, the Almighty;
Righteous and true are Your ways,
King of the nations!
Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy;
For all the nations will come and worship before You,
For Your righteous acts have been revealed."
† God alone is perfectly holy.
† His works and ways are righteous and true.
† Heaven glorifies Him because of His holiness.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
† The heavenly assembly exists in God's holy presence.
† Angels and redeemed people gather before Him.
† His holiness defines the heavenly realm.

Historical References

† Philo frequently described God as infinitely holy and exalted.
† Justin Martyr emphasized the holiness proclaimed by heaven.
† Irenaeus taught that God's holiness is the foundation of true worship.
† Early Christian writers consistently connected heavenly worship with God's holiness.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's holiness should inspire reverence and worship.

† The host of heaven remind us that God is unlike anyone else.

† Believers are called to honor His holy name.

† Worship should focus upon God's character and glory.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: What do the living creatures proclaim in Revelation?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty" (Revelation 4:8).

Q: Why is God worthy of worship?

A: Because He alone is perfectly holy (Revelation 15:4).

Q: Who gathers in God's holy presence?

A: Innumerable angels and the redeemed assembly (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: What should believers learn from the host of heaven?

A: To honor, worship, and revere God's holiness.

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† Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:2-3; Psalm 99:1-3; Revelation 4:8; Revelation 15:3-4; Hebrews 12:22-23

† Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE POWER OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven And The Power Of God (Part 39 of 55)

Introduction

- † The host of heaven continually testify to the power of God.
- † Their existence, service, and worship all point to the greatness of the One they serve.
- † Scripture repeatedly presents God's power as unmatched in heaven and earth.

Jeremiah 32:17

- Oh, Lord God! Behold, You Yourself have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You,
- † God's power is displayed in creation itself.
 - † Heaven and earth testify to His greatness.
 - † The host of heaven serve the Creator of all things.

Psalms 33:6

- By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their lights.
- † The host of heaven owe their existence to God.

† His word possesses unlimited power.

† Creation reflects His authority.

2 Chronicles 20:6

and he said, Lord, God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.

† God's power extends over every nation.

† No earthly authority can resist Him.

† Heaven and earth remain under His rule.

Daniel 4:35

All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account,

But He does according to His will among the army of heaven

And among the inhabitants of earth;

And no one can fend off His hand

Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

† God's will is accomplished in heaven and on earth.

† The army of heaven operates according to His command.

† Nothing can prevent His purposes.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

† Christ possesses authority over heaven and earth.

† The host of heaven serve under His authority.

† His power extends throughout creation.

Revelation 19:6

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

† Heaven celebrates God's almighty power.

† His reign is proclaimed throughout the heavenly realm.

† The host of heaven glorify His sovereignty.

Historical References

† Josephus described God as possessing absolute authority over heaven and earth.

† Philo emphasized God's unlimited power in creation.

† Justin Martyr taught that all heavenly powers are subject to God.

† Irenaeus declared that nothing exists outside God's authority.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers can trust God's power in every circumstance.

† The host of heaven remind us that nothing is impossible for God.

† Christ reigns with all authority in heaven and earth.

† God's purposes cannot be stopped by human opposition.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who created the host of heaven?

A: God created them by His word (Psalm 33:6).

Q: Can anything resist God's power?

A: No. None can stay His hand or prevent His will (Daniel 4:35).

Q: What authority does Christ possess?

A: All authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).

Q: What title is given to God in Revelation 19:6?

A: The Almighty.

Q: What should believers learn from the host of heaven?

A: To trust the unlimited power and authority of God.

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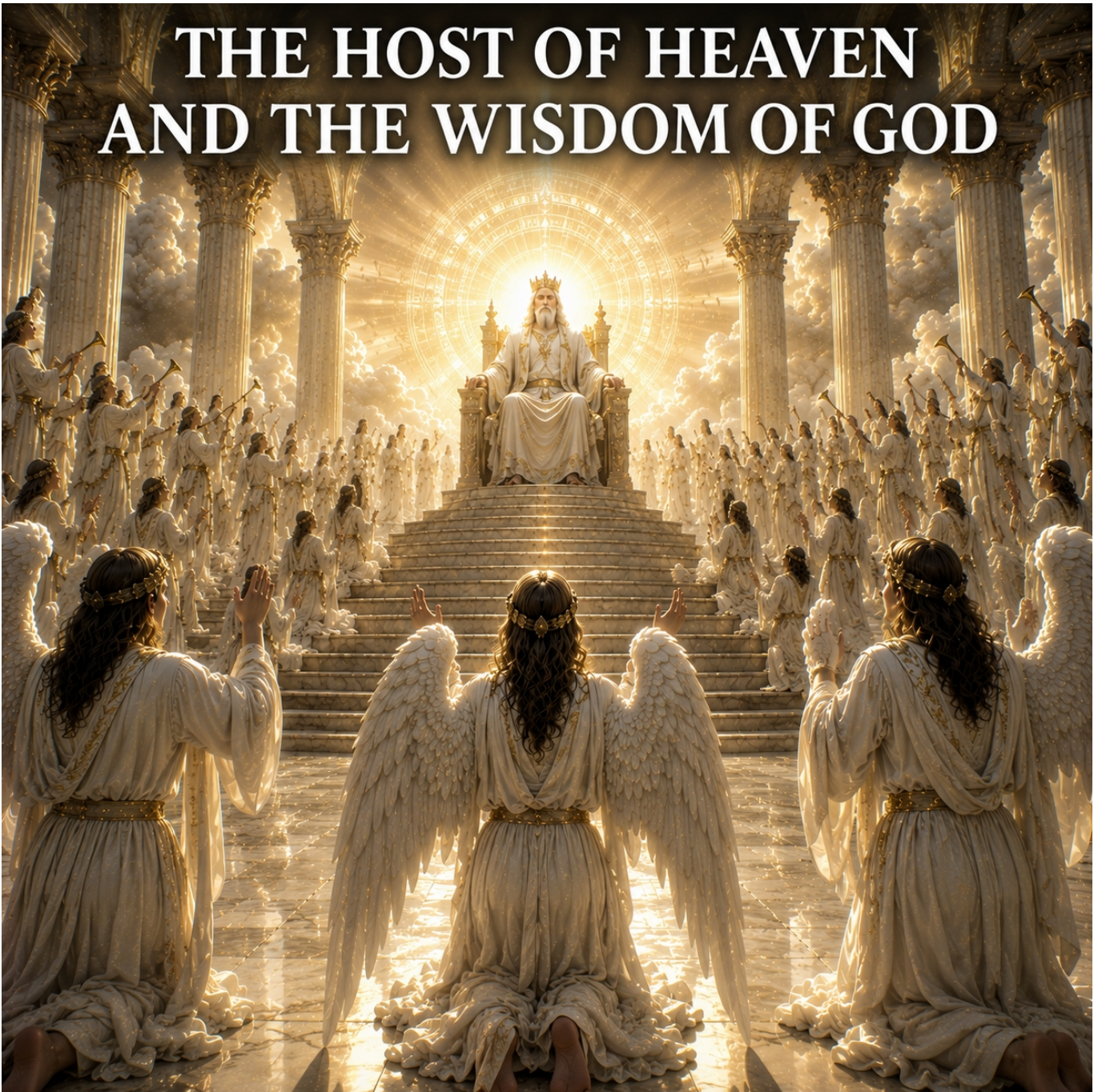
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† Jeremiah 32:17; Psalm 33:6; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 28:18; Revelation 19:6

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE WISDOM OF GOD



The Host Of Heaven And The Wisdom Of God (Part 40 of 55)

Introduction

- † The host of heaven continually bear witness to the wisdom of God.
- † Throughout Scripture God's wisdom is displayed in creation, redemption, judgment, and His kingdom.
- † The heavenly host serve the One whose wisdom is beyond human understanding.

Job 12:13

- "Wisdom and might are with Him;
Advice and understanding belong to Him.
† Wisdom originates with God.
† His understanding surpasses all created beings.
† The host of heaven serve according to His perfect counsel.

Psalms 104:24

Lord, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of Your possessions.

- † Creation reflects God's wisdom.
- † Everything He has made displays order and purpose.
- † The host of heaven testify to the wisdom of the Creator.

Daniel 2:20-21

Daniel said,

"May the name of God be blessed forever and ever,
For wisdom and power belong to Him.

It is He who changes the times and the periods;

He removes kings and appoints kings;

He gives wisdom to wise men,

And knowledge to people of understanding.

† God directs the affairs of nations.

† His wisdom governs history.

† Heaven and earth remain under His sovereign plan.

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

† God's wisdom is beyond human comprehension.

† His judgments are perfect.

† His ways exceed the limits of human understanding.

Ephesians 3:10

so that the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

† God's wisdom is revealed even to heavenly powers.

