

“The Right Hand of God”

(various Scriptures)



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Loose Ends from study “He who is to come”



- ✧ We learned that “He who is, who was, and who is to come” is not speaking of Jesus, but God the Father
- ✧ We learned that God the Father is coming too!
- ✧ BUT the Father is not coming until the very end!
- ✧ So Jesus is certainly coming again and we are to keep watch on Jesus’s 2nd coming (not the Father)
 - ✧ The Father will make a cameo appearance though (stay tuned ☺)
- ✧ BUT the Father will not come to earth until AFTER Jesus is done fulfilling His Father’s plan (the rest of Scripture), including: wrath judgments, building a temple for His Father, rescuing the elect Jews, atoning for Israel’s sin, establishing His millennial reign, bema judgments, etc.!

Loose Ends from study

“He who is to come”



- ✧ We also learned that the Most High Throne in heaven belongs to the Father (and not the Son)
- ✧ This is confirmed in both the OT/NT
- ✧ We learned that the Father planned for His Son to have His very own throne before creation and this was revealed through the Davidic Covenant
- ✧ Which leads us to today's tangential study
- ✧ There may be some confusion around Jesus not having a throne in heaven, because Scripture says that Jesus "sat down" or is "seated" at the right hand of the Father

Overview of Today's Study



- ✧ So for today's study we'll be looking to Scripture to inform us what it means when it says that Jesus "sit" or "sat" or was "seated" at the right hand of the Father
- ✧ We'll look at it both narrowly and broadly
- ✧ We'll be looking at both the OT/NT
- ✧ And for our key passages I'd like reference Mark and Hebrews...

“at the right hand of God”



Mark 16:19

¹⁹ So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and **sat down at the right hand of God.**

✧ Presumably Jesus sat down on a throne

Hebrews 8:1-2

¹ Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest (speaking of Jesus), **who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,** ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

✧ Again presumably on a throne

“at the right hand”



- Both passages seem to indicate that Jesus “sat” down on something, presumably, His very own throne
- In Mark’s passage, it seems logical that Jesus ascended back to heaven and sat down on His throne
- In Barnabas’s passage, Jesus as the Great High Priest took “His seat” at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty
 - Majesty = LORD = Yahweh = God the Father
 - Lord = Messiah = Branch = Christ = Anointed = God the Son
 - God (Elohim) is plural and speaks of the Godhead

“at the right hand”



- ✧ Thus in both passages seems to indicate that Jesus does have a throne in heaven
- ✧ But is what is meant when it says that Jesus sit/sat/was seated at the right hand of His Father?
 - ✧ ROE#1 - Thou shalt interpret Scripture with Scripture

“kaithzō”



- ☞ To answer this we'll need to look at the original language (Greek)
- ☞ In both passages, “sat down” and “taken His seat” is the Greek verb *kathizō* which means to sit down or sat, but it can also mean to be appointed, rested, or settled
- ☞ **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *kathizō* also signifies being appointed to a high office, or one who is enthroned
- ☞ To demonstrate this, I'd like to refer again to Zechariah chapter 6...

Zechariah 6:12-13



Zechariah 6:12-13 (NASB)

¹² Then say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, a man whose name is Branch (Messiah), for He will branch out from where He is; and He (Messiah) will build the temple of the LORD (His Father). ¹³ Yes, it is He (Messiah) who will build the temple of the LORD (His Father), and He (Messiah) who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His (the Father’s) throne. Thus, He (Messiah) **will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices.**”

- ❧ Don’t want to confuse the matter, but we need to consider that the Father is at the top of the Godhead
- ❧ The throne in heaven belongs to the Father
- ❧ God’s throne on earth belongs to the Father
- ❧ But in this passage, Messiah will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne!

Exposit: Zeh 6:12-13



Based on Zechariah 6:

- ❧ Yahweh's Messiah (Jesus) will
 - ❧ Build a temple for Yahweh (His Father)
 - ❧ Establish a throne for Yahweh (His Father)
 - ❧ Bear Yahweh's (His Father's) honor and sit and rule on His throne
- ❧ Yahweh Himself will appoint Branch (Messiah) to two offices:
 - ❧ KING
 - ❧ PRIEST

Exposit: Zeh 6:12-13



- ✧ In other words, Yahweh's Messiah will be "seated" (kathizō) in both offices
 - ✧ KING and PRIEST
- ✧ Yahweh (God the Father) will Himself appoint and enthrone (kathizō) His Chosen Messiah (God the Son) in both offices!
- ✧ So although the temple has not been built by Messiah yet nor has the throne been established in the temple on earth, Messiah, nonetheless sits or is seated (kathizō) in both offices in heaven and it will manifest on earth!
- ✧ And this will be manifested when Messiah builds the temple and establishes His throne and sits on the throne on earth!

