



Introduction

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Usually it takes years of reading the Bible multiple times, in order to properly grasp the biblical concept of the different heavens. This study, which is by no means exhaustive, will be a help to understand those underlying concepts more quickly and thus read the Bible with different eyes, and ultimately with more curiosity.

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Word Definition

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Strong's G3772, ΟΥΠΑΝΟC, ouranos, Perhaps from the same as G3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension heaven (as the abode of THEOS); by implication happiness, power, eternity; specifically the Good Message (Christianity): - air, heaven (-ly), sky.

Strong's G3772

↳ *Strong's G3770, ΟΥΠΑΝΙΟC, ouranios, From G3772; celestial, that is, belonging to or coming from the sky: - heavenly.*

Strong's G3770

↳ *Strong's G3771, ΟΥΠΑΝΟΘΕN, ouranothern, from G3772 and the enclitic of source; from the sky: - from heaven.*

Strong's G3771

Strong's G2032, ΕΠΟΥΡΑΝΙΟC, epouranios, From G1909 and G3772; above the sky: - celestial, (in) heaven (-ly), high.

Strong's G2032

Hebrew, Old Testament

Strong's H8064, שָׁמַיִם, shāmayim, The second form being dual of an unused singular; from an unused root meaning to be lofty; the sky (as aloft; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): - air, heaven (-s).

Strong's H8064

↳ *Strong's H8065, שָׁמַיִן, shāmayin, (Chaldee); corresponding to H8064: - heaven.*

Strong's H8065

Paradise

Strong's G3857, ΠΑΡΑΔΕΙΣΟC, paradiseos, Of Oriental origin (compare H6508); a park, that is, (specifically) an Eden (place of future happiness, "paradise"): - paradise.

Strong's GG3857



Comment

Scripture

Marked if SINGular 'Heaven' or PLURAL 'Heavens' or Heavens of Heavens in Greek OT & NT
(no differentiation in Hebrew see 'Plurale Tantum' below)

The Sky

	Creation of the earth's atmosphere (expanse of the earth) with its sky, clouds and winds.	<i>In the beginning, THEOS created the heaven and the earth ...</i>										Gen 1:1
		<i>And THEOS said, "Let there be ... separation [expanse] between the waters ... which were under the vaulted dome and between the waters which were over the vaulted dome. And it was so. And THEOS called the vaulted dome heaven [sometimes translated with 'sky'] ...</i>										Gen 1:6-8
		<i>Who measured with the hand the water and the heaven with a span, and all the earth in a handful?</i>										Isa 40:12
		<i>And I will cause wonders in the heaven above [G3772, ouranos, singular; H8064, shāmayim, plurale tantum, no singular form in Hebrew for this word] and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke.</i>										Act 2:19 Plurale Tantum
	Animals	<i>And THEOS said - Let the waters swarm with an abundance of living soul, and, birds, shall fly over the earth, over the face of the expanse [or: firmament] of the heaven." So THEOS created ... every bird with wings according to its kind ...</i>										Gen 1:20-23
	Clouds	<i>In the six hundredth year, the year of the life of Noah. [...] were burst open all the fountains of the great roaring deep, and the windows of the heaven [G3772, ouranos, singular], were set open.</i>										Gen 7:11
		<i>"Look at the Heaven, and see; and observe the clouds that are higher than you.</i>										Job 35:5
		<i>At the giving of His voice there is a roar of waters in the heaven, and He causes the patches of mist to go up from the end of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and He brings out the wind from His storehouses.</i>										Jer 51:16
		<i>And yet He did not leave Himself without witness by doing good, giving you rain from heaven [3771, ouranothen; singular] and fruitful seasons, satisfying you with food and your hearts with gladness."</i>										Act 14:17
	Biblical differentiation between:											
	1. 'Heaven' & 'Heavens'	<i>... and all the host of Heavens shall rot. And the heaven shall roll up like a scroll, and all their host shall wither like the withering of a leaf from a vine, or like the withering from a fig tree.</i>										Isa 34:5
	2. 'Heaven' & 'Heavens' & 'Heaven of Heaven'	<i>... You are He, KYRIOS alone. You made the heaven and the heaven of the heaven, and all their positions, the earth and all as much as in it, the seas and all the things in them. And you restore to life all things, and to you do obeisance the armies of the Heavens.</i>										Neh 9:6
	3. 'Heaven' & 'Heavens of Heavens'	<i>Praise Him, o Heavens of the Heavens [G3772 ouranoi hoi ouranon, both plural], and the water up above the Heavens [G3772, ouranoi, plural].</i>										Psa 148:4
		<i>But shall THEOS truly dwell with men upon the earth? Shall the heaven [G3772 ouranos, singular] and the Heavens of the Heavens [G3772 ouranoi ton ouranon, both plural, probably an umbrella term for the spiritual Heaven] be sufficient for you?</i>										1Kin 8:27

