

Discussion 3

The Throne Room of YHVH

(An Angel Falls)

Primary Reading:

- Zenos Chapter 2
- Revelation Chapter 4

Passages for Comparison:

- Zenos 2:1-3 => Revelation 4:1 - The Windows of Heaven
- Zenos 2:4-7 => Revelation 4:2-5 - A Throne, and Some Precious Stones
- Zenos 2:8-18 => Revelation 4:6-11 - A Urim and Thummim, and a Compass
- Zenos 2:19-23 => Revelation 12:7-9, 17 - A War in Heaven
- Zenos 2:24 => Revelation 13:8 - The Book of Life
- Zenos 2:25-26 => Revelation 5:6 - The Sacrificial Lamb
- Zenos 2:27-28 => Revelation 16:1 - Angels with Vials of God's Wrath

Objectives:

- Ponder upon this window to the heavens, consider the makeup of the Divine Council.
- Consider how the Dragon from the Heavens became the Leviathan on the Earth.

Reading:

v.1-3 : A Window to the Heavens		
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<p>2:1. And it came to pass that after the angel of YHVH had spoken I looked, and I beheld a window opening in the heavens,</p> <p>2:2. And the voice which I had heard like that of a shofar spoke again unto me, saying: Come thou, and ye shall see that thou might understand that vision of which thou hast seen,</p> <p>2:3. Yea, come and see that thou mayest know that which came before, and that which must be.</p>	<p>4:1. After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.</p>	<p>What does it mean that a window opened to heaven? Is a door opening significantly different in any way?</p> <p>If so, is that a translation difference, or an intended difference in the two accounts?</p> <p>If Zenos and John see very similar visions, why is one about future only, and the other about past and future?</p>

v.4-7 : Thrones and Precious Stones		
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<p>2:4. And I was taken away in the spirit, and I beheld as it were a throne in the heavens, and a Man and a Woman who sat upon the throne;</p> <p>2:5. And They had in one hand a great sapphire upon which was written the Torah and in the other a great emerald upon which were written the mysteries of the temple;</p>	<p>4:2. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.</p> <p>4:3. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.</p>	<p>(Consider also Neum 16)</p> <p>24. And when the Torah of sapphire, which is the covenant, is read again,</p> <p>25. And the Torah of emerald, which is life eternal, is acted upon,</p> <p>26. Then shall the Torah of marble be opened up onto you, O Israel.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Is the Torah of Marble that Neum speaks of the Urim and Thummim mentioned in v8-9 of the Zenos record, or something else?</p>
<p>2:6. And round Their throne I saw as it were twenty-four smaller thrones, and upon these sat twenty-four elders, clothed in their purity and prepared to be sent forth as instructed by YHVH;</p> <p>2:7. And out of these I saw as it were lightnings and thunderings coming forth, and these were the voices of the seven fires burning before the throne, which are the seven angels of the seven dispensations.</p>	<p>4:4. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.</p> <p>4:5. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.</p>	

v.8-18 : Urim and Thummim, In a Compass

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<p>2:8. And before the throne I saw as it were the great urim and thummim, where upon the eyes of Elohim rests;</p> <p>2:9. And all about the thrones were four beasts whose eyes saw before and behind by the means of the great urim and thummim:</p>	<p>4:6. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.</p>	<p>What does it mean that the beasts had eyes before and behind them?</p> <p>And what does that have to do with the Urim and Thummim?</p> <p>Note: In the Chronicles of the Children of Araneck, The Record of Religious Practices, Chapter 1, v52-54 it says there is a Urim and Thummim in the midst of their temple, where people make their covenants:</p> <p>52. That all who come within the walls of the holy temple or tabernacle may know that it is through man and women that our seed and our children go forward.</p> <p>53. It is by the holy Urim and</p>

