

𐤎𐤓𐤌𐤍 Shmym (Shamym), Heavens

The purpose of this study on Shmym (Heavens) is to set our minds on truths of scripture about this subject, so we do not become entangled in false doctrines.

Since, therefore, you have been raised with **𐤐𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahusha); seek the things above, where **𐤐𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahusha) is sitting at the right hand of **𐤓𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahuah). 2. Set your minds on the things above, not on the things upon the earth. 3. for you died, and your life is hidden with **𐤐𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahusha) in **𐤓𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahuah). 4. Whenever **𐤐𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahusha), who is your life, shall be revealed, at that time you also will be revealed with him in esteem (glory). **Colossians 3:1-4**

Baruk (Blessed) be **𐤓𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahuah) the Aluhym and Father of our Adon (Lord/Master) **𐤐𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahusha) HaMashiach, who has baruk (blessed) us with every spiritual barakah (blessing) in the heavenly places in Mashiach, **Ephesians 1:3**

According to Hebrew beliefs there are three (3) Heavens;

1. The firmament, as “Birds of the Shmym (Heavens)” **Genesis 2:19; 7:3, 23; Psalm 8:8**, “the Eagles of Shmym (Heavens)” **Lamentations. 4:19**.
2. The starry Shmym (Heavens) **Deuteronomy 17:3; Jeremiah 8:2; Matthew 24:29**.
3. “The Heaven of Heavens,” or “the third (3) Shmym (Heavens)” **Deuteronomy 10:14; 1Kings 8:27; Psalms 115:16; Psalms 148:4**

HEBREW WORDS FOR HEAVEN

𐤎𐤓𐤌𐤍𐤎 (The SHMYM/HEAVENS)

𐤎 = HEY (H), “THE”, represented in the ancient Hebrew pictographs as a man standing with open arms, meaning: look, behold, Breath).

𐤌 = SHIN (Sh) (pictured as two teeth, and means: Sharp, Press, Eat and Two)

𐤎 = MEM (M) (pictured as waves of water, and meaning Waters, Chaos, Mighty, Blood).

𐤓 = YUD (Y) (pictured as the arm and hand of **𐤓𐤕𐤓𐤏** (Yahuah), meaning my hand or works).

𐤎 = MEM (M) (pictured as waves of water, and meaning Waters, Chaos, Mighty, Blood).

Therefore, we see in The SHMYM "the Heavens". BEHOLD the BREATH (Hey), that separated the TWO (Shin), WATERS (Mem), by the works of your HAND (Yud), from the WATERS (Mem).

And Aluhym said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, to separate the waters from the waters.” So Aluhym made the expanse and separated the waters beneath it from the waters above. And it was so. **Genesis 1:6-7**

The Hebrew word SHMYM (Shamym) is constructed of two (2) parts of an unused singular shâmeh;: sham derived from Akkadian samu meaning "sky" or "lofty" (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, astrologer, heaven(s)., and Hebrew mayim (מים)

meaning "water". The area above the earth was filled by sky-water (SHMYM) and the earth below was covered by sea-water (yam-mayim).

The usual Hebrew word for "Heaven" is SHMYM (Shamym), but is always a plural form Heavens, meaning "heights or elevations" **Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:1.**

During the first (1st) century the word SHMYM (shamayim) was used as a euphemism for the Hebrew word Aluhym (God). The phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" is not speaking of a "place," where the kingdom is, but "who" the kingdom belongs to—the "kingdom of Aluhym (God)." Only the book of Matthew uses the phrase "Kingdom of Heaven" while the other gospels use the phrase "Kingdom of Aluhym (God)." One can see this when the many teachings of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) recorded in the book of Matthew and Luke are compared. Here is one example.

But **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 19:14**

But **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of Aluhym (God). **Luke 18:16**

The Biblical authors pictured the earth as a flat disk floating in water, with the Shamym (Heavens) above and the underworld below. The rakiya (firmament), a solid inverted bowl above the earth, colored blue by the cosmic ocean, kept the waters above the earth from flooding the world. From about 300 BCE a newer Greek model largely replaced the idea of a three (3) tiered cosmos; the newer view saw the earth as a sphere at the center of a set of seven (7) concentric heavens, one for each visible planet plus the sun and moon, with the realm of **שְׁמַיִם** (Yahuah) in an eighth and highest heaven.

The Hebrew word Marom is also used **Psalms 68:18; Psalms 93:4; Psalms 102:19** as equivalent to Shamym, and means: "high places," "heights."

