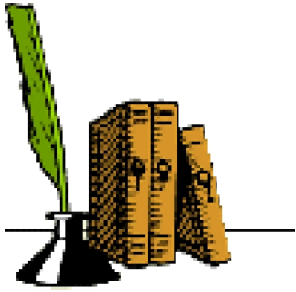


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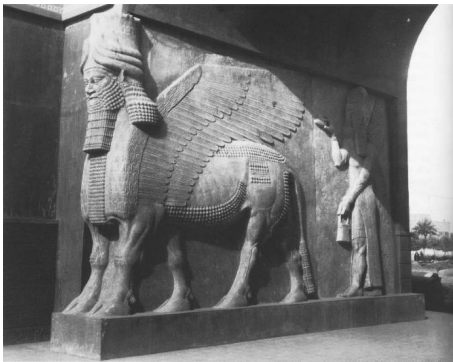
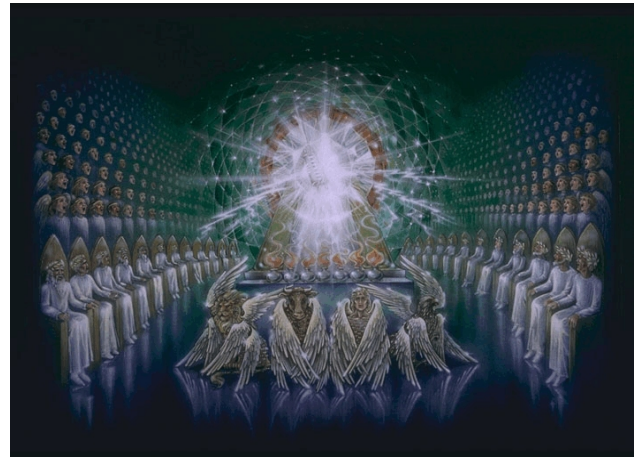
When we sit in a public place we quite often overhear conversations by sincere people trying to explain their Biblical belief about the authority which “**covers**” or enforces the Written Word in the cosmos and over the created earth¹ fulfilling the prophecies written. Take a look at the foot note scripture on this page which states emphatically, “**By Me...**” Nebuchadnezzar who ruled Babylon from 604 to 562 B.C. learned the hard way that the “**Me**” is One Almighty God, the Most High who rules over the affairs of men and is able to abase those who walk in pride. Even all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He doeth according to His will...²

If you believe that the Judaic Scriptures have been given to us by this Authority for our Good, then you will also believe that one day He will bring you before His Throne! Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 29:29; “*The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.*”

Since God is a Spirit (John 4:24) we must therefore not think that His throne is a chair of some kind! In fact the Bible states that; “*in Him we live and move, and have our being.*”³ This implies that He is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. Therefore Jesus was able to say, ‘*He knows the number of hairs on our heads!*’

Now we can read the scriptures about the “*throne*” and discuss them with more understanding and come to know there is no contradiction in them.

*And above the firmament (outside of His Creation) that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him. As the appearance of the (rain)bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and heard a voice of one that spake.*⁴ The graphic depicts somewhat of what Ezekiel and others have seen and wrote about, but in no way can any man who has not seen the throne properly make a picture. So we go to the second witness, the Apostle John who described in detail the Revelation of the Throne Ezekiel saw.



The primitive root of the English word “**throne**” comes from a Hebrew verb **כסה** (kacah kaw-saw). This verb is translated 136 times in the King James Bible as “**cover**”. In ancient times the strength of a king was represented by beasts with wings, covered with feathers. The greater the kingdom, the larger the wing and the covering of the wing with feathers. Psalms 91:4 “*He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*”

¹ Proverbs 8:16 **By Me** princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

² Daniel 4:34-37.

³ Acts 17:28.

⁴ Ezekiel 1:26-28.

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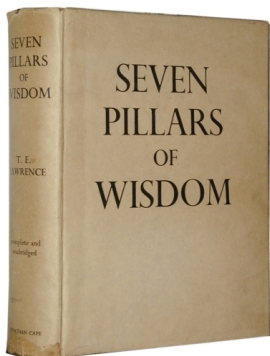
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What the Apostle John saw and described in Revelations while in exile on the isle of Patmos is explicitly explained in the Greek Text when translated word for word without adding grammatical corrections to it. Looked at closely word by word, John's vision and description clearly supports Ezekiel.

Firstly, John saw a throne and describes it in Revelations 4:1-5 as looking through an open door, i.e., outside of the creation. *'He immediately became in spirit and on the throne sitting, this hovering was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne.'*

The amazing sign in the heavens to the right is a 'horizontal' rainbow over the city of Jerusalem which appeared in 2009. Never before in recorded history has this ever been seen. God will soon set His throne in Jerusalem!

