

## *Lesson 1* Eternity Past, Present, Future-Who or What is in Heaven?

I would like to share with you an amusing “funny” from a time with my family. My mom was always busy. She had four girls. I was the baby. Later on in my mom’s life she was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. Whether or not she had the dementia usually associated with the disease is hard to know as she could not speak or swallow in the latter months of her life. All four of us girls also had very busy lives. When on occasion we would all be home at the same time, you can imagine the chatter that went on. Mom would try her best to listen in on each one of our conversations at the same time as she was stirring some concoction in her mixing bowl with a wooden spoon. You know, she took in a little bit of my sister Sue’s story, and a little bit of my sister Barb’s story, and a little bit of my sister Carol’s story, and then a little bit of my story and mixed them all up in her mixing bowl and came out with a totally different concoction. It was very obvious to all of us that she couldn’t multitask by stirring her bowl of batter and listening to multiple conversations at the same time. There was always that awkward moment when we would all just look at each other in puzzlement at her rendition of all the stories and then we would all burst out laughing. Poor Mom. She was many times so misunderstood. Unfortunately, all of us missed our mother’s early symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. I loved my mom. I still do. She’s been in Heaven for 14 plus years now.

I tell you this story because I want you to understand something about human beings and their tendency to view information available to them from many sources other than the Scripture and come up with all kinds of wild and wrong ideas about Heaven. Randy Alcorn wrote in his book, titled “Heaven,” “...what people actually believe about Heaven and Hell varies widely. A Barna spokesman said, ‘They’re cutting and pasting religious views from a variety of sources – television, movies, conversations with their friends.’ The result is a highly subjective theology of the afterlife, disconnected from the biblical doctrine of Heaven.”<sup>1</sup>

I know that when I started into looking at the subject of Heaven, I came in with many misconceptions that were not Biblical and it’s been difficult to oust them from my brain and give God’s written Word the proper authority and position in my understanding.

Some misconceptions about Heaven come from satanic sources. Do you think ha-Satan wants you to know the truth about Heaven and Hell? Have you ever heard that Heaven is going to be a B-O-R-I-N-G place? All that you have to do all the time is bow down and worship God 24/7. Wouldn’t you rather go to Hell where your friends are and party 24/7? All of this is just sarcasm.

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<sup>1</sup> Heaven, Randy Alcorn, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois, 2004, p. 9

Many today are not so concerned with whether or not there is a Heaven or a Hell. We have it pretty good here in the United States. We are so caught up in our busyness of life, soccer games for our kids, decorating our beautiful homes, getting that next promotion that will earn us a higher dollar position. Some of you probably have heard a sermon on fire and brimstone warning against the flames of Hell, but I would wager a bet that it hasn't been in the last 30 years. In the USA we just don't hear that kind of sermon anymore. Have you ever heard a sermon on Heaven? If your pastor never preaches on Heaven, would you assume that the Bible doesn't have much to teach on the subject? I know seminaries have classes on eschatology (study of the end times), but I've never been aware that "Heaven" has made the list of "ologies" in seminaries. What would that course be called anyway? "Heavenology?" "If I'm going on a vacation to a foreign land, wouldn't I want to know about that land, the culture, the foods, the religious affiliation of the majority of the people, the laws, whether or not I need a visa to get into the country, once in the country can I get back out again? It seems kind of crazy when Heaven is our place of residence for all eternity that we don't take the time and find out the facts that we can know about Heaven (and Hell) from God's written Word."

In spite of all of this, according to a Barna research Group poll, the majority of Americans still believe that there is life after death.<sup>2</sup> From what you hear at funerals, you would think everybody goes to Heaven, but then this would mean that the gate is wide and just about anybody can get into heaven. That's not what Jesus tells us in **Matthew 7:13-14**. Jesus says that the gate into Heaven is narrow and few enter through that gate, but the way is broad that leads to destruction and there are many that enter that gate.

