

## ~THRONE (652)

[Hebrew, *kis-se* ', Greek, *thro'nos*]

### .. Figurative Usage

#### .. What Is Yehowah's Throne

- The Hebrew term *kis-se* ' basically means, seat.
- When he arrived, there was Eli sitting on the seat by the roadside, watching, because his heart had become atremble over the ark of the true God. And the man himself went in to report in the city, and the whole city began crying out. (1 Samuel 4:13)
- Chair
- Please, let us make a little roof chamber on the wall and put there for him a couch and a table and a **chair** and a lampstand, and it must occur that whenever he comes in to us he can turn aside there. (2 Kings 4:10)
- Or a seat of special importance such as a **throne**.
- Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each one on his **throne**, clothed in garments, in the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were acting as prophets before them. (1 Kings 22:10)
- Its application is **not limited** to the **seats of ruling monarchs**.
- So Bath-sheba came in to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. At once the king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat down upon his **throne** and had a **throne** set for the mother of the king, that she might sit at his right. (1 Kings 2:19)
- And at their side Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, did repair work, men of Gibeon and Mizpah, belonging to the **throne** of the governor beyond the River. (Nehemiah 3:7)
- After these things King Ahasuerus magnified Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite and proceeded to exalt him and to put his **throne** above all the other princes that were with him. (Esther

3:1)

- And down from their **thrones** all the chieftains of the sea will certainly come and remove their sleeveless coats, and they will strip off their own embroidered garments. They will put on trembling spells. Upon the earth they will sit down, and they will certainly tremble every moment and stare in amazement at you. (**Ezekiel 26:16**)
- Nor does it strictly refer to a seat with a high back and armrests. Eli, for instance, while at the gate of Shiloh, fell backward from his *kis-se ';* evidently a **backless seat**.
- When he arrived, there was Eli sitting on the **seat** by the roadside, watching, because his heart had become atremble over the ark of the true God. And the man himself went in to report in the city, and the whole city began crying out. (**1 Samuel 4:13**)
- And it came about that at the moment that he mentioned the ark of the true God, he began to fall from the **seat backward** beside the gate, and his neck got broken so that he died, because the man was old and heavy, and he himself had judged Israel forty years. (**1 Samuel 4:18**)
- The **Greek** term *thro'nos* generally refers to a high stool, with back, arms, and a footstool.
- Even Sheol underneath has become agitated at you in order to meet you on coming in. At you it has awakened those impotent in death, all the goatlike leaders of the earth. It has made all the kings of the nations get up from their **thrones**. (**Isaiah 14:9**)
- Intimates that **thrones** were universally used by monarchs, the Bible specifically mentioning the thrones of Egypt.
- You will personally be over my house, and all my people will obey you implicitly. Only as to the **throne** shall I be greater than you. (**Genesis 41:40**)
- And every firstborn in the land of Egypt must die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who is sitting on his **throne** to the firstborn of the maidservant who is at the hand mill and every firstborn of beast. (**Exodus 11:5**)

- And it came about that at midnight Yehowah struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his **throne** to the firstborn of the captive who was in the prison hole, and every firstborn of beast. (**Exodus 12:29**)
- **Assyria**
- When the word reached the king of Nineveh, then he rose up from his **throne** and put off his official garment from himself and covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the ashes. (**Jonah 3:6**)
- **Babylon**
- That you must raise up this proverbial saying against the king of Babylon and say; How has the one driving others to work come to a stop, the oppression come to a stop! (**Isaiah 14:4**)
- As for you, you have said in your heart; To the heavens I shall go up. Above the stars of God I shall lift up my **throne**, and I shall sit down upon the mountain of meeting, in the remotest parts of the north. (**Isaiah 14:13**)
- But when his heart became haughty and his own spirit became hard, so as to act presumptuously, he was brought down from the **throne** of his kingdom, and his own dignity was taken away from him. (**Daniel 5:20**)
- **Persia**
- That in those days as King Ahasuerus was sitting upon his royal **throne**, which was in Shushan the castle. (**Esther 1:2**)
- And it came about on the third day that Esther went dressing up royally, after which she took her stand in the inner courtyard of the king's house opposite the king's house, while the king was sitting on his royal **throne** in the royal house opposite the entrance of the house. (**Esther 5:1**)
- **And Moab**
- And he proceeded to present the tribute to Eglon the king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. (**Judges 3:17**)

