



Heaven

A Topical Bible Study

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People, Places & Things

Places - Heaven

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Heaven - 1. By The Numbers

1. **Heaven** is found 595 times in 552 verses. *Poss. case once heaven's - Matt. 19:12*
2. How Many Bible Books Mention Heaven? 52 of 66
3. Which Bible Books don't mention Heaven?
4. Numbers, Ruth, Esther, Song of Solomon, Joel, Micah, Habakkuk = 7 OT
5. 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude = 7 NT
6. Which Book has the Most Mention of Heaven? Matthew = 69x (OT = Deut. 34x)
7. Which verse has the Most Frequent Mention of Heaven? OT = Deut. 4:19, Neh. 9:6 NT = Matt. 16:19, Jn. 3:13, Ac. 1:11
8. The Book of Revelation has the highest Ratio per Word = (56/11995) .46



Heaven – 2. First & Last Mention

- First Mention:

- **Gen. 1:1** In the beginning God created the **heaven** and the earth.

- Last Mention:

- **Rev. 21:10** 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,

Heaven – 3. Definitions

► **Hebrew - Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 8064. שָׁמַיִם 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):—air, X astrologer, heaven(-s).

► **Greek - Strong's Greek Dictionary 3772. οὐρανός ouranos**

οὐρανός ouranos oo-ran-os' perhaps from the same as 3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specially, the Gospel (Christianity):—air, heaven(-ly), sky.

► **English - heaven** /0'hɛv(ə)n/ noun. OE. [ORIGIN Old English heofon, earlier hefen, heben, corresp. to Old Saxon hean, Old Norse himinn (inflected stem hifn-), Gothic himins; parallel formations with l- suffix are Old Frisian himul, Old Saxon, Old High German himil (Dutch hemel, German Himmel); ult. origin unkn.]

1 The expanse in which the sun, moon, and stars are seen, having the appearance of a vast vault arched over the earth (now usu. in pl. exc. poet.); fig. an immense height, distance, extent, etc. OE. ▶ b transf. & fig. A canopy; the covering over a stage. L15.

Heaven – 4. Familiar Phrases

- ▶ **Kingdom Of Heaven** – 33x in 32 verses – Matthew only
 Matt. 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.
- ▶ **Windows of Heaven** = 3 times - Gen. 7:11, 8:2, Mal. 3:10
- ▶ **Doors of Heaven** = 1x Ps.78:23, *(one of which is opened in Rev.4:1)*
- ▶ **God In Heaven** = 5 x FM: Deut.4:39
- ▶ **Out of Heaven** = 13 x – FM: Gen.19:24
- ▶ **God Of Heaven** = 23x – FM: Gen. 24:3
- ▶ **Heaven knows** – Jer. 8:7
- ▶ **Heaven's Sake** – Matt. 19:12
- ▶ Exclamatory Phrases not found – “Good God in Heaven”, “Heavens to Betsy” or “Heavens to Mergatroyd”
- ▶ Others?



Heaven – 5. Where is Heaven?

- ▶ It is where God Dwells – 1 Ki. 8:30,39
- ▶ It is where God is – Deut. 4:39
- ▶ It is where His Word is settled – Ps. 119:89
- ▶ It is above – Ex. 20:4



Heaven – 6.a How Many Heavens are there?

1. The First Heaven – Gen. 1:1- 8
2. The Second Heaven – Plural Ps. 8:3, Moon & Stars , Gen.1:8, Is.40:12-26
3. The Third Heaven - 2 Cor.12:2, Gen.1:6 Waters above



Heaven – 6.b Other Names for Heaven

1. Paradise – Different location at different times 3x FM: Lk. 23:43, 2 Cor. 12:4, Rev.2:7
2. Another name for Paradise – Abraham's Bosom – LK.16:23
3. Glory – Phil. 4:19, Col.3:4, 1 Tim. 3:16 *Only Paul uses this term.*




Heaven – 7a Who has been there?

- ▶ The Lord Jesus Christ – Jn.3:13, *He is the firstfruits*, 1 Cor.15:20-23, Eph.1:20
- ▶ Paul – 2 Cor.12:4
- ▶ John – Rev.4:1-2

Heaven – 7b – Who is there already?

- ▶ Our Saved Loved Ones – 1 Th.4:14
- ▶ Those that are saved today – Eph.2:6, (cf Eph.1:3,20, 3:10), Col.1:12-13
- ▶ This speaks to our Standing – not our State = Put off the old man Col.3:8,9
 - ▶ Our Conversation -Standing = Phil 3:20
 - ▶ Our Conversation - State = Phil. 1:27

STANDING	STATE
Made to Sit Together – Eph. 2:6	Seek those Things Which Are Above – Col.3:1
Conversation – Phil. 3:20	Conversation – Phil.1:27



Heaven – 7c – Will there be recognition in Heaven?

- ▶ The Rich Man Recognized Lazarus – Lk. 16:23
- ▶ The disciples recognized the Resurrected Christ – Jn.20:27-28
- ▶ We Shall know him – Phil.3:21, 1 Jn. 3:2



Heaven – 7d – Do Our Loved Ones In Heaven Remember Us?

- ▶ Abraham called upon the Rich Man to **remember** Lazarus – Lk.16:25
- ▶ Paul comforted by seeing Believers in Heaven – 1 Th.2:19



Heaven – 7e. Will we become Angels?

- ▶ No – We will be **as the** Angels in the resurrection – Matt. 22:30
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