

The Three Truths for Overcoming Satan in This Age

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Revelation 12:7-12

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.
¹¹ They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

Notes from Sam's Original Sermon-

The Centrality of the Throne of God

Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, an day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” ⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the

twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

This age is defined by the controversy over the Throne of all Creation

By Throne we mean: The Central Seat of Authority

1) In Genesis 1:1 – God Creates creation from his glorious Throne (Central Seat of Authority)

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

2) Isaiah 14:12-14 – Reveals that Satan strove to establish his own throne on high in rebellion to God

Isaiah 14:12-14

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

3) Genesis 3 tells us that man joined the rebellion. This is shown clearly in 1 Samuel 8:7, and Luke 19:12-14

1 Samuel 8:7

And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

Luke 19:12-14

He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

4) The scriptures reveal that God’s Throne is in Heaven at this time, Isaiah 66:1, Psalm 11:4, and Psalm 103:19

Isaiah 66:1

Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?”

Psalm 11:4

The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

Psalm 103:19

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

5) The end of the Revelation shows us that God’s purpose will include getting his Throne established on New

Earth as well, Revelation 22:1-3

Revelation 22:1-3

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

Revelation 4 gives us the most information about God's Throne (i.e. authority) in all of the Bible.

1 – The Throne is in Heaven at this time – vs. 2

Revelation 4:2

At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.

2 – The Throne is occupied by only ONE indescribable one, the Ancient of Days – vs. 2

3 – The Throne is encircled by covenant rainbow – vs. 3

Revelation 4:3

And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

4 – The Throne is surrounded by 24 other thrones with humble worshipping elders – vs. 4

Revelation 4:4

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

5 – The Throne is exploding with power and glory – vs. 5

Revelation 4:5

From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,

6 – The Throne has the seven-fold fullness of the Spirit – vs. 5 (Isaiah 11:2)

Isaiah 11:2

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

7 – The Throne has before it a sea of glass like crystal – vs. 6

Revelation 4:6

and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

8 – The Throne is surrounded by four unceasing worshipping & prophesying creatures & elders declaring ultimate – vs. 6-11

Revelation 4:6-11

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This chapter describing the Throne/Authority of God was given to infuse a sense of confidence and awe into the churches so that they might be the overcomers that he called for in the two previous chapters.

This authority in all of its dimensions is available now in the lives of the disciples.

There is a war from Satan, the world system, and the flesh of man to reject this glorious, coming and victorious authority.

It will consume the earth in the end. Will it consume you now?