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**What the Bible Says About
Planet Heaven,
Planet Earth,
and the Five Compartments
or Prisons
Beneath the Earth**

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Heaven is a real planet like our planet earth.

Gen. 1:1	In the beginning, or through the dateless past, God created first the heavens, then the earth.
2 Cor. 12:1-4	There are <u>3 heavens</u> which God created:
Ps. 77:17-18 A.	The clouds in the atmospheric heavens which hold water to bring rain upon the earth and thunder and lightning.
Gen. 15:5 B.	The starry space which includes our sun, which is 1.3 million times bigger than earth, our moon, the 400 billion stars (suns) which fill our own milky way galaxy, and the millions of other galaxies which are stretched out throughout our ever expanding universe.
Gen. 1:14-18	
Col. 1:16	
Ps. 11:4 C.	Planet heaven , the capital of the universe and God's throne from which he rules over all. It is located in the northern part of our universe (Ps. 75:6-7) and is higher than all other planets.
Luke 2:13-14	Lord, look down from your holy habitation, from planet heaven, and bless thy people.
Deut. 26:15	Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.
Isa. 66:1	
Rev. 3:12 & 21	Yes, God lives on planet heaven and has a temple and throne from which He rules. It is located in the city of <u>New Jerusalem</u> . Christ told <u>saints who overcome sin and Satan</u> , that he will grant them to sit with him in his throne even as he also overcame and is set down with his Father in his Father's throne, in his Father's house.
Jn. 14:2	
Rev. 4:6-11	Before God's throne is a sea of glass like crystal. <u>Round about it are four beasts full of eyes</u> . The first is like a lion, the second like a calf, the third had a face of man, and the fourth is like a flying eagle. <u>Each have 6 wings which are full of eyes</u> , and they cry day and night, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." And 24 elders fall down before God who sits on his throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever saying, Thou art worthy O Lord to receive honor and glory <u>for thou hast created all things</u> and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Jn. 14:2-3
1 Cor. 15:12-56

Our home will be in New Jerusalem, the capital city of God. Jesus said, In my Father's house are many mansions. I go there to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am you may be also. This takes place when Jesus comes in the air at the rapture and resurrection of both Old and New Testament saints, and presents us to his Father in heaven.

Rev. chaps. 21 & 22
Isa. 2:2

The city of New Jerusalem on planet heaven is the home of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the elect angels. It is called the “bride of Christ” in Rev. 21: 9-10, because it is also the city and home of all the Old and New Testament saints. Heavenly Jerusalem is a series of mountains, hills, plains, and valleys running 1,500 miles wide and high that lead up to the mountain of God where his temple sits. A foundation wall surrounds the city foursquare. It is 300 feet high and is constructed of beautiful and various gems or precious stones. Twelve gates, each made of a single pearl, make entrances through the wall into the city whose streets are of transparent gold. Highways decked with fruit-laden, evergreen trees lining waterways of crystal clear heavenly water, lead up from each gate throughout the city’s parks, villages, and mansions to God’s temple and throne. Angels stand guard continually at each of the 12 gates. See page 13 for a view of the city.

Heb. 12:22-23
Luke 10:20

Ye are come unto mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, the names of which are written or registered in heaven, and to God the Judge of all.

Heb. 11:8-16

Our father Abraham looked for an heavenly country and for an heavenly city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Planet heaven, a planet much larger than planet earth (think of one city 1,500 miles wide and high!) is that better country, and the city is New Jerusalem.

Heb. 11:5-6
Jude 14-15

Rev. 11:3-12

2 Kgs. 2:1
Mal. 4:5

2 Cor. 12:2-4
Rev. 4:1

Rom. 1:19-25
Col. 1:15-17

Enoch walked in obedience to God while on earth. At the age of 365 God took him into heaven in his natural body. He has been residing in his mansion some **5,300** years now. In the middle of the tribulation, just before Christ's return, Enoch will be sent back to earth to be an end-time, miracle-working prophet to Israel. He will be killed by Antichrist, and after 3 1/2 days will be resurrected and raptured to heaven in the sight of all. His fellow prophet at that time will be Elijah, who, having been taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire and in a whirlwind, has been living in the heavenly city for some **3,500** years in his natural body. He will be martyred with Enoch, for as Heb. 9:27 says, "It is appointed unto men once to die."

One day apostle Paul was taken up into heaven. He could not tell whether it was in his body or out of his body. Nevertheless, he got to see things of God and of heaven which are now invisible to us because they are so far away and out-of-sight. There Paul saw God's temple, villages, homes, trees, rivers and streams, animals of all kinds (remember that saints one day will return with Christ to earth riding on white horses), clouds with thunder and lightning, chariots and other modes of transportation, books, people eating and creatures worshipping God, mountains innumerable, gardens, etc., etc.. In other words, things in heaven are like things on earth!