- Archaeologists believe that they have found **thrones** used by rulers or their associates of all these powers, except Moab. An ivory panel, thought to depict a Canaanite throne and footstool, was found at Megiddo.
- Generally, these non-Israelite thrones have backs and armrests, being richly carved or ornamented. One extant Egyptian **throne** was made of wood overlaid with gold, while an Assyrian one was of wrought iron with ivory carvings.
- The throne seems customarily to have been placed on a dais, or raised platform, and in most cases a footstool was present.
- The only **throne** of a ruler of Israel described in detail is the one Solomon made.
- Further, the king made a great ivory **throne** and overlaid it with refined gold. (**1 Kings 10:18**)
- There were six steps to the **throne**, and the **throne** had a round canopy behind it, and there were armrests on this side and on that side by the place of sitting, and two lions were standing beside the armrests. (**1 Kings 10:19**)
- And there were twelve lions standing there upon the six steps, on this side and on that side. No other kingdom had any made just like it. (**1 Kings 10:20**)
- Further, the king made a great ivory **throne** and overlaid it with pure gold. (**2 Chronicles 9:17**)
- And there were six steps to the **throne**, and there was a footstool in gold to the **throne**, they were attached, and there were armrests on this side and on that side by the place of sitting, and two lions were standing beside the armrests. (**2 Chronicles 9:18**)
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- It appears to have been located in **the Porch of the Throne**, one of the buildings that stood on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem.
- As for the **Porch of the Throne** where he would do judging, he

made the porch of judgment, and they covered it in with cedarwood from the floor to the rafters. (1 Kings 7:7)

- It was a great ivory **throne** overlaid with refined gold with a round canopy behind it and armrests. Although ivory could have been the basic material in this **royal chair**, the construction technique generally followed at the temple would seem to indicate that it was made of wood, overlaid with refined gold and richly ornamented with inlaid panels of ivory.
- To the observer, such a throne would appear to be made entirely of ivory and gold. After mentioning six steps leading to the **throne**, the record continues; Two lions were standing beside the armrests. And there were twelve lions standing there upon the six steps, on this side and on that side.
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- And there were twelve lions standing there upon the six steps on this side and on that side. No other kingdom had any made just like it. (2 Chronicles 9:19)
- The symbolism of the lion denoting ruling authority is appropriate.
- A lion cub Judah is. From the prey, my son, you will certainly go up. He bowed down, he stretched himself out like a lion and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? (Genesis 49:9)
- The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him the obedience of the peoples will belong. (Genesis 49:10)
- But one of the elders says to me; Stop weeping. Look! The Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered so as to open the scroll and its seven seals. (Revelation 5:5)

- The 12 lions appear to have corresponded to the 12 tribes of Israel, possibly symbolizing their subjection to and support of the ruler on this **throne**.
- Attached in some way to the throne was a footstool of gold. By its description this **ivory-and-gold throne** in its lofty, canopied position with the majestic lions in front transcends any throne of that time period, whether discovered by archaeologists, depicted on the monuments, or described in the inscriptions. As the chronicler truthfully observed;
- And there were twelve lions standing there upon the six steps on this side and on that side. No other kingdom had any made just like it. (2 Chronicles 9:19)

## •• Figurative Usage

- **Throne** figuratively signifies a **seat of ruling authority**.
- As for Solomon, **he sat down upon the throne of David** his father, and gradually his kingship became very firmly established. (1 Kings 2:12)
- And it came about that when he began to reign, as soon as **he sat down upon his throne**, he struck down all the house of Baasha. He did not let anyone of his remain that urinates against a wall or his avengers of blood or his friends. (1 Kings 16:11)
- Or the kingly authority and sovereignty itself.
- You will personally be over my house, and all my people will obey you implicitly. **Only as to the throne shall I be greater** than you. (Genesis 41:40)
- And I will cause him to stand in my house and in my kingship to time indefinite, and his **throne** will itself become one lasting to time indefinite. (1 Chronicles 17:14)
- You have made him cease from his luster, and his **throne** you have hurled to the very earth. (Psalms 89:44)
- A reigning government or royal administration.
- At this the Tekoite woman said to the king; Upon me, O my lord

the king, be the error, and also upon the house of my father, while the king and his **throne** are innocent. (2 Samuel 14:9)

