# THE DIFFERENT HEAVENS

## **INTRODUCTION**

We shall be dealing with a topic that not much attention is paid to the distinctions concerning them in the Bible or even much study done about them amongst Believers in Christ. And as usual that gives room to a lot of misconceptions and assumptions that give rise to spiritual errors in understanding concerning them. By this men are kept blinded.

Fortunately, our Master Jesus the Christ came to witness concerning the truth, being himself the truth of God from above revealed to mankind. For it is by the knowledge and understanding of the truth revealed by the Spirit of Christ that we are set free from the lies of the Devil in this world. So in every area of life, whether it seems important to some or not, we seek to know and walk in the truth that the Master have taught. These are brought to our understanding through the revelation of the Spirit of truth that he has given to dwell in us, who teacheth us all things in truth not some things as some are made to believe. Jn 18:37; Jn 8:32; Jn 14:16-17,26; 2 Pet 1:3

The realm of heaven(s) is a topic that is not vastly broached or written about in our regular religious literatures. Probably due to the assumption that it is simple or straight forward to understand and this has resulted in the over generalization of the subject and lack of depth in treating it whenever it is discussed. This has also resulted in gross ignorance and misconceptions concerning these realms as it were. They are treated with assumptions rather than true spiritual understanding and differentiation that they require when encounter while reading the Bible.

In this literature, we shall be discussing things pertaining unto "THE DIFFERENT HEAVENS", identifying the existence of separate distinct heavens as it were. Many are made to believe that the beginning of that which has to do with the "heaven(s)" began with the Gen 1:1 rendition of the creation of "the heaven and the earth". But is that true? The very first question that arises from such assumption is "where was God situated when He was creating this heaven and earth? Was He in a place also called heaven at that time? Was this when the holy angels were created also? And is this the heaven where they dwell in too? Are there other heavens apart from Gen 1:1 own heaven?"

These and many more questions we desire to answer concerning heavenly places cum realms and the reality of their existence. So our ignorance of them now as true Believers is not acceptable and is foolishness to say the least. We look forward to ascending into a heaven

wherein our mansions, rewards and inheritance lieth, yet the knowledge of which heaven it is, is still shrouded in mystery as it were. **Lk 6:23; I Pet 1:3-4** 

## THE EARTH-HEAVEN OF GEN 1:1

In this literature, we shall be referring to the heaven(s) created in Gen 1:1 as "the earth-heaven" for ease of reference and distinction from the other heaven(s) we shall be identifying herein. This is due to the fact that this particular heaven is inseparably tied, linked or associated to the earth from which it was divided from during the forming and making process of creation. It is worthy to note that this earth-heaven have several realms identified as "heavens" found in it as it were. The Earth-heaven is not just a singular heaven sphere, but have multiple heavenly realms in one.

Gen 1:1-10 (Vr.1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Vr.2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Vr.6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Vr.7 And 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. Vr.8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. Vr.9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. Vr.10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

**Gen 2: 1** Thus <u>the heavens</u> and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **Vr.4** These are the generations of <u>the heavens</u> and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and <u>the heavens</u>,

**Isa 45: 12** I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, <u>have stretched</u> out the heavens, [above it] and all their host have I commanded.

Jer 51: 15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. Vr.16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

**Hebr 1: 10** And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

**Gen 1: 14** And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Vr.15** And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. **Vr.16** And 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. **Vr.17** And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, **Vr.18** 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.

We would want to reiterate the foundational understanding and truth that, God is a Spirit and all things that He created from the beginning were first spiritual that is celestial in nature from their very creation.

It was by the fall of Man that the terrestrial forms of most of the celestial things that were "created" came into being or were "made" as ordained by God. The terrestrial was made mortal, temporal, seen and subject to corruption. And Man was then made terrestrial (a little lower than the angels subject to death), to inhabit the terrestrial, physical and natural part of the earth, and be able to behold an equivalent heaven portion of it above, that was also physical and natural. But the spiritual portion of the heaven and earth is yet invisible and unseen to the terrestrial man as it were. It is the Lord Jesus Christ that made them both, the invisible and visible heaven and earth. **Acts 1:9-11; Hebr 1:10; Dan 4:20** 

**Colo 1: 15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **Vr.16** For by him were all things created, <u>that are in heaven</u>, <u>and that are in earth</u>, <u>visible and invisible</u>, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Rom 1: 20** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;

