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In December of 1844, 17-year-old Ellen Harmon (White) received a vision of heaven while she was praying at the family altar.

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**The wonderful things I there
saw I cannot describe. Oh,
that I could talk in the
language of Canaan, then
could I tell a little of the glory
of the better world.**

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**Then an angel bore me gently
down to this dark world.
Sometimes I think I can stay here
no longer; all things of earth look
so dreary. I feel very lonely here,
for I have seen a better land. Oh,
that I had wings like a dove, then
would I fly away and be at rest!**

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**¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from my
supplication.**

**² Attend to me, and hear me;
I am restless in my complaint, and moan
noisily,**

**³ Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.**

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**⁴ My heart is severely pained within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon
me.**

**⁵ Fearfulness and trembling have come upon
me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.**

**⁶ So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a
dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.**

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Philippians 3: 20, NKJV

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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Order of Events:

- 1) Christ Returns to take righteous dead and living.**
- 2) 1000 year reign in heaven, devil bound to the earth.**
- 3) Christ returns in the New Jerusalem on the Mt. of Olives.**
- 4) Satan and wicked try one last attack, earth is destroyed.**
- 5) Earth is made new!**

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John 11 KJV



¹¹ These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

¹⁴ Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

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1 Thessalonians 4:17, KJV



Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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1000 years

Revelation 20: 4, NKJV

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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Christ descends on Mt. of Olives.

Zechariah 14:4, NKJV

⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

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Satanic Rebellion Crushed

Revelation 20: 7 – 9

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

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The earth is laid waste.

Isaiah 24:1, 3, NKJV

¹ Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants.

³ The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, For the LORD has spoken this word.

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2 Peter 3:10-13, NKJV

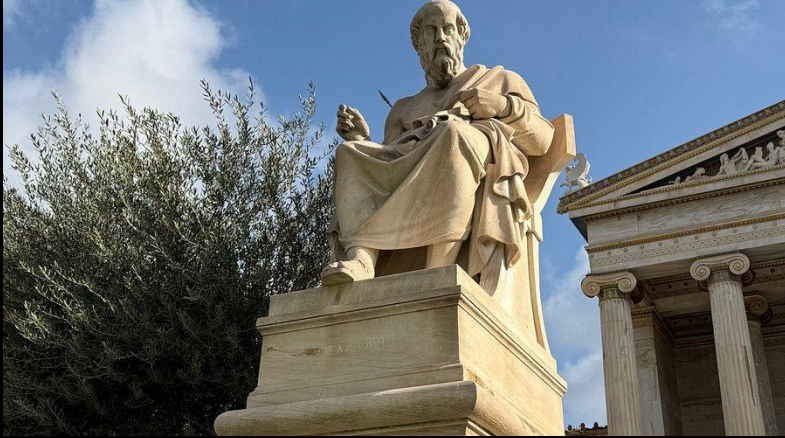
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up . . . the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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All Things Made New**Revelation 21: 1, 3, 5 NKJV**

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

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Plato
428-347 BC

Dualism: body & soul are separate.

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**The Last
Judgement
1540
Michelangelo**

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The Coronation of the Virgin, 1580, Tintoretto



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Genesis 2:7, KJV



**And
the LORD God
formed man of
the dust of the
ground, and
breathed into his
nostrils the
breath of life;
and man became
a living soul.**

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Ecclesiastes 12:7, KJV



**Then shall
the dust
return to the
earth as it
was and the
spirit shall
return unto
God who
gave it.**

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Genesis 1:1, KJV

**In the beginning God created the
heaven and the earth.**

Hebrew: "Shamayim", plural

- **Earth's atmosphere**
- **Celestial realm (sun, moon, stars)**
- **3rd Heaven, God's throne**