So, in this study, we are going to stay very close to the written Word of God. This is important stuff! And we need to know the "right stuff." In **Colossians 3:2**, Paul says this, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in Glory." Do you want this? I do. Let's be the generation that gets back to the Plumb line of Scripture concerning life after death. Jesus is preparing a place for us in His kingdom. It's almost time for His Father to tell Him, to come get us (His Bride) for the marriage supper of the Lamb is about to begin.

### **Days 1 & 2 Angels, the Celestial Beings– the good & the evil angels**

For those of you who did Volume 1 of this study, we talked a lot about angels. The Messianic Jewish rabbis differ in their views on angels, much like Christians differ on their views of "heaven." This is because some of the Messianic Jewish population pulls their information from extra-Biblical sources like the Book of Enoch and

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<sup>2</sup> K. Connie Kang, "Next Stop, the Pearly Gates...or Hell? *Los Angeles Times*, October 27, 2003.

another group gathers their information only from the books of the Bible that are in the accepted inspired canon of Scripture. During the time of Christ, the Jewish people considered the extra-biblical book of Enoch as Holy Writ.<sup>3</sup> The book of Enoch is not one of the Apocryphal books, but it is apocalyptic literature. Apocalyptic literature followed a pattern:<sup>4</sup> They claimed to be a revelation given through an angel to some important person in the past, like Moses. They made a distinction between the kingdom of this world and a kingdom not of this world, a heavenly kingdom. They were filled with scary beings and creatures and symbolic numbers, dreams, visions, revelations and vague prophecies. They alluded to many Old Testament images and references. Most of the Apocryphal books were written during the 400-year period of time when God was silent to the Hebrew people, during the time of the Maccabees. Sounds pretty simple to me. So why did those who put the Canon of Scripture together include the books which give us “the Biblical view” of angels in the Canon, and not the Book of Enoch’s angelic viewpoint? It had a lot to do with who was the source of the message and whether or not they could trust the author of the source, i.e., Revelation came from God the Father through His Son and then through an angel who then gave it to the Apostle John, one who had been with Jesus. This is similar to the Catholic belief that the Pope should be able to trace his lineage back to the Apostle Peter. Therefore, he takes his place as pontiff and his authority comes through Apostolic Succession. John the Revelator certainly was trustworthy and so those who put the canon of Scripture together trusted his writing to be the God-inspired Truth.

Those who accept the book of Enoch as Scripture believe there are three different orders of angels: Cherubim, Seraphim, and Teraphim. They believe that way back in the beginning before time on earth and therefore Eternity Past, God created the angelic host to serve Him. They were each created individually; they were not procreated as we are. As I said before, some of this information is from extra biblical sources like the Book of Enoch and also the Apocryphal books (found in the middle of the Catholic Bible). Some of the Messianic Jewish community uses a different set of extra-biblical literature including the Mishnah (the commentaries that were written by the Rabbis on the Law) and the Talmud. They also believe each kind of angel was created to have a unique form, function, and purpose.<sup>5</sup>

The **Cherubim** were the highest order. These were also called the archangels and they had the job of protecting the Holiness of God from anything that was not pure. From the Scripture we know of four Cherubim. From the book of Enoch we can deduce that there were originally six. The two Cherubim that are no longer with the set of four surrounding the Throne of God are the Archangel ha-Satan (Lucifer) and the Archangel

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<sup>3</sup> John Klein, Adam Spears, Michael Christopher, *Lost in Translation*, Volume 1 (Covenant Research Institute, 2014), pp. 75-98.

<sup>4</sup> Henry H. Halley, *Halley’s Bible Handbook, Classic Edition* (Zondervan Publishers, 2000), pp. 896-897.

<sup>5</sup> James Klein, Adam Spears, Michael Christopher, *Lost in Translation*, Volume 1 (Covenant Research Institute, 2007) pp. 79-80. , John Klein, Adam Spears, Michael Christopher, pp. 79-80.

