

THE HEAVENS – A BRIEF

1. **Atmosphere** – the envelope of air around the Earth, heavens (שָׁמַיִם - Heb. shamayim) Gen. 1:8; Ex. 20:11; Dan. 7:13; Hosea 2:18; heaven, (οὐρανός – Gk.. ouranos); air (ἀέρος – Gk. aëros) 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Eph. 2:2.
2. **Universe** – outer space, the stars and galaxies, etc. (Gen. 1:14-18); “heavenly places” (οὐράνοις – Gk. ouranois) Eph. 6:12.
3. **God’s abode** – the heaven of heavens, the “third heaven” (2 Cor. 12:2-4, cf. Acts:14:19-22; Eph. 1:3; Rev.4:1 with Rev.1:11; Deut. 10:14; 1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chron. 2:6; Neh. 9:6; Psa. 148:4)
4. **New (Heavenly) Jerusalem** – heaven for believers (Rev. 21:1,2,9-23; cf. Isa. 65:18; cf. Heb. 11:9,10,16; 12:22,23; 13:14)
5. **New heavens and a new Earth** – recreation or restoration of the now existing heavens and Earth (2 Pet. 3:10-13; cf. Isa. 65:17; 66:22)