**Do Your job – “SIT Down”**

**Notes**

**Matthew 18**

**Who then is the Greatest?**

**18**At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

**2**Then Jesus called a little child to Him, **set him in the midst of them**, **3**and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. **4**Therefore whoever humbles **himself as this little child** is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5**Whoever receives one little child **like this** in My name receives Me.

(Mark 9:36-Mark 9:37 NKJV
Then He took a little child and **set him in the midst of them**. And **when He had taken him in His arms**, He said to them, “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”)

(Luke 9:46-Luke 9:48 NKJV
Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and **set him by Him**, and said to them, “Whoever receives **this little child** in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”)

(Matt 11:16-Matt 11:17 NKJV
“But to what shall I liken this generation? **It is like children sitting** in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: ‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.’)

**6**“But whoever causes one of these little ones ***(sitting ones)*** who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. **7**Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

**8**“If your hand or foot causes you to sin ***(cause you to get up),*** cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. **9**And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

**10**“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones ***(sitting ones)***, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father ***(Sitting Father)*** who is in heaven. **11**For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

**12**“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the **one that is straying**? **13**And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. **14**Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish ***(by standing up and roaming away)***.

**15**“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. **16**But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ **17**And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

**18**“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

**19**“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **20**For where two or three are gathered together in My name, **I am there in the midst of them.” *(to execute Judgement)***

**“How are you doing ? – I have been busy being the Greatest in the Kingdom of God”**

**Jesus Answers the Question – “Who is Greater – One who sits or One who Serves?”**

Luke 22:27-Luke 22:30 NKJV
**For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves**? **Is it not he who sits** at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may **eat and drink at My table** in My kingdom, and **sit on thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Rev 4:2-Rev 4:4 NKJV
Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders sitting**, clothed in **white robes**; and they had **crowns of gold** on their heads.

Rev 4:9-Rev 4:10 NKJV
Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to **Him who sits on the throne**, who lives forever and ever, the **twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits** on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

Rev 5

**8**Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**9**And they sang a **new song**, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
**10**And have **made us kings and priests** to our God; **(Sitting kings and priests)**And **we shall reign on the earth**.” ***(by sitting)***

**11**Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**, **12**saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

**13**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, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
*Be* to **Him who sits on the throne**,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

**14**Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

**Judgement is committed to the Sitting Ones**

Rev 20:4-Rev 20:5 NKJV
**And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.** Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

**Daniel Vision of the Seated Ones**

Dan 7:1-Dan 7:3 NKJV
In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the **main facts**. Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the **four winds** of heaven were stirring up the **Great Sea**. And **four great** **beasts** came up from the sea, each different from the other.

Dan 7:9-Dan 7:10 NKJV
“I watched **till thrones were put in place**, And the **Ancient of Days was seated;** His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; **Ten thousand times ten thousand stood** before Him. **The court was seated**, And the books were opened. ***(See the contrast here – Angels stand while we sit)***

Dan 7:11-Dan 7:14 NKJV

“**I watched** then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; **I watched** **till the beast was slain**, and its **body destroyed** and given to the burning flame. As for the rest of the beasts, **they had their dominion taken away**, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. “**I was watching** in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And **they** brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. ***(Our job is to watch by staying seated)***

Dan 7:15-Dan 7:18 NKJV
“I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near to one of those who stood by, and **asked him the truth** of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. **But** the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’ ***(The TRUTH is the reality of the SEATED CHURCH)***

Dan 7:19-Dan 7:20 NKJV
“Then I wished to **know the truth** about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had **eyes** and a **mouth** which spoke pompous words, whose **appearance** was greater than his fellows.

Dan 7:21-Dan 7:22 NKJV
“**I was watching**; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and **prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High**, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. ***(The battle is only until the church is seated or until you take your SEAT)***

**23**“Thus he said:

‘The fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.
**24**The ten horns *are* ten kings
*Who* shall arise from this kingdom.
And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first *ones,*
And shall subdue three kings.
**25**He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
And **shall intend to change times and law**.
Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.