Abaddon. These two were kicked out of heaven for their pride and rebelliousness and had their names taken away from them by God at the same time. There is honor in having a name. “Satan” is a title; “devil” means “accuser.” Therefore, Lucifer and Abaddon probably are not the names of these two archangels. In keeping with the counterfeiting nature of ha-Satan, the LORD Jesus Christ is the *Angel of the LORD* who encamps around those who fear Him. The Archangel Abaddon is now called the *Angel of Death*. The four who still surround the Throne of God are Michael whose name means “Who is Like God?” and Gabriel, whose name means “Redeemer of God,” and Raphael (from the extra Biblical books), whose name means “Healer of God; bringer of God’s Healing,” and lastly, Uriel (also from the extra Biblical books), which means “Light of God; bringer of God’s Light.” Again, in keeping with the counterfeiting nature of ha-Satan, Lucifer’s Babylonian name is a variant from the Latin meaning ‘light.’ We will see in Day 1 of next week’s lesson, that Jesus was **the LIGHT**. Before we go on to explore the second order of angels from extra-biblical sources, we are going to Biblically explore at least one of the angels who was kicked out of Heaven whom we call ha-Satan or the devil. You will find these two descriptions of ha-Satan in **Isaiah 14** and **Ezekiel 28**. Then, we will look Biblically at the four angels who are still around the Throne of God in **Ezekiel 1, Isaiah 6, and Revelation 4 and 5**.<sup>6</sup> Be sure to look at **Exodus 24: 9-11**, too.

Please read **Isaiah 14:3-28** now and answer the questions in the space provided.

Literally, who is the “you” who the cypress trees rejoice over?

Literally, who is the “you” who the cedars of Lebanon say, “Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us? Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come?”

Literally, for “whom” does Sheol arouse the dead spirits of the leaders of the world?

How will the dead kings’ spirits respond to the “you” of the above questions in **Isaiah 14:10-11**?

Literally, who is the “you” of **Isaiah 14:15-27**?

What will happen to the “you” of **Isaiah 14:15-27**?

Who will do these things to him?

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<sup>6</sup> James Klein, Adam Spears, Michael Christopher, *Lost in Translation*, Volume 1, (Covenant Research Institute, 2007), pp. 80-82.

Now in Isaiah **14:12-14** “who” is the one who has fallen from heaven? He is the one who is called “O star of the morning, son of the dawn.”

Who is the one who was cut down to the earth (or kicked out of Heaven)?

Who is the one who has weakened the nations?

List the five “I wills” of the “one” in Isaiah **13:12-14**

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Why would God put verses 12 through 14 describing ha-Satan in the middle of verses that describe the king of Babylon? I really want you to think about this. I will give you one hint: it has something to do with cities, kingdoms, or gardens and rulers, powers, world forces of this darkness, or spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Now I would like you to turn to **Ezekiel 28** and answer the following questions in the space provided?

In **Ezekiel 28:1-2** the “son of man” is Ezekiel. To whom is Ezekiel speaking?

In **Ezekiel 28:11-19** “the son of man” is Ezekiel. To whom is Ezekiel speaking?

What does God say about ha-Satan beginning in verse 12?

Now why would God put these two sets of verses in close proximity to one another in the Scripture? I will give you one hint: it has something to do with cities, kingdoms, or

gardens and rulers, powers, world forces of this darkness, or spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

To those who believe the extra Biblical sources are inspired writing, the second order of created angels is called the **Seraphim**. These angels are known as the “Burning Ones” and they burn with fire. These have six wings each and they race back and forth from God’s Throne and to the earth and back. Please look carefully at Ezekiel 1:4. In this verse, Ezekiel sees a great cloud coming into his view with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.” Could this be evidence of the presence of the Seraphim coming and going from God’s Throne to the earth? For your understanding, I call this cloud: God’s Mobile Throne on a hovercraft. I think it makes all kinds of sense. **The Jews call this Mobile Throne of God the Merkavah Throne and they associate it with the four cherubim around the throne with the four faces that we looked at above. We will talk about this throne with the four cherubim during the class time this week.** In **Genesis 28:12**, we also find evidence of these Seraphim. Read **Genesis 28:10-17**. What is the dream that Jacob has?

