

Heaven and Hell

Heaven is a real place:

1 Kings 8:30 et al. About eight times it says heaven is the place where God dwells. When the people of God pray He hears from heaven. Compare Matthew chapters five and six. Many references to the kingdom of heaven as a place and asserts God lives there.

Matthew 5:34 – heaven is the throne of God - **Matthew 5:48** and **6:1**– Father in heaven – **Matthew 6:9** – pray to “Our Father in Heaven” – same phrases that are used in 1 Kings above. Both Old and New Testaments refer to heaven as an actual location.

John 14:1-3 – Jesus promises to take His disciples to the place where His Father lives.

Revelation 4:1-2 – The apostle John is called up to heaven and sees a throne. He then describes the scene around the throne. See a similar scene in **Rev 7:9-17**. John is taken to a place.

Heaven will be a place of Purity, Joy, and Beauty:

Revelation 21:3-4 & 8 & 27 – Christians will live there with God but unbelievers will not. Everything that brings pain will be gone and nothing that bears evil can enter heaven. Must be in Lamb’s Book of Life to gain entrance to heaven.

Revelation 22:1-5 – Describes what it will look like and what will be missing (curse and night). Also the New Jerusalem will be there and chapter 21 gives great detail of that beauty.

Hell is a real place:

Matthew 10:28 & 13:42 – God condemns the unbelieving person to a place called hell.

Mark 9:43-48 – repeats and describes it.

Revelation 19:20 & 20:10 – a place where the Devil is cast into and then in **Rev 20:14-15** those not written in Book of Life are cast into this same lake of fire.

Luke 16:19-31 – Jesus draws back the curtain and allows us to see what the afterlife is all about. Though these are temporary, they are holding them in separate groups awaiting a final location.