**26**‘**But the court shall be seated, *(This is a BIG BUUUUTTTT)***
And **they** shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy *it* forever.
**27**Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be **given to the people, the saints of the Most High**.
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’

**28**“This *is* the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

**To eat and to be served – You need to SIT**

Luke 12:36-Luke 12:37 NKJV
and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. **Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down** to eat, and will come and serve them. ***(Forced Seating to be Served)***

**Afraid of a Sitting Man**

Luke 8:35 NKJV
Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting** at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. **And they were afraid.**

**Lazarus – Loosed to SIT**

John 11:43-John 11:44 NKJV
Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “**Loose him, and let him go**.”

John 12

**2**Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. **2**There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, **but Lazarus was one of those who sat** at the table with Him. **3**Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

**4**But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son,* who would betray Him, said, **5**“Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” **6**This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

**7**But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. **8**For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”

**The Plot to Kill Lazarus**

**9**Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. **10**But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, **11**because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

**The Lazarus Sign**

John 12:17-John 12:18
Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done **this sign**.

**Sitting Mary**

Luke 10:38-Luke 10:40 NKJV
Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called **Mary, who also sat** at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. **But Martha was distracted** with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”

John 11:20 NKJV
Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, **but Mary was sitting** in the house.

**Noah – Rest Found Grace**

Gen 5:28-Gen 5:31 NKJV
Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. And he called his name **Noah**, saying, “**This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands**, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed.” After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.

Gen 6:7-Gen 6:8 NKJV
So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” **But Noah** found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

**Genesis 18**

**Abraham and his Seated Place – “When the HEAT is ON – SIT”**

**18**Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as **he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day**.

***See the contrast here – Abraham sat in the tent door (Gen18-1) while Lot sat in the Gate of Sodom (Gen 19:1)***

**2**So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them,* he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, **3**and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. **4**Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5**And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.”

They said, “Do as you have said.”

**6**So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes.” **7**And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. **8**So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and **he stood by them** under the tree as they ate.

***(Abraham stood while the Divine Godhead worked – See John 4:34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.)***

**9**Then they said to him, “Where *is* Sarah your wife?”

So he said, “Here, in the tent.”

**10**And He said, “**I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.”**

(Sarah was **listening in the tent door** which *was* behind him.) **11**Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. **12**Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

**13**And the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear *a child,* since I am old?’ **14Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”**

**15**But Sarah denied *it,* saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid.

And He said, “No, but you did laugh!” ***(Sitting Ones Laugh)***

**Abraham Intercedes for Sodom *(Time for Judgement)***

**16**Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17**And the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, **18**since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **19**For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” **20**And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, **21**I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

**22**Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. **23**And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24**Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? **25**Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

**26**So the Lord said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

**27**Then Abraham answered and said, “Indeed now, I who *am* *but* dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: **28**Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for *lack of* five?”

So He said, “If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy *it.*”

**29**And he spoke to Him yet again and said, “Suppose there should be forty found there?”

So He said, “I will not do *it* for the sake of forty.”

**30**Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?”

So He said, “I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.”

**31**And he said, “Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?”

So He said, “I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty.”

**32**Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?”

And He said, “I will not destroy *it* for the sake of ten.” **33**So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and **Abraham returned to his place. (*His Sitting Place)***

**We will not sit down till He comes (Nobody could sit unless Jesus came and finished the work)**

I Sam 16:11

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “**Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here**.” 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; **for this is the one**!” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

I Sam 17

16 And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.

17 Then **Jesse said to his son David, “Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp. 18 And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them**.”

**Ruth – She sat still**

Ruth 3:2-Ruth 3:4 NKJV
Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down**; and he will tell you what you should do”

Ruth 3:18 NKJV
Then she said, “**Sit still, my daughter**, until you know how the matter will turn out; for **the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day**.”

**Mordecai – The Jew who SITS**

Esth 2:10-Esth 2:11 NKJV
Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal it. And **every day Mordecai paced** in front of the court of the women’s quarters, **to learn of Esther’s welfare** and what was happening to her.