In this passage of Scripture, Jacob has a dream, and in the dream, there is a ladder that reaches from earth to heaven. And this is what it says about the ladder, “Angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”

The third order of created angels to those who hold the extra Biblical sources as Truth, are called the **Teraphim**. These are the lowest order of the Angels. Notice the “**tera**” part of “**teraphim**?” Are these the Angels that have been seen on this **earth**? Terra means earthly. These angels are the only angels who can take on human form and maintain it for long periods of time. Notice, this does not say that the other orders of angels cannot take on human form, only that they cannot maintain it for extended periods of time. **Hebrews 13:2** says this: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Could this be the Teraphim? In the Hebrew, teraphim are known as **ayir**, and these “watch over” and “protect” men’s souls.<sup>7</sup> Please look at **Daniel 4:17**. To what does this verse speak? These teraphim are the watchers. We looked at these, last semester when we looked at angels.

From another Messianic Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Arnold Fructenbaum, we have a different teaching about angels than the way they are described above. The organization of angels according to this Messianic Rabbi has been taken from the Bible. The following eight points are taken from Old and New Testament Scripture:

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

- Those “who sit on thrones” sit in the immediate presence of God (**Col 1:16**)
- Those who have “dominion,” rule in some specific area, possibly higher ranked angels rule over lower ranked angels (**Ephs. 1:21, Col 1:16**)
- “Principalities” govern the nations, i.e., the angel Michael we see in Scripture is responsible for the Nation of Israel. Another example is the ha-Satan who rules over the King of Babylon (**Ephesians 3:10, Col 1:16**) and also in the Isaiah and Ezekiel verses we looked at above
- “Authorities” exercise supremacy (**Ephesians 1:21, 1 Pet 3:22**)
- “Powers” are those who have imperial responsibilities (**Ephesians 1:21, 3:10, Col 1:16, 1 Peter 3:22**)
- “Hosts” are the organized angel military. We speak of the Angel Armies in one of our songs we sing in church. Who is head over these Angel Armies? It is none other than *YHWH Sabaoth, “the God of Angel Armies”*
- “Legions” are like the above Angel Armies. They are organized into divisions of 3000-6000 angels
- “Chief Prince” is similar to the “Principalities” above. The “Chief Prince” is an angel who heads up and rules over a nation (**Daniel 10:13:12:1**). In the Daniel passage Israel’s “Chief Prince” is Michael and he fights the “Chief Prince” of Persia

Dr. Fructenbaum’s teaching on celestial beings is divided into three orders: the Cherubim, Seraphim, and Angels

- Cherubim are the highest order of angels; they guard or cover. Cherubim guard the entrance back into the Garden of Eden in **Genesis 3:24**. The Cherubim are also in **Ezekiel 1:5-28**: they have the basic likeness of a man, but with four different faces – a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle, and they are carrying the throne of God. This is very closely descriptive of the Shekinah Glory of God or the visible manifestation of God’s presence that was resident in the Tabernacle before the deportation of the Jewish people to Babylon. These angels are closely connected to God’s righteousness, justice, and might: they defend God’s holy character and presence and they swiftly carry out God’s will among the nations. These differ slightly from the Merkavah description we have discussed above.
- Seraphim are spoken about in Revelation and Isaiah only and their name means “burning one;” their responsibilities include purification (**Isaiah 6**) and leading worship in heaven; they also emphasize the holiness of God, for they say in Revelation, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty”. Many of these seraphim will be used for the Tribulation judgments in Revelation. These also differ somewhat from the description of the seraphim associated with the Merkavah description we have discussed above.
- Angels are the lowest basic order of celestial beings; their appearance is like young men. The Archangel Michael who is responsible for the Nation of Israel is one of these of the lowest orders of angels; his name means: “who is like God.” “Archangel” means he has authority over all other angels of this order; he is the “Chief Angel.” In Revelation, Michael will protect Israel during the Tribulation, announce the rapture (**1 Thessalonians 4:16**), and at the mid-point of the