Hebrew: Galgal, literally a "wheel," is rendered "Heaven" in **Psalms 77:18** ("whirlwind")

Hebrew: Shahak, rendered "sky" **Deuteronomy 33:26; Job 37:18; Psalms 18:11**, plural "clouds" **Job 35:5; 36:28; Psalms 68:34**, "Heavens", means probably the firmament.

Definition: Firmament from the Vulgate firmamentum, which is used as the translation of the Hebrew raki'a, this word means simply "expansion." It denotes the space or expanse like an arch appearing immediately above us. They who rendered raki'a by firmamentum regarded it as a solid body. The language of Scripture is not scientific but popular, and hence we read of the Sun rising and setting, and also here the use of this particular word. It is plain that it was used to denote solidity as well as expansion. It formed a division between the waters above and the waters below **Genesis 1:7.**

The raki'a supported the upper reservoir **Psalms 148:4.** It was the support also of the heavenly bodies **Genesis 1:14**, and is spoken of as having "Windows" and "Doors" **Genesis 7:11; Isaiah 24:18; Malachi. 3:10** through which the rain and snow might descend. In Hebrew the word rakiya means sky.

THE KINGDOM OF SHAMYM (HEAVENS)

The kingdom of the Shamym (Heavens) is like a treasure buried in a field. When a man discovered it, he buried it again. He was so delighted with it that he went away, sold everything

he had, and bought that field. **Matthew 13:44**

Then the King (**OWYAZL** (Yahusha)) will say to those on his right, “Come! You, who are the Baruk (Blessed) ones of my Father, inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you from the beginning of the world. **Matthew 25:34**

For our citizenship is in Shamym (Heavens), from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), 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. **Philippians 3:20-21**

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **Matthew 6:33**

OWYAZL (Yahusha) responded, he again spoke to them in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of Shamym (Heavens) is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 And he sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they were unwilling to come. 4 Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who had been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.” ’ 5 But having paid no attention, they went away, one (1) to his own field, another to his business, 6 and the rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 So the king became angry, and having sent his troops, he destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who had been invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go to the outlying thoroughfares, and as many as you should find, invite to the wedding banquet.’ 10 And so those slaves went out to the roadways. They gathered all those whom they found, both wicked and good. And the wedding banquet was filled with guests reclining at the tables. 11 But when the king went in to view the guests reclining at the tables, he saw there a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without having wedding clothes?’ And he was made speechless. 13 Then the king told the servants, ‘Bind his feet and hands. Cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 for many are invited, but few are chosen. **Matthew 22:1-14**

And I saw the Qadosh (Holy) city, New Yaruslym, coming down out of Shamym (Heavens) from **AYAZL** (Yahuah), prepared as a bride beautifully attired for her husband. **Revelation 21:2**

Shamym (Heavens) is where **AYAZL** (Yahuah) lives. He is the light of the Shamym (Heavens), the joy of Shamym (Heavens) and is our desired treasure in Shamym (Heavens). Although Scripture (the Bible) discusses Shamym (Heavens), it is not possible to understand the full splendor of Shamym (Heavens) from our limited human perspective. Since Shamym (Heavens) are where **AYAZL** (Yahuah) lives, we cannot imagine, fully what it is like through mere words as there is no material concept of Shamym (Heavens) that will do it justice.

Scripture talks about the Kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) as having streets of gold as clear as crystal and walls made out of precious stones to aid our understanding of what his Kingdom is like and uses fantastic language and visionary pictures to communicate it's beauty, grandeur, brilliance, serenity and wonder.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it entered the mind of man, the things that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) has prepared for those who love him.” **1 Corinthians 2:9**

As you mature in your understanding of scripture, you realize whatever we consider to be a joy here on earth will be heightened millions of times beyond anything we can conceive when we get to the Kingdom of Shamym (Heavens), אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s Kingdom.

Being in אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s presence will bring an intensity of delight that will far exceed anything we could know here on earth including no more death, sorrow, sickness, or poverty once we are with him.

He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Oוַיָּאָל (Yahusha) will be with them and be their Aluhym. And Oוַיָּאָל (Yahusha) will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be nor more pain, for the former things have passed away. **Revelation 21:3-4.**

There are many things about Shamym (Heavens) we do not really know. Will there be animals in Shamym (Heavens)? Scripture says that Oוַיָּאָל (Yahusha) will be riding on a white horse when He returns to reign on the earth **Revelation 19:11**, but we do not know if this is a literal horse. A white horse represents purity and power, so this may also be symbolic, I believe scripture does lead us to believe they will also be present.