† The church displays God's redemptive plan.

† Heaven witnesses the unfolding of His wisdom.

Revelation 7:12

saying,

"Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen."

† The heavenly host attribute wisdom to God.

† Heaven acknowledges His perfect understanding.

† Worship includes recognition of His wisdom.

Historical References

† Philo frequently wrote concerning the wisdom of God displayed in creation.

† Justin Martyr taught that God's wisdom governs all things.

† Irenaeus emphasized the wisdom of God's redemptive plan.

† Early Christian writers consistently praised God's wisdom above all human understanding.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers can trust God's wisdom even when they do not understand circumstances.

† God's plans are wiser than human plans.

† The host of heaven remind us that God never acts without purpose.

† Faith rests upon the wisdom of God rather than human reasoning.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Where does true wisdom originate?

A: With God alone (Job 12:13).

Q: How does creation reveal God's wisdom?

A: Everything was made in wisdom and according to His purpose (Psalm 104:24).

Q: What does God control according to Daniel 2?

A: Times, seasons, kings, and kingdoms (Daniel 2:20-21).

Q: Is God's wisdom fully understandable by man?

A: No. His judgments and ways are beyond human comprehension (Romans 11:33).

Q: What do the heavenly host attribute to God?

A: Blessing, glory, wisdom, honor, power, and might (Revelation 7:12).

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† Job 12:13; Psalm 104:24; Daniel 2:20-21; Romans 11:33; Ephesians 3:10; Revelation 7:12

† Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And Spiritual Warfare



The Host Of Heaven And Spiritual Warfare (Part 41 of 55)

Introduction

- † Scripture reveals that spiritual warfare involves more than what can be seen with human eyes.
- † The host of heaven are often portrayed as participating in God's purposes during times of conflict and opposition.
- † Their role demonstrates that God remains sovereign over every spiritual battle.

Joshua 5:13-15

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" He said, "No; rather I have come now as captain of the army of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" And the captain of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

- † Joshua encountered the prince of the host of Jehovah.
- † The heavenly host are presented as God's army.
- † Their allegiance is to God's purposes and authority.

2 Kings 6:16-17

And he said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are greater than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, please, open his eyes so that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

† God's protection extended beyond what could be physically seen.

† The heavenly host surrounded God's servant.

† Spiritual realities existed even when hidden from human sight.

Daniel 10:12-13

Then he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in my way for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

† Daniel's vision reveals conflict involving heavenly powers.

† God's purposes continued despite opposition.

† The host of heaven remained active in carrying out God's will.

Psalms 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,
And rescues them.

† God's protection is associated with His heavenly servants.

† The Lord watches over His people.

† Deliverance comes from Him.

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

† Spiritual warfare extends beyond earthly conflicts.

† Believers must recognize the spiritual nature of opposition.

† Victory comes through God's strength rather than human power.

Revelation 12:7-8

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

† Revelation uses warfare imagery to portray spiritual conflict.

† God's purposes ultimately prevail.

† The heavenly host are associated with God's victory.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently referred to heavenly assistance given by God.

† Justin Martyr acknowledged the activity of heavenly powers in God's purposes.

† Irenaeus viewed spiritual conflict as subject to God's authority.

† Early Christian writers emphasized God's ultimate victory over all opposition.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers should remember that God remains in control during every struggle.

† Spiritual battles cannot be won through human strength alone.

† God's protection and authority are greater than every opposition.

† Confidence belongs in the Lord rather than in ourselves.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who is called the prince of the host of Jehovah?

A: The heavenly commander who appeared to Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15).

Q: What surrounded Elisha at Dothan?

A: Horses and chariots of fire associated with God's heavenly protection (2 Kings 6:17).

Q: Does Scripture describe spiritual conflict?

A: Yes. Daniel 10 and Ephesians 6 both reveal spiritual opposition.

Q: What does Revelation 12 portray?

A: Symbolic warfare involving Michael and his angels against the dragon.

Q: How should believers face spiritual warfare?

A: By trusting God's power, authority, and protection.

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† Joshua 5:13-15; 2 Kings 6:16-17; Daniel 10:12-13; Psalm 34:7; Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 12:7-8

† Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And Divine Judgment



The Host Of Heaven And Divine Judgment (Part 42 of 55)

Introduction

- † Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are frequently associated with God's judgments.
- † They do not act independently, but carry out the purposes of the One seated upon the throne.
- † Divine judgment reveals God's righteousness, justice, and authority over all creation.

Genesis 19:24

- Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah from the Lord out of heaven,
- † God's judgment proceeded from heaven.
 - † The destruction of Sodom demonstrated His authority over nations.
 - † Divine judgment was never arbitrary but reflected God's righteousness.

2 Kings 19:35

- Then it happened that night that the angel of the Lord went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when the rest got up early in the morning, behold, all of the 185,000 were dead.
- † God's angel acted according to divine command.

- † Judgment fell upon those opposing God's purposes.
- † The event demonstrated God's power to save His people.

Psalm 103:20

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,
Obeying the voice of His word!

- † The heavenly host carry out God's commands.
- † Their authority is derived from Him.
- † They act in obedience to His will.

Matthew 13:41-42

The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- † Christ possesses authority over the heavenly host.
- † The angels are portrayed as agents carrying out His judgment.
- † The focus remains upon Christ's authority and kingdom.

Matthew 24:30-31

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

- † The coming of Christ is associated with angelic activity.
- † The heavenly host serve under His authority.
- † The judgment imagery emphasizes His kingship.

Revelation 14:17-19

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe." So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

- † Revelation portrays angels participating in judgment imagery.
- † The harvest symbolizes God's righteous dealings.
- † Heaven acts according to God's decrees.

Historical References

- † Josephus frequently described divine judgments as demonstrations of God's authority.
- † Justin Martyr taught that heavenly powers act only under God's command.
- † Irenaeus emphasized God's justice in judgment.
- † Early Christian writers consistently portrayed divine judgment as righteous and purposeful.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † God's judgments remind believers of His holiness and justice.
- † The host of heaven demonstrate complete obedience to God's will.
- † Christ reigns as righteous Judge.
- † Believers can trust that God's judgments are always perfect.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Do the heavenly host act independently in judgment?

A: No. They carry out God's commands and purposes (Psalm 103:20).

Q: Who sent the angels in Matthew 13?

A: The Son of Man, Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:41).

Q: What happened in 2 Kings 19:35?

A: The angel of Jehovah struck the Assyrian army according to God's command.

Q: What does Revelation 14 portray?

A: Symbolic judgment imagery involving heavenly messengers.

Q: What should believers learn from divine judgment?

A: That God is righteous, just, and sovereign over all things.

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† Genesis 19:24; 2 Kings 19:35; Psalm 103:20; Matthew 13:41-42; Matthew 24:30-31; Revelation 14:17-19

† Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Nations



The Host Of Heaven And The Nations (Part 43 of 55)

Introduction

† Throughout Scripture the nations are never outside God's authority.

† The host of heaven are frequently connected with God's dealings among kingdoms, rulers, and peoples.

† The rise and fall of nations ultimately serve God's purposes and glory.

Deuteronomy 32:8

When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,

When He separated the sons of mankind,

He set the boundaries of the peoples

According to the number of the sons of Israel.

† God established the boundaries of nations.

† Human history unfolds according to His sovereign plan.

† The nations exist under His authority.

Psalms 47:7-8

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with a psalm of wisdom.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits on His holy throne.
† God's rule extends beyond Israel.
† Every nation falls under His kingship.
† His throne governs all peoples.

Daniel 4:17

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers,
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,
And He grants it to whomever He wishes
And sets over it the lowliest of people.
† God's sovereignty over nations is unmistakable.
† Kings rise and fall according to His will.
† Heaven testifies to His authority.

Daniel 7:13-14

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.
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.
† Christ received authority over all nations.
† His kingdom extends throughout the earth.
† Heaven witnessed His exaltation.

Matthew 28:18-19

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
† Christ possesses universal authority.
† The gospel was directed to all nations.
† God's kingdom extends beyond ethnic boundaries.

Revelation 15:4

Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name?
For You alone are holy;
For all the nations will come and worship before You,
For Your righteous acts have been revealed.
† The nations are ultimately subject to God.

† Heaven celebrates His universal reign.

† Worship belongs to Him alone.

Historical References

† Josephus repeatedly acknowledged God's control over kingdoms and empires.

† Philo described God as ruler over all nations.

† Justin Martyr taught that Christ's kingdom extends to every people.

† Irenaeus emphasized the fulfillment of God's promises among the nations.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers can trust that God remains sovereign over world events.

† No nation exists outside His authority.

† Christ reigns over every kingdom and ruler.

† God's purposes continue regardless of political changes.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who determines the boundaries of nations?

A: God does according to His sovereign will (Deuteronomy 32:8).