Tribulation, will cast ha-Satan and his angels out from heaven and to the earth (**Rev 12:7-12**). Another Archangel is Gabriel. His name means “the mighty One of God. His job is to be a messenger of revelation from God to Man, i.e., in **Luke 1:26-38**, he communicates to Mary that she will be the mother of the Messiah. This differs from the explanation taken from the book of Enoch above in that Michael and Gabriel are not Cherubim and part of the 4 Living Creatures around the Throne but part of the Teraphim.<sup>8</sup>

From all that we have looked at above, when did God create the Angelic Realm? When on Heaven’s timetable were ha-Satan and one third of the angels who sided with him thrown out of heaven according to **Rev 12:1-12**?

When on our timeline were ha -Satan and one third of the angels who sided with him thrown out of heaven?

Who are the one-third of the stars of heaven that ha-Satan swept away and were thrown to the earth? Think about who the stars were in **Revelation 1:20**. If you don’t remember, please go back and look at Revelation 1.

What went on “in heaven,” in **Revelation 12:7-9**? What is this battle over?

Who are the players in this battle? Who are the losers?

Why did ha-Satan and his followers lose the battle according to **Revelation 12:8**?

Sinful Man certainly cannot be in God’s presence lest he be consumed. How then can ha-Satan, being rebellious and sinful also, be in God’s presence?

### **Day 3**

#### **The Throne Rome of God in Heaven - Revelation 4-5, Isaiah 6, Zechariah 4**

Please read **Revelation 4-5**.

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<sup>8</sup> Arnold G. Fruchenbaum, Angelology: the Doctrine of the Elect Angels, The Organization of Angels, pp. 12-20.

Who is the One who sits on the throne? Please describe the One who sits on the throne in the space below.

Describe those who surrounded the throne?

How many are there?

What do you think is the significance of 24 elders surrounding the throne?

Describe these 24 elders surrounding the throne in the space below. **We will look at these 24 elders in more detail in our class discussion time.**

What or who are the flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder coming out from the throne? Cross-reference this with **Genesis 28:10-17** where Jacob saw angels coming and going to heaven on a ladder. Also, cross-reference **Exodus 19:1**.

If the laver in the Tabernacle is representative of the sea of glass before the throne in heaven, what is the purpose of the sea of glass?

The priests offering sacrifices in the Tabernacle or Temple washed the blood from their hands in the laver. Every morning and evening they would look into the water of the laver and see their countenances reflected back from the water's surface. What spiritual implications could this have to looking into the written Word of God (the Scripture) on a daily basis? What do you think the priests thought about as they daily saw their reflection in the bloodied water?

Who are the four creatures (who are full of eyes in front and behind) surrounding the throne of God in **Revelation 4:6-9**? Please cross-reference **Ezekiel 1-2**. **We will also look at these 4 Living Beings that surround the throne in our discussion time.**

What are the four faces of each of the four living creatures in **Revelation 4**?

What are the four faces of each of the four living creatures in **Ezekiel 1-2**?

Is the Revelation 4 passage an exact match for the vision of **Ezekiel 1-2**? Why or why not?

What are the four living creatures saying continuously in **Revelation 4:8**?

What do the 24 elders do as a result of the four living creatures saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD GOD, the ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS and WHO IS and WHO IS TO COME? Please cross reference **Exodus 3:13-15**. **These 24 elders will also be part of our discussion time in class this week.**

What or who are the seven lamps surrounding the throne in **Revelation 4:6**? **These seven lamps are called the seven lamps of fire burning before the throne and are the seven spirits of God.** Also check out Revelation 1:4, 1:12-13, 1:20, 4:5, 5:6, and Isaiah 11:2. Are these all these the same?