- Sovereign control over a territory.
- So as to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and to establish the **throne** of David over Israel and over Judah from Dan to Beer-sheba. (2 Samuel 3:10)
- And a position of honor.
- Yehowah is an Impoverisher and an Enricher, an Abaser, also an Exalter. (1 Samuel 2:7)
- A Raiser of a lowly one from the dust, from the ashpit he lifts up a poor one, to make them sit with nobles, and a **throne of glory** he gives to them as a possession. For to Yehowah belong earth's supports, and he places upon them the productive land. (1 Samuel 2:8)
- And he began to speak good things with him, and then put his **throne** higher than the thrones of the kings that were with him in Babylon. (2 Kings 25:28)

## .. What Is Yehowah's Throne

- Yehowah, whom even the heaven of the heavens cannot contain, does not have to sit on a literal **throne** or chair.
- But will God truly dwell upon the earth? Look! The heavens, yes, the heaven of the heavens, themselves cannot contain you, how much less, then, this house that I have built! (1 Kings 8:27)
- He does, however, picture his royal authority and sovereignty by the symbol of a **throne**. Certain ones of God's servants were privileged to see a vision of his **throne**.
- And he went on to say; Therefore hear the word of Yehowah; I certainly see Yehowah sitting upon his **throne** and all the army of the heavens standing by him, to his right and to his left. (1 Kings 22:19)
- In the year that King Uzziah died I, however, got to see Yehowah, sitting on a **throne** lofty and lifted up, and his skirts

were filling the temple. ([Isaiah 6:1](#))

- And above the expanse that was over their head there was something in appearance like sapphire stone, the likeness of a **throne**. And upon the likeness of the **throne** there was a likeness of someone in appearance like an earthling man upon it, up above. ([Ezekiel 1:26](#))
- And I got to see something like the glow of electrum, like the appearance of fire all around inside thereof, from the appearance of his hips and upward, and from the appearance of his hips and downward I saw something like the appearance of fire, and he had a brightness all around. ([Ezekiel 1:27](#))
- There was something like the appearance of the bow that occurs in a cloud mass on the day of a pouring rain. That is how the appearance was of the brightness round about. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yehowah. When I got to see it, then I fell upon my face, and I began to hear the voice of one speaking. ([Ezekiel 1:28](#))
- I kept on beholding until there were **thrones** placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. ([Daniel 7:9](#))
- After these things I saw, and, look! An opened door in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was as of a trumpet, speaking with me, saying; Come on up here, and I shall show you the things that must take place. ([Revelation 4:1](#))
- After these things I immediately came to be in the power of the spirit: and, look! A **throne** was in its position in heaven, and there is one seated upon the throne. ([Revelation 4:2](#))
- And the one seated is, in appearance, like a jasper stone and a precious red-colored stone, and round about the **throne** there is a rainbow like an emerald in appearance. ([Revelation 4:3](#))
- The Psalms describe Yehowah's **throne**, his majesty or power, his position as Supreme Judge, as being established on righteousness and justice from long ago.
- Righteousness and judgment are the established place of your



