

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

The Kingdom of Heaven

LESSON ONE: MANY HEAVENS

MEMORY VERSE: “I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.”
(II Corinthians 12:2)

Definition of heaven: lifted up; high; the sky; happiness; state of bliss.

Usually, when people talk about “heaven,” they are talking about the eternal heaven in which the family of God will be when this time in this world is over. Controversy often stems from the question, “What do we have to do to go to heaven?” Many do not know that the Scriptures repeatedly talk about different heavens. Most people respond in reference to one heaven.

It is important to know the truth that there are many different heavens mentioned in the Bible. Then, when we are talking about heaven, we must always identify which heaven we are discussing.

The following are some of the verses which use the word “heavens”... NOT one heaven, but “heavens” plural. Of course, there is only one heaven when we die and this world is over. But right now, there are many different heavens, one of which is the eternal heaven.

Bible Study Scriptures:

Genesis 2:1,4

Deuteronomy 10:14

I Chronicles 16:26,31

II Chronicles 6:18,25,33,35,39

Job 9:8

Psalms 2:4; 8:1,3,4; 18:13; 19:1

Psalms 33:6; 68:4,8,33; 97:6

Psalms 103:19

Isaiah 34:1-4; 40:22; 55:9

***Isaiah 65:17-19; 66:15-24

***Jeremiah 4:23-31; 10:11-13

Jeremiah 51:16

Ezekiel 1:1

***Joel 2:10,11,28-32; 3:16

Haggai 2:6,21

Matthew 3:16; 24:29

Luke 12:33

Acts 2:34; 7:56

II Corinthians 5:1

Ephesians 4:10

Hebrews 1:10; 4:14; 7:26; 8:1

***II Peter 3:5,7,10,12,13

FILL IN THE BLANK

1. “Thus the _____ and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.” (Genesis 2:1).
2. “Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord’s thy God, the _____ also, with all that therein is.” (Deuteronomy 10:14).
3. “For all the gods of the people are idols: but the _____ made the heavens.” (I Chronicles 16:26).
4. “Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord _____.” (I Chronicles 16:31).
5. “But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this _____ which I have built!” (II Chronicles 6:18).
6. “Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy _____ place....” (II Chronicles 6:33).
7. “Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the _____ of the sea.” (Job 9:8).
8. “He that sitteth in the heavens shall _____: the Lord shall have them in derision.” (Psalm 2:4).
9. “By the _____ of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” (Psalm 33:6).
10. “Sell that ye have, and give alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a _____ in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.” (Luke 12:33).
11. “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the _____ of the heavens shall be shaken.” (Matthew 24:29).

12. “And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man _____ on the right hand of God.” (Acts 7:56).
13. “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine _____.” (Hebrews 1:10).
14. “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, _____ the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.” (Hebrews 4:14).
15. “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, _____ in the heavens.” (II Corinthians 5:1).
16. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the _____ shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (II Peter 3:10).
17. “...Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be _____, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (II Peter 3:12).
18. “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new _____ and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (II Peter 3:13).

TRUE or FALSE

1. There is more than one heaven mentioned in the Bible. _____
2. There is a heaven of heavens. _____
3. God is in the heavens. _____
4. There are some heavens that will be dissolved. _____
5. It took billions of years to make the heavens. _____

SUMMARY

The word “heaven” means _____.

There are at least _____ heavens taught in the Bible.

_____ made the heavens.

Write down the memory verse, and memorize it.