Some Messianic Jewish Christian writers believe John is viewing these seven lamps from above and the seven lamps are placed equidistant from the throne and actually go around the throne equidistant from each other, like spokes on a wheel with the throne in the middle.<sup>9</sup>

Please read **Zechariah 4**

What did Zechariah see according to **Zechariah 4:2-3**?

What was the angel’s response when Zechariah asked him about this seven-tiered Lampstand in **Zechariah 4: 4-6**?

Please read **Isaiah 6**.: Please prayerfully spend time comparing **Revelation 4** with **Isaiah 6**.

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<sup>9</sup> John Klein and Adam Spears

Are you getting a mental picture of Heaven yet?

Taking into account everything we have looked at so far, in your own words, describe heaven in the space below:

#### **Day 4**

#### **Job 1-2, Revelation 5**

#### **Access to God's Throne Room**

Please read **Job 1** and **Job 2**.

Who are the sons of God in **Job 1:6** and **Job 2:1**?

What do we find out about the sons of God and ha-Satan in verses **Job 1:6** and **2:1**?

What questions did the LORD ask ha-Satan in **Job 1:7** and **Job 2:2**?

And how did ha-Satan reply in **Job 1:7** and **Job 2:2**?

Was God intimately acquainted with Job? Did God care for Job? Why would God give ha-Satan the power to harm Job and his family?

What have you learned from **Job 1-2** about ha-Satan and his relationship with God?

What have you learned about God from these 2 chapters in Job?

What have you learned about heaven from these passages in Job?

Please read **Revelation 5**.

Where is the book with the seven seals when Revelation 5 opens? Who is holding this book?

Who is introduced in **Revelation 5** whom we have not seen before in this scene in Heaven?

In your own words, what seems to be the problem in Heaven in **Revelation 5**?

Who or what is the solution to the problem in Heaven?

Who tells John to stop weeping and why does he tell him to stop weeping?

Why is the Lamb able to open the seven-sealed scroll that comes from the hand of the Father?

How is the One who is worthy explained by the elder in **Revelation 5:5**?

Who or what is standing between or in the midst of the Throne of God with the four Living Creatures and the elders?

How is the One who is worthy explained by John in **Revelation 5:6**?

What are the seven eyes and the seven horns of **Revelation 5:6**?

## **Day 5 The New Jerusalem Revelation 21 and 22**

There is much to learn before we get to the last two chapters of Revelation. However, it should be sufficient for us to know that the New Jerusalem will be the Believers Final Resting Place. After the Millennial Kingdom comes to a close on earth this will be our desired abode for all Eternity. This is the final Heaven.

Please read **Revelation 21**

What does John see in **Revelation 21:1**?

What does John call the final Earth and the final Heaven in this same verse?

This implies that the former Earth and the former Heaven were temporary and they were also separate and different from the final Earth and the final Heaven.

What does John say has happened to the first Earth and the first Heaven?

Where has this city been according to **Revelation 21:2**?

Why would John describe the New Jerusalem as a bride made ready as adorned for her husband?

What does a bride made ready as adorned for her husband look like?

God's desire all along the way from Eternity Past to Eternity Future has been to dwell with men, the crowning glory of His creation. When Adam and Eve sinned, they were thrown out of the Garden where they had been since their beginning. They had been dwelling with the Almighty, walking in the cool of the day with Him and conversing with Him with no barrier of protection between them and the LORD. However, once Adam and Eve sinned, He could not have them in His presence lest He consume them. So, Adam and Eve were banned from the Garden of Eden so that they would not eat of the Tree of Eternal Life. God stationed two cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden to guard the way to the Tree of Life. So begins the story of Redemption. From this time on, the rest of the story involves God redeeming men so that they might dwell together again.

In week 4, we will study the Tabernacle, the mobile tent that was God's dwelling place with the Israelites when they were wandering around in the dessert for 40 years and also until Solomon built the permanent Temple structure in Jerusalem. There, God dwelt with the Israelites in the Tabernacle, in the Holy of Holies, in between the two Cherubim atop the golden lid to the Ark of the Covenant. While there, only the High Priest could approach Him and only once a year on Yom Kippur after the proper sacrifices and washings had first been done. During Ezekiel's time God's presence left the Temple and ascended back into Heaven.