**throne**, loving-kindness and trueness themselves come in before your face. (**Psalms 89:14**)

- Your **throne** is firmly established from long ago. You are from time indefinite. (**Psalms 93:2**)
- Clouds and thick gloom are all around him, righteousness and judgment are the established place of his **throne**. (**Psalms 97:2**)
- Yehowah extended his **throne** to earth in a typical, specific way in his dealings with the sons of Israel. Since the one ruling in Israel was to be a king whom Yehowah your God will choose, who would rule in Yehowah's name over Yehowah's people and according to Yehowah's Law, his throne was really Yehowah's **throne**.
- When you eventually come into the land that Yehowah your God is giving you, and you have taken possession of it and have dwelt in it, and you have said; Let me set a king over myself like all the nations who are round about me. (**Deuteronomy 17:14**)
- You should without fail set over yourself a king whom Yehowah your God will choose. From among your brothers you should set a king over yourself. You will not be allowed to put over yourself a foreigner who is not your brother. (**Deuteronomy 17:15**)
- Only he should not increase horses for himself, nor make the people go back to Egypt in order to increase horses, whereas Yehowah has said to you, you must never go back again by this way. (**Deuteronomy 17:16**)
- He should also not multiply wives for himself, that his heart may not turn aside, nor should he increase silver and gold for himself very much. (**Deuteronomy 17:17**)
- And it must occur that when he takes his seat on the **throne** of his kingdom, he must write in a book for himself a copy of this Law from that which is in the charge of the priests, the Levites. (**Deuteronomy 17:18**)
- And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's **throne** as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (**1 Chronicles 29:23**)

- Besides his kingly identity with the royal line of Judah, Yehowah was **enthroned** in Israel in another sense as well. As Jeremiah expressed it; There is the **glorious throne** on high from the start, it is the place of our sanctuary.
- There is the **glorious throne** on high from the start, it is the place of our sanctuary. (**Jeremiah 17:12**)
- Yehowah was spoken of as sitting upon the cherubs that were on the propitiatory cover of the ark of the testimony in the sanctuary.
- And I will present myself to you there and speak with you from above the cover, from between the two cherubs that are upon the ark of the testimony, even all that I shall command you for the sons of Israel. (**Exodus 25:22**)
- So the people sent to Shiloh and carried from there the ark of the covenant of Yehowah of armies, who is sitting upon the cherubs. And the two sons of Eli were there with the ark of the covenant of the true God, namely, Hophni and Phinehas. (**1 Samuel 4:4**)
- The divine presence was symbolized by a cloud that reportedly produced a miraculous light that later Jewish writers called the *Shekhinah*.
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Moses; Speak to Aaron your brother, that he should not at all times come into the holy place inside the curtain, in front of the cover which is upon the Ark, that he may not die, because in a cloud I shall appear over the cover. (**Leviticus 16:2**)
- While Jeremiah foretold the absence of the ark of the covenant when Israel would be restored from Babylon, this would not mean that Yehowah no longer purposed to be **enthroned** at his center of worship. As He said,
- And it must occur that you will become many and certainly bear fruit in the land in those days, is the utterance of Yehowah. No more will they say; The ark of the covenant of Yehowah! Nor will it come up into the heart, nor will they remember it or miss it, and no more will it be made. (**Jeremiah 3:16**)
- In that time they will call Jerusalem the **throne** of Yehowah, and to her all the nations must be brought together to the name of

Yehowah at Jerusalem, and they will no more walk after the stubbornness of their bad heart. (**Jeremiah 3:17**)

- Ezekiel's restoration prophecies are in agreement, for in his vision of Yehowah's temple in which no ark of the covenant was seen, he was told; Son of man, this temple is the place of my **throne**.
- And He went on to say to me; Son of man, this is the place of my **throne** and the place of the soles of my feet, where I shall reside in the midst of the sons of Israel to time indefinite, and no more will they, the house of Israel, defile my holy name, they and their kings, by their fornication and by the carcasses of their kings at their death. (**Ezekiel 43:7**)
- Yehowah covenanted that the **throne** of David's seed should itself become one lasting to time indefinite.
- And it must occur that when your days have come to the full for you to go to be with your forefathers, I shall certainly raise up your seed after you that will come to be one of your sons, and I shall indeed firmly establish his kingship. (**1 Chronicles 17:11**)
- He is the one that will build me a house, and I shall certainly establish his **throne** firmly to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 17:12**)
- I myself shall become his father, and he himself will become my son, and my loving-kindness I shall not remove from him the way I removed it from the one that happened to be prior to you. (**1 Chronicles 17:13**)
- And I will cause him to stand in my house and in my kingship to time indefinite, and his **throne** will itself become one lasting to time indefinite. (**1 Chronicles 17:14**)
- In announcing the fulfillment of this promise, the angel Gabriel said to Mary; Yehowah God will give Jesus the **throne** of David his father, and he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom.
- This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the **throne of David his father**. (**Luke 1:32**)
- And he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and

there will be no end of his kingdom. (Luke 1:33)

