

## HEAVEN: OUR FUTURE HOME

### Common misconceptions of heaven we should dump:

- \*What you will look like.
- \*Where you will be.
- \*What you'll be doing.
- \*How you get there.

### Basic background of heaven we should know:

\*Recall till Christ's resurrection Sheol or Hades was the abode of the dead (Ps. 89:48, Lk. 16:19ff.). The NT clarified Heaven as with Hell.

\*Heaven shows up over 667x the OT and 272x in the NT. It can refer to three realms: (a.) the sky, Matt. 16:2,3; (b.) stars / space, Gen. 1:14; (c.) the celestial realm where God abides in glory, Matt. 5:16, 6:1,9 known as the *Third Heaven* in II Cor. 12:1-9.

### Various stages of heaven we can expect:

\*Positional Heaven--what we possess after belief, Phil. 3:20, I Pt. 2:11.

\*Intermediate Heaven--what we will temporarily possess after death.

It's a better place / paradise, Lk. 23:43, II Cor. 5:8, Phil. 1:23.  
It will be God taking us "up there."

\*Eternal Heaven--what we will forever possess after resurrection.

It's a dazzling city, Heb. 11:10,16, 12:22,23, 13:14, Rev. 21:2,10.  
It will be God bringing us "down here."

The New Jerusalem is probably suspended above rebuilt Jerusalem during the millennium and replaces it in the New Heavens and New Earth, Isa. 65:17, 66:22, II Pt. 3:13, Rev. 21:1.