Evolutionists and such like turn a blind eye to the evidence that surrounds them, and so deny God as Creator of all things visible and invisible. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness of men who hold (suppress) the truth. . . because that which may be known of God is manifest in them (they know instinctively). For the invisible things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made (the creations here in earth, sea, and sky) so that they are without excuse:"

What the bible says about planet earth

Rev. 21:4-5
Eph. 1:4

Not everything on earth is the same as on planet heaven. **There is no sin in heaven**, no death, no growing old, no decay. Streets there need no repaving. Infrastructure never requires updating. All things are new forever, hence the description “**New Jerusalem.**” **God’s plan for earth is its final restoration back to the perfect condition it was in when he first created it in Gen. 1:1**, when all creatures lived “holy and without blame before him in love.”

2 Pet. 3:2-13

Both the prophets of old and the apostles outlined 3 phases of earth’s existence:

Gen. 1:1
Col. 1:16
Ezek 28:14-18
Isa. 14:12-15

1. Earth when it was first created and ruled over by Lucifer. We call this the pre-Adamite world or “the world that then was . . .” before Lucifer sinned.

Gen. 1:2-2:25
Jer. 4:23-26
Ps. 104: 5-9

2. Earth restored in 6 days to an habitable condition again after the overthrow of Lucifer’s kingdom in a great universal flood as punishment from God for the world’s sin. Adam was created and told to **repopulate and rule the earth for God**. It is called “the heavens and the earth which are now.”

Isa. 65:17-19
Rev. chps. 21 & 22

3. Earth renewed and cleansed by fire to enter its eternal phase where all is made perfect as before the rebellion of Lucifer and Adam. It is called, “new (atmospheric) heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

The bible speaks of 5 prisons under the earth

Isa. 66:22-24

“For as the new heavens and new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed . . . remain. And it shall come to pass that . . . all flesh (men) shall come to worship before me . . . and they shall go forth, and look upon the . . . men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they

shall be an abhorring to all flesh.” God, at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, will leave an opening in the earth for future generations to look down into as a reminder that sin does not pay (Rom. 6:23). Could this be God’s way of keeping natural men on the straight and narrow in his new earth?

Five separate prisons in the underworld

1. **hell (Gr. hades):** the temporary prison and torment compartment for unrepentant sinners at death. No angel or demon ever goes there.
2. **paradise:** the comfort compartment of hell where old testament saints went to at death. A great gulf separates paradise from the torment compartment. It is now empty.
3. **tartarus:** the temporary prison of fallen angels who had sex with earthly women in the days of Adam and Noah. Giants were their offspring.
4. **the bottomless pit:** the prison for demon locusts and demon horsemen to be loosed in the end time to torment and kill one-third of sinners in the upcoming 7 year tribulation.
5. **the lake of fire:** the final prison of Lucifer, fallen angels, demons, and all sinners at the end of Christ’s first 1000 year reign on earth. It is called “the second death.”

I **Hell is unseen under the earth, whereas the grave is only 6' below earth's surface.** Hell is a place of fiery punishment of the spirit man. The grave holds only man’s dead body.

Luke 16:22-28

The rich man died and his body was buried in the ground. His soul and spirit (spirit man), which is immortal and unseen to our naked eye, went into hell. He was able to speak, asking Abraham to send Lazarus to give him some water so he could cool his

tongue from the tormenting flames. He recognized the beggar who was at Abraham's side or bosom in the next compartment called paradise. He observed that the beggar was in comfort, while he was in torment. Today's preaching rarely includes a discourse on hell like in the days of Christ, the early church, and some hundred years ago in our nation's great spiritual awakening and revival.

Matt. 7:19-24

Jesus said, Everyone that does not bring forth **fruit of holiness** will be cast into fire. Not everyone who says, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 7:13-14

Jesus said, Narrow is the way which leads to life in heaven, but the way to hell is wide, and many who profess Christianity will end up there. Few, he said, find the straight way into heaven. Most in Christendom believe they are going to heaven. Who should we believe?

Matt. 13:38-43

Jesus gave this parable or story: the field is the world; the good seed sown in the field are the children of the kingdom of God, but the tares, that look just like the good seed, are the children of the devil. At harvest time, when tares turn black, they will be gathered and cast into the furnace of hell fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matt. 16:26

For what does a man profit, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Man's body goes to dust, but his soul and spirit is eternal. It cannot be annihilated or killed.

