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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

IN TIMES OF DISTRESS: PRAY!!!

PSALM 18:6

Psa. 18:0,

“To the Chief Musician.

**A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD,
who spoke to the LORD the words of this
song on the day that the LORD delivered
him from the hand of all his enemies and
from the hand of Saul.
And he said:”**

Psalm 18 Theme

The Psalmist expresses his gratitude, joy, and praise for the Lord's miraculous deliverance by explaining the circumstances of his distress and the merciful response of God to his pleas for deliverance.

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**ישי^ע *yasha*^ע
nif imperf 1 com sing
to deliver, save, heal.**

**David describes God's supernatural intervention to deliver him from the enemies which threaten his life,
Psa. 18:4–15**

- 1. David describes His disastrous situation: death and destruction seem inevitable, thus thwarting God's plan,
Psa. 18:4–5**

Psa. 116:3, “The pains of death surrounded me, and the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble [*tzarah*] and sorrow.”

**חֶבֶל־2 *chevel-2* comm
masc plur constr
rope, cord, line, 49×**

**רִצָּה *metzar*
comm
masc plur
constr
distress**

Psa. 18:4,

“The pangs [cords, ropes] of death
surrounded me,

And the floods of ungodliness [chaos of
evil] made me afraid.”

1-נַחַל־1 *nachal-1*

comm masc plur
constr torrent,
wadi, flood,
river, brook

בְּלִיַּעַל *beliyya'al*

comm masc sing abs
wickedness;
worthless, good for
nothing

**What the Bible Teaches
About
S.O.B.s
“Sons of Belial”**



Beli'al

- 1. Describes acts of wickedness or evil that result in the breakdown of social order.**

Divine Institutions

- 1. Personal Responsibility: God is the authority**
- 2. Marriage: the husband is the authority**
- 3. Family: the parents are the authority**
- 4. Government: the governing authorities;
Rom. 13:1–7; 1 Pet. 2:13–17**
- 5. Nationalism: God is the authority; He sets the boundaries. Acts 17:26**

Beli'al

- 1. Describes acts of wickedness or evil that result in the breakdown of social order.**
- 2. Unchecked sin and evil are self-destructive and destroy cultures and nations. Pagans understood the power of chaos and deified chaos and death.**
- 3. This is a polemic against the gods of the Canaanites.**
- 4. The wicked are self-absorbed and their behavior will destroy society.**

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Psa. 18:5,

“The sorrows [cords, ropes] of Sheol
surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me.”

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What the Bible Teaches About *Sheol*



Meaning of Sheol

- 1. Grave**
- 2. Death**
- 3. A specific location. Where both the saved and unsaved go in the Old Testament. New Testament term is *hades*. Sheol is not the Lake of Fire, or hell (a Norse word brought into English, usually parallel to Lake of Fire, but other times Gehenna, which leads to much confusion).**

Grave

Psa. 6:5,

**“For in death there is no remembrance of
You;**

**In the grave [*sheol*] who will give You
thanks?”**

Grave

Psa. 16:10, “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”

A place for the wicked

Psa. 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell [*sheol*], and all the nations that forget God.”

A definite location

**Job 11:8, “They are higher than heaven—
what can you do? Deeper than Sheol—
what can you know?”**

Metaphor for untold adversity compared to death

Psa. 30:3, “O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.”

Num. 16:33, “So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.”

Job 7:9, “As the cloud disappears and vanishes away, so he who goes down to the grave does not come up.”

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM

“PARADISE”

Old Testament
believers

To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4

**Impassable
Barrier**

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
from all
dispensations

TARTARUS

2 Pet. 2:4

“Chains of darkness”

HADES/SHEOL

PARADISE

Moved to heaven
2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7

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TORMENTS

2. God's deliverance of David is then described in graphic terms that portray for us the way God intervenes in our lives. Three sections here, but we will only cover the first two in this lesson.

1B Summary: of God's answer to the prayer mentioned in vs. 3

2B God's supernatural intervention is described, vss. 7–15

3B The section concludes with a report of God's deliverance.

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**צָרָה *tzar*-1 masc sing
abs narrow, tight
place, a place narrow
and confining, a place
of pressure and
distress**

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שָׁוָע *shawa*^c

**piel imperf 1 com
sing
to cry for help,
18:41 (his enemies)**

שָׁוָה *shaw*^c*ah*

**comm fem sing
constr cry for
help**

Psa. 88:13, “But to You I have cried out, O LORD, and in the morning my prayer comes before You.”

Psa. 119:147, “I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in Your word.”

**Psa. 31:22, “For I said in my haste, ‘I am cut off from before Your eyes’;
Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You.”**

Noun form

Psa. 39:12, “Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, a sojourner, as all my fathers were.”

Psa. 102:1, “Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come to You.”