The Universe / Outer Space

	The universe with its (exo-) planets, comets, asteroids and luminaries.	<i>"You shall not make for yourself a divine image [stars] with any form that is in the heaven above or that is in the earth below or that is in the water below the earth.</i>											Exo 20:4	
		<i>By the word of KYRIOS the Heavens [G3772, ouranoi, plural] were made ...</i>											Psa 33:6	
		<i>The Heavens [G3772, ouranoi, plural] are yours, the earth yours as well, the world with its fullness, because you founded them.</i>											Psa 89:11	
		<i>Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the Heavens [G3772, ouranoi, plural] are the work of your hands.</i>											Psa 102:25	
		<i>I myself made the earth, and I created humankind upon it. I, my hands, stretched out the Heaven, and I commanded all their host.</i>											Isa 45:12	
		<i>... it escapes their notice that the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural] existed long ago and the earth held together out of water and through water by the word of THEOS [...] But by the same word the present Heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of impious people.</i>											2Pet 3:5-7	
		<i>... rejoice, you Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural], and those who live in them! Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great anger, because he knows that he has little time!"</i>											Rev 12:12	
	The domain of the sun, other stars and the moon. Billions of stars exist analogous to billions of humans.	<i>... "Let there be lights in the vaulted dome of Heaven [G3772 ouranos, singular] to separate day from night, and let them be as signs and for appointed times, and for days and years [...] And THEOS made two great lights, the greater light [sun] to rule the day and the smaller light [moon] to rule the night, and the stars ...</i>											Gen 1:14-19	
		<i>And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward the Heaven and count the stars if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your offspring be."</i>											Gen 15:5	
		<i>... or lest thou shouldest lift up thine eyes towards the heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars - all the cosmos of the heaven wandering, and shouldest be seduced, and shouldest bow thyself down to them and he led to serve them, - the which KYRIOS thy THEOS hath assigned unto all the peoples under all the heaven ...</i>											Deu 4:19	
		<i>... I look at your Heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place ...</i>												Psa 8:3
		<i>... who stretch out the Heaven like a tent curtain, ...</i>												Psa 104:2
		<i>He is the One who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; the One who stretches out the heaven like a veil and spreads them out like a tent to live in, the One who ... makes rulers of the earth like nothing.</i>												Isa 40:22-23
		<i>"You, KYRIOS, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural] are the works of your hands; they will perish, but you continue, and they will all become old like a garment, and like a robe you will roll them up, and like a garment they will be changed; but you are the same, and your years will not run out."</i>												Heb 1:10-12
		<p>► see the documentary 'G-d of Wonders'</p>												