Matt. 10:28

Fear not them which can kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul and spirit. Rather fear God which is able to destroy (ruin or cause to be lost) both soul and body in hell.

2 Cor. 4:16-18

Our outer man (body) perishes or grows old day by day, yet the saint's inward man (soul and spirit) is renewed day by day. We look not at things that are seen, but the things which are not seen. **Our spirit man cannot be seen. It is eternal and will never die, but will live forever in either heaven or hell.**

Rev. 6:9-11

In the future 7 year tribulation, saints that get saved after the rapture of the church will be martyred by evil men for their faith. John sees them in a vision under God's altar in heaven dressed in white robes and crying out for God to avenge their deaths. From this we understand that our inner man looks and acts like our outer man. **Many today find the truths of the immortality of the soul and of the reality of an eternal punishment in hell difficult to believe.** These scoffers will one day weep for their unbelief.

II

Paradise: the comfort compartment of hades or hell.

Heb. 2:14-15

Rev. 1:18

Eph. 4:8-10

Paradise was a temporary abode for old testament saints who died in the faith. Lucifer held them captive there in his prison against their will until Christ defeated Lucifer on the cross and took captivity captive to heaven with him when he ascended on high. Paradise has been empty ever since, but the torment compartment of hades or hell is being filled up more everyday.

Luke 16:26

In hell there was an impassable gulf between the two compartments, a "great gulf fixed" so that there could be no traffic between the torment compartment residents and the comfort compartment residents.

Luke 23: 39-43

As Jesus hung on the cross he said to the penitent thief next to him, **Today you will be with me in paradise.** Christ spoke not of the paradise of the third heaven (2 Cor. 12:1-4; Rev. 2:7), but of the one under the earth - the former, temporary abode of the righteous under the Old Testament who died in the faith.

Mark 8:31

Eph. 4:8-10

Acts 2:27-31

Christ's spirit man descended into the lower parts of the earth. His body laid in the tomb 3 days - Thursday - Friday - Saturday. Early Sunday morning God resurrected Christ's dead body, and Christ came forth victorious!

Rev. 1:18

Jesus said, I am he that liveth and was dead; behold I am alive forevermore, amen: **and I have the keys of hell and of death.**

Heb. 2:14-15
1 Thess. 4:13-18
1 Cor. 15:21-54
2 Cor. 5:6-9

By Christ's death he destroyed or defeated him that had power over death; that is, the devil. Now when saints die they go directly to heaven to await the resurrection of their bodies, which remain in the grave until the rapture.

III.

2 Pet. 2:4
Jude 6 & 13

Tartarus (Latin for a dark abyss) is a special temporary prison under the earth where fallen angels abide in torment and in darkness until the White Throne Judgment when they are released to be judged and sentenced to the lake of fire. What was their special sin, and when did they commit it? First, let us consider the following scripture:

Col. 1:16

For by Christ were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or powers. Angels, who are visible in their own realm, were created in the beginning to help God administer the affairs of this vast universe.

Ezek. 28:11-19

Lucifer, an archangel, was created and given a throne on planet earth from which to govern. His throne was located in the garden of Eden on the mountain of God. From this mountain Lucifer held worship services in honor of the King of heaven. He taught the ways of God among his subjects. He lived holy and without sin and blame before God in love until he chose to sin. Overtime, slowly and methodically, he convinced more than 1/3 of angels and all men on earth to rebel with him. He slandered God's name, selling merchandise of propaganda throughout his dominion to subvert (tear down) the faith of all. With his army of rebel angels he invaded heaven to rule in God's place. His rebellion was quickly subdued, and he fell like lightning back down to earth (Luke 10:17-18). The world had rejected the headship of God, and

Isa. 14:12-15

as punishment, the planet fell under a deluge of water and was overturned in a great upheaval. God commanded the sun to stop shining. Earth stood empty, ruined, and in utter darkness.

Job. 9:4-8
Isa. 13:9-13
Jere. 4:23-26
Gen. 1:2

Gen. 6:1-13
2 Pet. 2:4-5
Jude 6-7

Gen. 3:15

In Gen. 1:3-3:25 God restores planet earth in 6 days to an habitable state again, and creates Adam to rule for him in Lucifer's place. When Adam fell, Lucifer regained dominion of earth again, and sin entered the world. As Adam's race began to multiply, Lucifer ordered some of his fallen angels to cohabit with earthly women. Lucifer planned to destroy the human race **so that the promised Messiah, the “seed of the woman” could not be born.** The offspring of sons of God (angels) and women were the giants of the bible. Some 1,600 years later, in Noah's flood, God destroyed all the giant races that filled the world, and sent these particular fallen angels to tartarus under the earth. They are bound there until the judgment day.