SHAMYM (HEAVENS) REWARDS

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Shamym (Heavens): for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. **Matthew 5:12**

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in Shamym (Heavens): for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. **Luke 6:23**

Beloved, now we are children of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), and it has not yet been revealed what we will be. We know that whenever he shall appear, we will be like him, because we will see him just as he is. **1 John 3:2**

THE SHAMYM (HEAVENS) ARE THE PLACE WHERE אַיָּאָל (YAHUAH) IS WORSHIPED

And the four (4) beasts had each of them six (6) wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Qadosh (Holy), Qadosh (holy), Qadosh (holy), אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who live's for ever and ever, The twenty four (24) elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that live's for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, You are worthy, אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), to receive esteem (glory) and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created. **Revelation 4:8-11**

SHAMYM (HEAVEN) IS אַיָּאָל (YAHUAH)'s KINGDOM

Look down from your Qadosh (holy) habitation, from Shamym (Heavens), and Barak (Bless) your people Yasharal (Israel), and the land which you have given us, as you swore unto our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey. **Deuteronomy 26:15**

For whoever does the will of My Father אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) in Shamym (Heavens) is my brother and sister and mother. **Matthew 12:50**

So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) in Shamym (Heavens),

Set Apart be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Shamym (Heavens). **Luke 11:2**

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Shamym (Heavens). But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Shamym (Heavens). **Matthew 10:32, 33**

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and esteem (glorify) your Father in Shamym (Heavens). **Matthew 5:16**

SHAMYM (HEAVENS) IS FULL OF EXCEEDING JOY

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present [you] faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, **Jude 1:24**

Again, the kingdom of Shamym (Heavens) is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man has found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. **Matthew 13:44**

TREASURES STORED UP IN SHAMYM (HEAVENS)

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in Shamym (Heavens), where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:19**

Then **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one (1) thing you lack: go your way, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Shamym (Heavens): and come, take up the stake, and follow me. **Mark 10:21**

NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN SHAMYM (HEAVENS)

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the ruachs (spirits) are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Shamym (Heavens)." **Luke 10:19-20**

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he wishes. **John 5:21**

For our citizenship is in Shamym (Heavens), from which we also eagerly await a Savior, Ha Mashiach (the Messiah) **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), **21** who will transform our lowly body into conformity with his glorious body according to the power that enables him to even subject all things to himself. **Philippians 3:20, 21**

NO TEARS OR SUFFERING

And **AYAZL** (Yahuah) shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. **Revelation 21:4**

. . . never will they hunger again, never will they thirst again, never will the sun strike down upon them, nor any burning heat, **17** For the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them, and will lead them to streams of living water; And **AYAZL** (Yahuah) will wipe away every

tear from their eyes. **Revelation 7:16, 17**

For behold I will create new Shamym (Heavens)s and a new earth, and the former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. **Isaiah 65:17**

He will swallow up death forever; and אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) Aluhym will wipe away tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will remove from all the earth. For אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) has spoken. **Isaiah 25:8**

HOW DO WE GET TO THE KINGDOM OF SHAMYM (HEAVENS)?

And there is Salvation in no one (1) else, for there is no other Name under Shamym (Heavens) given among men by which we must be saved.” **Acts 4:12**

וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) except through me. **John 14:6**

וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) said, "Unless one (1) is reborn from above, he cannot see the kingdom of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)." וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) went on to explain that the second (2nd) birth is to be reborn spiritually. Those who are born just once will die physically then will die spiritually at the second (2nd) death and will be separated from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and his Ruch Ah Qudesh for eternity following the Great White Throne judgment. Those who are born twice (both physically and spiritually) will die physically, but will live spiritually forever.

How are people reborn spiritually? וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) said: For אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha), that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. **John 3:16**

Belief in וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) removes us from the White Throne Judgment, because וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) took the penalty (death) for our Sin at the stake. Those who accept וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) as Mashiach (Messiah) and Savior are justified (declared righteous on the basis of Amunah (faith) before אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) and can come before Him boldly through the grace that He has offered to all that would believe. By accepting וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) as Mashiach (Messiah) and Savior, we give Him permission to change us into perfect beings as a new creation. Those who reject אַיָּאָל (Yahuah)'s provision for Sin will be judged on the basis of that Sin and will be separated from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) forever (the second (2nd) death), since אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) cannot allow Sin into the new creation.

How do we enter into a relationship with וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha)? We do this through belief in Him:

1. Repent of your Sin and Selfishness. Repentance is agreeing with אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) that you have been wrong and being willing to turn from that old life to a new life in וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha). Receive וַיֹּאמֶר (Yahusha) as your Master and Savior (who takes away your Sin).