	Comment	Scripture	
Paradise	<p>Paradise is synonymous with the Third Heaven (2Cor 12:3) and is overlapping with the New Jerusalem (Rev 2:7).</p> <p>There is no biblical indication about the first and second heaven.</p>	<p><i>And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise [Strong's G3857, paradiseos]."</i></p> <p><i>I [Paul] know a man [Paul, speaking in the third person-voice] in CHRISTOS fourteen years ago - whether in the body I do not know, or outside the body I do not know, THEOS knows - such a man was caught up to the third Heaven [G3772, ouranos; singular], and I know this man - whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, THEOS knows - that he was caught up to Paradise [Strong's G3857, paradiseos] and heard words not to be spoken, which it is not permitted for a person to speak.</i></p> <p><i>... To the one who conquers, I will grant to him to eat from the tree of life which is in the Paradise [Strong's G3857, paradiseos] of THEOS.'</i></p>	<i>Luk 23:43</i> <i>2Cor 12:2-4</i> <i>Rev 2:7</i>
THEOS' Habitation	<p>The THEOS of the Heavens.</p> <p>THEOS lives in Heaven.</p> <p>THEOS' throne in Heaven.</p> <p>The place where treasures ought to be accumulated.</p> <p>Ascension to Heaven(s).</p> <p>Only IESOUS ascended into the Heaven where THEOS resides.</p> <p>Enoch</p>	<p><i>We, are servants of the THEOS of the heaven and the earth, and are building the house which was built these many years ago, which, a great king of Israel, built and completed.</i></p> <p><i>Now, I, Nebuchadnezzar, am praising and extolling and honouring the King of the heaven, all whose works, are truth, and, His ways, right ...</i></p> <p><i>Behold, the heaven is of KYRIOS your THEOS, and the Heaven of the Heavens, the earth and all as much as is in it.</i></p> <p><i>Wilt thou, therefore, hearken unto the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, whosoever they shall pray toward this place, - yea wilt thou thyself, hear, in thine own dwelling-place, in the heaven, and, when thou hearest, then wilt thou forgive?</i></p> <p><i>... then wilt thou thyself, hear in the heaven, in the settled place of thine abode, and forgive and act ...</i></p> <p><i>KYRIOS, out of the heaven, looked down over the sons of men, - to see whether there was one that showed wisdom, enquiring after THEOS ...</i></p> <p><i>Bless KYRIOS, O my soul. [...] you who cover yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heaven as a hide covering ...</i></p> <p><i>You must therefore pray in this manner: Our FATHER in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural], hallowed be Your name. Let Your Kingdom come. Let Your will be accomplished, as in Heaven [G3772, ouranos; singular], so on earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but rescue us from evil.</i></p> <p><i>And 'Father' you should not call yourselves on earth, for one is your Heavenly [G3770, ouranios] FATHER.</i></p> <p><i>Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving SPIRIT. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from Heaven.</i></p> <p><i>... all things in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural] and on the earth were created by Him, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers, all things were created through Him and for Him ...</i></p> <p><i>In the year of the death of Uzziah the king, I saw KYRIOS sitting on a high and raised throne, and the hem of His robe was filling the temple.</i></p> <p><i>"I continued watching until thrones were placed and an ANCIENT OF DAYS sat; His clothing was like white snow and the hair of His head was like pure wool and His throne was a flame of fire and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued forth and flowed from His presence; thousands upon thousands served him and ten thousand upon ten thousand stood before Him ...</i></p> <p><i>... the THEOS who made the world and all the things in it. This one, being KYRIOS of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands as if He needed anything ...</i></p> <p><i>... I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of THEOS is with humanity, and He will take up residence with them, and they will be His people and THEOS Himself will be with them.</i></p> <p><i>But accumulate for yourselves wealth in Heaven [G3772, ouranos, singular], where neither moth nor rust destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal.</i></p> <p><i>... And it happened that while He was blessing them, He [IESOUS CHRISTOS] parted from them and was taken up into the heaven [G3772, ouranos, singular] ...</i></p> <p><i>And no one has ascended into Heaven except the one who descended from Heaven - the SON of Man.</i></p> <p><i>... two men in white clothing stood by them who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand there looking into the sky? This IESOUS who was taken up from you into Heaven like this will come back in the same way you saw Him departing into Heaven!"</i></p> <p><i>By faith Enoch was taken up, so that he did not experience death, and he was not found, because THEOS took him up ...</i></p>	<i>Ezr 5:11</i> <i>Dan 4:37</i> <i>Deu 10:14</i> <i>1Kin 8:30</i> <i>1Kin 8:39</i> <i>Psa 14:2</i> <i>Psa 104:1-2</i> <i>Mat 6:9-10</i> <i>Mat 23:9</i> <i>1Cor 15:45-47</i> <i>Col 1:16-20</i> <i>Isa 6:1</i> <i>Dan 7:9-10</i> <i>Act 17:24-25</i> <i>Rev 21:2-3</i> <i>Mat 6:19-20</i> <i>Luk 24:50-51</i> <i>Ioh 3:13</i> <i>Act 1:9</i> <i>Heb 11:5</i> <i>Gen 28:12</i> <i>1Kin 22:19</i> <i>Ioh 1:51</i> <i>Mat 18:10</i> <i>Dan 4:35</i> <i>Mat 7:21</i> <i>Mat 11:11</i> <i>2Tim 4:18</i> <i>Heb 12:22</i> <i>Eph 1:3</i> <i>Eph 2:6</i> <i>Eph 3:10</i> <i>Eph 6:12</i>
Divine Habitation	<p>The Angels are dwelling with the FATHER.</p> <p>The heavenly Army (Angels).</p> <p>The heavenly Kingdom.</p> <p>The heavenly Jerusalem.</p> <p>Heavenly places.</p>	<p><i>And he dreamed, and behold, a stairway was set on the earth, and its top arrived in the heaven. And behold, angels of THEOS were going up and going down on it.</i></p> <p><i>Then he said, Therefore, hear thou the word of KYRIOS, - I saw KYRIOS, sitting upon His throne, and all the host of the Heaven, standing by Him, on His right hand, and on His left.</i></p> <p><i>And he said to him, "Truly, truly I say to all of you, you will see Heaven [G3772, ouranos, singular] opened and the Angels of THEOS ascending and descending upon the SON of Man."</i></p> <p><i>Take heed! You should not despise one of these small ones. For I say to you that their angels in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos, plural] continually behold the face of my FATHER, the One in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos, plural].</i></p> <p><i>And, all the inhabitants of the earth, as nothing, are accounted, and, according to His own pleasure, dealeth He - with the army of the heaven, and the inhabitants of the earth, - and none there is who can smite upon his hand, or say to him, What hast thou done?</i></p> <p><i>Not everyone saying to me 'KYRIOS, KYRIOS', will enter into the Kingdom of the Heavens, but the one doing the will of my FATHER, the One in the Heavens.</i></p> <p><i>Truly I say to you: No one has been raised, born by women, greater than John the Baptist. Yet the least in the Kingdom of the Heavens is greater than he.</i></p> <p><i>KYRIOS will rescue me from every wicked work, and will bring me safe into his heavenly [G2032, epouranios] Kingdom: unto whom be the glory, unto the ages of ages. Amen.</i></p> <p><i>But ye have approached - unto Zion's mountain, and unto the city of a Living THEOS, a heavenly [G2032, epouranios] Jerusalem, - and unto myriads of messengers ...</i></p> <p><i>Blessed is the THEOS and FATHER of our KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [G2032, epouranios] places in CHRISTOS ...</i></p> <p><i>... and raised us together and seated us together in the heavenly [G2032, epouranios] places in CHRISTOS IESOUS ...</i></p>	<i>Gen 28:12</i> <i>1Kin 22:19</i> <i>Ioh 1:51</i> <i>Mat 18:10</i> <i>Dan 4:35</i> <i>Mat 7:21</i> <i>Mat 11:11</i> <i>2Tim 4:18</i> <i>Heb 12:22</i> <i>Eph 1:3</i> <i>Eph 2:6</i>
Satan's Habitation	The spiritual forces of wickedness have a limited share of the Heavens.	<p><i>... in order that the many-sided wisdom of THEOS might be made known now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly [G2032, epouranios] places through the church ...</i></p> <p><i>... because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly [G2032, epouranios] places.</i></p>	<i>Eph 3:10</i> <i>Eph 6:12</i>

