

## WEEK 78 AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING

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*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." <sup>6</sup> And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. <sup>7</sup> He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

**Revelation 21:1-8 (NKJV)**

Three years of Connecting Dots and seeing the Dots Connected comes to a culmination today. In Revelation 21 what must all of the worship be about? The creation was finished and God had established for Himself a special people. Through various prophecies, people and events, God provided for His special people and then through those people He brought a special deliverer into the world so that all people could come to Him and experience true life. Life as God, the creator of life, intended it to be.

GOD, WHO IS ETERNAL, DECREED IN ETERNITY TO DO CERTAIN THINGS AND THEN HE PLAYED THAT OUT AND RECORDED IT FOR US IN THE BIBLICAL, HISTORICAL ACCOUNT IN THE BIBLE

HE CREATED ALL THINGS—THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

HE CREATED MAN AS MALE AND FEMALE

HE HAD A PLAN AND A PLACE FOR ADAM AND EVE

HE JUDGED ADAM AND EVE WITH BANISHMENT AND DEATH AFTER THEY REBELLED AND DISOBEYED

HE JUDGED THE WORLD WITH A FLOOD BECAUSE EVERY IMAGINATION OF MAN WAS EVIL

HE DELIVERED NOAH AND HIS FAMILY IN AN ARK

HE ESTABLISHED A FAMILY TO BRING HIS BLESSING TO THE WORLD—ABRAHAM AND SARAH

HE RAISED UP AN ABRAHAM DESCENDENT WHO BECAME A NATION—ISAAC--JACOB-ISRAEL

HE BLESSED JACOB WITH A LARGE FAMILY OF BOYS

HE PROTECTED JOSEPH THROUGH GREAT HARDSHIPS AND SETTLED HIM IN EGYPT TO SAVE MANY

HE MOVED THE JACOB-ISRAEL FAMILY TO EGYPT, 70 MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN EGYPT

HE ESTABLISHED A LINE FOR THE KING WHEN JACOB-ISRAEL BLESSED JUDAH—"THE SCEPTER WILL NOT DEPART"

HE GREW THE JACOB-ISRAEL FAMILY TO A MULTITUDE IN EGYPT WHERE THEY BECAME ENSLAVED

HE RAISED UP, PROTECTED, PREPARED AND CALLED MOSES TO BE A DELIVERER FOR ISRAEL FROM EGYPT

HE DELIVERED THE PEOPLE THROUGH MOSES AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL WAS BORN AND HEADED TO THEIR LAND

HE PROTECTED, PROVIDED AND CARED FOR ISRAEL WHEN THEY REBELED AND WANDERED FOR FORTY YEARS

HE RAISED UP JOSHUA AFTER MOSES DIED TO LEAD THE NATION OF ISRAEL INTO THEIR LAND OF PROMISE

HE PROVIDED PROTECTION FOR ISRAELI SPIES THROUGH A WOMAN NAMED RAHAB

HE GAVE JOSHUA AND ISRAEL VICTORY OVER JERICHO AND THEY BEGAN TO TAKE THE LAND OF PROMISE

HE RAISED UP JUDGES TO LEAD ISRAEL BECAUSE THERE WAS NO KING—SAMSON, GIDEON

HE CONTINUED THE FAMILY LINE THROUGH THE LOVE STORY OF RUTH AND BOAZ

HE RAISED UP, DUE TO HANNAH'S PRAYER, A PRIEST, PROPHET, COUNSELOR—SAMUEL  
HE GAVE ISRAEL A KING AT THEIR REQUEST—KING SAUL  
HE GAVE THEM A KING WHO WAS A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART—DAVID  
HE GAVE DAVID VICTORY OVER THE PHILISTINE GOLIATH  
HE PROVIDED ANOTHER KING—SOLOMON  
HE ALLOWED SOLOMON TO BUILD A TEMPLE  
HE RAISED UP PROPHETS LIKE ELIJAH AND ELISHA TO CALL THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO GOD  
HE ALLOWED ISRAEL TO BE DIVIDED AND ULTIMATELY THEY BOTH FELL  
HE RAISED UP A SPECIAL PROPHET-JONAH  
HE RAISED UP A MIGHTY PROPHET TO ENCOURAGE CAPTIVES WITH HIS MESSAGE AND LIFE—DANIEL  
HE PROVIDED FOR THE CAPTIVES TO RETURN TO THE LAND OF PROMISE  
HE PROVIDED EZRA AND NEHEMIAH TO LEAD THE WAY TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE AND THE WALLS  
HE MIRACULOUSLY SENT JESUS INTO THE WORLD BORN OF A VIRGIN BUT IN THE LINE OF JUDAH  
HE AFFIRMED JESUS IN HIS BAPTISM AS "MY SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED"  
HE WORKED MIGHTY MIRACLES OF HEALING, RAISING THE DEAD AND CLEANSING THROUGH JESUS  
JESUS CALLED SPECIAL FOLLOWERS TO HIMSELF AND TAUGHT THEM AND SENT THEM OUT  
JESUS MET WITH MOSES AND ELIJAH IN A MIRACULOUS EVENT—THE TRANSFIGURATION  
JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM TO DIE IN ORDER TO FULFILL PROPHECY AND SAVE PEOPLE FROM THEIR SIN  
JESUS WAS RAISED TO LIFE AGAIN AFTER THREE DAYS DEFEATING SATAN, THE ENEMY OF GOD AND MAN  
HE ASSEMBLED HIS FOLLOWERS AND SENT THEM THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EMPOWER THEM TO TAKE THE MESSAGE TO THE WORLD  
HE BIRTHED THE CHURCH —PETER PREACHES  
HE MET SAUL ON A ROAD AND SAUL WAS TRANSFORMED AND BECAME A NEW MAN—PAUL  
HE SENDS PAUL TO PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE TO GENTILES AND GENTILES ARE BORN INTO THE KINGDOM  
THE CHURCH THRIVED ALTHOUGH PERSECUTED

It is amazing to see God's plan and decrees unfolding as we read and study the Bible. God has a plan and will culminate it in the events that are recorded in Revelation 21-22.

HE WILL REMOVE HIS PEOPLE—THE CHURCH BEFORE THE TIME OF THE TRIBULATION (1 THESS. 4:17)

THERE WILL BE A TIME OF TRIBULATION—SEVEN YEARS (REVELATION 6-16)

JESUS WILL COME AND REIGN ON THE EARTH FOR 1000 YEARS—THE MILLENNIAL REIGN WHILE SATAN IS RESTRAINED (REV. 20:1-10)

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT—THE SINFUL, UNREDEEMED CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE (REV. 20:11-15)

THE NEW CREATION—THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH (REV. 21-22)