Q: Does God rule over all nations?

A: Yes. God reigns over the nations from His holy throne (Psalm 47:8).

Q: What does Daniel 4:17 teach?

A: That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men.

Q: Who received dominion over all peoples and nations?

A: The Son of Man, Jesus Christ (Daniel 7:13-14).

Q: What should believers remember concerning the nations?

A: That Christ reigns over all and God's purposes cannot fail.

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† Deuteronomy 32:8; Psalm 47:7-8; Daniel 4:17; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 28:18-19; Revelation 15:4

† Josephus; Philo; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Covenant People



The Host Of Heaven And The Covenant People (Part 44 of 55)

Introduction

† Throughout Scripture the host of heaven are frequently associated with God's covenant people.

† God's dealings with Israel and later His New Covenant people reveal His faithfulness and sovereign care.

† The heavenly host serve God's purposes as He fulfills His covenant promises.

Genesis 28:12-13

And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. Then behold, the Lord was standing above it and said, I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants.

† Jacob's vision connected heaven and earth.

† The angels were associated with God's covenant promises.

† God's presence remained with His covenant people.

Exodus 23:20

Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

† God provided guidance for Israel.

† The heavenly messenger served God's covenant purpose.

† God's care extended to His people throughout their journey.

Psalms 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,
And rescues them.

† God's protection surrounded His people.

† Deliverance came from the Lord.

† The heavenly host are associated with God's care.

Daniel 12:1

Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

† Michael is portrayed in relation to God's covenant people.

† God's purposes concerning His people remain secure.

† Heaven is not indifferent to God's covenant promises.

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

† The heavenly host are described as ministering spirits.

† Their service is connected with God's redemptive plan.

† God remains concerned for those who belong to Him.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The New Covenant people are associated with the heavenly Jerusalem.

† Innumerable angels are present in the heavenly assembly.

† God's covenant family includes both heavenly and earthly realities.

Historical References

† Josephus frequently referred to God's protection over His covenant people.

† Justin Martyr connected God's promises with the people of Christ.

† Irenaeus emphasized the continuity of God's covenant faithfulness.

† Early Christian writers viewed the church as the fulfillment of God's covenant community.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God remains faithful to His covenant promises.

† Believers are part of God's covenant family through Christ.

† The heavenly host remind us that God has not forgotten His people.

† Our confidence rests in God's faithfulness rather than our own strength.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What did Jacob see in his dream?

A: A ladder reaching to heaven with angels ascending and descending (Genesis 28:12).

Q: Who stood for Daniel's people?

A: Michael, the great prince (Daniel 12:1).

Q: What are angels called in Hebrews 1:14?

A: Ministering spirits sent forth to serve God's purposes.

Q: Where have believers come according to Hebrews 12?

A: To Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the assembly of angels.

Q: What should believers learn from this subject?

A: That God remains faithful to His covenant people in every generation.

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† Genesis 28:12-13; Exodus 23:20; Psalm 34:7; Daniel 12:1; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 12:22-23

† Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Coming Of Christ



The Host Of Heaven And The Coming Of Christ (Part 45 of 55)

Introduction

† One of the most significant themes involving the host of heaven is their association with the coming of Christ.

† Throughout Scripture the heavenly host are connected with His authority, glory, kingdom, and judgment.

† The coming of Christ demonstrates His kingship and the fulfillment of God's redemptive purposes.

Daniel 7:13-14

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.
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.

† The Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven.

† The scene focuses upon His enthronement and kingdom.

† Heaven witnessed His reception of authority and glory.

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every person according to his deeds.

† Christ's coming is associated with angelic hosts.

† The heavenly host accompany the King.

† The focus is upon His authority and judgment.

Matthew 24:30-31

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

† The coming of Christ is portrayed with heavenly imagery.

† The angels serve under His authority.

† His coming reveals His kingship and power.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

and to give relief to you who are afflicted, along with us, when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God, and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

† Christ is associated with the angels of His power.

† The heavenly host accompany His revelation.

† Divine authority proceeds from the Lord Himself.

Revelation 14:14-16

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, calling out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in Your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

† Revelation presents Christ as the crowned Son of Man.

† His authority is emphasized throughout the vision.

† The imagery reflects divine kingship and judgment.

Revelation 19:11-14

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

† Heaven's armies follow Christ.

† The host of heaven are associated with His victory.

† Christ remains the central figure of the vision.

Historical References

- † Josephus recorded first-century reports of heavenly armies and signs before Jerusalem's fall.
- † Justin Martyr connected Christ's coming with Daniel's Son of Man vision.
- † Irenaeus emphasized Christ's authority over the heavenly host.
- † Early Christian writers consistently associated the heavenly host with Christ's kingdom.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Christ reigns with all authority in heaven and earth.
- † The host of heaven testify to His kingship.
- † Believers can trust the Lord's sovereign rule.
- † Our hope rests in Christ's completed victory and everlasting kingdom.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who received dominion and glory in Daniel 7?

A: The Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14).

Q: Does Christ come with angels?

A: Yes. Scripture repeatedly associates His coming with the heavenly host (Matthew 16:27).

Q: What role do angels play in Matthew 24?

A: They are sent forth under Christ's authority (Matthew 24:31).

Q: What follows Christ in Revelation 19?

A: The armies of heaven (Revelation 19:14).

Q: What should believers learn from these passages?

A: That Christ reigns as King and Lord over heaven and earth.

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Source Index

- † Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 14:14-16; Revelation 19:11-14
- † Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Fall Of Babylon



The Host Of Heaven And The Fall Of Babylon (Part 46 of 55)

Introduction

† The fall of Babylon is one of the most dramatic judgment scenes in Scripture.

† Throughout Revelation the host of heaven are portrayed as witnesses to God's righteous judgment.

† Heaven rejoices because God's justice has been accomplished and His kingdom is vindicated.

Isaiah 13:9-11

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
For the stars of heaven and their constellations
Will not flash their light;
The sun will be dark when it rises
And the moon will not shed its light.
So I will punish the world for its evil
And the wicked for their wrongdoing;

I will also put an end to the audacity of the proud
And humiliate the arrogance of the tyrants.
† The fall of Babylon is described with prophetic judgment language.
† Heavenly imagery emphasizes the magnitude of God's judgment.
† The focus remains upon God's sovereignty.

Jeremiah 51:48

Then heaven and earth and everything that is in them
Will shout for joy over Babylon,
Because the destroyers will come to her from the north,"
Declares the Lord.
† Heaven rejoices at God's righteous judgment.
† Babylon's fall demonstrates God's justice.
† The judgment vindicates God's purposes.

Revelation 17:1

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,
† Revelation introduces the judgment of Babylon.
† The judgment is presented from a heavenly perspective.
† God's authority governs the entire vision.

Revelation 18:20

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her."
† Heaven is called to rejoice.
† God's judgment is portrayed as righteous and deserved.
† The vindication of God's people is emphasized.

Revelation 19:1-2

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."
† Heaven celebrates God's judgment.
† His judgments are described as true and righteous.
† The host of heaven glorify God for His justice.

Revelation 19:6

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
† The fall of Babylon is followed by celebration in heaven.
† God's reign is openly acknowledged.
† The heavenly host praise the victorious King.

Historical References

† Josephus recorded the destruction of Jerusalem and its devastating consequences.
† Justin Martyr taught that God's judgments reveal His righteousness.
† Irenaeus emphasized the justice of divine judgment.
† Early Christian writers consistently associated Babylon's fall with God's vindication of His people.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's justice ultimately prevails.

† The host of heaven remind us that evil does not endure forever.

† Believers can trust God's righteous judgments.

† Christ reigns over every earthly power and system.

Q & A Appendix

Q: How does heaven respond to Babylon's fall?

A: Heaven rejoices because God's judgment is righteous (Revelation 18:20).

Q: What does Revelation 19 say about God's judgments?

A: They are true and righteous (Revelation 19:1-2).

Q: Why is Babylon judged?

A: Because God vindicates His people and executes justice.

Q: What follows Babylon's fall?

A: Praise and worship in heaven (Revelation 19:6).

Q: What should believers learn from Babylon's fall?

A: That God's justice ultimately triumphs over evil.

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† Isaiah 13:9-11; Jeremiah 51:48; Revelation 17:1; Revelation 18:20; Revelation 19:1-2; Revelation 19:6

† Josephus; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Destruction Of Jerusalem



The Host Of Heaven And The Destruction Of Jerusalem (Part 47 of 55)

Introduction

† The destruction of Jerusalem stands as one of the most significant covenant judgments recorded in Scripture.

† Jesus repeatedly warned that judgment would come upon that generation for rejecting God's messengers and ultimately rejecting the Messiah.

† The host of heaven are associated with Christ's coming in judgment and the fulfillment of His prophetic warnings.

Matthew 22:7

Now the king was angry, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.