**Hebr 11: 3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God [which is Christ], so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Gen 3: 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Vr.19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Vr.22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Vr.23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. Vr.24 So he drove

out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

There is the existence of both a natural and a spiritual dimension or realm to the heaven and earth of Gen 1:1. As the natural realm is inhabited by the fallen man so also is the spiritual realm of it inhabited by the fallen angels and rebellious beings. At the end of all things both realms that make up this first heaven and earth shall perish and pass away. And there shall be the creation of a new heaven and earth which is spiritual, immortal, of righteousness, incorruptible, and being everlasting with no terrestrial portion attributable to it any longer. Mtt 5:18; 2 Pet 3:10

Mtt 24: 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

**Rev 21: 1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

**Rev 20: 11** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

**2 Pet 3: 13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Unfortunately, many know and are overtly focused on the portion they can see and its operation, but are blind and ignorant to the portions they cannot see with their physical eyes; the portion wherein devils behind idols, gods of the land and rulers of darkness of this world dwell and operate from. This is the bane of the carnally minded natural man as it were. The physical realm is a reflection or shadow of the spiritual realm of which the spiritually minded are aware of even where the heaven and earth is concerned. 2 Cor 10:3-7; I Cor 2:12-15; Rom 8:1-9; I Cor 10:19-21

**Eph 6:10-18 (Vr.11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**Vr.12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [of this terrestrial earth], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places [that are in the spiritual realms of the earth-heaven].

I Cor 8:4-7 (Vr.4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. Vr.5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

**Rev 12: 1** And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: **Vr.2** And she being with

child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. **Vr.3** And there appeared <u>another wonder in heaven [which heaven?]</u>; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. **Vr.4** And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

**Jer 7: 18** The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to <u>the queen of heaven</u> [which heaven?], and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

#### THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER HEAVENS

Generally speaking the term "heaven" is used to refer to the invisible habitation of God, angels, spirits and other heavenly creatures. There are no human beings in heaven because that is not their realm of habitation, but rather that of spiritual beings and spirits as it were. Flesh and blood cannot enter into the kingdom of God which is of heaven. I Cor 15:50

**Ps 115: 15** Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. **Vr.16** The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD': but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Also, the earth-heaven as "heaven" is sometimes used to refer to the air, beyond the clouds, the sky where you have such hosts like the sun, moon, stars, planets, etc which is the physical portion and we figuratively say they are "under the sun". This can also be referred to as the "atmospheric heaven" which constitutes the visible portion of the earth-heaven. **Deu 4:19; Isa 13:10** 

But there are heavens above the sun (figuratively speaking) and different from the earth-heaven which are spiritual in nature and invisible as it were. In this heaven(s) there is no sun, moon and stars there as is found in visible earth-heaven. Rather it is God that is the light there, His Son the sun of righteousness and His holy angels are the stars that light up that heaven as it were. Eccl 3:16; Job 38:7; Joel 2:10; Dan 4:20; Ps 147:8

**Rev 21: 22** And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **Vr.23** And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Mal 4:1-3 (Vr.2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

**Rev 1: 20** The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

We shall attempt to bring to the fore or identify these other different heavens specifically.

There are heavenly realms above the Gen 1:1 earth-heaven, where the holy angels of God dwell and further up (spiritually speaking) where the throne of the Lord our God is situated, the King of heaven. The holy angels of God ascend and descend between these heavens to minister to men beneath and to minister to God above as it were. **Hebr 1:14; Jn 1:51; Dan 4:37** 

**Ps 148: 13** Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; <u>his glory is</u> above the earth and heaven.

**Isa 14: 12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground [of the earth-heaven realm], which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven [throne of God heaven], I will exalt my throne above the stars of God [in the angelic heaven]: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **Vr.14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

God from His throne in the heavenly on high created the heavens of the holy angels, and the earth-heaven of Gen 1:1.

**Ps 33: 6** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Neh 9: 6** Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

At this juncture, we can loosely and uniquely identify three (3) heavens thus far – the throne of God heaven, the holy angelic heaven and the earth-heaven. Paul the apostle in his revelation also alluded to a 3-tier classification of the heavens in his out of body experience as it were.

**2 Cor 12:1-4 (Vr.1** It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. **Vr.2** I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) <u>such an one caught</u> up to the third heaven.

Angels dwell in the region called heaven(s), whether the holy or the fallen ones and the throne of God is in the heaven(s) above the heaven (s) of His holy angels (angelic heaven) as it were. It

is from His own heaven which had been in existence from eternity to eternity, that God sitting on His throne created the earth-heaven of Gen 1:1.

