

THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY
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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Who Told You About Heaven ? – Part 1

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

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Revelation 22:3-7

:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **4** They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. **5** There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. **:6** Then he said to me, “These words are faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. **:7** “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

When you hear the word “heaven” what comes to mind?

We use the word Heaven to describe things that are beyond wonderful or of exceptional beautiful or excellent delight. To be in “heaven” is to say that I am in a state of bliss or nirvana.

Better yet – when we look to the Bible, the word “Heaven” is mentioned 327 times in the Old Testament and 255 in the New = 582 times.

But even more than that is the fact that Heaven is either spoken of or referred to over 1,000 times in the Bible.

As a Counterpoint;

I find it comforting that the word “Hell” is only mentioned 31 times in the Old Testament and only 23 times in the New testament = Just 54 times.

(but Jesus mentions it more than anyone else)

What is meant when we hear or use the word heaven?

The Bible in the original languages breaks down in perfect detail what is meant by the word heaven based upon the context in the actual word used to describe it.

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6.) What has God said about the heaven(s) ?

With some 582 mentions by name and over 1,000 reference of Heaven - -
it is obviously very important to God.

There are three (3) distinct definitions of “Heaven”
that appear in the Bible.

I like to think of the division this way;
there is the **here**. There is the **up there** and there is the **outta here**

There is our **(1)** Immediate heavens which is our atmosphere or atmospheric exposure **(2)**
Celestial or outer space which is the sun, moon, and stars) **(3)** The Abode or the Dwelling
Place of God.

The Bumper Sticker;
“Everybody what’s to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die”
(so true – that’s another reason why rapture of the church is such a beautiful thing)

“Who Told You About Heaven ?”

6a.) There is the Heaven of here and now

(1) Our immediate heavens which is our atmosphere
For example the Bible says in the book of Genesis in the beginning God created
the heaven and the earth (singular)

Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

This Immediate Heaven is earth’s Atmosphere is the Troposphere. (30,000 ft. and below)

“Our Troposphere”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Troposphere#/media/File:Endeavour_silhouette_STS-130.jpg

Here the Space Shuttle Endeavour is silhouetted against the atmosphere. The
orange layer is the **troposphere**, the white layer is the **stratosphere**, and the blue layer is
the **mesosphere**. The shuttle and Satellites and KJU’s Nuclear ICBM’s travel into **Space** at
altitudes 100 to 200 miles high - far above all three layers.)

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto
day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor
language Where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And
their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, 5 Which is

like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6
Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing
hidden from its heat.

the heaven heb: *shaw-mah'-yim*

both the visible and beyond visible sky. the word means – that which is “aloft” from the immediate atmosphere belonging to the (foggy-air to the arch continuing upward to the celestial lights (stars) or bodies or the astrological heaven(s) or space.

(that would encompass from sea-elevation to the farthest observable stars)

Genesis 1:20

Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the **face of the firmament of the heavens.**”

Storks Flying in a V

<http://pixfeeds.com/images/9/345756/1200-54395094-v-shaped-flying.jpg>

Bald Eagle

<https://cdn.thinglink.me/api/image/847904139378688000/1240/10/scaletowidth>

Migrating Canadian Geese

https://www.earthrangers.com/content/wildwire/migrating_canadian_geese.jpg

Is there evidence (design, purpose, functionality) to what we can see in our immediate “heaven”?

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6b.) There is the celestial heavens

1 Chronicles 16:26

For all the gods of the nations are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

Nehemiah 9:6

You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

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From The Hubble

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From The Magellan of M43

http://insider.si.edu/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/M43_beletsky.jpg

From NASA / JPL Pasadena

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl/x-marks-the-spot-for-milky-way-formation>

From The Hubble - The Whirlpool Galaxy

https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/images/729779main_hubble_spin_full_full.jpg

From within the Whirlpool Galaxy appears the “Dark X”

“X” marks the center of the Milky Way Galaxy.

<http://earthsky.org/space/wise-data-reveal-milky-way-x>

From the Hubble looking back at the Milky Way Galaxy (Orion outer arm)

<http://cdn2.collective-evolution.com/assets/uploads/2015/03/milky-way-759x500.jpg>

From NASA / JPL Pasadena the “so called” X-Structure

<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/6d/35/fb/6d35fb4d1e9b4c22832455bdfd0ad093.jpg>

Astrophysicist Dr. Dustin Lang

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"The WISE image of the Milky Way bulge shows that the X-shaped nature of the Milky Way bulge is self-evident and irrefutable," writing in a paper published this week in the *Astronomical Journal*.

"The X-shape morphology of the bulge in itself and the fraction of “bulge stars” that comprise orbits within this structure has important implications regarding the history of the Milky Way and all other spiral galaxies in general."

Prof. Luke Davies of the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, said the data was "reasonably compelling."

"You can clearly see the structure is there, whether or not there is a true X-shaped structure at the center of the Milky Way is under consideration."

(of course it's not an X-Shape – It's a Cross-Shape)

In his book “God and the Astronomers, NASA Astrophysicist And Director of the Goddard Space Center – Dr. Robert Jastrow,

“For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

Psalm 19:1

The heavens (*shaw-mah`-yim*) **declare** (*saw-far = tally, mark, check off, count*) the glory of God; and the firmament (*raw-kee-ah = atmosphere meets space*) **shows** (*naw-gad = reveal, expose, message, tell, rehearse*) His **handiwork**. (*to leave the evidence or finger prints or dna at the scene*)

**The Celestial Heavens that is here and now;
ought to prompt us to worship the God of Heaven and Earth.**

According to the Bible, when life is overwhelming we're instructed to look up and to meditate on the greatness of God.

It ought to humble us and bring us to worship !

Psalm 8:3-4

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him,

Psalm 147:4

He counts the **number** of the stars; He calls them all by **name**.

Job 38:31-33

“Can you direct the movement of the stars - binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? **32** Can you direct the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? **33** Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth?

they were also created to be a comfort to us.

“I keep My promises to Israel and I can only fail if the sun refuses to shine and...

Jeremiah 31:35-36

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): **36** “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

Isaiah 37:16

“O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Hebrews 1:10

And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

Regarding this magnificent, created hosts of heaven – trouble is coming.

Matthew 24:29-30

“Immediately **after** the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from **heaven**, and the powers of the **heavens** will be shaken. **30** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in **heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of **heaven** with power and great glory.

Next Week;

1. What's heaven going to be like?
2. Where will heaven be for all of eternity?
3. How old will we be in heaven?
4. Will we know each other in heaven?
5. Will we be married in heaven?
6. What will we be doing in heaven ?
7. Will my husband be in heaven?
8. And of course the most asked question - will my dog be in heaven?

**Seriously; the greatest question of all is,
will you be in heaven with us?**

**The Reason for the Cross / The Work of the Christ /
The Need to make the Call.**

End of Study

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