

## **Game of Thrones**

**Acts 12:19-25**

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**Acts 12:20-25 (NKJV)**

*20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country. 21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" 23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. 24 But the word of God grew and multiplied. 25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.*

**God Humbles Nebuchadnezzar**

**Daniel 4:30-32 (NLT)**

*30 As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.' 31 "While these words were still in his mouth, a voice called down from heaven, 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. 32 You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.'*

**Seven Years Later**

**Daniel 4:34 (NLT)**

*34 "After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal.*

**Parable of the Rich Fool**

**Luke 12:16-21 (NLT)**

*16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."*

## **The Fall of Lucifer**

**Isaiah 14:12-14 (NKJV)**

**12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'**

## **THRONEOLOGY**

**Psalm 9:7 "...His throne of judgment."**

**Psalm 11:4 "...The LORD'S throne is in heaven..."**

**Psalm 47:8 "God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne."**

**Isaiah 66:1 "Thus says the LORD: 'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool...'"**

**Luke 1:52 "He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly."**

**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."**

## **Satan's Throne**

**Revelation 2:13a (NKJV)**

**13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is..."**

### **1. Stay H\_\_\_\_\_**

**God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to produce rain, broken grain to give bread and broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is the broken Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever. -Anonymous**

### **2. Be G\_\_\_\_\_**

**Don't grumble because you don't get what you want; be grateful that you don't get what you deserve. -Anonymous**

**A grateful thought toward heaven is of itself a prayer.  
Gotthold Ephraim Lessing (1729-1781)**

### **3. Remain H\_\_\_\_\_**

**A river is measured by the water it brings to the sea, a fountain by its overflow, a Christian by his helpfulness to others.  
-Isaac Edwardson**

## **Answers**

**1. HUMBLE**

**2. GREATFUL**

**3. HELPFUL**