Rev 21: 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

**Ps 90: 1** Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. **Vr.2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Ps 103: 19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

We can refer to the throne of God heaven as the very first heaven, followed by the heaven of His holy angels as the second heaven and the earth-heaven as the third heaven, being the last of the heavens to be created as it were. Every reference to heaven(s) in the Bible majorly fall within the realms of any of these three broad differentiations of heavens as it were.

## THE THRONE OF GOD HEAVENS

The "throne of God" heaven is the heavenly place that is far above every other plane that is called heaven(s). It is separate from the heaven that houses angels, principalities, powers, dominion and other created beings as it were. It is the heavens on high where God's throne and that of His Son at His right hand is situated. This is God's own exclusive heaven wherein is also found His holy temple. The heaven of God has always been from eternity past, and shall be till eternity to come. Therefore we can refer to it also as "the eternity heavens". **Rev 12:5; I Kings 8:27; Acts 2:32-34; Mtt 3:16-17; I Jn 5:7; Rev 21:2,10; Rev 11:19** 

**Isa 57: 15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place

**Eph 1: 20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **Vr.21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **Vr.22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Mtt 5: 34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Mtt 23: 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

**Acts 7: 55** But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, **Vr.56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

**Rev 11: 19** And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

**Ps 20: 6** Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; <u>he will hear him from his holy heaven</u> with the saving strength of his right hand.

**Ps 11: 4** The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD' throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

**Ps 57: 5** Be thou exalted, O God, <u>above the heavens</u>; let thy glory be above all the earth. **Vr.11** Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

I Pet 3:21-22 (Vr.22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels [in their heavens] and authorities and powers [in the earth-heaven also] being made subject unto him.

**Hebr 7: 26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

**Hebr 9: 24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

God from the most high or highest heaven above all heavens calleth the other heavens beneath which He ruleth over including the earth beneath. **Eph 4:10** 

**Ps 103:19-22 (Vr.19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. **Vr.20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

**Ps 50:3-6 (Vr.3** Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. **Vr.4** He shall <u>call to the heavens from above</u>, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. **Vr.5** Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. **Vr.6** And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

**Ps 113:4** The LORD is high above all nations, <u>and his glory above the heavens</u>. **Vr.5** Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, **Vr.6** Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

## THE ANGELIC HEAVENS

The angelic heaven is where the holy angels of God dwell and from where they ascend into God's heaven (the eternity heaven) to ministration unto Him. From their heaven also they descend down to the earth-heaven and to the earth beneath to minister unto mankind. **Rev** 12:7-8,12; Mtt 28:2; Judg 13:3-21

Isa 14:13-14 (Vr.12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Vr.13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into [the throne of God] heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God [above the angelic heaven]: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: Vr.14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds [above the angelic heaven]; I will be like the most High [in the throne of God heaven]. Vr.15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit [in the earth-heaven realms—lower parts of the earth].

**Lk 2:8-15 (Vr.9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **Vr.13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **Vr.15** And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into [their own] heaven,

**Jn 1: 51** And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending [from their heaven] upon the Son of man.

**Gen 28: 12** And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. **Vr.13** And, behold, the LORD stood above it,

**Ps 89: 6** For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

I Kings 22: 19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

Mtt 24: 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mtt 22: 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in [their angelic] heaven.

Mtt 18: 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

The war that was fought between the holy angels of God and the fallen angels of God took place in the angelic heaven and not in the eternity heaven of God. Satan at his defeat lost his place in this heaven for all eternity and he was cast out and confined to the earth-heaven cum earth spiritual realms as it were. **Jn 8:34-35** 

**Rev 12: 7** And there was war in [the angelic] heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, **Vr.8** And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. **Vr.12** Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

**Lk 10: 18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from [the angelic] heaven. **Vr.21** In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

**Isa 14: 12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

The fallen angels left their former estate and habitation in their rebellion and were cast down. **Gen 6:1-4** 

**2 Pet 2: 4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

**Jude 1: 6** And the angels which kept not <u>their first estate</u>, but <u>left their own habitation</u>, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness [where? In the earth-heaven realm] unto the judgment of the great day.