Esth 2:19 NKJV
When virgins were gathered together a second time, Mordecai **sat** within the king’s gate.

Esth 2:21 NKJV
In those days, while Mordecai **sat** within the king’s gate, two of the king’s eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, doorkeepers, became furious and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

Esth 5:12-Esth 5:13 NKJV
Moreover Haman said, “Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along with the king. Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew **sitting** at the king’s gate.”

Esth 6:10 NKJV
Then the king said to Haman, “Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for **Mordecai the Jew who sits** within the king’s gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken.”

Esth 7:8 NKJV
When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across **the couch where Esther was**. Then the king said, “Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?” As the word left the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

**Sit down, O Jerusalem!**

Isa 52:1-Isa 52:3 NKJV
Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you. Shake yourself from the dust, arise; **Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck**, O captive daughter of Zion! For thus says the Lord: “You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money.”

**Satan’s desire to SIT**

Isa 14:13
For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will also sit** on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

2 Thessalonians 2

**2**Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2**not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **3**Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **4**who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, **so that he sits as God in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.

**Enter the gates Sitting**

**Jeremiah 17**

**19**Thus the Lord said to me: “Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; **20**and say to them, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates. **21**Thus says the Lord: “Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem; **22**nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. **23**But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

**24**“**And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully,” says the Lord, “to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it, 25then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David**, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. **26**And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the [[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+17&version=NKJV&interface=print" \l "fen-NKJV-19384i" \o "See footnote i)]lowland, from the mountains and from the South, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the Lord.

**27**“But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.” ’ ”

**Turn your foot from the Sabbath**

Isa 58:13-Isa 58:14 NKJV
“If you **turn away your foot** from the Sabbath, From **doing your pleasure** on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And **I will cause you to ride** on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Ezek 44:3 NKJV
As for the prince, **because he is the prince, he may sit in it** to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way.”

**Joshua the High Priest and His companions who SIT – ARE a Wondrous Sign !**

Zech 3:8-Zech 3:10 NKJV
‘Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and **your companions who sit** before you, **For they are a wondrous sign**; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,’ Says the Lord of hosts, ‘And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.’ ”

Zech 8

**8**Again the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying, **2**“Thus says the Lord of hosts:

‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal;
With great fervor I am zealous for her.’

**3**“Thus says the Lord:

‘I will return to Zion,
And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.
Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth,
The Mountain of the Lord of hosts,
The Holy Mountain.’

**4**“Thus says the Lord of hosts:

**‘Old men and old women shall again sit
In the streets of Jerusalem,**Each one with his staff in his hand
Because of great age.
**5**The streets of the city
Shall be full of boys and girls
Playing in its streets.’

**6**“Thus says the Lord of hosts:

‘If **it is marvelous** in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
Will **it also be marvelous in My eyes**?’
Says the Lord of hosts.

**Mephibosheth – The one who was lame**

2 Samuel 9

**9**Now David said, “Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

**2**And *there was* a servant of the house of Saul whose name *was* Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, “*Are* you Ziba?”

He said, “At your service!”

**3**Then the king said, “*Is* there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?”

And Ziba said to the king, “**There is still a son of Jonathan *who is* lame in *his* feet**.”

**4**So the king said to him, “Where *is* he?”

And Ziba said to the king, “Indeed he *is* in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar.”

**5**Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.

**6**Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, “Mephibosheth?”

And he answered, “Here is your servant!”

**7**So David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.”

**8**Then he bowed himself, and said, “What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?”

**9**And the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, “I have given to your master’s son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. **10**You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest,* that your master’s son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s son shall eat bread at my table always.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

**11**Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.”

“**As for Mephibosheth,” *said the king,* “he shall eat at my table like one of the king’s sons.” 12Mephibosheth had a young son whose name *was* Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants of Mephibosheth. 13So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet.**

**Gentiles will SIT down**

Matt 8:10-Matt 8:12 NKJV
When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that **many will come from east and west, and sit down** with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

