

## **THE HEAVENS - A BRIEF**

1. **Atmosphere** - the envelope of air around the Earth, “heavens” (שָׁמַיִם - Heb. shamayim) Gen. 1:1, 8; Ex. 20:11; Dan. 7:13; Hosea 2:18; “heaven” (οὐρανός - Gk. ouranos) and “air” (ἀέρος - Gk. aeros) 1 Thess. 4:16-18; Eph. 2:2.
2. **Universe** - outer space, the stars and galaxies, etc. (Gen. 1:1, 14-18); “heavenly places” (οὐράνοις - Gk. ouranois) Matt. 5:16; Eph. 4:10; 6:12; Col. 1:5; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:12.
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; Isa. 14:13, 14; “the majesty on high” Heb. 1:3)
4. **New (Heavenly) Jerusalem** - heaven for believers (Rev. 21:1, 2, 9-23; 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)