**Rev 12:3** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. **Vr.4** And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:

## WHERE WAS GOD WHEN HE WAS CREATING THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH?

Gen 1:1 heaven is not the heaven where God's throne is and from where He sat and created this heaven and earth as it is even now. So where was God when He was doing the creation in Gen 1? God was in the eternity heaven, His own holy heaven on high as it were. **Ps 113:4-6** 

**Jn 17: 5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **Vr.24** Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

**Isa 57: 15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place,

I Tim 6:15-16 (Vr.16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

**Isa 26: 21** For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:

**Ps 33:13-14 (Vr.13** The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. **Vr.14** From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

**Question:** Where would God be when the Gen 1:1 heaven and earth shall be judged and be no more? It is in the same place where He has always been from eternity and from there He shall create the new heaven and the new earth to replace this old heaven and old earth.

**Rev 20:7-11 (Vr.9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. **Vr.10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **Vr.11** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

**Rev 21: 1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **Vr.2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of [*His eternity*] heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Vr.3** And I heard a great voice out of [*angelic*] heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

**Isa 65: 17** For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. **Vr.18** But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

**Isa 66: 1** Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? **Vr.2** For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: **Vr.22** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

**Prov 8:22-31 (Vr.23** I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **Vr.26** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **Vr.27** When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

**Ps 50:3-6 (Vr.4** He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

**Ps 113:4-6 (Vr.4** The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. **Vr.5** Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high [in His eternity heaven], **Vr.6** Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

**Ps 90: 1** Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. **Vr.2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Jer 25:26-32 (Vr.30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

### NO SOUL HAS ASCENDED INTO THE ETERNITY HEAVEN OF GOD

No man yet from the earth hath ascended into the eternity heaven nor seen God there at any time even as Jesus Christ our Master revealed to us in his time. But men on earth have been given somewhat visions and revelations of it as it were. I Jn 4:12; Acts 7:55-56; Gen 28:10-19; Rev 21:9-27

**Jn 3: 11** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. **Vr.12** If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? **Vr.13** And no man hath ascended up to heaven [to where the throne of God is], but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. **Vr.31** He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. **Vr.32** And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

**Prov 30:4** Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son' name, if thou canst tell?

God sent His Son from that heaven to the earth and therefore he should know better than any other concerning who has been there, who was there and who was not before his own ascension. Jn 8:42; Jn 1:18; Jn 16:28

Jn 6: 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Vr.38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. Vr.42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Vr.51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven:

Jn 8:20-25 (Vr.21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Vr.22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. Vr.23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

#### WHICH HEAVEN DID ENOCH AND ELIJAH ENTER INTO?

The question then arises as per which "heaven" was Enoch and Elijah translated into when God took them? Enoch and Elijah in their time of translation ascended not into the eternity heaven of the throne of God, but into the realms of the earth-heaven instead, the lower part of the earth to be precise.

**Hebr 11: 5** By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

**2 Kings 2:9-13 (Vr.1** And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, **Vr.11** And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. **Vr.12** And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more:

The spiritual realm that Enoch and Elijah found themselves in is the same realm that Abraham, Lazarus, Moses, Samuel, the fathers of old and every soul that departs this world ends up in to await the resurrection from the dead. It is the same place that Christ went to at his death on the cross. That is why both Elijah and Moses coming from this place of rest together could appear to Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. **Deu 34:4-8; I Sam 28:11-20; Hebr 9:27** 

Mtt 17:1-13 (Vr.2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. Vr.3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias

talking with him. Vr.4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. Vr.12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

**Jude 1:8-9 (Vr.9** Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses,

**Lk 16:19-31 (Vr.22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **Vr.23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **Vr.28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. **Vr.29** Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. **Vr.30** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. **Vr.31** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Acts 2:22-36 (Vr.23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Vr.24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Vr.27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Mtt 12:38-40 (Vr.40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

All men usually experience death physically as it is appointed unto men in the world once to die and after judgment, but God used the case of Enoch and Elijah as a similitude cum shadow of "the caught up" experience that the living elect of God shall partake of on the last day, the day of the resurrection from the dead, which the Church as a business organization (CAO) erroneously call the Rapture event. By this shadow occurrence, God made us to know that there is another manner through which a human being can be made a spiritual being, before facing judgment without experiencing bodily death first. The only difference is the manner of departure from the world, but all the saints all end up together at the same place thereafter as it were. **Lk 13:28** 

**Hebr 9: 27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **Vr.28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

I Cor 15:50-55 (Vr.50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Vr.51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, Vr.52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we [that are alive still] shall be changed. Vr.53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Vr.54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. Vr.55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

