

**The Biblical Doctrine of
The Great White Throne Judgment
Part 2: The Context of the Great White Throne**

The great white throne is the last of seven divine thrones presented in the Word of God. Each one of them emphasizes a different aspect of the character of God.

- (1) **Exodus 24:9-11** – God appeared to Moses and the 70 elders of Israel. He was seated on His throne from which he gave the law and confirmed His covenant. This passage revealed God on His sapphire throne as the God of justice and righteousness who takes the initiative in providing human redemption.
- (2) **1 Kings 22:19** – Micaiah the prophet saw the throne of God and the host of heaven standing by Him and told King Ahab that God would dispense judgment against him and his kingdom. This passage revealed God as the omnipotent, all powerful one who is able to dispense judgment because He is Sovereign.
- (3) **Isaiah 6:1** – In his call Isaiah received a vision of the Holy God seated on His throne in Glory. God’s holiness was contrasted with his own sinfulness. This passage revealed the holiness, purity and righteousness of God which demands that He purge sin and sinful humanity from His creation.
- (4) **Ezekiel 1:26-28** – Ezekiel saw the throne of God on a mobile platform supported by wheels within wheels. God was seated on a throne of sapphire. This passage revealed the omnipresence of God. He is always and everywhere present. He knows all about us and is therefore qualified to judge us.
- (5) **Daniel 7:9-10** – Daniel received a vision of “thrones” and the “Ancient of Days” seated on one of them. This passage revealed God as the Ancient of Days, the Eternal One who dispenses judgments of justice from the throne of His eternal kingdom, a vision similar to Revelation 4:1-11 and 20:11-15.
- (6) **Revelation 4:2-3** – John’s first vision of the throne occurs in 4:2-3 where he saw God seated in dominion, power and majesty. He was seated on a throne of Jasper stone, a diamond, which was surrounded by a rainbow. With him were the 24 elders seated on twenty-four thrones. This passage revealed God’s faithfulness as a promise keeping, covenant-keeping God.
- (7) **Revelation 20:11** – John’s final vision of the throne presented God as the just judge who will dispense retribution to all who have chosen not to serve him or to receive his Son as Lord, Savior and Redeemer of their sins. This passage revealed God as the final judge who will render a right verdict of which there is no other hope of appeal.

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