		<p>Thummim that all things are done.</p> <p>54. And all people coming unto the holy temple of God must stand upon the Urim and Thummim and give themselves to the Lord, the Holy One of Heaven the Almighty for all time even for eternity.</p>
<p>2:10. And the first beast was like a lion, being as it were the fire of judgment, and standing towards the South;</p> <p>2:11. And the second beast was like an ox, being as it were the earth grounded in wisdom, and standing towards the North;</p> <p>2:12. And the third beast wore the face of a man, being as it were the waters flowing in mercy and standing towards the East;</p> <p>2:13. And the fourth beast was like an eagle in flight, being as it were in the air with heavenly knowledge and standing towards the West.</p>	<p>4:7. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.</p>	<p>The Zenos account lays out the kabbalistic compass, and associates directions with the heavenly sefirot.</p> <p>It also associates each of those with one of the 4 classic elements, and four beasts.</p> <p>What does it mean for a beast to have a face of a man?</p>
<p>2:14. And I saw that these four beasts were of six wings, and were full of eyes, and they were in constant motion day and night.</p> <p>2:15. And as they were in motion about the thrones, they, each of them as one, said: Holy, holy, holy, Elohim Shaddai, the very Father and Mother.</p> <p>2:16. Holy is She who dwelleth in the place which is no place, beyond the infinite height and depth, the infinite of all directions embraced by the Tree of Life;</p> <p>2:17. And YHVH the fruit of Her tree, the Yachad Yachid Echad who was, and is, and is to come.</p> <p>2:18. And the beasts did give glory and honor in thanks, and the four and twenty elders did fall down before Him who liveth forever and ever.</p>	<p>4:8. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.</p> <p>4:9. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,</p> <p>4:10. The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,</p> <p>4:11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.</p>	

v.19-23 : War in Heaven

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<p>2:19. And I beheld that not all did worship, but there was one like unto a great serpent, even a leviathan, and he did cause that a third of the host of heaven should follow after him.</p> <p>2:20. And I saw as it were a great war in heaven, and Michael and his angels did fight against the leviathan;</p> <p>2:21. And the leviathan fought and so too his angels, and they prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven.</p> <p>2:22. And the great leviathan was cast out, that accuser, he that deceiveth the whole earth; and his envoys were cast out with him.</p>	<p>12:7. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,</p> <p>12:8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.</p> <p>12:9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.</p> <p>...</p>	
<p>2:23. And the leviathan was wroth with Shekinah, therefore he did go down to make war with the remnant of her seed, they which keep the Torah and remember the name YHVH;</p>	<p>12:17. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.</p>	

v.24 - The Book of Life

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<p>2:24. And all that dwell in darkness upon the earth shall worship the leviathan, and their names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world.</p>	<p>13:8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.</p>	<p>Is the book of life a metaphor? If so, what is it talking about?</p>

v.25-26 : The Sacrificial Lamb

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<p>2:25. And it came to pass that I saw as it were in the midst of the thrones, and elders, and the four beasts, there stood one like unto the Son of Man as a Lamb, waiting to be sent forth to be</p>	<p>5:6. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which</p>	<p>Notice the change in tense between the two accounts.</p> <p>In what way are the messengers of the 7 seven dispensations the eyes and</p>

<p>slain;</p> <p>2:26. And from Him came the seven angels of the seven dispensations, being sent forth into all the earth by the Son of Man, whose blood should be spilt upon the rock, for terrible are the works of mankind.</p>	<p>are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.</p>	<p>horns of the Lamb?</p>
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v.27-28 : Angels with Vials of God's Wrath		
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<p>2:27. (empty)</p> <p>2:28. And it came to pass that I heard a voice like unto a shofar call from out of the temple of heaven, saying to the seven angels of the seven dispensations: Go thy ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of YHVH upon the earth.</p>	<p>16:1. And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.</p>	

Discussion:

I recommend not delving too deeply into the passages from Revelation chapters 12, 13 and 16, since they have their own discussions later in the course, however, don't let that hold you back from considering them in context here in this chapter of Zenos. The Zenos chapter appears to contain the content from the various stories in John's Revelation that happen before the dispensations begin to unfold (pre-existence stuff).

What can we learn about the divine feminine from the descriptions of the throne in the heavens?

Does the phrasing in Zen 2:18-19 about the Leviathan (Satan) mean that he was one of the 24 Elders? Or do you think that these are two separate ideas that are not intended to be inferred just because they are presented sequentially?

What characters in the overall "story" have been introduced so far?