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qal imperf 3
masc sing
to hear**

**הֵיכָל *hekhal*
comm masc sing
constr
temple, palace**

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*the Heavenly Temple***

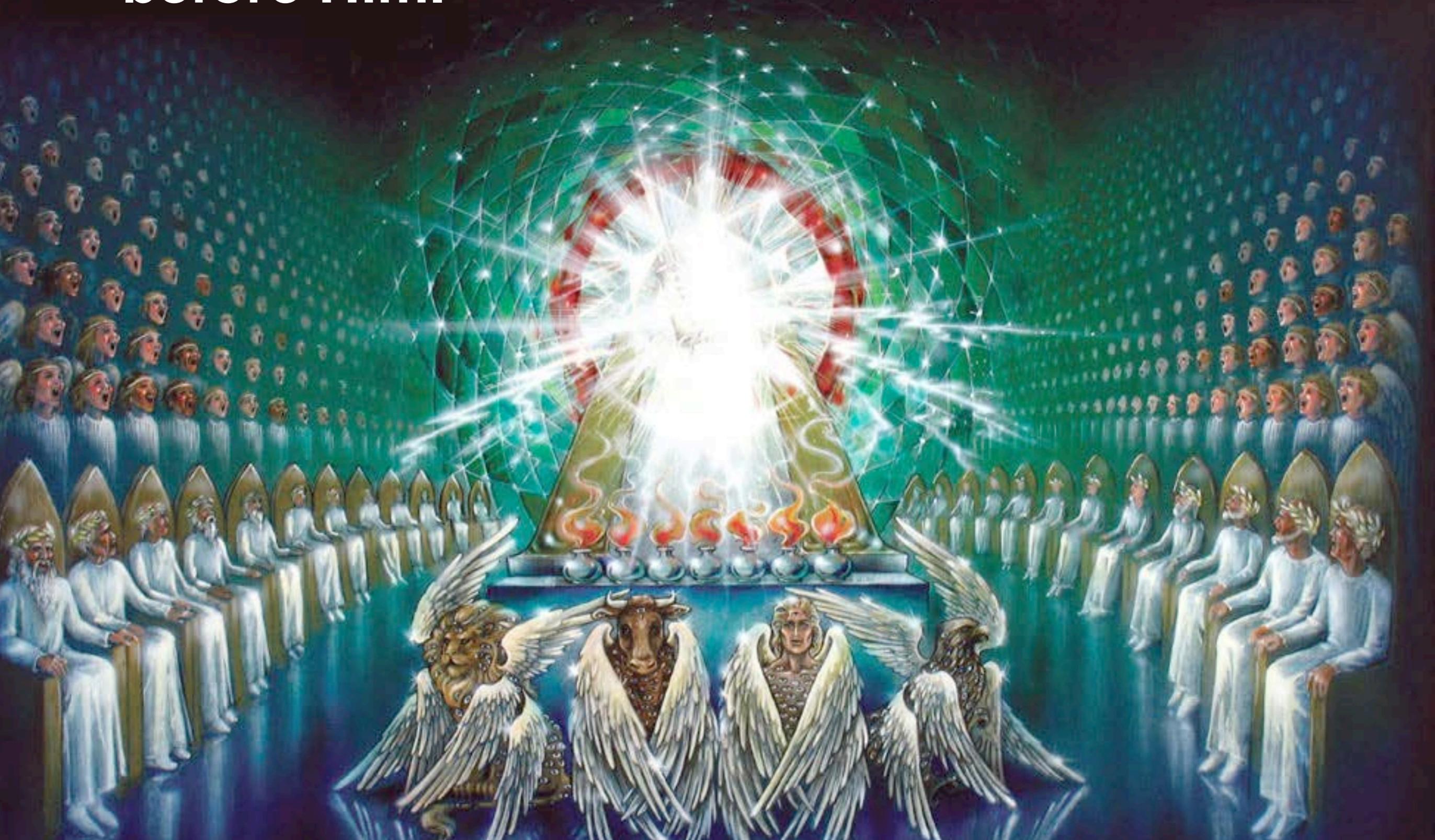


**1. God's dwelling is in the heavens.
1 Kings 8:39; Psa. 115:3; Psa. 11:4**

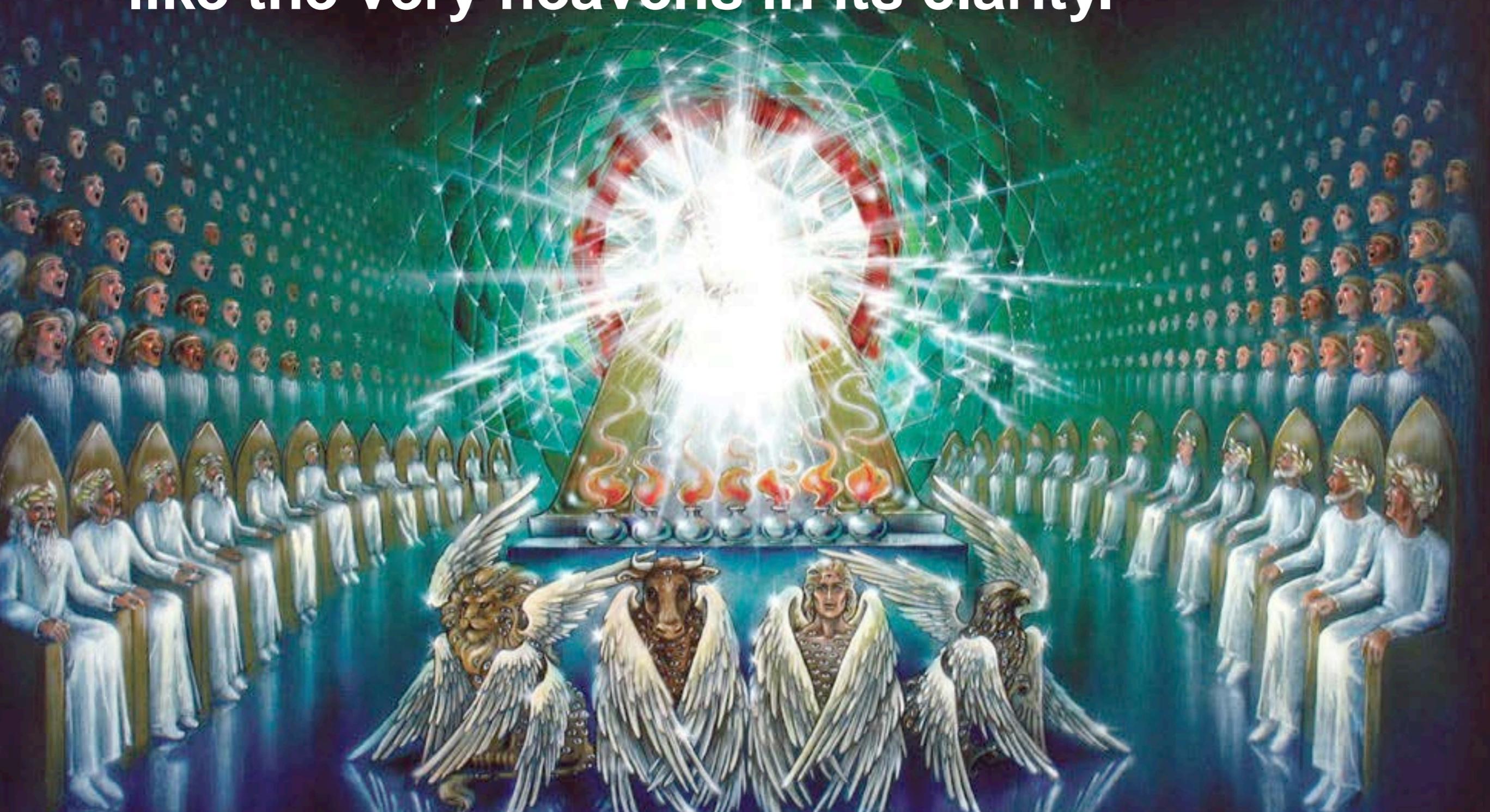
Psa. 11:4, “The LORD is in His Holy Temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.”



Hab. 2:20, “But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”



Ex. 24:10, “and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.”



2. The problem of David and the Temple.

David focuses a lot on the Temple, but the earthly Temple was not in existence in his life.

Tabernacle? or Temple?

Psa. 138:2, “I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

Psa. 27:4, “One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.”

Psa. 27:5, “For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.”

Psa. 23:6, “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.”

Heb. 9:11, “But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.”

Heb. 9:24, “For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;”

Rev. 7:15, “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.”

In the New Heavens and New Earth:

Rev. 21:22, “But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”

**Earthly
Temple, Heb. 9:1**