**Sitting is a Command – The key to being fed**

Matt 14:19-Matt 14:20 NKJV
Then He **commanded the multitudes to sit down** on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matt 15:35-Matt 15:38 NKJV
So He **commanded the multitude to sit down** on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

John 6:10-John 6:11 NKJV
Then Jesus said, “**Make the people sit down**.” Now there was **much grass** in the place. **So the men sat down**, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples **to those sitting down**; and likewise of the fish, as **much as they wanted.**

John 9:8 NKJV
Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “**Is not this he who sat and begged?”**

**What shall we have ? – We get to SIT !!!!**

Matt 19:27-Matt 19:29 NKJV
Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me **will also sit** on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

Matt 22:44 NKJV
‘The Lord said to my Lord, “**Sit at My right hand**, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’?

**Peter’s witness – He saw Jesus working so that he could sit**

**I Peter 5**

**5**The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a **witness of the sufferings of Christ**, and also a **partaker of the glory that will be revealed**: **2**Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; **3**nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; **4**and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

**5**Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for

“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

**6Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you in due time, **7**casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**Safari No-Nos – No Standing – Don’t break the Silhouette**

**No 1 Rule:**

**STAND UP AT AN ANIMAL SIGHTING**

**One of the biggest no-no’s on safari is infamously known as not breaking the silhouette. This means you should not stand up inside the vehicle when you are at an animal sighting, as it can catch the attention of the animals, especially predators. It is important to note that inside the vehicle you will feel completely safe, but any sudden movements can easily disturb the surrounding wildlife. The animals are familiar with safari vehicles, but to break the silhouette and stand up would be to change the image they are familiar with. So it is important to stay seated while at animal sightings.**

**8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world**. **10**But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, **perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you****.* **11**To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**12**By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and **testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.**

**13**She who is in Babylon, elect together with *you,* greets you; and *so does* Mark my son. **14**Greet one another with a kiss of love.

**Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus**. Amen.

**Things changed after Jesus did the Work – Everyone SAT down**

Matt 26:36-Matt 26:37 NKJV
Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “**Sit here while I go and pray over there**.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.***(The work of Christ)***

Luke 22:54-Luke 22:56 NKJV
Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed at a distance. Now when **they** had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and **sat down** together, **Peter sat** among them. And a certain servant girl, seeing him **as he sat** by the fire, looked intently at him and said, “This man was also with Him.”

John 19:13-John 19:14 NKJV
When Pilate therefore heard that saying, **he brought Jesus out and sat down** in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

Matt 27:35-Matt 27:36 NKJV
Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.” **Sitting down**, **they** kept watch over Him there.

John 19:31 NKJV
Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the **bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath** (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their **legs might be broken**, and that they might be taken away.

Matt 27:59-Matt 27:61 NKJV
When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. And **Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting** opposite the tomb.

Luke 23:53-Luke 23:56 NKJV
Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where **no one had ever lain before**. That day was the Preparation, and the **Sabbath drew near**. And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And **they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment**.

Matt 28:1-Matt 28:2 NKJV
Now after the **Sabbath**, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an **angel of the Lord** descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and **sat on it**.

Mark 16:4-Mark 16:5 NKJV
But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a **young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side**; and they were alarmed.

John 20:11-John 20:13 NKJV
But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw **two angels in white sitting**, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

Luke 24:30-Luke 24:31 NKJV
Now it came to pass, as **He sat at the table with them**, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **Then their eyes were opened** and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

**Finally The Son SAT DOWN**

Matt 21:4-Matt 21:5 NKJV
All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King **is coming** to you, Lowly, and **sitting** on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

Matt 26:62-Matt 26:64 NKJV
And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, “I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the **Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming** on the clouds of heaven.”

Heb 1:1-Heb 1:4 NKJV
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has **in these last days spoken to us by His (SITTING) Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, **sat down** at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”?

Heb 1:13-Heb 1:14 NKJV
But to which of the angels has He ever said: “**Sit** at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Heb 10:11-Heb 10:14 NKJV
And **every priest stands** ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. **But this Man**, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, **sat down** at the right hand of God, **from that time waiting till** His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has **perfected forever** those who are being sanctified.