- Not only would there be an inheritance of an earthly dominion on Jesus part but he would share Yehowah's **throne**, which is universal.
- To the one that conquers I will grant to sit down with me on my **throne**, even as I conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)
- This is what Yehowah has said; The heavens are my **throne**, and the earth is my footstool. Where, then, is the house that you people can build for me, and where, then, is the place as a resting-place for me? (Isaiah 66:1)
- In turn, Jesus promised to share his **throne** of kingly authority with all those who, like his faithful apostles, were in the New Covenant with his Father, and who would conquer the world as Jesus had done. This would be granted to them **in the re-creation**, during Jesus presence.
- Jesus said to them; Truly I say to you, in the re-creation, when the Son of man sits down upon his **glorious throne**, you who have followed me will also yourselves sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28)
- Also, the cup in the same way after they had the evening meal, he saying; This cup means the New Covenant by virtue of my blood, which is to be poured out in your behalf. (Luke 22:20)
- However, you are the ones that have stuck with me in my trials. (Luke 22:28)
- And I make a covenant with you, just as my Father has made a covenant with me, for a kingdom. (Luke 22:29)
- That you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on **thrones** to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:30)
- To the one that conquers I will grant to sit down with me on my **throne**, even as I conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelation 3:21)
- In harmony with Yehowah's prophecy through Zechariah that the man named, **Sprout**, the builder of the future temple for Yehowah,

must become a priest upon his **throne**, Paul records concerning Jesus. We have such a High Priest as, Melchizedek, a king-priest, and he has sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

- And you must take silver and gold and make a grand crown and put it upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak the High Priest. (**Zechariah 6:11**)
- And you must say to him; This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Here is the man whose name is Sprout. And from his own place he will sprout, and he will certainly build the temple of Yehowah. (**Zechariah 6:12**)
- And he himself will build the temple of Yehowah, and he, for his part, will carry the dignity, and he must sit down and rule on his **throne**, and he must become a priest upon his throne, and the very counsel of peace will prove to be between both of them. (**Zechariah 6:13**)
- Now as to the things being discussed this is the main point. We have such a High Priest as this, and he has sat down at the right hand of the **throne** of the Majesty in the heavens. (**Hebrews 8:1**)
- In addition to Christ Jesus, John saw the whole spiritual house or sanctuary of God, the faithful Christian congregation, **enthroned** as king-priests to rule for a thousand years.
- And I saw **thrones**, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its image and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (**Revelation 20:4**)
- Happy and holy is anyone having part in the first resurrection, over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of the Christ, and will rule as kings with him for the thousand years. (**Revelation 20:6**)
- You yourselves also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house for the purpose of a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (**1 Peter 2:5**)

- **As foretold in**
- **God is your **throne** to time indefinite, even forever, the scepter of your kingship is a scepter of uprightness. (**Psalm 45:6**)**
- **And applied by Paul in;**
- **But with reference to the Son; God is your throne forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. (**Hebrews 1:8**)**
- **Jesus **throne**, his office or authority as sovereign, has its source in Yehowah; God is your **throne forever**. On the other hand, the Devil, too, provides basis or authority for his organizations to rule, as emphasized in;**
- **And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)**
- **Now the wild beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the beast its power and its **throne** and great authority. (**Revelation 13:2**)**
- **With respect to the wild beast that came out of the sea. The dragon gave to the beast its power and its **throne** and great authority. When Satan offered similar power and authority to Jesus Christ, his price was stated:**
- **So he brought him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth in an instant of time. (**Luke 4:5**)**
- **And the Devil said to him; I will give you all this authority and the glory of them, because it has been delivered to me, and to whomever I wish I give it. (**Luke 4:6**)**
- **You, therefore, if you do an act of worship before me, it will all be yours. (**Luke 4:7**)**
- **Correspondingly, the grant of a **throne** or authority to the wild beast must have been on the condition of its serving Satan.**

- In discussing Jesus position as God's Master Worker, Paul mentions that through Christ **thrones** were created. The term appears to refer to positions of official authority, both visible and invisible, within God's administrative arrangement.
- Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are **thrones** or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. (**Colossians 1:16**)