**Heavenly
Temple, Heb. 9:11**

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| Called holy | Psa. 5:7; 79:1 | Called holy | Mic. 1:2; Hab. 2:20; Psa. 11:4 |
| 7 Branched menorah | Ex. 26:35 | 7 Branched menorah | Rev. 1:12 |
| Trumpets | Ex. 19:13–19 | Trumpets | Rev. 8:2, 6 |
| Altar of sacrifice | Ex. 27:1–2; 39:39 | Altar of sacrifice | Rev. 6:9 |
| Altar of incense | Ex. 30:1–6; 39:38 | Altar of incense | Rev. 8:3–5 |

**Earthly
Temple, Heb. 9:1**

**Heavenly
Temple, Heb. 9:11**

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| 4 Horns of the altar | Ex. 30:10 | 4 Horns of the altar | Rev. 9:13 |
| Ark of the Covenant | Ex. 25 | Ark of the Covenant | Rev. 11:19 |
| Golden censer | 1 Ki. 7:50 | Golden censer | Rev. 8:3–5 |
| Holy Place | 1 Ki. 7:50 | Holy Place | Heb. 9:11–12 |
| Holy of Holies | Ex. 26:25–33 | Holy of Holies | Rev. 4: 9–10 |

Rev. 8:3, “Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev. 8:4, “And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand.

Rev. 8:5, “Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.”

**Rev. 9:13, “Then the sixth angel sounded:
And I heard a voice from the four horns of
the golden altar which is before God,”**

Psa. 18:7, “Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.

Psa. 18:8, “Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it.

Psa. 18:9, “He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet.”