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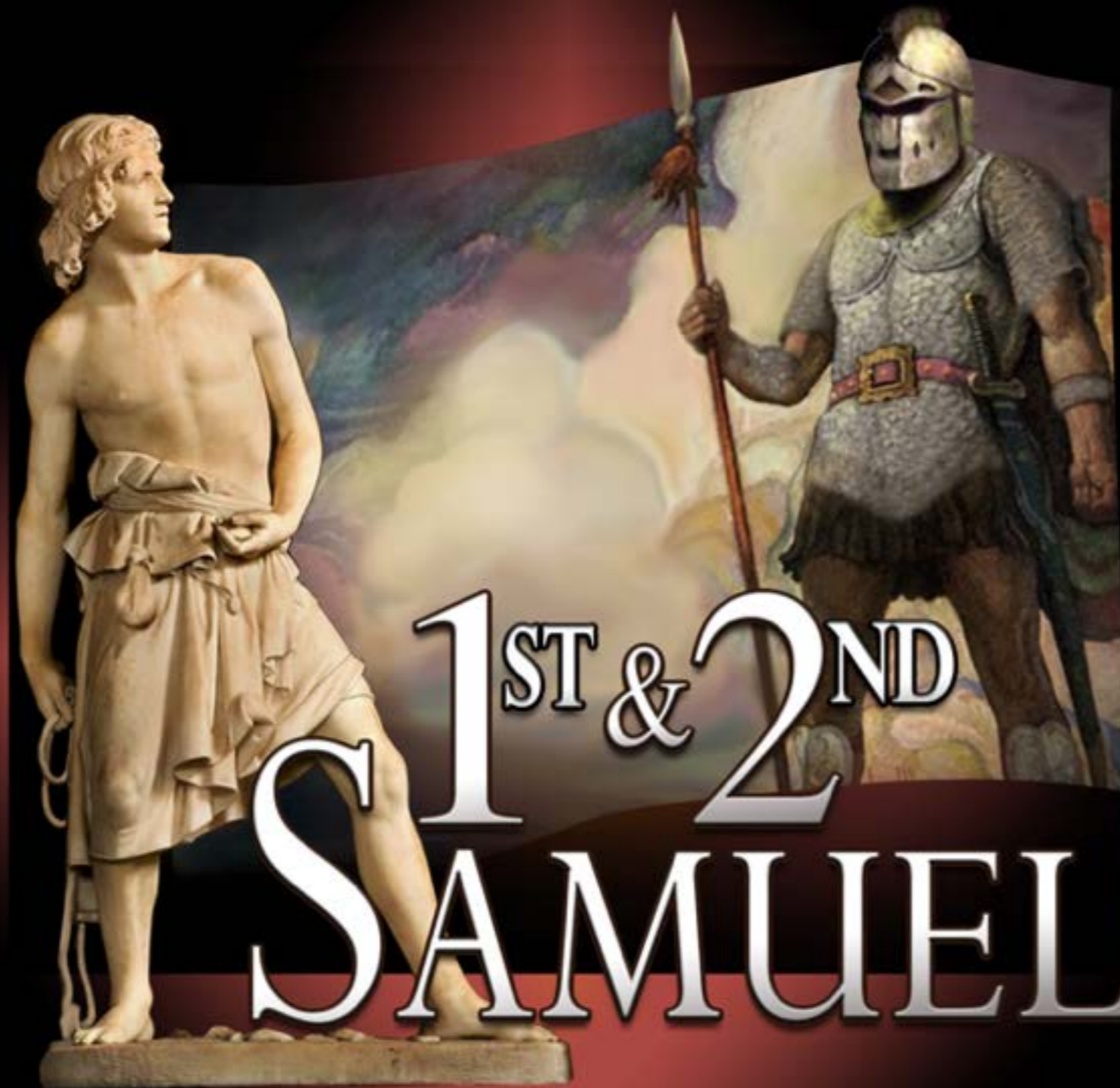
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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

PSALM 18:7-15

James 4:2, “...Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:3, “You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

Psa. 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.

Psa. 18:3, “I [continuously] call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”

[revised trans.]

**קרא¹ *qara*¹-1 qal
imperf 1 com sing
to call, frequently
used for prayer,
and often in
synonymous
parallelism for
crying out to God,
as we see in 18:6**

**הלל² *halal*-2 pual part
masc sing abs “to
praise, to boast, to
magnify or extol.” To
talk about the
importance or
greatness of God.**

**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. 18:4,

**“The cords of death surrounded me,
and the floods of chaotic 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**

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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And cried out to my God;

He heard my voice from His temple,

And my cry came before Him, even to His ears.”