Some Bible translations read in verse 2 that "one sat" on the throne which is a poor translation with no Greek text to support it. How could the scripture say this and contradict itself in the very next verse? The One who takes the book of authority and sits on the throne is described in chapter 5. If in fact there was one sitting on the throne in verse 2 then that would mean there were 2 sitting on the throne in chapter 5. But at the end of chapter 5 we read *'that the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him (not them) that liveth for ever and ever.'*



Verse 4 tells us that around the throne sitting are the 24 elders clothed in white raiment. Then in verse 5 John describes a terrible seen of lightnings and thunderings and voices and seven lamps burning which are the seven Spirits of God. There are many interpretations floating around as to what the seven Spirits are of God but the writer believes that they are described correctly in Proverbs.

Wisdom speaks to us through the seven sciences given to man. Cosmology, archeology, biology, astronomy, geology, meteorology and anthropology. Is it by chance or accident that man discovers or invents important things like electricity? Or is it the plan of an Almighty God to reveal step by step Himself so we might seek after Him! Job said, *"the face of the deep is frozen"*⁵ Man through science has discovered that there is ice around the perimeter of the ever expanding universe!

*"Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens, she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat ye of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Leave off, ye simple ones, and live; and walk in the way of understanding."*⁶

The book, "In The Beginning"⁷ written by Nathan Aviezer states that by investigation, every discipline relates to the account of Creation given in Genesis. This distinguished scientist shows that in all the 7 disciplines, current scientific evidence fits remarkably well with a literal interpretation of the text in Genesis.

Quote! Commenting on the biblical phrase, *"the wellsprings of the great deep burst forth and the floodgates of the heavens were opened."* Genesis 7:11. Judaism states that the meaning of this text is that in the future, the gates of knowledge

⁵ Job 38:30.

⁶ Proverbs 9:1-6.

⁷ ISBN #0-88125-328-6

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above *'the heavens'* and the fountains of knowledge below *'the great deep'* will be opened. The Vilna Gaon takes this passage to refer to the importance of science for the understanding of Torah, the books of Moses.⁸ End of quote.

We drop down to John's revelation described in verse 9 of chapter 4. In the original text it agrees with what Ezekiel saw, a Spirit with no form. John also did not see and was not describing a person, that is a man!



And when the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to sitting (Spirit Hovering) on the throne who liveth for ever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before the throne, and worship that liveth (Spirit) for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and the honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.⁹

John was not describing an image or oracle, but he was talking of the Glory of the Omnipresent Spirit! God who gives to all life and breath.

And who was worthy to open the book of authority that sat upon the throne proclaimed a strong Angel in Revelations 5:2? Before Revelations was written and after Jesus arose from the dead He proclaimed; *"All power in heaven and in earth is given unto me"*¹⁰ Was He speaking as a man or was He speaking as God in the celestial body of a man called the Lamb who rose from the dead, who then ascended and sat on the right (authoritative position) hand? Right hand is not a literal meaning, for a Spirit that is everywhere has no right or left side, He is Omnipresent!..

Later after rising from the dead, Jesus appeared in human form and opened the understanding of the Apostles¹¹ so they might know the scriptures that were written about His resurrection more than a thousand years before the event occurred. It had been written in Scripture by the prophets who were inspired by the Spirit of Jesus that He Himself (Emanuel, God with Us) would manifest on earth and that he would shed pure blood, suffer and die and rise again on the third day. Then they knew and understood that the fulfilled Scriptures testified of Jesus. In Isaiah 9:6 the name of Jesus is explained to mean; *"Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!"*

If people could perceive God who is a Spirit as Ezekiel and John did, then there would be no problem understanding who Jesus is! People would no longer see him as a carpenter's son, or some third person of an imagined trinity, but as truly what He is, Almighty God!

Matthew saw Him as Emanuel, God with Us. Was he looking at the Lamb or the Spirit in the lamb? Philip was looking at the man as a son and got a revelation from Jesus who said: *"he that hath seen me Hath seen the (Spirit) Father"*.¹² The word seeing in these verses does not mean literally with the eye, but by perception, *"to perceive"*.

⁸ Ibid. Page xi forward.

⁹ Revelations 4:9-11.

¹⁰ Matthew 28:18.

¹¹ Luke 24:45

¹² John 14:9

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The Lamb, being the brightness of the Spirit's Glory in flesh, the express image of His person¹³ (not another) came into a body prepared for Him.¹⁴ He laid down the body allowing His own blood to drain from it. Then He transformed the body to live by Spirit and not blood!¹⁵ God took it up in eternal life as His image and sits upon His own throne forever and ever. God opened the book! He now sits upon the throne forever and ever. We will only see Jesus when we see the throne! One sitting on it forever and ever. The celestial risen Saviour came up to the throne and opened the book of authority!

This God who they saw descend into the camp of Israel came in flesh, then rose again and He will soon descend again in great Glory & Power to dwell among physical and spiritual Israel for ever. That same Glory is about to dwell among man for ever and ever and He will rule the nations from earth.



Revelations 5:7-14 1881RV-Original Greek translated

And He came and took the book of authority that sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood¹⁶ out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, the Lamb for ever and ever.

And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and ever.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood!

Acts 20:28

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To the Glory of God!

¹³ Hebrews 1:1-14 to 2:1-11.

¹⁴ Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 10:5

¹⁵ Luke 24:36-51.

¹⁶ Hereby know we the love of God, God laid down His life! 1John 3:16.