**The Main Point of the book of Hebrews – We have a High Priest, who is seated**

Heb 8:1-Heb 8:2 NKJV
Now **this is the main point of the things** we are saying: **We have such a High Priest, who is seated** at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

**Made us sit together - “Please take your seats – The greatest show is about to start”**

Ephesians 2

**2**And you *He made alive,* who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2**in which you once walked according to the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%202&version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-29232a)]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3**among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

**4**But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5**even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6**and raised *us* up together, and **made *us* sit together** in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **7**that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**. **8**For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **9**not of works, lest anyone should boast. **10**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Eph 2:19-Eph 2:22 NKJV
Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are **being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**.

Acts 7:48-Acts 7:50 NKJV
“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the Lord, Or **what is the place of My rest**? Has My hand not made all these things?’

**Seek the things of the Seated Place**

Col 3:1-Col 3:2 NKJV
If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

**Being Seated is Your Honor**

James 2

**2**My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. **2**For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, **3**and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “**You sit here in a good place**,” **and say to the poor man, “You stand there**,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” **4**have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5**Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? **6But you have dishonored the poor man**. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? **7**Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

**The fact that you have not sat down yet is because you think you can still make it**

Luke 14:25-Luke 14:33 NKJV
Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, **does not sit down first** and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’? Or what king, going to make war against another king, **does not sit down first** and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. “**Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned**? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. **He who has ears to hear, let him hear**!”

Luke 16:5-Luke 16:8 NKJV
“So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and **sit down quickly and write fifty**.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ **So the master commended the unjust steward** because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

**Grant to SIT**

Rev 3:21-Rev 3:22 NKJV
To him who overcomes **I will grant to sit** with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and **sat down with My Father** on His throne. “**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches**.” ’ ” – **“SIT SIT SIT**”

**The ending of Mark – The Gospel of a Sitting Lord**

Mark 16:19-Mark 16:20 NKJV
So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down** at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Elisha and the Shunammite Woman – Prepared a Bed**

**8**Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there *was* a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. **9**And she said to her husband, “Look now, I know that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. **10**Please, let us make [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Kings+4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-9614c)]a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a **bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand**; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there.”

**11**And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there. **12**Then he said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite woman.” When he had called her, she stood before him. **13**And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What *can I* do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’ ”

She answered, “I dwell among my own people.”

**14**So he said, “What then *is* to be done for her?”

And Gehazi answered, “Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old.”

**15**So he said, “Call her.” When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. **16**Then he said,  “About this time next year you shall embrace a son.”

And she said, “No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!”

**17**But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.

**18**And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers. **19**And he said to his father, “My head, my head!”

So he said to a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” **20**When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. **21**And **she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God**, shut *the door* upon him, and went out. **22**Then she called to her husband, and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.”

**23**So he said, “Why are you going to him today? *It is* neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.”

And she said,]“*It is* **well**.” **24**Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, “Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you.” **25**And so she departed, and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look, the Shunammite woman! **26**Please run now to meet her, and say to her, ‘*Is it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the child?’ ”

And she answered, “*It is* **well**.” **27**Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, **she caught him by the feet**, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, “Let her alone; for her soul *is* in deep distress, and the Lord has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.”

**28**So she said, “Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me’?”

**29**Then he said to Gehazi, “Get[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Kings+4&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-9633f)] yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child.”

**30**And the mother of the child said, “*As* the Lord lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he arose and followed her. **31**Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, “The child has not awakened.”

**32**When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his **bed**. **33**He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. **34**And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. **35**He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. **36**And he called Gehazi and said, “Call this Shunammite woman.” So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, “Pick up your son.” **37**So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

**Queen of Sheba came to see the Seating**

1 Kings 10

**10**Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. **2**She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. **3**So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain *it* to her.

**4**And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the **wisdom** of Solomon, the **house** that he had built, **5**the **food** on his table, **the seating of his servants**, the **service** of his waiters and their **apparel**, his **cupbearers**, and his **entryway** by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her.

