

# Daniel 7:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

## Analysis

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Heaven's worship surrounds God's throne: 'A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.' The 'fiery stream' represents ongoing judgment flowing from God's holiness. The astronomical numbers ('thousand thousands...ten thousand times ten thousand') depict innumerable angels worshiping God. The 'books opened' indicates divine records determining judgment (cf. Revelation 20:12). This cosmic courtroom scene shows all creation accountable to divine justice.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern kings held court surrounded by servants; God's court infinitely surpasses earthly parallels. Jewish angelology recognized vast numbers of angelic beings serving God. The judgment scene influenced later apocalyptic literature, especially Revelation 20's final judgment. The 'books' concept appears throughout Scripture—God records all deeds, thoughts, and lives. Early Christians saw this fulfilled in Christ's judgment seat (2 Corinthians 5:10) where believers' works are evaluated and final judgment where all stand before God.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the innumerable angelic worship demonstrate God's worthiness and the proper response to His glory?
2. What does the opening of books teach about divine omniscience—all actions, words, and thoughts recorded for judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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stream	H5103	A fiery	H5135	issued	H5047	and came forth	H5312	from	H4481	before	H6925	him thousand	H506
	H1768												
him thousand	H506	ministered	H8120	times ten thousand	H7240	times ten thousand	H7240	before	H6925				

stood	H6966	him the judgment	H1780	was set	H3488	and the books	H5609	were opened	H6606				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 30:27** (Parallel theme): Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

**Deuteronomy 33:2** (Parallel theme): And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

**Psalms 50:3** (Parallel theme): Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

**Revelation 5:11** (Parallel theme): And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

**Isaiah 30:33** (Parallel theme): For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

**Psalms 68:17** (Parallel theme): The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

**1 Kings 22:19** (Parallel theme): And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

**Matthew 25:31** (Parallel theme): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**Daniel 7:22** (Judgment): Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

**Jude 1:14** (Parallel theme): And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,