

## ASCENSION – TWO VIEWS

1. Historical View
2. Futuristic View

### Futuristic View

1. **Matthew 27:50** Jesus yielded up His spirit
2. **Matthew 27:51** Veil in temple torn in two
3. **Hebrews 9:1** First covenant – has earthly sanctuary
4. **Hebrews 9:6** The priests always performed service in first part
5. **Hebrews 9:7** High priest went into second part—alone once a year with blood
6. **Hebrews 9:8** Holy Spirit indicating Holiest of All – was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing
7. **Hebrews 9:11** Christ came as High Priest – of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle – not of this creation
8. **Hebrews 9:12** With His own blood – entered the Most Holy Place – having obtained eternal redemption
9. **Hebrews 9:24** Christ entered – into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us
10. **Hebrews 10:19** Having boldness – enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus
11. **Hebrews 10:21** Having a High Priest over the house of God – (vs. 22) let us draw near
12. **Hebrews 8:1** We have a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens
13. **Hebrews 12:18-21** For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot

with an arrow.” And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

14. **Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the **throne** of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Historical View**

1. **Revelation 1:19** Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

2. **Revelation 4:1** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

3. **Revelation 4:2-6** 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. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

4. **Revelation 5:1** And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

5. **Revelation 5:6-7** And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

6. **Revelation 6:1-4** Read

**NOTE:** Watchman Nee in his book Come, Lord Jesus says verse 6 should read freshly slain – not past tense **had been** slain.

7. **Revelation 6:12-17** The sixth seal describes, according to Joel 2:30-31, the tribulation **before** the coming day of the Lord. Matthew 24:21 says immediately **after** the tribulation of those days.

8. **Revelation 7:4** Vision of 144,000 Jews sealed – Watchman Nee in his book Come, Lord Jesus – states that the Lord is now returning back to His position in the old testament and His people. This indicates the age of the church has ended.

9. **Revelation 7:9** Vision of a great multitude in heaven is the first rapture of the overcomers and the man Child (Revelation 12:5) – both stand before the throne. This does not conclude the final rapture. Read Revelation 14:6-20. He says in his book, page 160, the phrase fits perfectly with the word white cloud in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

10. **Revelation 14:6-20** Read

**NOTE:** This is the harvest of the earth for it is ripe and the dead who died in the Lord

**NOTE:** Blowing of the woe trumpets (5, 6, 7) is the beginning of the great tribulation. After the Lord ascended the first 5 seals were opened 2000 years ago.