† Jesus portrayed Jerusalem's destruction as the judgment of a king.

† The burning of the city fulfilled covenant judgment imagery.

† The event demonstrated God's faithfulness to His word.

Matthew 23:37-38

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I

wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

† Jesus lamented over Jerusalem before announcing its desolation.

† The judgment was directed at a covenant-breaking city.

† The temple system was nearing its end.

Matthew 24:30-31

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet blast, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

† Christ's coming is described using Old Testament judgment language.

† The heavenly host are associated with His authority and kingdom.

† The focus is upon covenant judgment and vindication.

Luke 21:20-22

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are inside the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of punishment, so that all things which have been written will be fulfilled.

† Jesus gave clear signs concerning Jerusalem's destruction.

† The judgment fulfilled prophetic warnings.

† The event marked the end of the Old Covenant age.

Revelation 18:20

Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.

† Heaven rejoices at God's righteous judgment.

† The destruction vindicated God's servants.

† Divine justice was accomplished.

Revelation 19:1-2

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."

† Heaven celebrates God's righteous acts.

† His judgments are declared true and just.

† The host of heaven glorify God for His faithfulness.

Historical References

† Josephus provided eyewitness testimony concerning Jerusalem's destruction in AD 70.

† Tacitus recorded the devastation of the city and temple.

† Eusebius preserved accounts of Christians fleeing Jerusalem before its fall.

† Early Christian writers viewed the event as the fulfillment of Christ's warnings.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's promises and warnings are equally certain.

† Christ reigns as King over history.

† The destruction of Jerusalem demonstrates God's covenant faithfulness.

† Believers can trust that God's word never fails.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What city was destroyed according to Matthew 22:7?

A: The city represented by those who rejected the king's invitation.

Q: What did Jesus say would happen when Jerusalem was surrounded by armies?

A: Its desolation was near (Luke 21:20).

Q: What are the "days of vengeance"?

A: The period when all things written concerning Jerusalem's judgment would be fulfilled (Luke 21:22).

Q: How does heaven respond to the judgment?

A: With rejoicing because God's judgments are righteous (Revelation 18:20).

Q: What should believers learn from Jerusalem's destruction?

A: That God's word is trustworthy and His judgments are just.

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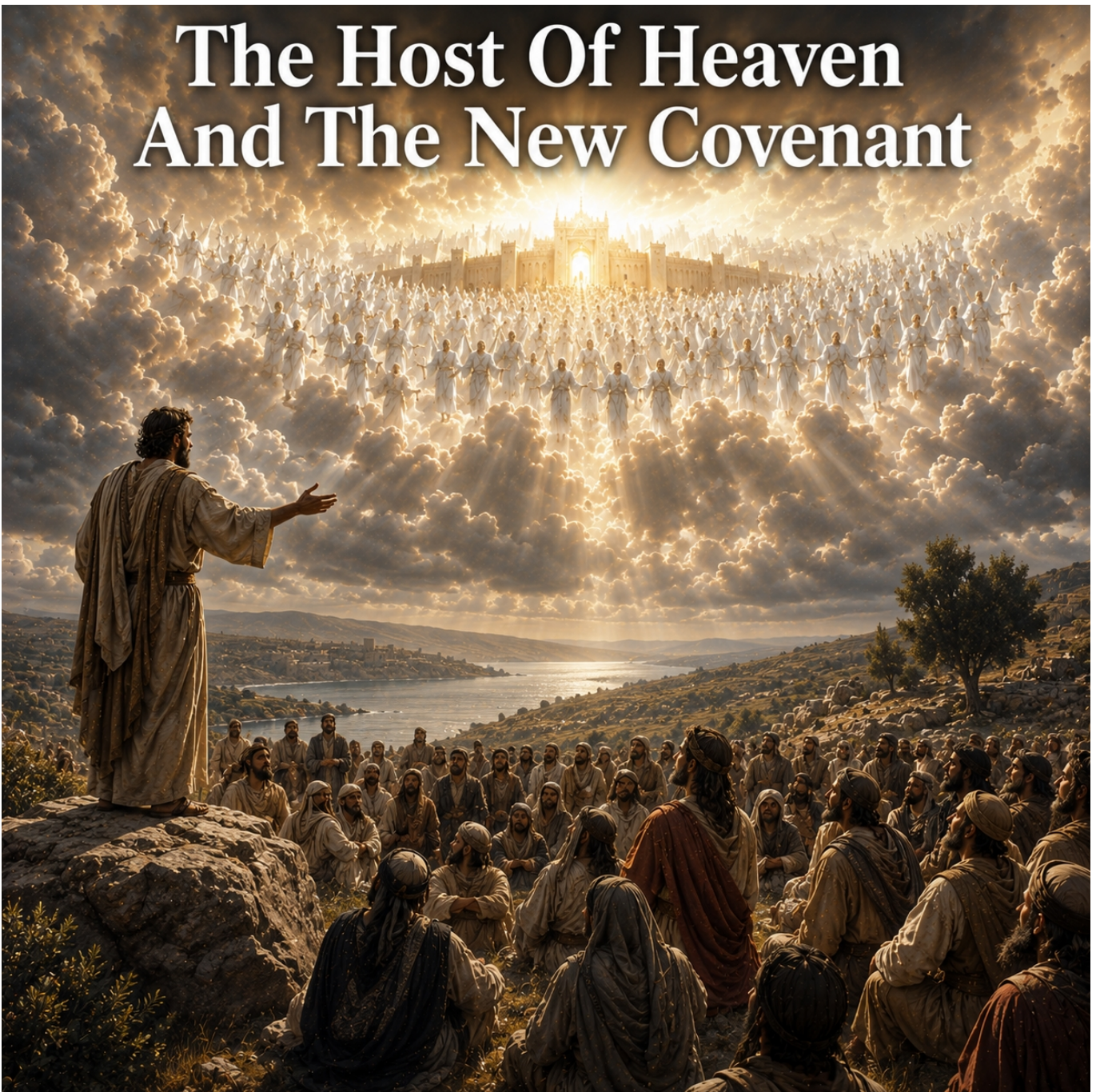
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† Josephus; Tacitus; Eusebius

The Host Of Heaven And The New Covenant



The Host Of Heaven And The New Covenant (Part 48 of 55)

Introduction

† The New Covenant stands as the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan announced throughout the Old Testament.

† The host of heaven are closely associated with the establishment of God's eternal kingdom and covenant people.

† The New Covenant brought realities that the Old Covenant could only anticipate.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

† God promised a New Covenant centuries before Christ.

† The New Covenant would differ from the covenant made at Sinai.

† God's purpose was always moving toward fulfillment.

Luke 22:20

And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood.

† Jesus identified His sacrifice as the basis of the New Covenant.

† The covenant was established through His blood.

† Redemption became centered in Christ.

Hebrews 8:6

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, to the extent that He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

† Christ is the mediator of a better covenant.

† The New Covenant rests upon better promises.

† God's redemptive purpose reached its fulfillment in Christ.

Hebrews 8:13

When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is about to disappear.

† The Old Covenant was passing away.

† The New Covenant was replacing the former system.

† God's covenant plan was transitioning to its completed form.

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

† Believers have come to the heavenly Jerusalem.

† The host of heaven are associated with the New Covenant assembly.

† Heaven and earth meet in God's covenant family.

Revelation 21:2-3

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

† The New Jerusalem represents God's covenant dwelling with His people.

† God's presence is no longer centered in a physical temple.

† The New Covenant brings direct fellowship with God.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr taught that Christ established the promised New Covenant.

† Irenaeus emphasized the fulfillment of God's covenant promises in Christ.

† Eusebius viewed the fall of Jerusalem as confirming the transition from Old Covenant to New Covenant.

† Early Christian writers consistently proclaimed Christ as mediator of the better covenant.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers live under the New Covenant established by Christ.

† God's dwelling is with His people.

† The heavenly Jerusalem is a present covenant reality.

† The host of heaven remind us that God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who promised the New Covenant?

A: God promised it through Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31-33).

Q: What established the New Covenant?

A: The blood of Jesus Christ (Luke 22:20).

Q: What happened to the Old Covenant?

A: It became obsolete and was passing away (Hebrews 8:13).

Q: Where have believers come?

A: To Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and innumerable angels (Hebrews 12:22-24).

Q: What should believers learn from the New Covenant?

A: That God's promises are fulfilled through Christ and His kingdom.