I Thess 4:13-18 (Vr.14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him [after they have experienced the resurrection to life]. Vr.15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. Vr.16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Vr.17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

## WHICH HEAVEN ARE THE O.T. SAINTS PRESENTLY?

Christ at his resurrection from the dead went into heaven with the Old Testament (O.T.) saints that had been awaiting his coming to the place of rest meant for the righteous souls in the lower part of the earth, "the paradise beneath" called Abraham's bosom, a temporal holding place in the regions of hell, the place of the dead. That had been their divine hope in their time, even as now those that sleep in Christ, look forward to same at the appearing of our Lord and Saviour from heaven on the last day. I Pet 3:18-22; Jn 8:56-58; Lk 16:22-25; 2 Tim 4:1,8; Jn 11:23-26; Jn 5:26-29; Tit 2:13; Rev 20:4-6; Job 19:25-27; Acts 2:25-26; Hebr 11:9-10,13-16; Rom 2:12-13

**Lk 23:39-46 (Vr.43** And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise [the paradise beneath].

Mtt 27:50-54 (Vr.50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. Vr.52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, Vr.53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

**Eph 4:8-11 (Vr.8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. **Vr.9** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth [to the paradise beneath]? **Vr.10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

**I Pet 4: 5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. **Vr.6** For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

**Rev 6:9-11 (Vr.9** And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: **Vr.10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood <u>on them that dwell on the earth?</u> **Vr.11** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season [*in the paradise above*], until their fellowservants also and their brethren [*on earth*], that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Christ at his ascension was elevated to the heavenly place at the throne prepared for him by his Father at His right hand in eternity heaven, but not so for the souls of the O.T saints that he took with him at his resurrection. These ones are to rest in the paradise above (a temporal soulish holding place) and patiently wait until "the fold" is complete – the coming together of the souls of O.T. and N.T. saints of all ages to be gathered by the holy angels at the trumpet sound on that day of Christ. I Cor 15:22-23; Hebr 4:14; Mtt 24:31; Ps 50:3-6

It is worthy to note that the spirits of all men at death return back to God the Father in heaven, but not so their souls which shall await to give account of their deeds done on earth at the judgment. Isa 42:5; Eccl 3:17-21; Lk 23:46; Jn 20:16-17; Acts 2:26-27; Acts 7:59; Rom 2:5-16; I Pet 1:17

**Eccl 12: 7** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Where is this paradise above? In which of the heavens? Since it is a temporal holding place of rest for captivity souls from beneath that were taken captive to this above realm, then it most likely must be in a heaven that shall eventually pass away. Mk 13:27,31; Rev 6:9-11; Mtt 11:27-30; Rev 1:17-18

Eph 4:8-10 (Vr.8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive,

**Jn 10: 1** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **Vr.14** I am the good shepherd,

and know my sheep, and am known of mine. **Vr.16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

I Pet 3:18-22 (Vr.21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: Vr.22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Mtt 8: 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Vr.11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.

**Eph 1:17-22 (Vr.20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **Vr.21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

For the O.T. saints were taken into the spiritual realm of earth-heaven to "the paradise above", where they shall rest and await the New Testament saints that are to come from the earth at the first Resurrection time. The former shall not prevent the latter or precede them in seeing God the Father and being elevated to the eternity heaven; where Christ shall show us all who our heavenly Father is on that day — "the first shall be the last and the last shall be the first" as it were. No soul has yet entered the eternity heaven, for that shall be the ultimate reward for us all together, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev 22:3-4; Mtt 20:1-16; Rev 11:17-18; Rev 21:22-27; Rev 14:1-5,12-13; Rev 7:1-17; Lk 18:7-8; Jn 4:35-38; Hebr 11:7-16

Mk 13:24-31 (Vr.25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. Vr.26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Vr.27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect [both O.T. and N.T. saints] from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth [from the paradise beneath] to the uttermost part of heaven [from the paradise above]. Vr.30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Vr.31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

**2** Cor 12:1-4 (Vr.3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) Vr.4 How that he was caught up into paradise [above], and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Jn 16:22-27 (Vr.22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. Vr.25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father[in the eternity heaven].

