



# Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson  
Series 2023

## Lesson 30: "All About Heaven"



Most people would prefer going to heaven as opposed to hell in the afterlife, but have you ever asked your self the question: "what will heaven be like?" Will the righteous saints just sit around on clouds and play their harps all their days or is there more to heaven than that? If people really understood what heaven will be like, more people would probably prepare to be there. This is another reason why we need to study our Bibles diligently. Complete this lesson with the KJV Bible and learn all about heaven!

1) Where does the Bible say that God dwells? -Isaiah 66:1.

1 - God says that "The h\_\_ven is my thr\_\_e."

2) What did Paul say of a certain man? -2 Corinthians 12:2.

1 - He was "ca\_\_ght up to the th\_\_d he\_\_n."

\*Note: The word "heaven" just means air or sky. When used in the Bible, it could be referring to three different heavens. The first heaven is our earth's atmosphere. The second heaven is the whole universe of outer space. The third heaven is the place in outer space where God's throne and the holy city dwell. Many believe this location is within the constellation of Orion spoken of in the Bible in Job 38:31.



3) What did Jesus say He is preparing for His people in heaven? -John 14:1-3.

1 - Jesus went to "pr\_\_pre a pl\_\_e" for His people. This place will have "ma\_\_y m\_\_nsions" for His people.

\*Note: Jesus promised that after He died, resurrected and left the earth, He would ascend to heaven and began preparing mansions for His people within the heavenly city.

**4) What is the name of the heavenly city where the mansions dwell? -Revelation 21:2.**

1 - "John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem."

**\*Note:** The word Jerusalem means "city of peace." God's people are no longer to seek to dwell in the earthly Jerusalem, but instead, we must seek to dwell in the heavenly New Jerusalem. "For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." -Hebrews 13:14.

**5) How is the Holy City New Jerusalem described? -Revelation 21:10-21.**

1 - The city had "a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel."

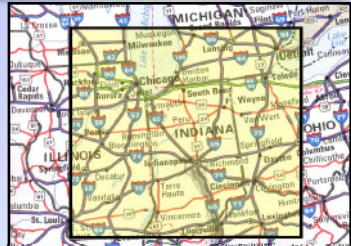
2 - The walls of the city are a hundred and forty and four cubits." [1 cubit = 18 inches. 144 cubits = 216 feet tall.]

3 - The wall of the city had twelve foundations."

4 - The length of the perimeter of the city is "twelve thousand furlongs." [1,500 miles or 375 miles on each side]

5 - "The building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass."

6 - "The street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."



The New Jerusalem is a perfect square and is the size of several states, approximately 375 miles on each side.

**6) What will be in the midst of the Holy City? -Revelation 22:2.**

1 - "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."



**\*Note:** According to Genesis 3:22-24, Adam and Eve were forced to leave the Garden of Eden to prevent them from eating the Tree of Life and living forever. This tells us that the Tree of Life is for the purpose of sustaining our immortality. After Jesus comes, we will be allowed to, once again, freely eat of it.

7) Where will the glorious city, New Jerusalem, be brought to? -Revelation 21:2.

1 - "John saw the holy city, n\_\_w Jerusalem, c\_\_ing d\_\_n from God out of h\_\_ven."



The Holy City will descend from heaven and will be brought to this earth.

\*Note: The New Jerusalem, which currently dwells in heaven, will be brought to the earth after the thousand year period spoken of in Revelation 20. (See lesson 13 for more info.) God's throne will also dwell in the holy city. This reveals to us that God will eventually make the earth the center and most important place in the whole universe!

8) What will happen to the earth after Jesus comes and the wicked are judged? -2 Peter 3:10, Revelation 20:12-15.

1 - After Jesus comes, "the heavens shall p\_\_s aw\_\_y with a great noise, and the elements shall m\_\_t with fervent h\_\_t, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be b\_\_ned \_\_p."

2 - After the wicked are judged, "whosoever was not found written in the b\_\_k of l\_\_fe was cast into the l\_\_ke of f\_\_re."

9) What did John the Revelator see happen to the earth after it's destruction? What will be the difference between the old and new according to this verse? -Revelation 21:1

1 - John "saw a n\_\_w h\_\_ven and a n\_\_w e\_\_th: for the first heaven and the first earth were p\_\_ed away;"

2 - "There was n\_\_ more s\_\_a."



\*Note: After cleansing the earth with fire, God will recreate the earth to it's former beauty and perfection before the fall of man. The earth, which is covered by  $\frac{3}{4}$  water now, will have "no more seas", nor dry barren deserts. The Bible says, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly." -Isaiah 35:1-2

10) Will there be any sickness, sadness or death on the new earth? Will animals kill and eat one another? -Revelation 21:4, Isaiah 11:6-9.

1 - "There shall be no more d\_\_th, neither s\_\_row, nor crying, neither shall there be any more p\_\_n: for the former things are p\_\_sed away."

2 - "The w\_\_f also shall dwell with the l\_\_b, and the l\_\_pard shall lie down with the k\_\_; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling to-gether."

3 - "They shall not h\_\_t nor d\_\_troy in all my holy mountain."

11) What physical change will take place to our bodies? What will God put upon our bodies that will give us the ability to fly? -1 Corinthians 15:51-53, Philippians 3:21, Isaiah 40:31.

1 - "The dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

2 - God will "change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body."

3 - The righteous saints "shall mount up with wings as eagles."

**\*Note:** These corruptible sickly bodies will be transformed at the second coming of Jesus Christ. These bodies will no longer have differences in gender, nor sexual reproductive organs, as the Bible says that we will be as the angels, who neither marry, nor are given in marriage. (Luke 20:35.) These new bodies will have wings that will give us the ability to fly throughout the universe!



12) What are a few of the activities that will occupy our time in the new earth? -Isaiah 65:20, 21; 66:22, 23.

1 - God's saints "shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them." They "shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

2 - In the "new heavens and new earth", "from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD."

**\*Note:** Among all the wonderful things that we will be occupied doing in heaven, building our own houses outside the Holy City, planting vineyards and worshipping God on the Sabbath will be a few of the activities. There will NOT be a moment of boredom in heaven, nor will we ever grow tired or weary, but life will be full wonderful things to do that will keep us satisfied and happy. The Bible says, "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*" -1 Corinthians 2:9.

13) Who will enter into the gates of heaven and who will not enter? -Revelation 22:14, 15.

1 - "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."



Appeal) Do you want to be ready to live in the new heaven and new earth? \_\_\_\_.

**\*This is the final lesson for this series.**