IV

The Bottomless Pit: the present abode of locusts and horsemen, and the future temporary abode of Lucifer, demons, and fallen angels. Rev. 9:1-19.

Luke 8:26-35

Jesus met a man who was demon possessed. When he commanded the demons to leave, they begged Christ not to send them into the “deep” but rather into a herd of swine feeding on the mountains. Christ allowed it. The demons left the man and entered the herd, which then ran violently into a lake and were drowned. **Evil spirits know their destiny and punishment.** It is a very deep chasm or abyss in the lower parts of the earth called the bottomless pit.

Eph. 2:1-2
Eph 6: 11-12

When Lucifer first tried to dethrone God but was cast out of heaven and back down to earth, God relegated him to our atmospheric heavens that surround planet earth. **Lucifer is now the “prince and power of the air,”** because in this realm he and his evil spirits both dwell and operate out of. **Lucifer's plan to overthrow God and our Lord Jesus has not changed.** **In the upcoming 7 year tribulation, he will attempt a complete takeover of the world.** Christ will defeat him at the battle of Armageddon, and he and his hordes will be sent to the bottomless pit.

Rev. 20:1-3

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit, and a great chain in his hand, and he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season:

Isa. 24:21-22

Isa. 27:1

Rev. 20:7-10

And it shall come to pass in that day (Armageddon) that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high (in the air) . . . And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days (1000 years) shall be visited (loosed to attempt a final takeover of Christ and his saints).

That crooked serpent Lucifer and his minions on high will one day be sent to the bottomless pit. But there are millions of demon locusts and demon horsemen already chained up there awaiting their release toward the end of the first 3 1/2 years of the 7 year tribulation at which time they will wreak havoc among evil men.

Rev. 9:1-11

An angel is sent from God in heaven to earth with the key of the bottomless pit. “And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened. **And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. . to torment men 5 months.** And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it . . . and they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit . . whose name is Apollyon.” Apollyon means “destroyer”.

Rev. 9:1 & 13-19

Also reserved in the bottomless pit waiting to be loosed **are 200 million demon horsemen with breastplates of fire, jacinth, and brimstone. The heads of the horses were as the heads of lions, and out of the mouth of the horses issued fire, smoke, and brimstone.** These horsemen will follow

the commands of 4 fallen angels now bound in the Euphrates river, who, at a certain hour near the middle of the 7 years, will be loosed to lead the demon calvary to kill one-third of evil men. Nothing more is said of these demon creatures and their 4 leaders in scripture. Is it possible that they were once Lucifer's police force in the pre-Adamite "world that then was?"

V

The Lake of Fire: the final and everlasting prison of Lucifer, fallen angels, demons, and wicked men. It was first prepared only for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41). Had Adam not sinned, no man would have experienced prison time under the earth. Now, at the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ, wicked men will be brought out of hell and death in their resurrected bodies, judged by God at the white throne judgement and cast into the lake of fire with Lucifer and his minions.

Rev. 20:5-6 &
11-15

And I saw a great white throne. . And I saw the dead. . stand before God: . . and the dead were judged. . according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev. 20:7-10
Zech. 6:12-13

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison. And shall go out to deceive the nations . . to gather them together a final time to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they . . compassed . . the beloved city (earthly Jerusalem, newly built under Christ); and fire came down from God out of heaven and burned them up. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone . . and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Age of Eternal Ages

Heb. 1:10-12
2 Pet. 3:10-14

The 1000 year reign of Christ and final testing of men is completed. Resurrected saints from every

Heb. 12:25-29

age since earth was recreated in 6 days some 6,000 years ago will rule with Christ forever. Planet earth and its atmospheric heavens have been renewed by fire and all is perfect again as before the rebellion of Lucifer and Adam. Men will live holy and without blame before God in love forevermore. Death, the result of sin, will be no more.

Rev. 21:1-4

Isa. 65:17-25

God will renew the heavens and the earth. He will move His city, the New Jerusalem, down from planet heaven to earth and will live among men. He will wipe away all tears, sorrow, pain, and death. The havoc brought on by Lucifer and sinful men will no longer be brought to mind. We will experience God's plan for man from the beginning - a veritable heaven on earth throughout eternal ages. Christ our Savior will reign with the saints forever and men will dwell in joy unspeakable and full of His glory.

Rev. 3:21

Jesus said, To him that overcometh (sin, the world and the devil) 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. In Rev. chps. 2 and 3, Jesus warned the 7 churches to overcome even as he overcame when he walked on earth. This is an unknown truth, one never mentioned from pulpits today. Yet this one truth is the determining factor as to whom will be saved from the everlasting lake of fire. Take heed of this warning in holy scripture!