Repent therefore and be converted, that your Sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) **Acts 3:19**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) is at hand. Repent, and believe in the message of the Mashiach. **Mark 1:15**

But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but Sinners to Repentance. **Matthew 9:13**

I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in Shamyim (Heavens) over one (1) sinner who repents than over ninety-nine (99) righteous persons who need no repentance. **Luke 15:7**

2. Receive the Ruch Ah Qudesh (Baptism of the Ruch Ah Qudesh) as the promise of what **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will do in your life, to change you, lead you, and empower you to resist the temptations of the enemy and to help you grow in your relationship with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah). Those without the Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), sent in the Name of **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) are not His.

But you are not in the flesh but in the Ruch (Spirit), if indeed the Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), he is not His. 10 And if **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) is in you, the body is dead because of Sin, but the Ruch (Spirit) is life because of Righteousness. 11 But if the Ruch (Spirit) of Him who raised **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) from the dead dwells in you, He who raised **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Ruch (Spirit) who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Ruch (Spirit) you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Ruch (Spirit) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), these are sons of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). 15 For you did not receive the Ruch (Spirit) of bondage again to fear, but you received the Ruch (Spirit) of adoption by whom we cry out, Ab (Abba), Father.” 16 The Ruch (Spirit) Himself bears witness with our ruch (spirit) that we are children of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and joint heirs with **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha), if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together

Romans 8:9-17

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Ruch Ah Qudesh who is in you, whom you have from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in your body and in your ruch (spirit), which are **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

Give thanks to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) for His unmerited favor (grace) and the gift that He has given. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with hallu (praise): be thankful unto him, and barak (bless) his Name. **Psalms 100:4**

And let the shalum (peace) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) rule in your hearts, to that which also you are called in one (1) body; and be thankful. **Colossians 3:15**

Once you receive **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) as Mashiach (Messiah) and Savior, you should walk with Him every day. **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) said, "If you love me, you will keep my Commandments. **John 14:15.**

When we come before **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s throne in our manifested bodies, it will be good to hear the words, well done, good and faithful servant. **Matthew 25:23**

For behold I will create new Shamym (Heavens) and a new Earth, and the former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. **Isaiah 65:1**

DESCRIPTION OF SHAMYM (HEAVENS) FROM THE WORD OF אֵלֹהִים (YAHUAH)

1 Now I saw a new Shamym (Heavens) and a new Earth, for the first (1st) Shamym (Heavens) and the first (1st) Earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the

Kadosh (Holy) city, New Yaruslm, coming down out of Shamyim (Heavens) from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from Shamyim (Heavens) saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) Himself will be with them and be their Aluahym. 4 And Oוַיָּאָל (Yahusha) 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.” 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.” 6 and He said to me, “It is done! I am the Aleph (Alpha) and the Tav (Omega), the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his Aluhym and he shall be my son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second (2nd) death.”

The New Yaruslm

9 Then one (1) of the seven (7) Malakym (Angels) who had the seven (7) bowls filled with the seven (7) last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” 10 And he carried me away in the Ruch (Spirit) to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the Qadosh (Holy) Yaruslym, descending out of Shamym (Heavens) from אַיָּאָל (Yahuah), 11 having the glory of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah). Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve (12) gates, and twelve (12) Malakym (Angels) at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve (12) tribes of the children of Yasharal (Israel): 13 three (3) gates on the east, three (3) gates on the north, three (3) gates on the south, and three (3) gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve (12) foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve (12) apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand (12,000) furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four (144) cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an Malak (angel). 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first (1st) foundation was jasper, the second (2nd) sapphire, the third (3rd) chalcedony, the fourth (4th) emerald, 20 the fifth (5th) sardonyx, the sixth (6th) sardius, the seventh (7th) chrysolite, the eighth (8th) beryl, the ninth (9th) topaz, the tenth (10th) chrysoprase, the eleventh (11th) jacinth, and the twelfth (12th) amethyst. 21 The twelve (12) gates were twelve (12) pearls: each individual gate was of one (1) pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22. But I saw no temple in it, for אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the Sun or of the Moon to shine in it, for the esteem (glory) of אַיָּאָל (Yahuah) illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written

in the Lamb's Book of Life. **Revelation 21:1-27**

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) 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 (12) 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 curses, but the throne of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) 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. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. **Revelation 22:1-4**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah); believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Adon” (Master/Lord), we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way? **John 14:1-30**

ARE OUR DEAD LOVED ONES IN A PLACE CALLED HEAVEN?

