

Who made Heaven?

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.
"Heaven and earth" is used to indicate the whole universe

Heaven meaning

Lofty, the sky, Heights, elevations, whirlwind
4 Hebrew words used for Heaven
Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven....
Firmament – expanse, lofty, visible arch
I go to prepare a place for you.

More than one Heaven?

2nd Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago.....such an one caught up to the third Heaven.

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Heavens

#1 Air or atmosphere, where clouds gather (visible Arch)
#2. The firmament, in which the sun, moon and stars are fixed;
#3 The upper Heaven, the abode of God and his angels, the invisible realm of holiness and Happiness. The home of the children of God, until New Earth.

Heavens Characteristics

All things are new

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

No tears or pain
(Won't be remembered)

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no More death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Perfect Peace

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

Houses and vineyards

Isaiah 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit. (Activity -Work, Rule and Reign)

Purposes of Heaven

#1 God lives in Heaven!

Genesis 24:7 The LORD God of Heaven.

Genesis 14:19 ...Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth: Possessor = erect, procure, own, purchase recover, redeem.

1st Kings 22:19 . I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of Heaven standing by him....

With the Heavenly Host

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host praising God, and saying,

#2 We will be with Jesus

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.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

God is infinite

1st Kings 8:27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the Heaven and Heaven of Heavens cannot contain thee;

References to Heaven

John 14:2 (Jesus said) In my **Father's house**

Paradise = Kings garden

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in **PARADISE.**

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the **city of the living God**, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Eternal inheritance - 1st Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, **and that fadeth not away**, reserved in Heaven for you,

Hebrews 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an Heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city**.

Interaction with Heaven
Communication

Genesis 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him (Abraham) out of Heaven, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. Can hear from and speak to Heaven.

A stone throw

Joshua 10:11 ...that the LORD cast down great stones from Heaven

Fire down from Heaven

2nd Kings 1:10 And Elijah...If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from Heaven, and consume thee

Psalm 53:2 God looked down from Heaven upon the children of men

Visions of Heaven

Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into Heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Can we see Heaven today? - Yes visions and dreams (Apostles Paul and John)

I know a ton of person that have seen visions of heaven, with people, with Christ

On death bed – “Jesus is the strongest presence in the room”.

New Heaven and Earth

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new Heaven and a new earth: for the first Heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

New Jerusalem

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
Approx. 1500 miles square, 1500 miles high, a cube. Revelation 21:15-16
Base of city – across US from eastern seaboard to Rocky Mountains.

We can have Confidence

Many people believe there is something after life but not sure what!

But what a Joy!

2nd Corinthians 5:8 **We are confident**, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be presentwith the Lord

1st John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life**, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Heaven Summary

God created Heaven for himself and us

The Trinity rules and reigns from Heaven

The Heavenly host lives in Heaven (Angels and others) Minimum of 60,000 Angels 12 legions

Old Testament Saints now live in heaven (do you have family there?)

New Testament Saints now live in Heaven 2nd Corinthians 5:8

New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem – move from Heaven to Earth

Heaven – we can interact with Heaven!

.....we can hear from-talk to (Abraham), be taken to (Elijah), receive from (stones)

Not saved – will be forgotten by others.

It is a good place to go, the only place: No tears, peace, brand new, houses and vinyards

Ten Virgins

Caution – But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

How do we get there – Accept Christ – walk in him, finish the race.

(Jesus said) I go to prepare a place for you.