I Tim 6:13-15 (Vr.14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Vr.15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Vr.16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

**Hebr 11:32-40 (Vr.39** And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: **Vr.40** God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

**Eph 2: 5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **Vr.6** And hath raised us up together, and <u>made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus</u>: **Vr.7** <u>That in the ages to come</u> he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Christ promised his apostles thrones in his own throne in eternity heaven when they are to join him on that day, the ages to come. The resurrected O.T. saints in the earth-heaven have not yet been given crowns, thrones and kingdoms to rule over nor have they been given the tree of life to eat from. It shall be until that day when we all shall be united with them to inherit the kingdom of heaven together and to reign as kings and priest of God with Christ over the earth in the ages to come as it were. Jam 1:12; I Pet 5:4; Rev 2:7; Rev 22:2,14; Rev 20:4-6; Rev 1:5-8

**Lk 22: 28** Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. **Vr.29** And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; **Vr.30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mtt 19:23-30 (Vr.28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Vr.29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Vr.30 But many that are first [the O.T. saints] shall be last; and the last [the N.T. saints] shall be first.

**Lk 13:24-30 (Vr.25** When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: **Vr.28** There shall be weeping

and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. **Vr.29** And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

**Hebr 12: 2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Vr.22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, **Vr.23** To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven [but not yet found in the eternity heaven], and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, **Vr.24** And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Lk 10:17-20 (Vr.20** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because <u>your names are written in heaven</u>.

**2 Tim 4:6-8 (Vr.8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Rev 3:10-13 (Vr.11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Vr.12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. Vr.21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

## **MOVEABLE AND IMMOVABLE HEAVENS**

The earth-heaven is of movable and shakable heaven(s) presently, but at the beginning of its creation it was not so. Then, just as the angelic and eternity heavens before it are immovable, everlasting and cannot fail, so was the heaven and earth until iniquity was accommodated in it. Therefore, it is in this realm that the powers of darkness, spiritual wicked in high places are found and shall be shaken as from the second coming of the Lord. Ps 93:1-2; Ps 82:5; Ps 104:5; Prov 3:19; Isa 45:18; Eph 6:12; 2 Sam 22:7-8; Isa 24:18

**Gen 1: 1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **Vr.31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

**Gen 2: 1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **Vr. 4** These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

**Lk 12: 33** Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

The heaven and earth of Gen 1:1 can be seen as a generation that was created at a point in time (a particular day) in order to accommodate the generation of Man that was to come through Adam. And because of iniquity, wickedness and unrighteousness by reason of the fallen beings, both spiritual and natural found therein, it was made corruptible, shakable and destined to pass away and give way to another generation in its time, the new heaven and earth that is incorruptible, of righteousness that cannot be moved. It is of a dispensation of God, of the present age as it were. **Colo 1:25-26** 

Mtt 5: 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mtt 24: 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Vr.35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The words of God and of His Christ are forever established in the heaven(s) that shall not pass away nor fail, and therefore the word of God standeth sure throughout all ages and generations.

The generation of Adam was a generation that came to be amongst the several other generations obtained in this heaven and earth realm. Existing before the coming of the generation of Man was the generation of the fallen Lucifer and his angelic beings in this heaven and earth, when the earth was laid waste, void and darkness came upon it. **Ps 119:90; Jer 4:22-29** 

**Gen 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

**Isa 14:4-24 (Vr.12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. **Vr.16** They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; **Vr.17** That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

**2 Pet 3: 4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. **Vr.5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Vr.6** Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished [**Gen 1:2**]: **Vr.7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now [**the generation of Adam**], by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**Vr.8** But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years [a generation or an age is] as one day.

The divine 6-day restoration of the heaven and earth was carried out by God in order to accommodate the generation of Adam that was to come, which was to subdue the fallen generation before it already on the earth and to replenish the earth thereafter. **Ezek 28:15-19**; **Gen 1:26-30** 

**Gen 1:1-31 (Vr.2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Vr.3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. **Vr.4** And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. **Vr.26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Vr.28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**Gen 5: 1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. <u>In the day</u> that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **Vr.3** And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

**Gen 6: 9** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

This heaven and earth shall wax old and pass away at the end, to make way for another generation of a new heaven and earth to be created and come into existence too. And we as new creatures in Christ shall dwell therein. **Rev 21:3-7; 2 Cor 5:17** 

**Rev 21:1-7 (Vr. 1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

**Isa 65: 17** For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

**Isa 51: 6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

The generations of the heavens and the earth of Gen 1:1 shall fail, but not the heavens where God and His holy angels inhabit. In the former, murderers and thieves have broken in and are stealing, and therefore are destined to pass away, but not the latter. **Jn 8:41,44** 

