

THE END **HEAVEN**



SUMMARY: Heaven is the home of God and is the eternal destination of those pleasing to God. It is difficult to know if the descriptions of Heaven are figurative or literal.

Revelation 21:10-27 NASB “And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. 12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles (approx. distance from Jerusalem to Rome); its length and width and height are equal. 17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. 18 The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; 20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; 26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; 27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

Revelation 4:1-4 NASB: “1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. 3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in

appearance. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.”

Revelation 15:3 NASB “3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!”

Revelation 14:3 NASB “3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.” (Present tense)

Matthew 22:30 NASB 30 “For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.”

THE FOLLOWING IS ALL THE VERSES FOUND WITH “HEAVEN” IN THEM:

Gen 1:8 “And God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.” (NAS)

Gen 2:4 “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.” (NAS)

Gen 11:4 “And they said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top {will reach} into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” (NAS)

Gen 19:24 “Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven,” (NAS)

Gen 28:12 “And he had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.” (NAS)

Deut 5:8 “You shall not make for yourself an idol, {or} any likeness {of} what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.” (NAS)

Joshua 10:11 “And it came about as they fled from before Israel, {while} they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; {there were} more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.” (NAS)

1 King 8:30 “And listen to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place; hear and forgive.” (NAS)

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2 King 1:10 “And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, ‘If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty.’ Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.” (NAS)

2 King 2:11 “Then it came about as they were going along and talking, that behold, {there appeared} a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.” (NAS)

Ps 78:23 “Yet He commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven;” (NAS)

Ps 78:24 “And He rained down manna upon them to eat, and gave them food from heaven.” (NAS)

Ps 104:2 “Covering thyself with light as with a cloak, stretching out heaven like a {tent} curtain.” (NAS)

Prov 30:4 “Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!” (NAS)

Matt 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (NAS)

Matt 5:12 "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (NAS)

Matt 5:19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches {them,} he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (NAS)

Matt 6:20 "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;" (NAS)

Matt 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. (NAS)

Matt 8:11 "And I say to you, that many shall come from east and west, and recline {at the table} with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven;" (NAS)

Matt 11:11 "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen {anyone} greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (NAS)

Matt 13:24 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.”

Matt 13:31 “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed”

Matt 13:33 “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven”

Matt 13:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field,"

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- Matt 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls," (NAS)
- Matt 13:47 "the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering {fish} of every kind;"
- Matt 18:4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
- Matt 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom." (NAS)
- Matt 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven." (NAS)
- Matt 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go {and} sell your possessions and give to {the} poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." (NAS)
- Matt 19:23 "And Jesus said to His disciples, 'Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.'" (NAS)
- Matthew 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven"
- Mark 16:19 "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." (NAS)
- Luke 10:18 "And He said to them, 'I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.'" (NAS)
- John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."
- Acts 7:55 "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;" (NAS)
- 2 Cor 12:2 "I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago-- whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- such a man was caught up to the third heaven. (NAS)
- 1 Thes 4:16 "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of {the} archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." (NAS)
- Heb 12:23 "to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect," (NAS)
- 1 Pet 1:4 "to {obtain} an inheritance {which is} imperishable and undefiled and"

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II Peter 3: 10-13 “and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat... we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.”

Rev. 4:1 - 22: John's scene in heaven (4:1 to 4:4 is most descriptive, see page 1)

Rev 8:1 “And when He broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.” (NAS)

Rev 16:21 “And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.” (NAS)

Rev. 21: 10-27 Physical description of heaven. (See page 1)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is the description of heaven in Revelation 21 real or figurative?
2. How can you lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven? Does this teach that we will have different rewards in heaven?
3. What good does it do us to know about heaven? If it does good, why don't we know more?