Rev. 21:7-8

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But unbelievers and every other sinner (or professing Christian who does not live holy) shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**

Saints will inherit the Earth and Reign

Matt 5:5

Matt 5:10-12

2 Tim .2:12

Rev. 2:26-27

Rev. 5:10

Rev. 22:5

The meek shall inherit the earth.

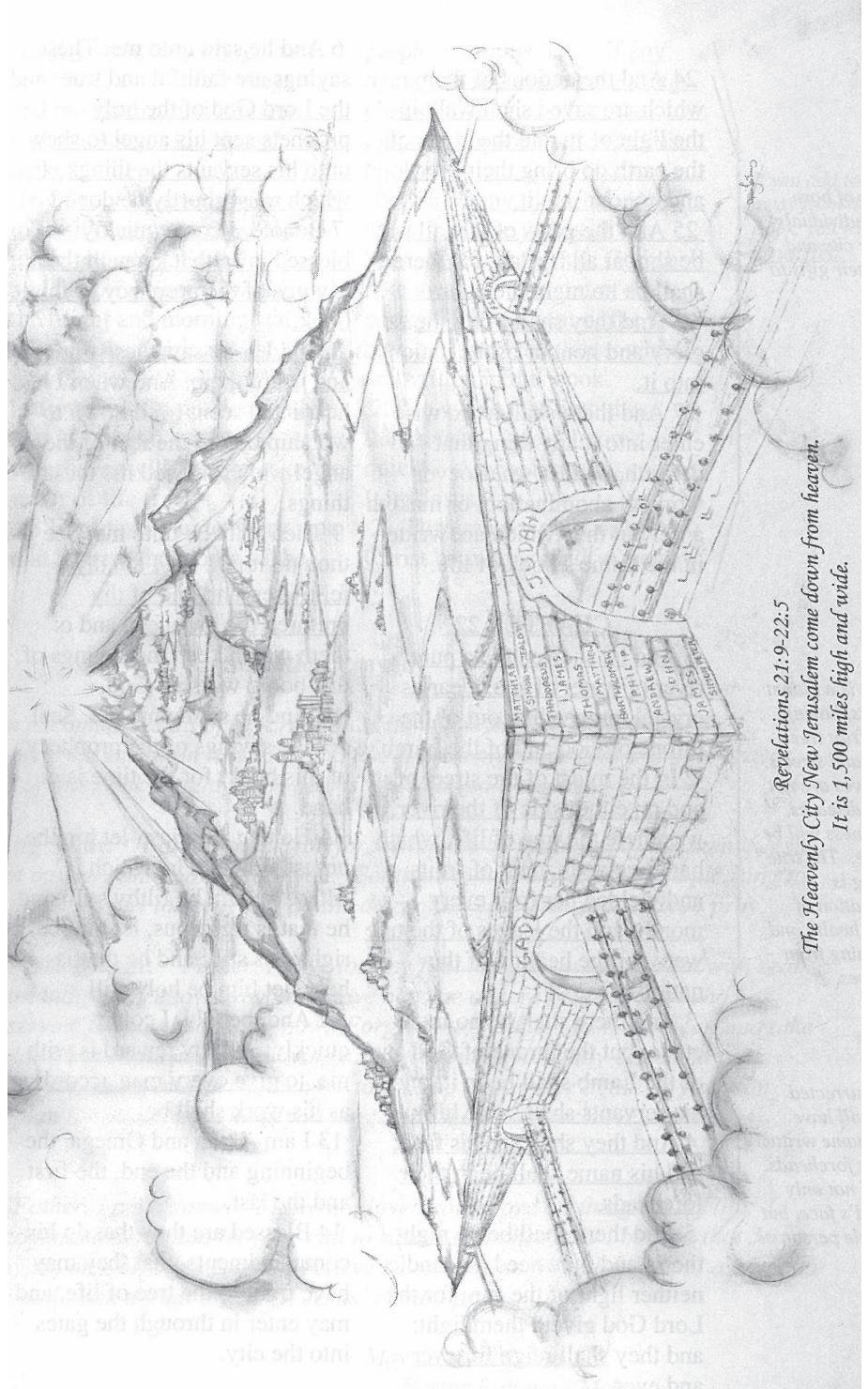
Saints who overcome persecution inherit the kingdom.

If we suffer for Christ, we will reign with him.

The overcomer given power to rule the nations.

Shall be kings and priests to reign on earth.

We will reign forever and ever.



Revelations 21:9-22:5

The Heavenly City New Jerusalem come down from heaven.
It is 1,500 miles high and wide.