**In 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Mtt 6:19-21 (Vr.19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: Vr.20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

**2 Pet 3:7** But [the generations of] the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **Vr.10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **Vr.12** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

**Hebr 12: 25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from [the immovable] heaven: **Vr.26** Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also [the movable] heaven. **Vr.27** And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. **Vr.28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom [of heaven] which cannot be moved,

Mk 13:24-27 (Vr.25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken [the powers of darkness]. Vr.27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven [the quick and the dead saints-Acts 10:42-43; 2 Tim 4:1; I Pet 4:5-6]

It is the powers that are in the movable earth-heaven that shall be shaken, subdued and subjected to the powers from the immovable heaven to be exercised by the Son of God at his second coming. The powers of the enemy in this earth-heaven realm are made subject to the

powers of the eternity heaven exercised by the Lord and those that are his. Acts 26:17-19; Colo 1:12-13; Colo 2:14-15; Eph 6:10-13; Mtt 24:29; Lk 21:26; I Pet 3:21-22

**Lk 10:17-20 (Vr.18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. **Vr.19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

### CHRIST WAS GIVEN CHARGE OF THE HEAVEN AND EARTH REALMS

The Son was there with the Father in the eternity heaven during the creation of the heaven and earth at its beginning. The heaven and earth was the generation and dispensation that the Father created and made through the Son and for the Son more especially, which was different from the heaven of His holy angels and other heavenly hosts. **Eph 3:9** 

So the Gen 1:1 cum Jn 1:1-3 beginning is not the beginning of the holy angels, for they were not created by or through the Son as Adam and the other creatures were during the 6-day creation episode. The holy angels, their heavens and hosts were created solely by God the Father with nobody else way before Gen 1:1 heaven and earth that the Son was involved with. God the Father is the Creator and Maker of all and has always been before all from eternity, the Creator that was not created. Isa 43:10; Ps 93:2; Rev 3:14

**Prov 8: 22** The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works [of the heaven and earth] of old. **Vr.23** I was set up [by the Father] from everlasting, from the beginning [before Gen 1:1], or ever the earth was. **Vr.24** When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. **Vr.25** Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: **Vr.26** While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. **Vr.27** When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: **Vr.28** When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: **Vr.29** When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: **Vr.30** Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; **Vr.31** Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

**Jn 1: 1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **Vr.2** The same was in the beginning with God. **Vr.3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **Vr.10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **Vr.11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

**Hebr 1:1-14 (Vr.2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Vr.3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Vr.4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**Colo 1: 15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **Vr.16** For by him were <u>all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth</u>, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **Vr.17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Unfortunately, this heaven and earth became corrupted and was to pass away, but not before the Father commissioned the Son to salvage mankind from the world therein, those whom He had ordained to be redeemed from this fallen realm even His elects, the saints of God. Jn 1:29; Jn 3:14-18; Rev 13:8; 2 Cor 5:18-19; 2 Tim 1:9; I Jn 5:19; 2 Pet 1:4

Mtt 1:20-21 (Vr.21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**Hebr 1: 10** And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: **Vr.11** They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; **Vr.12** And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. **Vr.13** But to which of the angels said he at any times, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? **Vr.14** Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

For this redemption cause, God the LORD of heaven and earth sent His only begotten Son into the heaven and earth realms to be the Saviour of the world. At his resurrection from the dead and glorification, Christ was given power over this heaven and earth by the LORD, for the fulfillment of His divine will and purpose in righteousness for this realm. For this adulterous generation and age of heaven and earth, wherein are found rebellious and fallen beings (enemies of God) needed to be subdued. The mandate that the first man, Adam failed to even commence to do but rather fell into death, God sent the last Adam to bring life and accomplish.