Exposit: Heb 8:1-2



Let's re-look at our Hebrews 8:1-2

¹ Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest (speaking of Jesus), **who has taken His seat (kathizo) at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,** ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

- ❧ Although at first glance this passage seems to indicate that Jesus sat down on His throne, the opposite is true
- ❧ It actually tells us Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Majesty
- ❧ Meaning this passage actually tells us it's not Jesus's throne, but the Majesty's!
 - ❧ And as we've already established the Majesty is speaking of Yahweh (God the Father)

Exposit: Heb 8:1-2



- ❧ So Barnabas tells us, Jesus took His seat (kathizoō) at the right hand of the Majesty (God the Father)
- ❧ So from here, I'd like to look further at what this means
- ❧ What does it mean when Scripture says Jesus took His seat at the right hand of the Majesty (God the Father)
- ❧ And for this I'd like to look at examples in both the OT/NT of "right hand"

“right hand”



Genesis 48:13-14

¹³ Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him. ¹⁴ But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the firstborn...

¹⁷ When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸ Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn. Place your right hand on his head.

☞ Right hand is associated with blessing (the blessed one)

“right hand”



Exodus 15:6 (Moses and the sons of Israel singing of their deliverance)

⁶ **Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy...**

¹² **You stretched out Your right hand,**

The earth swallowed them (speaking of Pharaoh's chariots and army)

✧ Right hand is associated with majestic power, able to shatter enemies

✧ NOTE: There is a parallel to this and the scene in heaven in Rev 15 where the 144K sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb!

“right hand”



Psalms 16:11

¹¹ You will make known to me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

✧ Right hand is associated with pleasure (being pleased)

✧ The right hand both gives pleasure and takes pleasure

✧ In the case of Jesus it's both hence the Father spoke from heaven and said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”

✧ The Father is sharing His greatest pleasure and joy with us!

“right hand”



Psalms 60:5

⁵ That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and answer us!

✧ Right hand is associated with saving (being Savior)

Psalms 48:10

¹⁰ As is Your name, O God,
So is Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.

✧ Right hand is associated with righteousness (possessor of righteousness)

“right hand”



Psalms 110:1 (Jesus quoted this)

¹ The LORD (Yahweh; God the Father) says to my Lord (Adonay; God the Son):

“Sit (yashab) at My right hand

Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

☞ Sit is yashab which means to dwell, inhabit, endure, stay, remain

☞ This is precisely what our main passages (Mk 16:19, Heb 1:1-2) says!

Proverbs 3:16

¹⁶ **Long life is in her right hand;**

In her left hand are riches and honor.

☞ Right hand is associated with long life (in the case of God – eternal life)

☞ NOTE: this is the only passage where “left hand” is associated w/a blessing

“right hand”



Now let's look at examples of “right hand” in the NT...

Matthew 26:64 (Jesus standing trial before the Sanhedrin)

⁶⁴ Jesus *said to him, “You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see **THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER**, and **COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.**”

☞ “sitting” is *kathēmai* which means **to be** enthroned (yet future)

☞ NOTE: a couple of verses later in our study John connects this statement:

Revelation 1:7 **BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS**, and every eye will see Him, **even those who pierced Him**; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

“right hand”



Acts 2:33

³³ Therefore having been **exalted to the right hand of God**, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

☞ “right hand” is associated with being exalted

Acts 5:31

³¹ He is the one **whom God exalted to His right hand** as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

“right hand”



Acts 7:54-56 (the stone of Stephen)

⁵⁴ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, **and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;** ⁵⁶ and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and **the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.**”

- ✧ It is commonly taught or assumed that Jesus “standing at the right hand of God” must mean that He was sitting on His throne and arose
- ✧ This cannot be accurate
- ✧ We just looked at the entire Bible and no where can we point to and say that Jesus has a throne in heaven
- ✧ Simply put: Jesus was standing literally to the right hand of His Father

In Summary



Let's pull this all together

- ✧ God the Father through the Davidic covenant promised a throne for His Son
 - ✧ So technically Jesus is throne-less for now!
- ✧ When Scriptures speaks of Jesus sitting down, or being seated at the right hand of God is another way to say...

In Summary



- ✧ Jesus sits/ occupies two offices as KING and PRIEST
- ✧ Jesus will be enthroned (crowned) KING and PRIEST by His Father
- ✧ Jesus and the BLESSED ONE of the Father
- ✧ Jesus, is One with the Father in MAJESTIC POWER
- ✧ Jesus is well PLEASING to His Father
- ✧ Jesus is SAVIOR
- ✧ Jesus is RIGHTEOUSNESS
- ✧ Jesus is EXALTED by His Father

In Summary



- ☞ And last but not least, Jesus will eventually sit and rule on His Father's throne on earth!
- ☞ So there is much more to being seated or sitting at the right hand of God than meets the eye!
- ☞ God the Father granted all authority in heaven and on earth (except the Father's authority) and Jesus will occupy the two offices determined by His Father (KING & PRIEST) in His Father's Name (oonoma) and honor! AMEN. AMEN.