

The Three Levels of Heaven

Genesis 1:1~19 In the beginning God created the **heavens** and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. Then God said, "Let there be **a firmament** in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." Thus God made the **firmament**, and divided the waters which **were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament**; and it was so. **And God called the firmament Heaven**. So the evening and the morning were the second day. Then God said, "Let the waters under the **heavens** be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the third day. Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the **heavens** to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the **heavens** to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the **heavens** to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. So the evening and the morning were the fourth day

Firmament #07549. *raw-kee'-ah; an expanse, or visible arch of the sky.*

Heavens #08064. *shaw-mah'-yim dual of an unused singular shameh; from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky, perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve: astrologer.*

Genesis 2:1 Thus the **heavens** and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

Multiple heavens are stated, each having a different substance.

1 Kings 8:26~27 And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, **heaven and the heaven of heavens** cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!

Once again these verses denote more than one heaven existing with one heaven being described as "the heaven of all heavens," the best or the most exalted of all other heavens.

Jeremiah 4:19~28 O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried, For the whole land is plundered. Suddenly my tents are plundered, And my curtains in a moment. How long will I see the standard, And hear the sound of the trumpet? "For My people are foolish, They have not known Me. They are silly children, And they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge." I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the **heavens**, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, And all the birds of the **heavens** had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were

broken down At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: "The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, And the **heavens** above be black, Because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

Again multiple heavens are mentioned with the sight of birds flying above the earth's atmosphere. Therefore one of the aforementioned heavens must consist of the air we breathe.

Revelation 19:17~18 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds **that fly in the midst of heaven**, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

Genesis 22: 15~18 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time **out of heaven**, and said: By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son - blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants **as the stars of the heaven** and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

Two heaven's are spoken of here: one from which the Angel of the Lord spoke, most likely containing the throne of Yah, and the second heaven containing the stars and planets in the universe we call space.

Psalms 11: 4 The LORD is in His holy temple, **The LORD'S throne is in heaven**; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

*Note that one of the heavens is dedicated to the place of Yah's dominion, where He chooses to preside. **"The Lord is in His Holy Temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven."** Any temple on earth is just a copy of what is in heaven.*

This scripture does not reveal which heaven is Yah's domain. It can't be the first heaven, since God does not yet dwell with mankind. Could it be the second heaven, space?

Deuteronomy 10:12~14 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? **Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.**

Job 22:12~14 **Is not God in the height of heaven? And see the highest stars, how high they are!** And you say, What does God know? Can He judge through the deep darkness? Thick clouds cover Him, so that He cannot see, **And He walks above the circle of heaven.**

This suggests that the height of heaven where His temple is located is even higher than the stars, thus indicating yet another heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:1~2 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago; whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows; **such a one was caught up to the third heaven.**

Paul clearly describes a man caught in the spirit, in vision, revealing a place called the third heaven. While in this third heaven, this man heard unspeakable things, assumed from the throne of Yah and the voices of angels.

Summary of the Three Heavens:

- 1. The atmosphere in which we live: The first heaven is the heaven that has the air and clouds that form our atmosphere encompassing the earth.*
- 2. Space: The second heaven is the cosmos that contains the sun, moon, stars and galaxies.*
- 3. Yah's Throne: The third heaven is a place we know little about other than it is the place where Yah's throne is, with Yahshua, the Christ seated at His Father's right hand and also the place where the angels are seen dwelling.*

It is not talking but walking that will bring us to the Kingdom of heaven on earth

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