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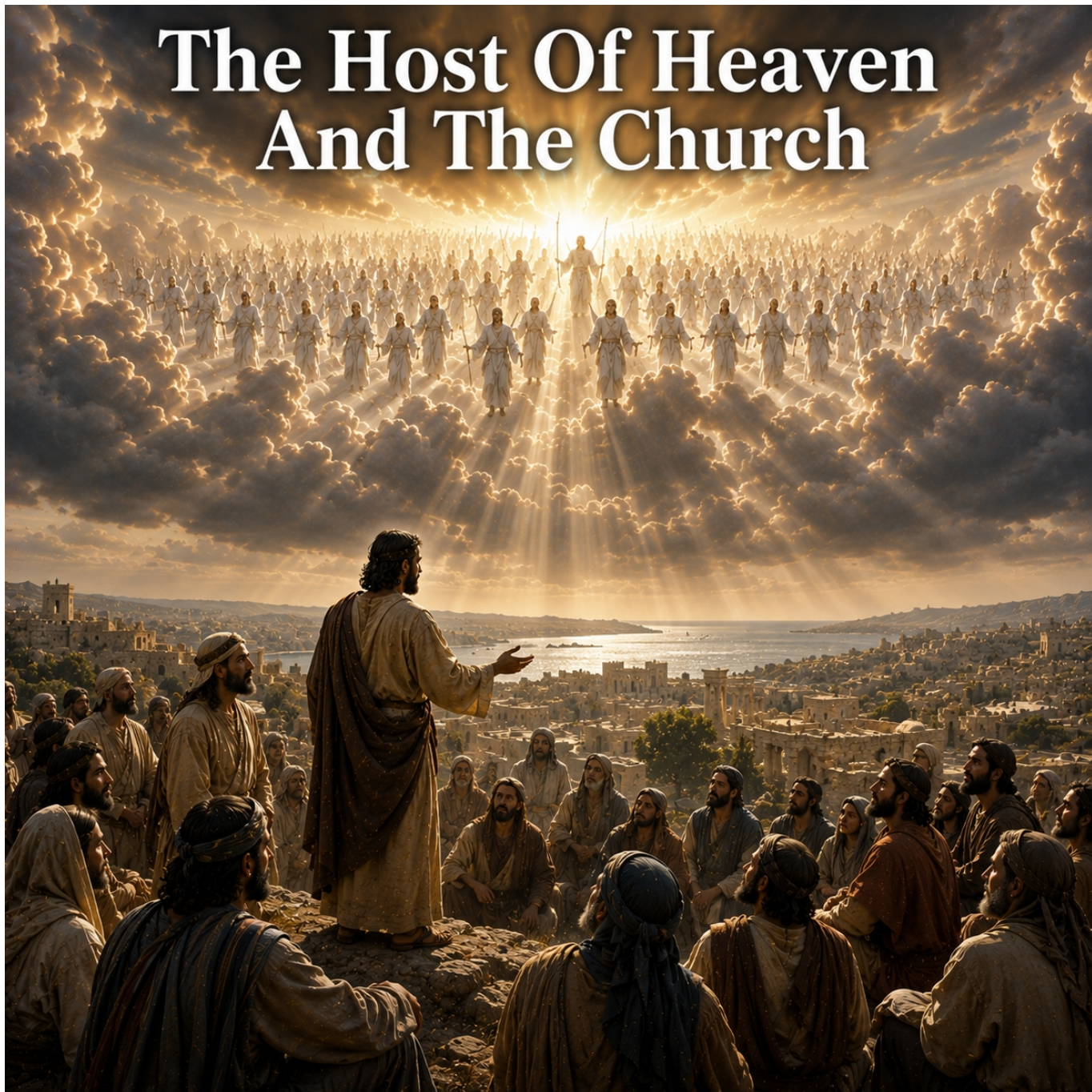
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† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Eusebius

The Host Of Heaven And The Church



The Host Of Heaven And The Church (Part 49 of 55)

Introduction

- † The church is not merely an earthly organization.
- † Scripture presents the church as part of a greater heavenly reality established through Christ.
- † The host of heaven are associated with God's redeemed people as His eternal kingdom is revealed.

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

- † Christ Himself is the builder of the church.
- † The church rests upon His authority.
- † No power can ultimately overcome what Christ establishes.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

- † Christ is the head of the church.

- † The church is described as His body.
- † God's purpose is centered in Christ and His people.

Ephesians 3:10

so that the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

- † The church reveals God's wisdom.
- † Even heavenly powers witness God's redemptive work.
- † The church occupies a central place in God's purpose.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

- † The church is connected with heavenly realities.
- † Innumerable angels are associated with the heavenly assembly.
- † Believers participate in God's covenant family.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- † The church possesses a unique covenant identity.
- † God's people now serve as His holy nation.
- † Christ's kingdom has gathered people from every background.

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- † The New Jerusalem is pictured as a bride.
- † The church shares in this covenant imagery.
- † God's dwelling is with His redeemed people.

Historical References

- † Ignatius emphasized the unity of believers in Christ's church.
- † Justin Martyr described the church as God's gathered covenant people.
- † Irenaeus taught that the church fulfilled God's redemptive purpose in Christ.
- † Early Christian writers consistently viewed the church as the people of God's kingdom.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Believers belong to Christ's church and kingdom.
- † The church is part of a heavenly reality, not merely an earthly institution.
- † God's wisdom and purpose are displayed through His people.
- † The host of heaven remind us that we belong to something far greater than this present world.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Who builds the church?

A: Jesus Christ builds His church (Matthew 16:18).

Q: Who is the head of the church?

A: Christ is the head of the church, His body (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Q: What does the church reveal?

A: The manifold wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:10).

Q: What heavenly realities are associated with the church?

A: Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and innumerable angels (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: What should believers learn from this subject?

A: That the church is God's covenant people united in Christ's kingdom.

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† Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 3:10; Hebrews 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 21:2

† Ignatius; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Heavenly Jerusalem



The Host Of Heaven And The Heavenly Jerusalem (Part 50 of 55)

Introduction

- † The Heavenly Jerusalem is one of the greatest covenant realities revealed in Scripture.
- † It is not presented as an earthly city rebuilt in the future, but as the dwelling place of God with His people.
- † The host of heaven are inseparably connected with this heavenly city and its citizens.

Galatians 4:26

But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

- † Paul distinguished the heavenly Jerusalem from the earthly Jerusalem.
- † The heavenly city belongs to the New Covenant.
- † Believers are identified with the Jerusalem above.

Hebrews 11:10

for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

- † Abraham's hope extended beyond an earthly inheritance.

† God's city was the ultimate fulfillment of covenant promise.

† The heavenly city originated with God Himself.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† Believers have already come to the heavenly Jerusalem.

† Innumerable angels are associated with this heavenly assembly.

† The host of heaven and God's people are presented together.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

† The earthly city was temporary.

† God's people sought a greater city.

† The heavenly Jerusalem fulfilled that expectation.

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

† The New Jerusalem comes from God.

† The city is described as a bride.

† Covenant imagery identifies God's redeemed people as the city.

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

† God's dwelling is with His people.

† The focus is relationship rather than geography.

† The heavenly Jerusalem represents covenant fellowship with God.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr connected the heavenly city with God's redeemed people.

† Irenaeus described the New Jerusalem as the fulfillment of God's covenant promises.

† Eusebius viewed the destruction of the earthly Jerusalem as highlighting the significance of the heavenly city.

† Early Christian writers consistently emphasized the superiority of the heavenly Jerusalem.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers belong to the heavenly Jerusalem now.

† God's dwelling is with His people through Christ.

† The host of heaven remind us that our citizenship is heavenly.

† Our identity is found in God's eternal kingdom rather than earthly systems.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is the Jerusalem above?

A: The heavenly Jerusalem that belongs to the New Covenant (Galatians 4:26).

Q: Where have believers come?

A: To Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and innumerable angels (Hebrews 12:22-23).

Q: Who built the city Abraham sought?

A: God is its builder and maker (Hebrews 11:10).

Q: What is the New Jerusalem called in Revelation 21?

A: A bride adorned for her husband (Revelation 21:2).

Q: What should believers learn from the Heavenly Jerusalem?

A: That our true citizenship and dwelling are found in God's eternal covenant kingdom.