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Job 35: 5, KJV

**Look unto the
heavens, and
see; and behold
the clouds which
are higher than
thou.**

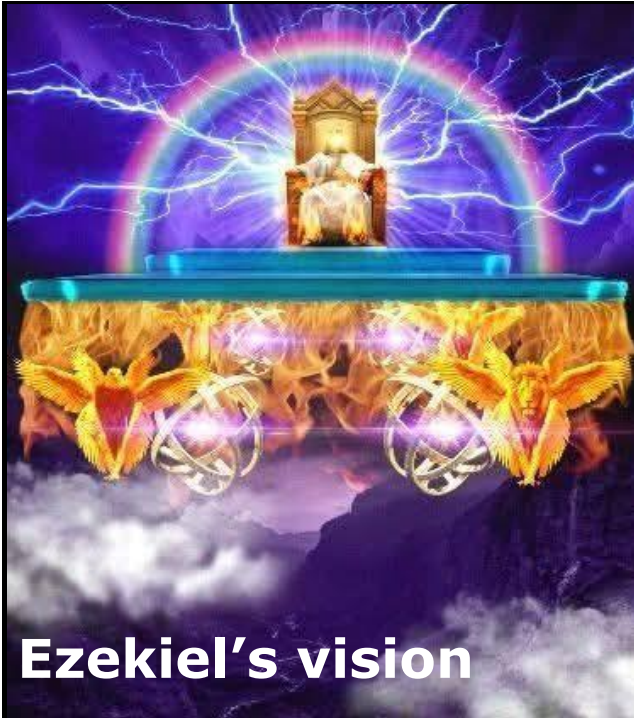
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Psalms 19:1, KJV

**The heavens
declare the glory
of God; and the
firmament
sheweth his
handywork.**

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Ezekiel's vision

Deuteronomy 10:14 NKJV

Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, *also* the earth with all that *is* in it.

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2 Corinthians 12:2, KJV

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

**Greek: "Paradeisos"
3rd Heaven, God's throne**

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What is heaven like?

Revelation 4: The Throne Room



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What is heaven like?

People who have experienced an NDE say:

- **Detached from physical body**
- **Move through a tunnel toward light**
- **Total calm, joy, unconditional love**
- **Saw loved ones who had died**

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What is heaven like?

1. It is going to be awesome!

1 Corinthians 2:9, NKJV

But as it is written:

**“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for
those who love Him.”**

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What is heaven like?

Isaiah 65: 17, NKJV

**“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth;
And the former shall not be
remembered or come to mind.**

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2. We will do things that will last!

Ecclesiastes 2: 18 – 19, NKJV

¹⁸ Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also *is* vanity.

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2. We will do things that will last!

Isaiah 65: 21 – 23, NKJV

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain,

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3) Eden is restored!

Isaiah 11: 6 – 7 , NKJV

**⁶ “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young
goat, The calf and the young lion and the
fatling together; And a little child shall lead
them.**

**⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

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3) Eden is restored!

Isaiah 11: 8 – 9, NKJV

**⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's
hole, And the weaned child shall put his
hand in the viper's den.**

**⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My
holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of
the knowledge of the LORD As the waters
cover the sea.**

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3) Eden is restored!

Revelation 22: 1 – 4, NKJV

¹ And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. ³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

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4) We will be perfectly healthy with new bodies!

Philippians 3: 21, NKJV

who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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4) We will be perfectly healthy with new bodies!

Revelation 21:4, NKJV

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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4) We will be perfectly healthy with new bodies!

Luke 24:39, NKJV

Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

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5) We will keep Sabbath in heaven!

Isaiah 66: 22 – 23 , NKJV

**22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me,"
says the LORD,**

**"So shall your descendants and your name
remain.**

23 And it shall come to pass

***That* from one New Moon to another,**

And from one Sabbath to another,

**All flesh shall come to worship before Me,"
says the LORD.**

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6) There will be music in heaven!

Psalms 150: 1 – 5 , KJV

**1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:
praise him in the firmament of his power.**

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according
to his excellent greatness.**

**3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise
him with the psaltery and harp.**

**4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him
with stringed instruments and organs.**

**5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon
the high sounding cymbals.**

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6) There will be music in heaven!

Revelation 5: 9 – 10, NKJV

**⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:
 “You are worthy to take the scroll,
 And to open its seals; For You were slain,
 And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
 Out of every tribe and tongue and people and
 nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests
 to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”**

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6) There will be music in heaven!

Revelation 14: 2 – 3 , NKJV

**² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice
 of many waters, and like the voice of loud
 thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists
 playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new
 song before the throne, before the four living
 creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn
 that song except the hundred *and* forty-four
 thousand who were redeemed from the earth.**

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7) There will be food and drink!

Matthew 26:29, NKJV

But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

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7) There will be food and drink!

Luke 22: 29 – 30, NKJV

²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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7) There will be food and drink!

Luke 22: 29 – 30, NKJV

⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³ And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

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8) There will be worship!

Revelation 5: 13 – 14, NKJV

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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9) We will see him!

1 John 3: 2, NKJV

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

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9) We will see him!

1 Corinthians 13: 12, NKJV

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

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