Mtt 11:25-27; Gen 1:26-28; Rom 14:11; Mtt 22:44; Jn 6:33; Jn 16:33

I Cor 15:20-28 (Vr.20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. Vr.22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Vr.23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Vr.24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. Vr.25 For he must reign, till

he hath put all enemies under his feet. **Vr.26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **Vr.27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. **Vr.28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

I Jn 4: 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Acts 5: 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Vr.31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Jn 17:1-6 (Vr.2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. Vr.4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. Vr.5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Mtt 28: 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**Hebr 10:12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; **Vr.13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

For the accomplishment of this divine purpose of dealing with all enemies of God, both fallen angels and men, God made Christ to be head of all principalities, powers, dominion, etc in heaven and on earth, and even commanded the hosts in the angelic heaven to worship him. **Hebr 1:2-6; Eph 1:19-22; Colo 2:10,14-15; Rev 5:5-14** 

**Eph 3:9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **Vr.10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **Vr.11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

**Rev 11: 15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. **Vr.16** And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, **Vr.17** Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

#### THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB COMETH DOWN OUT OF ETERNITY HEAVEN

The CAO erroneously teach in every place that the bride of Jesus Christ in heaven is the Church on earth that shall meet him in the air, but this is contrary to the Bible as it were. How? Because the bride of the Lamb as prepared by God the Father shall come down from the eternity heaven of God on that day and not come up from the earth.

**Rev 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Vr.9** And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. **Vr.10** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

**Rev 3: 12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

**Gal 4: 25** For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. **Vr.26** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

The bride of Christ is the New Jerusalem city that cometh down from God out of His heaven, and not the Church. Rather members of the Church make up the buildings of God that shall decorate and be found in the bride of the Lamb, the holy city. **Hebr 11:9-11,13-16; Hebr 3:1-6; 2 Cor 5:1-2** 

## **CONCLUSION**

The Gen 1:1 heaven and earth came into existence way after the everlasting heavens of God and His holy angels that had been in existence for forever before then. Gen 1:1 earth-heaven is not the heaven where God and his holy angels dwell, but rather it was a heaven that came with the earth as one entity at creation. The same way as the Gen 1:1 heavens and earth was created and formed, so also the Rev 21:1 new heavens and new earth shall be created and formed by God at the end on that day when He shall make all things new again.

Men as human beings are found on earth under the earth-heaven of Gen 1:1, while the holy angels of God are found above the earth- heaven in the spiritual realms of the angelic heavens. The Lord of heaven and earth that created and made all the heavens dwelleth in the eternity

heavens that had always been from everlasting to everlasting. The eternity heaven is the place that is higher than the heavens, where the higher than the highest dwells. **Lk 17:24; Acts 2:5; Acts 4:12; Colo 1:23; Hebr 7:26; Eccl 5:8** 

Human beings (astronauts) have travelled into the atmospheric heaven portion of the earth-heaven, which is into space above the clouds, to the moon, but never to the stars and sun or above the sun. All man's operations have been under the sun and their thinking cum reasoning is of such under heaven. It is those that have the Spirit of God that are given understanding of spiritual things above the sun, which are unseen and are as foolishness to the natural man. I Cor 2:7-10,12-14; Rom 8:4-16

The Gen 1:1 heaven and earth have both natural and spiritual realms that comprise them. The terrestrial world is of the habitable region of the natural earth wherein dwelleth human beings with all other form of creation —fowls of the air, beasts of the field, creeping things, fishes, trees, etc. The spiritual realms of the heaven and earth are where fallen angels, principalities, powers, demons, Satan and co are to be found having been cast down to the earth. And from thence they operate and influence/manipulate the kings of the earth and the children of the world in the physical realm, the spirit at work in the children of disobedience in the world today. 2 Cor 4:4; Jn 14:30; Dan 10:13; Rev 17:18; Job 1:6-8; Lk 10:18; Eph 6:12; I Pet 5:8

**Eph 2: 2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

**Jn 14: 30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

As a true disciple of Christ ye ought to know which heaven that our Master Jesus Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for you, and whereof ye shall be seated with him in the age to come far above principalities and powers. Ye ought to know which heaven these principalities and powers that we wrestle with inhabit and the heavens from where the holy angels that serve as your ministering spirit operate from. Lack of understanding concerning these different heavens makes for your walking in error while reading and studying the Bible as a whole and especially where "heavens" are concerned.

We pray that by the knowledge contained in this literature, that some spiritual insights cum understandings shall be impacted unto you by the Spirit of truth concerning the different heaven(s) and the operations therein. That your faith and hope of a heavenly inheritance in Christ may not rest on the wisdom of men set on earth, but on the wisdom of God set on the eternity heaven. We are to inherit the kingdom of heaven as it were. Jam 2:5; Mtt 5:3

**Eph 3:9-11 (Vr.9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **Vr.10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **Vr.11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

**Colo 3: 1-4 (Vr.1** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Vr.2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **Vr.4** When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

May the good Lord bless and keep you without blemish until that day of Christ, in Jesus name. Amen.

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