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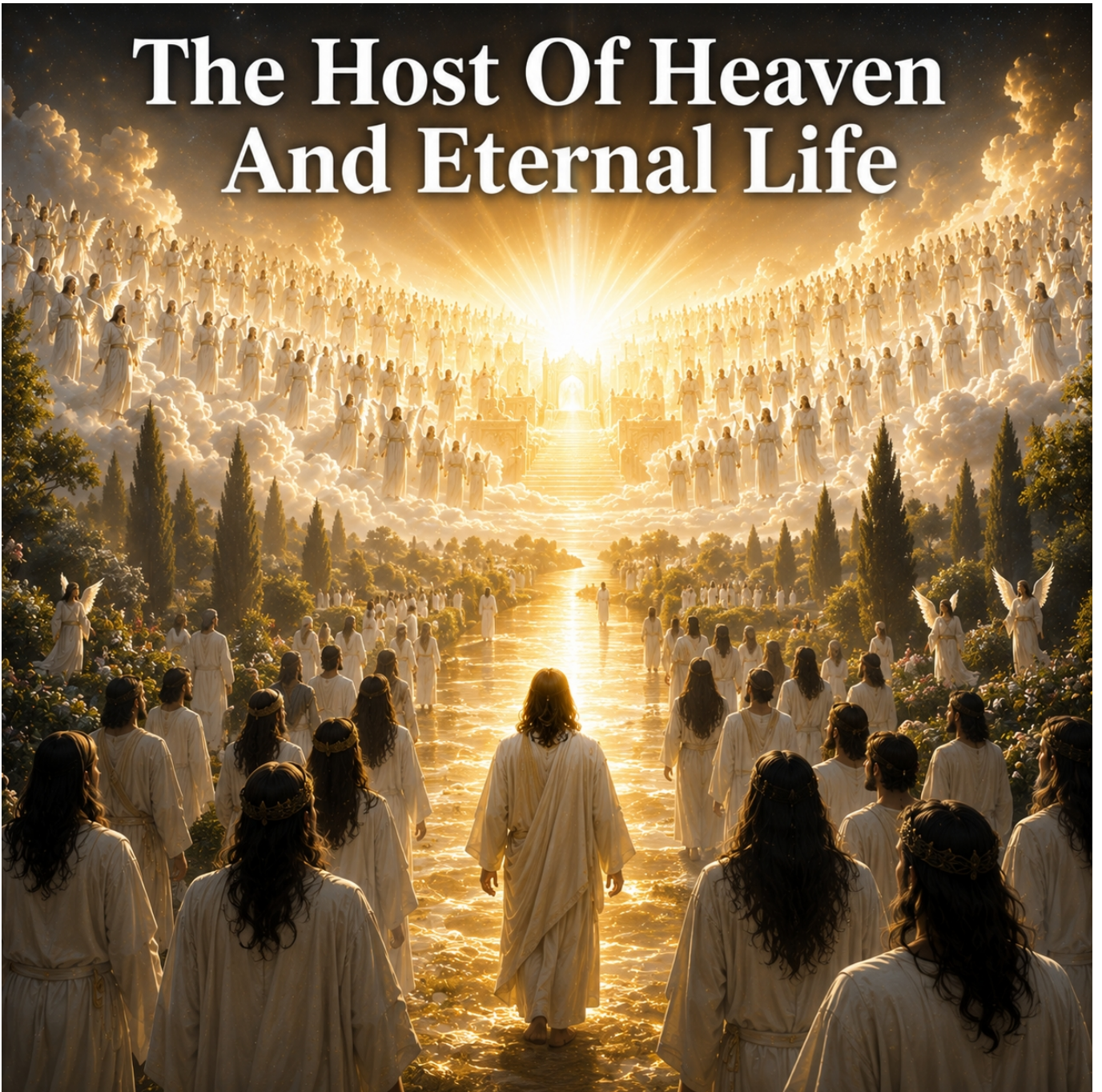
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† Justin Martyr; Irenaeus; Eusebius

The Host Of Heaven And Eternal Life



The Host Of Heaven And Eternal Life (Part 51 of 55)

Introduction

† Eternal life is one of the greatest blessings revealed in Scripture.

† The host of heaven continually stand in the presence of the living God, who alone possesses immortality.

† Through Christ, believers receive the gift of eternal life and fellowship with God forever.

Daniel 12:2-3

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

† Daniel anticipated the arrival of everlasting life.

† The promise was connected with God's covenant fulfillment.

† Eternal life would belong to God's redeemed people.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not

perish, but have eternal life.

† Eternal life is God's gift through Christ.

† The contrast is between life and perishing.

† Salvation is found in the Son.

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

† Eternal life is a present possession for believers.

† Those in Christ have passed from death into life.

† The promise begins now and continues forever.

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

† Eternal life is more than endless existence.

† It is fellowship with God through Christ.

† Relationship with God stands at the center of the promise.

1 John 5:11-12

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

† Eternal life exists only in Christ.

† Possessing the Son means possessing life.

† Apart from Christ there is no eternal life.

Revelation 22:3-5

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

† God's people dwell in His presence.

† The curse is removed.

† Eternal fellowship with God is fully realized.

Historical References

† Ignatius repeatedly emphasized life through union with Christ.

† Justin Martyr taught that eternal life is found only in the Son.

† Irenaeus connected eternal life with fellowship with God.

† Early Christian writers consistently proclaimed Christ as the source of life.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Eternal life is not earned but received through Christ.

† Believers possess life because they possess the Son.

† The host of heaven remind us that God's presence is the ultimate blessing.

† Our hope rests in Christ, who is our life.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What is God's gift through Christ?

A: Eternal life (John 3:16).

Q: When does eternal life begin?

A: Believers possess it now through faith in Christ (John 5:24).

Q: What is eternal life according to John 17:3?

A: Knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent.

Q: Where is eternal life found?

A: In the Son of God (1 John 5:11-12).

Q: What should believers learn from this subject?

A: That Christ alone is the source of eternal life and fellowship with God.

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† Daniel 12:2-3; John 3:16; John 5:24; John 17:3; 1 John 5:11-12; Revelation 22:3-5

† Ignatius; Justin Martyr; Irenaeus

The Host Of Heaven And The Victory Of The Lamb



The Host Of Heaven And The Victory Of The Lamb (Part 52 of 55)

Introduction

† The victory of the Lamb stands at the center of the biblical story.

† The host of heaven continually proclaim His triumph, authority, and worthiness.

† Through His death, resurrection, exaltation, and kingdom reign, Christ secured the victory that heaven celebrates.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

† Christ declared His victory before the cross.

† The outcome of His mission was certain.

† His victory would extend beyond Israel to the entire world.

Philippians 2:9-11

For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the

earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

† The Lamb was exalted above all authority.

† Heaven acknowledges His supremacy.

† Every knee ultimately bows to His lordship.

Colossians 2:14-15

having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

† Christ defeated every opposing power.

† His victory was accomplished through the cross.

† The triumph belongs entirely to Him.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

† The host of heaven proclaim the worthiness of the Lamb.

† His victory results in universal praise.

† Heaven centers its worship upon Christ.

Revelation 17:14

These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

† The victory of the Lamb is absolute.

† No earthly power can prevail against Him.

† His kingship guarantees His triumph.

Revelation 19:6-7

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself."

† Heaven celebrates the reign of the victorious King.

† The triumph of the Lamb is cause for rejoicing.

† The kingdom belongs to Christ forever.

Historical References

† Ignatius emphasized victory through union with Christ.

† Justin Martyr proclaimed Christ as the conquering King.

† Irenaeus taught that Christ triumphed over every enemy.

† Early Christian writers consistently centered their hope on the victory of the Lamb.

How It Applies To Us Today

† Believers live under the reign of the victorious Lamb.

† Christ has already overcome the world.

† The host of heaven remind us that the battle belongs to the Lord.

† Our confidence rests in Christ's finished victory rather than human strength.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What did Jesus say He had overcome?

A: The world (John 16:33).

Q: What happened after Christ's victory?

A: God highly exalted Him above every name (Philippians 2:9-11).

Q: How did Christ triumph over principalities and powers?

A: Through the cross (Colossians 2:14-15).

Q: What do the angels proclaim in Revelation 5?

A: "Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain."

Q: What should believers learn from the victory of the Lamb?

A: That Christ reigns victorious as Lord of lords and King of kings.

