

Heaven – 07 – H

1H – 2 Corinthians 12:2. Since there is a third heaven, there must be a first and a second. So there are three heavens.

1) The aerial heaven, where the birds fly (Rev. 19:17) where the clouds form and from which the rain and snow come down. This is the belt of air which reaches from the surface of the earth up into the sky. This first heaven will pass away some day and God will make a new, pure atmosphere; and new first heaven to surround the new earth which He will make (2 Peter 3:10, 13) (Rev. 21:1).

2) The starry heaven where the 4 suns, moon and stars move in their orbits (Ps. 19:1-4).

3) The third heaven is Paradise (2 Cor. 12:2, 4), where the throne of God is and where Jesus is now.

2H – John 14:2,3. Jesus said that He would go and prepare a place in heaven for His people.

3H – Hebrews 11:16, 10. This place that Jesus has prepared is the City of God or the New Jerusalem. This city is described in the last two chapters of the Bible.

4H – Revelation 21:10-18. This New Jerusalem is 12,000 furlongs or 1,500 miles in circumference, or 375 miles on each side. It contains 140,625 square miles. It would be as large as three average states. It has a wall of jasper 216 feet high; 12 foundations of 12 precious stones; 12 gates each of one solid pearl; streets of gold, and mansions of gold, for the saints. Through Jesus you may lay claim to one of them.

5H – Revelation 21:4. It is a city where everyone will have a perfect immortal body; where there will be no sickness, trouble, or death; where His people will be perfectly happy through all eternity.

6H – Revelation 21:1-3. This New Jerusalem will be the capital of the new earth. The New Jerusalem is now in the third heaven and the saints will all go up to that city when Jesus comes to reign, with Him there for 1,000 years. At the end of that 1,000 years the earth will be made over into a new earth, free from sinners, and the New Jerusalem will rest on this new earth as its grand capital. With Christ, the saints will reign forever over this new earth.

7H – Revelation 22:14. We must keep all of God's commandments if we would enter that city.

8H – Philippians 3:20, 21. When we go to the New Jerusalem we will each have a glorious spiritual body, just as Jesus has (1 John 3:2) (1 Cor. 15:44)

9H – John 20:11-16. Just as Mary knew Jesus by His VOICE after His resurrection, SO we will KNOW our friends in heaven by their voices.

10H – John 20:27, 28. Just as Thomas recognized Jesus by His APPEARANCE, SO we will recognize our friends in heaven.

11H – Matthew 17:3, 4. Just as the disciples on the mount of transfiguration recognized Moses and Elijah, men whom they had never seen before, men who had lived on earth hundreds of years before their time, yet by spiritual powers of cognition, they knew them. (Moses had been raised by Christ and taken to heaven, see Jude 9) SO with our glorious spiritual bodies, we will have powers of recognition and cognition to know millions of people in heaven that we have never seen before.

12H – 1 Corinthians 13:12. We will know each other fully then, as God knows us individually now.