

Heaven and the Heavens

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Strong's Definitions

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ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

NT:2859 kolpos (kol'-pos); apparently a primary word; the bosom; by analogy, a bay: KJV-bosom, creek.

OT:2436 cheyq (khake); or cheq (khake); and chowq (khole); from an unused root, apparently meaning to inclose; the bosom (literally or figuratively): -bosom, bottom, lap, midst, within.

ETERNITY

OT:5769 `owlam (o-lawm'); or `olam (o-lawm'); from **OT:5956**; properly, concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; frequently, adverbial (especially with prepositional prefix) always: KJV-alway (-s), ancient (time), any more, continuance, eternal, (for, [n-]) ever (-lasting, -more, of old), lasting, long (time), (of) old (time), perpetual, at any time, (beginning of the) world (+without end). Compare OT:5331, **OT:5703**.

OT:5956 `alam (aw-lam'); a primitive root; to veil from sight, i.e. conceal (literally or figuratively): KJV-X any ways, blind, dissembler, hide (self), secret (thing).

OT:5703 `ad (ad); from **OT:5710**; properly, a (peremptory) terminus, i.e. (by implication) duration, in the sense of advance or perpetuity (substantially as a noun, either with or without a preposition): KJV-eternity, ever (-lasting, -more), old, perpetually, + world without end.

OT:5710 `adah (aw-daw'); a primitive root; to advance, i.e. pass on or continue; causatively, to remove; specifically, to bedeck (i.e. bring an ornament upon): KJV-adorn, deck (self), pass by, take away.

NT:165 aion (ah-ee-ohn'); from the same as **NT:104**; properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future): KJV-age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (beginning of the while the) world (began, without end). Compare NT:5550.

NT:104 aei (ah-eye'); from an obsolete primary noun (apparently meaning continued duration); "ever," by qualification regularly; by implication, earnestly; KJV-always, ever.

HEAVEN

OT:8064 shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim); dual of an unused singular shameh (shaw-meh'); from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): KJV-air, X astrologer, heaven (-s).

PARADISE

NT:3857 paradeisos (par-ad'-i-sos); of Oriental origin [compare **OT:6508**]; a park, i.e. (specifically) an Eden (place of future happiness, "paradise"): KJV-paradise.

OT:6508 pardec (par-dace'); of foreign origin; a park: KJV-forest, orchard.



Earth's Heaven: As a Type of God's Heaven

(SELECTED REFERENCES)

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And **God called the expanse Heaven**. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. Genesis 1:6-8 ESV

And he brought him outside and said, "**Look toward heaven**, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15:5-6 ESV

Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, away from the fatness of the earth shall your dwelling be, and away from **the dew of heaven on high**." Genesis 27:39 ESV

Then the Lord said to Moses, "**Stretch out your hand toward heaven**, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt." Then Moses stretched out his staff **toward heaven**, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. Exodus 9:22-23 ESV

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, **I am about to rain bread from heaven for you**, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. Exodus 16:4 ESV

You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you had sworn to give them. Nehemiah 9:15 ESV

"Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them **bread from heaven to eat**.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you **the bread from heaven**, but my Father gives you **the true bread from heaven**. For the bread of God is he **who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world**." John 6:31-33 ESV

God's Heaven: The Third Heaven

(SELECTED REFERENCES)

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by **God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth**; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" Genesis 14:18-20 ESV

Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But **the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven** and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." Genesis 22:10-11 ESV



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Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold, there was **a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven.** And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! Genesis 28:10-12 ESV

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and **this is the gate of heaven.**" Genesis 28:16-17 ESV

And the Lord said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that **I have talked with you from heaven.**'" Exodus 20:22 ESV

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 2 Corinthians 12:1-2 ESV

Abraham's Bosom, Eternity and Paradise

(ALL REFERENCES)

For **surely there is a hereafter**, And your hope will not be cut off. Proverbs 23:18 NKJV

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, **he has put eternity into man's heart**, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 ESV

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, **who inhabits eternity**, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15 ESV

It happened that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels to **Abraham's bosom**. The rich man also died, and was buried. In Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and **saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom**. He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue! For I am in anguish in this flame.' "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in like manner, bad things. But now here he is comforted and you are in anguish. Besides all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed**, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' Luke 16:22-26 WEB

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, **today you will be with me in Paradise.**" Luke 23:42-43 ESV



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All his works are known to God **from eternity.**' Acts 15:18 WEB

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was **caught up to the third heaven**—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was **caught up into paradise**—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 ESV

Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, **which is in the paradise of God.**' Revelation 2:6-7 ESV



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