

The Present Heaven
Part 1

A timeline of Heaven

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“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.”
1 Thess 4:13

1. Heaven - _____

“Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob...the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.” Ps 145:5-6

“The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.” Psalm 14:2

2. Heaven - _____

When a believer dies they go to the present Heaven.

“I ...would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far.” Phil 1:21-23

- “Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I can.” Jonathan Edwards
- The present Heaven is _____ where we will spend eternity.

Everyone in the Present Heaven is looking forward to:

A. The rapture of the church, when they will receive their “resurrected _____.”

“According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” 1 Th. 4:15-17

B. When Christ will return to the _____, at His second coming, we will join Him here for His 1,000 year reign on Earth.

“Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.” Rev 20:6

3. Heaven - _____

At the end of the 1,000 year reign, God will create a new _____ and a new _____.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” Rev 21:1-3

This will be our _____ home.