

Death, Dying, Heaven, and Hell

Heaven Pt. 3

1. According to the Bible there are three heavens.

a. Third heaven: beyond the stars

2 Corinthians 12:2 (NIV)

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows.

b. First heaven: atmospherically heaven

Psalm 104:12 (NASB)

¹²Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; They lift up *their* voices among the branches.

c. Second Heaven: starry heaven

Isaiah 13:10 (NIV)

¹⁰The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

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2. Christ created and upholds all the heavens with His power.

Hebrews 1:3 (NASB)

He upholds all things by the word of His power.

Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

3. Will the person who created the heavens and the earth be **limited** to the **space** called New Earth?

Ephesians 4:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

John 20:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

John 20:27 (NIV)

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here....Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

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The closest star is 4.37 light years away (25 trillion miles)

The edge of the galaxy is 100,000 light years away (2,500,000 trillion)

The next galaxy is 179,000 light years

There is estimated to be 100 billion galaxies

as telescope technology improves they are thinking there could be more than 200 billion

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 (NASB)

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.

³ And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—

⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

4. Will the New Heaven and New Earth be **bigger** than this **one**?

Revelation 21:15-17 (NASB)

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; 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*.

John 14:2-3 (NASB)

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

³ "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

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5. The New Jerusalem will be the **capitol**, the New Earth will be the **planet**, and the Heavens will be **accessible**.

Romans 8:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*"

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Matthew 5:3-10 (NASB)

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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