According to scripture our dead loved ones are not in a place called Heaven but rather in a place called in Hebrew, Sheol (Abraham's bosom), and in Brit Hadashah it is called Hades, awaiting the moment when **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) returns and calls them out to be caught up in the clouds with him, to forever be with him and his Father in **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s Kingdom.

No one has ascended into Shamym (heavens) except he who descended from Shamym (heavens), the Son of Man. **John 3:13**

“Baruk (Blessed) are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 “Baruk (Blessed) are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 “Baruk (Blessed) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 “Baruk (Blessed) are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **Matthew 5:4-7**

Beloved, we are **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. **1 John 3:2**

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Mashiach (Messiah), having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second (2nd) time, not to deal with Sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. **Hebrews 9:27-28**

For in the RESURRECTION they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like Malakyim (Angels) in Shamym (Heavens). **Matthew 22:29-30**

And **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) raised **וְיָשׁוּעָא** (Yahusha) and will also raise us up by his power. **1 Corinthians 6:14**

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the Dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they

had done. **13** And the sea gave up the Dead who were in it, Death and Hades (Sheol) gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. **14** Then Death and Hades (Sheol) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second (2nd) death, the lake of fire. **15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (and Extinguished/Terminated). **Revelation 20:11-15**

The Resurrection Body But someone may ask, “How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?” **36** What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn’t grow into a plant unless it dies first. **37** And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. **38** Then **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. **39** Similarly there are different kinds of flesh—(1) one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. **40** There are also bodies in the Shamyim (Heavens) and bodies on the Earth. The esteem (glory) of the heavenly bodies is different from the esteem (glory) of the earthly bodies. **42** It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. **43** Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in esteem (glory). They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. **44** They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. **45** The Scriptures tell us, “The (1st) first man, Adam, became a living person.” But the last Adam that is, Mashiach is a life-giving Ruach (Spirit). **46** What comes (1st) first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. **47** Adam, the (1st) first man, was made from the dust of the Earth, while Mashiach, the (2nd) second man, came from Shamym (Heavens). **48** Earthly people are like the Earthly man, and Heavenly people are like the Heavenly man. **49** Just as we are now like the Earthly man, we will someday be like the Heavenly man. **50** What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. **51** But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! **52** It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last Shofar (trumpet) is blown. For when the Shofar (trumpet) sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. **53** For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. **54** Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: “Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O Death, where is your Victory? O Death, where is your sting?” **56** For Sin is the sting that results in Death, and Torah (the law) gives Sin its Power. **57** But thank **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)! He gives us Victory over Sin and Death through our Adon **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) HaMashiach. **58** So, my Dear Brothers and Sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), for you know that nothing you do for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is ever useless. **I Corinthians 15:35-58.**

Though we may Die, **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) says, “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may Die, he shall Live” **John 11:25.** We who believe and obey will receive Immortality when **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) comes again (**1 Corinthians 15:51-54.**

According to this verse, the Righteous do not to go Heaven when they die. They remain asleep in Sheol (the grave) or Abraham's Bosom until **וְיֵשׁוּעַ** (Yahusha) returns and raises them to Immortal Life **1 Corinthians 15:50-57.** The wicked are raised in a separate resurrection—the

resurrection of Condemnation (Judgement). **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the Graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done Evil, to the resurrection of Condemnation (Judgement)” **John 5:28-29**.

The prophets never mention in Scripture that the righteous immediately go to Heaven or the wicked go to Hell when they Die. Neither did **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) and His Disciples teach it. When **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was about to leave His Disciples, He did not tell them they would soon come to Him. “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in **AYAZL** (Yahuah), believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may also be” **John 14:1-3**.

When He returns, our loved ones asleep in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) will awake from their tombs (graves). No matter how long the time has passed, be it long or short, will seem but a moment to them. By the voice of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), they are called forth from their deep slumber, awakening to a glorious Immortality. “For the Shofar (trumpet) will sound, and the Dead will be raised Incorruptible...So when this Corruptible has put on Incorruption, and this Mortal has put on Immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’” The last sensation was the pang of Death, the last thought, that they were falling beneath the Power of Sheol (the Grave), but then, imagine, when they arise from Sheol (the tomb/Grave), to the shout, “O Death, where is your sting? O Sheol, where is your victory?” **1 Corinthians 15:55**.

Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. **John 5:28-29**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14** For we believe that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) died and rose again, and so we believe that **AYAZL** (Yahuah) will bring with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to **AYAZL** (Yahuah)’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha), will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) himself will come down from Shamym (heavens), with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), and the dead in Mashiach (Messiah) will rise first (1st). **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) in the air. And so we will be with **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) forever. Therefore encourage one (1) another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**