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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^cah

**comm fem sing
constr cry for
help**

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**שמע *shama*^c
qal imperf 3
masc sing
to hear**

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

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

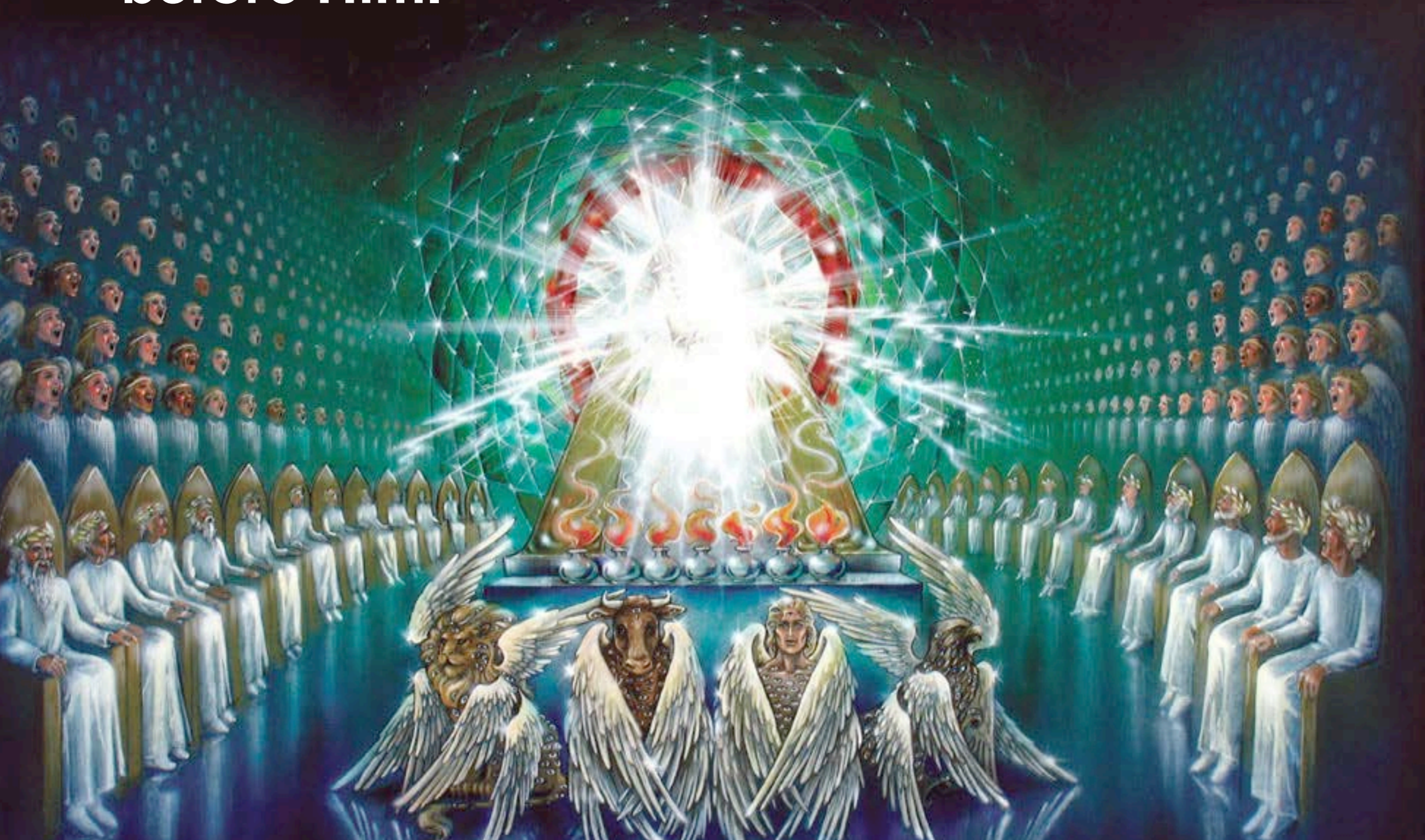


**1. God's dwelling is in the heavens.
1 Kings 8:39; Psa. 115:3; Psa. 11:4**

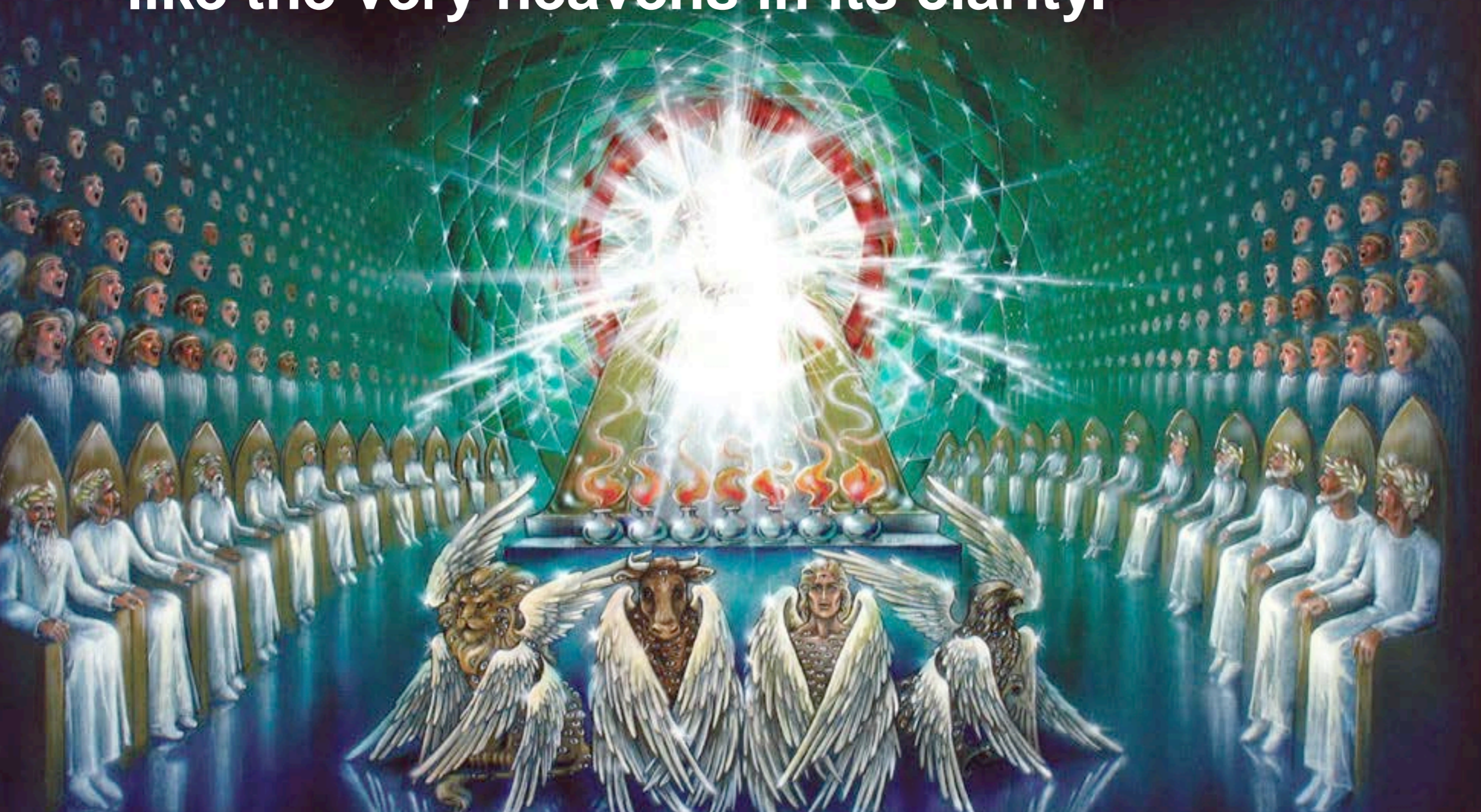
Psa. 11:4, “The LORD is in His Holy Temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.”



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**

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

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.”

Psa. 104:1, “Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

Psa. 104:2, “Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

Psa. 104:3, “He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

Psa. 104:4, “Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

Psa. 104:5, “You who laid the foundations of the earth, so that it should not be moved forever,”

The earth itself shakes at God's moving.

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Judg. 5:4, “LORD, when You went out from Seir, when You marched from the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens poured, the clouds also poured water;”

Job 9:6, “He shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble;”

Psa. 104:32, “He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.”

Jer. 4:24, “I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth.”

Jer. 51:29, “And the land will tremble and sorrow; For every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.”

Tremble

Ex. 15:14,

**“The nations will hear and tremble;
anguish will seize the inhabitants of Philistia.”**

Quake

Isa. 13:13, “Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.”

Joel 2:10, “The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness.”

Psa. 77:16, “The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.”

Psa. 77:18, “The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.”

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Psa. 18:10,

**“And He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.”**

Ezek. 1:4, “Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.”

Ezek. 1:5, “Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.

Ezek. 1:6, “Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.”

Psa. 18:11,

**“He made darkness His secret place;
His canopy around Him was dark waters
and thick clouds of the skies.**

Psa. 18:12,

**“From the brightness before Him,
His thick clouds passed with hailstones
and coals of fire.”**

Ex. 19:16, “Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.”

Ex. 24:16, “Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.”

Psa. 97:2, “Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”

Psa. 97:3, “A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about.”

Psa. 97:4, “His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.”

Psa. 97:5, “The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.”

Ezek. 10:3, “Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and the cloud filled the inner court.

Ezek. 10:4, “Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’S glory.”

**Psa. 18:13, “The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.**

**Psa. 18:14, “He sent out His arrows and
scattered the foe,
Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished
them.**

**Psa. 18:15, “Then the channels of the sea were
seen,
The foundations of the world were uncovered
At Your rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.”**

**אֲפִיקֵי-1 *ʿafiq-1* Noun comm masc plur constr
rivers of the sea**

Psa. 8:8, “The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.”