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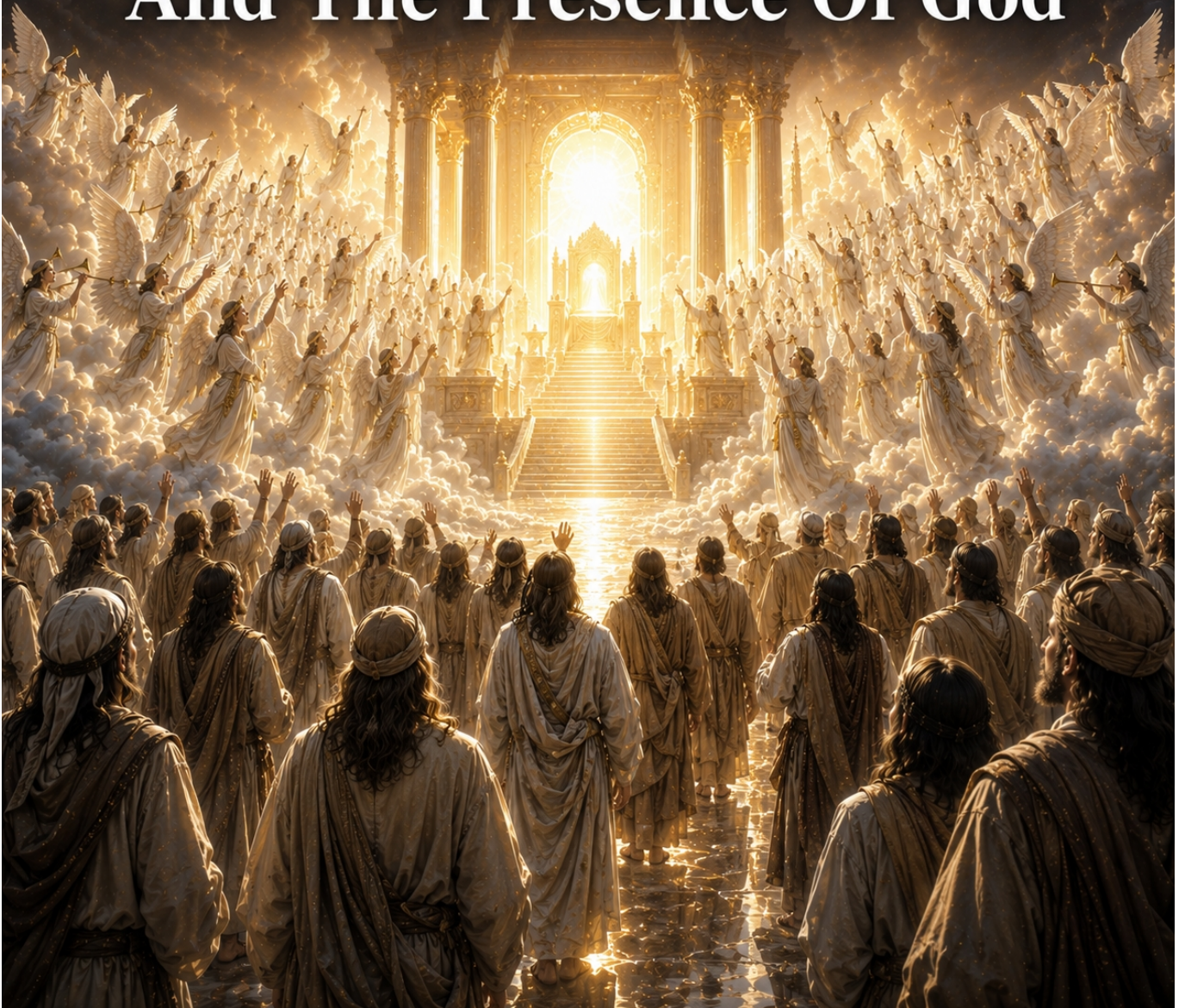
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The Host Of Heaven And The Presence Of God



The Host Of Heaven And The Presence Of God Part (53 of 55)

Introduction

- † The greatest blessing promised throughout Scripture is the presence of God.
- † The host of heaven continually dwell before His throne and worship in His presence.
- † Through Christ, God's people have been brought into fellowship with Him and share in that heavenly reality.

Exodus 33:14

And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."

- † God's presence has always been the source of blessing and rest.
- † His people were never intended to live apart from Him.
- † Fellowship with God is central to His covenant purpose.

Psalms 16:11

You will make known to me the way of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

- † Joy is found in God's presence.
- † Life reaches its fulfillment through fellowship with Him.
- † God's presence is the ultimate blessing.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

- † The host of heaven worship continually before God's throne.
- † His presence inspires awe and worship.
- † Heaven centers upon the glory of God.

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.

- † Christ promised His presence among His people.
- † Fellowship with God is not confined to a physical temple.
- † God's presence accompanies His covenant people.

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

- † Believers have come into a heavenly reality.
- † The host of heaven and God's people are presented together.
- † God's presence unites the entire assembly.

Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

- † God's dwelling is with His people.
- † The goal of redemption is restored fellowship.
- † The presence of God is the fulfillment of covenant promise.

Historical References

- † Ignatius emphasized union with Christ and fellowship with God.
- † Justin Martyr taught that believers have access to God through Christ.
- † Irenaeus described communion with God as the goal of redemption.
- † Early Christian writers consistently emphasized God's presence among His people.

How It Applies To Us Today

- † Believers enjoy fellowship with God through Christ.
- † God's presence is not limited to a physical location.
- † The host of heaven remind us that we belong to a heavenly assembly.
- † Our greatest blessing is not a place, but the presence of God Himself.

Q & A Appendix

Q: What did God promise Moses?

A: "My presence shall go with thee" (Exodus 33:14).

Q: Where is fullness of joy found?

A: In the presence of God (Psalm 16:11).

Q: What do the seraphim proclaim before God's throne?

A: "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3).

Q: Where have believers come according to Hebrews 12?

A: To Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and innumerable angels.

Q: What is the ultimate blessing of redemption?

A: God's presence dwelling with His people (Revelation 21:3).

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THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE PURPOSES OF GOD

— FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION — THEY ARE INVOLVED IN EVERY STAGE OF GOD'S PLAN —

1 CREATION

Job 38:4-7

- The Host of Heaven were present at creation.
- They rejoiced as God established the world.

2 EDEN AND THE FALL

Genesis 3:24

- Cherubim were placed to keep the way of the tree of life.
- Heaven's holiness and judgment followed the fall.

3 ABRAHAM AND THE COVENANT

Genesis 22:11-18

- The angel of the LORD called from heaven.
- God's covenant promises were confirmed.

4 JACOB'S LADDER

Genesis 28:12

- Angels ascended and descended between heaven and earth.
- Heaven was involved in God's covenant purposes.

5 THE EXODUS

Exodus 14:19

- The angel of God went before and behind Israel.
- The Host protected and delivered God's people.

6 THE GIVING OF THE LAW

Deuteronomy 33:2; Acts 7:53

- The LORD came from Sinai with ten thousands of His saints.
- The Law was given with heavenly witnesses.

7 CONQUEST OF CANAAN

Joshua 5:13-15

- The Commander of the LORD's host appeared to Joshua.
- The Host of Heaven fought for Israel.

8 THE KINGDOM PERIOD

1 Kings 22:19

- The Host of Heaven stood around God's throne.
- Heaven is involved in the affairs of the earth.

9 THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 6:1-3; Daniel 7:9-10

- The prophets saw the Host worshipping before God.
- Heaven revealed God's glory and future purposes.

10 THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Luke 2:13-14

- A multitude of the heavenly host praised God.
- Heaven rejoiced at the coming of the Messiah.

11 THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

Matthew 4:11

- Angels ministered to Jesus.
- The Host of Heaven was with Him throughout.

12 THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28:2-7

- An angel descended and rolled away the stone.
- The resurrection was declared by heavenly witnesses.

13 THE ASCENSION

Acts 1:10-11

- The Host of Heaven witnessed Christ's return to glory.
- His kingdom reign was established.

14 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

Acts 2

- The Spirit was poured out.
- The church began with heavenly presence and power.

15 THE JUDGMENT OF JERUSALEM

Matthew 24:31

- The Son of Man comes with His angels.
- Judgment is carried out by heavenly power.

16 THE NEW COVENANT KINGDOM

Hebrews 12:22-23

- Believers have come to Mount Zion and innumerable hosts of angels.
- Heaven and earth are united in God's kingdom.

17 THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM

Revelation 21:2

- The holy city comes down from heaven.
- The Host of Heaven is part of God's eternal purpose.

18 ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Revelation 22:3-5

- God's servants worship Him. His throne, His servants, and His Host are forever.

THE HOST OF HEAVEN

ARE INVOLVED IN
EVERY MAJOR STAGE
OF GOD'S REDEPTIVE
PLAN FROM BEGINNING
TO ETERNITY.

THE HOST OF HEAVEN ARE NOT ON THE SIDELINES—THEY ARE ACTIVE IN EVERY PURPOSE OF GOD FROM CREATION TO NEW CREATION.

"Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." Psalm 103:20

Introduction

† The Host of Heaven are not a minor subject found only in a few passages of Scripture.

† From Genesis to Revelation they appear at every major stage of God's redemptive plan.

† Their presence demonstrates that heaven has always been actively involved in God's purposes among men.

Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell Me, if you have understanding,

Who set its measurements? Since you know.

Or who stretched the measuring line over it?

On what were its bases sunk?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

When the morning stars sang together

And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

† The Host of Heaven were present at creation.

† They witnessed the foundation of the world.

† God's purposes began before human history unfolded.

Genesis 3:24

So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

† The Host of Heaven appear immediately after the fall.

† They are associated with God's holiness and judgment.

† The promise of redemption unfolds from this point forward.

Genesis 28:12

And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

† The covenant promises given to Jacob involved heavenly activity.

† Heaven and earth are shown working together within God's plan.

† God's covenant purposes continued through Abraham's descendants.

Exodus 14:19

Then the angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

† The Host of Heaven were present during the Exodus.

† God's deliverance involved heavenly assistance.