WORD STUDIES

4 · The Heavens · Future



	Comment	Scripture	PLU	SIN	1The 1:10
CHRISTOS' Second Coming	Heaven is the present dwelling place of CHRISTOS. He will come from Heaven for the final judgment.	<i>... And awaiting his SON out of the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural], whom he raised from among the dead, - IESOUS: Who is to rescue us out of the anger that is coming. For the KYRIOS Himself will descend from heaven [G3772, ouranos; singular] with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of THEOS, and the dead in CHRISTOS will rise first. Then we who are alive, who remain, will be snatched away at the same time together with them in the clouds for a meeting with KYRIOS in the air, and thus we will be together with the KYRIOS always.</i>	SIN		4:16-17
New Heavens	The plan of THEOS is not the removal of the earth in the sense of being replaced with a Kingdom in Heaven, but the renewal of all things so the earthly realms will resemble the heavenly pattern.	<i>For look! I am about to create the new heaven and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered, and they shall not come to mind.</i> <i>“For just as the new heaven and earth that I am about to make shall stand before me,” declares KYRIOS, “so shall your descendants and your name stand.</i> <i>For we know that if our earthly house, the tent, is destroyed, we have a building from THEOS, a house not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural].</i> <i>For, our citizenship, in the Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural], hath its rise; wherefore, a Saviour also, do we ardently await, - The KYRIOS IESOUS CHRISTOS ...</i> <i>... now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven [G3772, ouranos; singular].” [...] since we are receiving an unshakable Kingdom, let us be thankful ...</i> <i>But according to His promise, we are waiting for new Heavens [G3772, ouranos; plural] and a new earth in which righteousness resides.</i>	PLU	SIN	Isa 65:17
		<i>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven [G3772, ouranos; singular] from THEOS, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling of THEOS is with humanity, and He will take up residence with them, and they will be His people and THEOS Himself will be with them.</i>	SIN		Rev 21:2-3