**6**Then she said to the king: “It was a **true report** which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. **7**However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. **8Happy *are* your men and happy *are* these your servants, who stand continually before you *and* hear your wisdom**! **9**Blessed be the Lord your God, who delighted in you, **setting you on the throne of Israel**! Because the Lord has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do **justice and righteousness**.”

**10**Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, spices in great quantity, and precious stones. There never again came such abundance of spices as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. **11**Also, the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought great quantities of almug wood and precious stones from Ophir. **12**And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the Lord and for the king’s house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

**13**Now King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba all she desired, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon had given her according to the **royal generosity**. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

**The Throne (Your Seat - nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom)**

**18**Moreover the king made a great throne of **ivory**, and overlaid it with pure **gold**. **19**The throne had **six steps**, and the top of the throne *was* **round at the back**; *there were* **armrests** on either side of the place of the seat, and **two lions** stood beside the armrests. **20Twelve lions** stood there, one on each side of the six steps; **nothing like *this* had been made for any *other* kingdom**.

**Moses Seat – Seated Hypocrites exercise power !**

Matt 23:1-Matt 23:3
Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: “**The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat**. **Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do**, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

**Jacob’s resting place**

**10**Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. **11**So he came to **a certain place** and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. **And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep**.

**12**Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder *was* set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

**13**And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: “I *am* the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. **14**Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. **15**Behold, I *am* with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

**16**Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know *it.*” **17**And he was afraid and said, “**How awesome *is* this place! This *is* none other than the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven!”**

**18**Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and **took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. 19And he called the name of that place Bethel**; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.

**20**Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, **21**so that **I come back to my father’s house in peace**, then the Lord shall be my God. **22**And **this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house**, and of **all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”**

**Everyone is taking their Seat !**

John 1:35-John 1:42 NKJV
Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. And **looking at Jesus as He walked**, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “**What do you seek**?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “**where are You staying**?” He said to them, “**Come and see**.”

They came and saw **where He was staying,** and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “**We have found the Messiah**” (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

**Nathaniel’s Seat**

John 1:43-John 1:51 NKJV
The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “**We have found Him** of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus **saw Nathanael coming toward Him**, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when **you were under the fig tree**, I saw you.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘**I saw you under the fig tree**,’ do you believe?

**Now that you have your Seat – Let the Show Begin !!**

You will see greater things than these.” **51**And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter **you shall see heaven open**, and the **angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man**.”

**Sitting under the fig tree**

Micah 4

**4**Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
*That* the mountain of the Lord’s house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And peoples shall flow to it.
**2**Many nations shall come and say,
“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths.”
For out of Zion the law shall go forth,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
**3**He shall judge between many peoples,
And rebuke strong nations afar off;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

**4**But **everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree,
And no one shall make *them* afraid;**For the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.
**5**For all people walk each in the name of his god,
But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
**Forever and ever.**

**6**“In that day,” says the Lord,
“I will assemble the **lame**,
I will gather the outcast
And those whom I have afflicted;
**7**I will make the **lame** a **remnant**,
And the outcast a strong nation;
So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion
**From now on, even forever**.

**8**And you, O tower of the flock,
The stronghold of the daughter of Zion,
To you shall it come,
Even the **former dominion shall come**,
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.”

**He who SITS Laughs !**

Psalm 2

**2**Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
**2**The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, *saying,*
**3**“Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”

**4He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;**
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
**5**Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
**6**“Yet **I have set My King**
On My holy hill of Zion.”

**The Son’s Confession – “I will declare the Decree”**

**7**“**I will declare the decree:**
The Lord has said to Me,
‘You *are* My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
**8**Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations *for* Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.
**9**You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

**The Effect of the confessed Decree – Kiss the Son ! (The Seated One)**

**10**Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
**11**Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
**12Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, ***(Kiss the Seated Son)***
And you perish *in* the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.

**Blessed** *are* all those who put their trust **in Him**.

**Psalms 1, 2, 3 & 4 all focus on your POSTURE – So keep your Posture and Stay SEATED**