Why do you think God set "it" up this way where mere men could not approach Him?

**Revelation 21:3** reads this way: “And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will Dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them...’”

What was different about the New Jerusalem? Why was God finally okay to dwell with men in the New Jerusalem?

Please write the text of **Revelation 21:4** below and answer the question: does this apply to the Present Heaven? I realize I am introducing a “new” concept here, which you probably have never thought of before: the Present Heaven.

What is said in Revelation 21:4 is often misunderstood to be in the Present Heaven, the Throne Room of God. This Heaven has been His dwelling place since He returned to His chambers in Ezekiel and will be until the New Heaven and New Earth in the New Jerusalem come down. This verse doesn’t apply to Heaven’s population during the Millennial Kingdom. There will be death, there will be tears, there will be mourning, and there will be pain, in the Millennial Kingdom.

What things will God make new in the New Jerusalem according to **Revelation 21:5**?

Do “all things” mean “all things” here? What does He then tell John to do in verse 5?

Why does He tell John to write this down? What does He tell John to write down in verses 6-8?

Next, John will be carried away to a high mountain by one of the angels who earlier had been involved in the bowl judgments. Here, he sees the holy city, Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God having the glory of God. Jerusalem is adorned with costly stones. There are high walls around the city with twelve gates and twelve angels at each of the gates. The names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were on the gates. Of these gates, there were three gates on the east wall, three gates on the west wall and three gates each on both the north and south walls. The wall of the city also had twelve foundation stones with the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Who spoke with John in **Revelation 21:15**?

What did he have in his possession?

What did it measure?

How was the city laid out?

What were the dimensions of the city in **Revelation 21:16-17** as measured by the one who had a gold measuring rod? What shape does this make?

How high was the wall surrounding the city of the New Jerusalem?

What was the wall around the city made of according to verse 18?

What was the city made of according to this same verse? What were the streets made of according to **Revelation 21:21**?

What did the city made out of gold look like to John according to verse 18?

The twelve foundation stones of the city had the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb placed on them. These foundation stones were adorned with every kind of precious stone. In the space below, name the twelve different stones that adorned the twelve foundation stones:

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- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

Of what were the twelve gates made according to **Revelation 21:21**? Will these gates ever close? See verse 25.

Was there a Temple in the city? Who or what is the Temple? See **Revelation 21:22**.

Was there a Sun or a Moon for the New Jerusalem? Who or what is the source of light in the city?

What will the “light” of the city enable the nations to do?

What will the kings of the earth bring into it?

Will there be a night and a day in the New Jerusalem? See verse 25.

Who may enter the city? Who may not enter the city?

Now read Revelation 22. In Revelation 22 we come full circle back to the Tree of Eternal Life. Does this mean that we are back in the Garden of Eden? Some would say “yes.” Others would say “no.” What is different about the Garden at the end of the story than from the beginning of the story? What is not present in the Garden at the end of the story? Was the Garden of Eden Heaven to begin with?

Even though there is no Temple in the New Jerusalem for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple, there is still a Throne of God and there is water coming out of it. What is this water called?

What is on either side of the River of Life?

How many kinds of fruit does this Tree of Life bear? Does this tree bear one fruit per month or does it bear all 12 kinds of fruit at the same time?

What are the leaves of the tree used for in the New Jerusalem?

Does this mean there will be nations in the New Jerusalem?

Here, we are told in **Revelation 22:3** there will no longer be any curse, the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the New Jerusalem. We are also told His Bondservants will be resident in the New Jerusalem and they will serve Him...**AND THEY WILL SEE HIS FACE.**

Has Man ever been allowed to see God’s face before? Why not? Why now?

What will His bondservants have on their foreheads? **See Revelation 22:4.**

Who will reign forever and ever according to **Revelation 22:5**?

Who are outside the city? See verse 15.