† The redemption of Israel revealed God's power.

Joshua 5:14

He said, "No; rather I have come now as captain of the army of the Lord." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?"

† The conquest of Canaan involved the Host of Heaven.

† God remained sovereign over Israel's victories.

† The heavenly army served His purposes.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

† The Host of Heaven appear in God's heavenly court.

† They stand before His throne.

† God's rule extends over heaven and earth.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† The prophets were given visions of heaven.

† The Host of Heaven proclaimed God's holiness.

† Their worship testified to His glory.

Daniel 7:10

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.

† The heavenly host surround God's throne.

† Heaven participates in God's kingdom purposes.

† Christ's kingdom is revealed within this heavenly setting.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

† The birth of Christ was announced by the Host of Heaven.

† The incarnation marked a major stage in God's plan.

† Heaven rejoiced at the coming of the Messiah.

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to serve Him.

† The Host of Heaven ministered during Christ's earthly ministry.

† They were present throughout His work.

† God's purposes continued through His Son.

Matthew 28:2

And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

† The resurrection was accompanied by heavenly activity.

† The victory of Christ was proclaimed.

† The Host of Heaven were present at another major turning point.

Acts 1:10-11

And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

† The ascension involved heavenly witnesses.

† Christ's exaltation was acknowledged by heaven.

† His kingdom reign was beginning.

Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

† The church is associated with the Host of Heaven.

† Believers participate in a heavenly assembly.

† God's New Covenant kingdom includes both heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:2-3

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

† The Host of Heaven remain connected to God's final covenant reality.

† God's dwelling is with His people.

† Redemption reaches its fulfillment.

How It Applies To Us Today

† The Host of Heaven are present throughout God's entire redemptive plan.

† They are not isolated to one period of biblical history.

† From creation to New Jerusalem, they testify to God's purposes.

† Their continual presence reminds us that heaven and earth are united under God's sovereign plan.

Q & A Appendix

Q: Were the Host of Heaven present at creation?

A: Yes. The sons of God shouted for joy when the foundations of the earth were laid (Job 38:4-7).

Q: Were they involved with Israel?

A: Yes. They appear throughout the covenant history of Israel.

Q: Were they present during Christ's ministry?

A: Yes. They announced His birth, ministered to Him, and appeared at His resurrection and ascension.

Q: Are they associated with the church?

A: Yes. Hebrews 12 places believers among innumerable hosts of angels.

Q: What does this teach us?

A: The Host of Heaven are involved in every major stage of God's redemptive plan.

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THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND THE THRONE OF GOD

— All Things Proceed From The Throne And Return To The Throne —

1 1 KINGS 22:19



I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

- The Host of Heaven stand before God's throne.
- Heaven is God's royal court.
- They are ready to do His will.

2 JOB 1:6



The sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah.

- The heavenly host appear before God.
- The throne room is the place of divine authority.
- Heaven operates under God's sovereign rule.

3 PSALM 103:19-21



Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word.

- God's throne rules over all creation.
- The Host of Heaven fulfil His commands.
- Their service reflects His sovereignty.

4 ISAIAH 6:1-3



I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up. Above him stood the seraphim.

- Isaiah saw the throne surrounded by worship.
- The Host of Heaven proclaim God's holiness.
- Worship flows continually from His presence.

5 DANIEL 7:9-10



I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit. Thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

- Daniel saw the Ancient of Days upon His throne.
- The Host of Heaven surround Him in countless numbers.
- The throne is the center of God's kingdom.

HOW IT APPLIES TO US TODAY

- † God's throne remains the center of all authority.
- † The Host of Heaven remind us that God reigns over all things.
- † Christ sits enthroned as King of kings and Lord of lords.
- † Our confidence rests in the One who sits upon the throne.

6 HEBREWS 12:22-23



Ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels.

- Believers are brought into the heavenly assembly.
- The throne of God unites heaven and earth.
- God's people share in this heavenly reality.

7 REVELATION 4:2-4



And behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne.

- Revelation centers on the throne of God.
- Every vision unfolds from this location.
- The throne demonstrates God's absolute authority.

8 REVELATION 5:11-12



I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne.

- The Host of Heaven surround the throne in worship.
- Their praise is directed toward the Lamb.
- Heaven acknowledges Christ's victory and authority.

9 REVELATION 7:11



And all the angels were standing round about the throne.

- The Host of Heaven remain gathered before God.
- Worship continues without ceasing.
- The throne remains the center of heaven's attention.

10 REVELATION 22:3



And the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein; and his servants shall serve him.

- Scripture concludes with the throne of God.
- God's presence, kingdom, and people are united.
- The Host of Heaven continue serving and worshiping forever.

THE THRONE OF GOD
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ALL REALITY.

EVERY MISSION.
EVERY JUDGMENT.
EVERY ACT OF WORSHIP.
EVERY STAGE OF
GOD'S PLAN.
BEGINS AND ENDS
AT THE THRONE.

WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN,
TO RECEIVE POWER, AND RICHES, AND WISDOM,
AND STRENGTH, AND HONOR, AND GLORY, AND BLESSING!

REVELATION 5:12

Q & A APPENDIX

- Q: Where is the Host of Heaven most often seen? A: Around the throne of God.
- Q: What did Isaiah see around God's throne? A: Seraphim proclaiming God's holiness.
- Q: What did Daniel see around the Ancient of Days? A: Thousands upon thousands ministering before Him.
- Q: What surrounds God's throne in Revelation? A: Countless angels worshiping God and the Lamb.
- Q: What is the final picture Scripture gives of God's throne? A: The throne of God and the Lamb dwelling with His people forever.

THE HOST OF HEAVEN EXIST TO SERVE, WORSHIP, AND GLORIFY GOD AROUND HIS THRONE.
BEHOLD OUR GOD! HE SITS UPON THE THRONE, AND THE HOST OF HEAVEN BOW BEFORE HIM!

Introduction

† The throne of God is the center of all authority, worship, judgment, and redemption.

† Throughout Scripture the Host of Heaven are continually gathered around that throne.

† Every mission, every act of worship, every judgment, and every stage of God's plan proceeds from the throne of God.

1 Kings 22:19

And Micaiah said, Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

† One of the clearest descriptions of the Host of Heaven is found around God's throne.

† Heaven is portrayed as God's royal court.

† The Host of Heaven stand ready to accomplish His will.

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

† The heavenly host appear before God.

† The throne room is the place of divine authority.

† Heaven functions under God's sovereign rule.

Psalms 103:19-21

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,

And His sovereignty rules over all.

Bless the Lord, you His angels,

Mighty in strength, who perform His word,

Obedying the voice of His word!

Bless the Lord, all you His angels,

You who serve Him, doing His will.

† God's throne rules over all creation.

† The Host of Heaven carry out His commands.

† Their service reflects His sovereignty.

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. And one called out to another and said,

"Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies.

The whole earth is full of His glory."

† Isaiah saw the throne surrounded by heavenly worship.

† The Host of Heaven proclaim God's holiness.

† Worship flows continually from His presence.

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.
† Daniel saw the Ancient of Days upon His throne.
† The Host of Heaven surrounded Him in countless numbers.
† The throne is the center of God's kingdom.

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† Believers are brought into the heavenly assembly.
† The throne of God unites heaven and earth.
† God's people share in this heavenly reality.

Revelation 4:2-4

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and someone was sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.
† Revelation centers upon the throne of God.
† Every vision unfolds from this location.
† The throne demonstrates God's absolute authority.

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."
† The Host of Heaven surround the throne in worship.
† Their praise is directed toward the Lamb.
† Heaven acknowledges Christ's victory and authority.

Revelation 7:11

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,
† The Host of Heaven remain gathered before God.
† Worship continues without ceasing.
† The throne remains the center of heaven's attention.

Revelation 22:3

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;
† Scripture concludes where it repeatedly directs our attention, the throne of God.
† God's presence, kingdom, and people are united around His throne.
† The Host of Heaven continue serving and worshiping forever.

How It Applies To Us Today

† God's throne remains the center of all authority.

† The Host of Heaven remind us that God reigns over all things.

† Christ sits enthroned as King of kings and Lord of lords.

† Our confidence rests in the One who sits upon the throne.

Q & A Appendix

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A: Around the throne of God (1 Kings 22:19; Revelation 5:11).

Q: What did Isaiah see around God's throne?

A: Seraphim proclaiming God's holiness (Isaiah 6:1-3).

Q: What did Daniel see around the Ancient of Days?

A: Thousands upon thousands ministering before Him (Daniel 7:10).

Q: What surrounds God's throne in Revelation?

A: Countless angels worshiping God and the Lamb (Revelation 5:11).

Q: What is the final picture Scripture gives of God's throne?

A: The throne of God and the Lamb dwelling with His people forever (Revelation 22:3).

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