

# Heaven and Paradise: Same Place?

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## Introduction

Many a Christian has asked (and non-Christians for that matter) if Paradise and Heaven are synonymous. Well, that depends upon *when* the question is being asked. If the question is asked **after the Ascension** of Jesus, the answer is Yes! ... It is the same place for Paradise is now in Heaven above, and is indeed synonymous with Heaven.

If you were a Roman or a Jew at the crucifixion of Jesus asking that question, the answer is emphatically NO! ... It is not synonymous with the heaven above, the Throne of God. So what happened between then and now? ... When did Paradise and Heaven become synonymous?

We'll answer these questions by examining the biblical records and accounts for both. This study is a complimentary study to: *Where Was Jesus Between His Death and Resurrection?* <http://www.thelordschildren.org/jchell.htm>

## Where Was Paradise At The Time of Jesus?

Let's begin our examination of this subject with the words of Jesus as He was speaking to the thief on the cross moments before His death.

Luke 23:43

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, **today you shall be with Me in Paradise.**"

You just don't get any clearer than that! These words of Jesus are quite profound for not only did Jesus know that he would die that day, He also knew the thief on the cross would die that day ... and ... be with Him in Paradise. The key question is for us in this study, **Where was Paradise?**

Because the bible does not give an absolutely clear teaching on where Paradise was located at the time of Jesus' death, we need to go to Scriptures that teach where it was not. We know from the biblical account of the words of Jesus that Paradise was absolutely not in heaven above.

Luke 23:46

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "**Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.**" Having said this, He breathed His last.

The phrase "into Your Hands" has the meaning of Jesus leaving everything under the control and authority of God the Father. Jesus committed His complete and total trust to The Father. Jesus was also quoting from Psalms 31:5 where this meaning is further

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expanded and reinforced. The context of Psalm 31 is teaching us that God is our Rock and Fortress and we can put our complete and total trust in Him. He is our deliverer.

Psalms 31:5

Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

This is precisely what Jesus did. Some will still say this verse shows that Jesus was with the Father in Heaven after His death, but the very words of Jesus refute such a notion.

John 20:17

Jesus \*said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, **for I have not yet ascended to the Father**; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

This is what Jesus spoke to Mary Magdalene **AFTER His resurrection**. Jesus could not have been in heaven with the Father, for He tells us so with His own words. So if Jesus was in Paradise, and Paradise was not in Heaven, then where was it? We will see that the Scriptures teach us that Paradise was alongside or adjacent to Hades.

Many translations of Scripture translate the Greek word Hades as hell. While this may not be a bad translation, neither is it a good one for we lose the meaning of what Hades is ... the intermediate state for the unsaved immediately upon death. Hell is the Final State of the unsaved dead and is better not to be confused with Hades. Hades is where the unsaved dead remain until the Day of Final Judgment, The Great White Throne Judgment of God at the end of the age.

Revelation 20:11-12

11 ¶ Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 **And I saw the dead**, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life; **and the dead were judged** from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Paradise was in Hades at the time of Jesus, though separated from that place of torment by a great impenetrable gulf. We read of this revelation of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Luke, chapter 16 with Lazarus and the rich man. So why is it that some churches and denominations teach that Jesus went to hell? Simply because the Greek word Hades is translated as hell, obscuring the intermediate state of the unsaved dead. Still others base this belief upon the Apostles Creed, where it says, "He descended into hell." Hell is not the best translation for Hades, for the bible has four specific and distinct words that have all been translated hell, three in the New Covenant Scriptures and one in the Old Covenant Scripture. For a comprehensive study on hell, please go to the Bible Study>Topical Studies> Eschatology: Judgment and Hell

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<http://www.thelordschildren.org/judgment.htm>; and Personal Eschatology: Where Do You Go When You Die? [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/personal.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/personal.pdf)

### Hades vs. Paradise

Let's begin with the Scriptures that address both Hades and Paradise together. We also know that Paradise and Hades are not one and the same place, for a great gulf separated the two. It appears from the teaching of Jesus Himself in his story of Lazarus and the rich ruler that those in Hades were aware of those in Paradise but the reciprocal does not appear to be true. There is much information to be gleaned from this account, so let's review Jesus' teaching as described by Luke.

Luke 16:20

"And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

Many claim this to be a parable of Jesus, but I believe this to be a true and actual historical record. In parables, Jesus never makes mention of a specific individual by name, but here Jesus identifies the poor man by name, Lazarus and Abraham.

Luke 16:22

"Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

Abraham's bosom and Paradise were one and the same place.

Luke 16:23-25

- 23 "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and \*saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'
- 25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'

We see several things in this one scripture. There is a **conscious existence** in Hades, and there is **torment**. Though the Final Judgment is yet in the future, the torment of Hades begins immediately upon death. Torment is a type of suffering that originates from within and should not be confused with torture, a punishment imposed upon an individual by external means. The rich man was in torment for he knew full well the impact of his decisions in life and further knew them to be just. What jail is to prison, Hades is to hell ... a holding place until Final Judgment is passed.

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Luke 16:26

'And besides all this, between us and you **there is a great chasm fixed**, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

### **A great gulf or chasm that cannot be breached exists between Paradise and Hades.**

Luke 16:27-31

- 27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house—
- 28 for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- 29 "But Abraham \*said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'
- 30 "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'
- 31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

We can call these last few verses **ACCOUNTABILITY**. We are all responsible and accountable for the decisions we make in this life. Great miracles, signs and wonders will not move those to accept Jesus as the only means of salvation, only saving faith from God can do that.

OK, so let's recap what we have learned so far. Hades is a place of torment, but it is not the final place of torment ... hell. At the time of Jesus, Hades and Paradise, also referred to as Abraham's bosom are separated by an impenetrable gulf. Those in Hades are those who rejected God (like the rich man), are in torment while they await their Final Judgment. The analogy may be drawn that Hades is like being in jail until the trial, judgment, is complete. If convicted ... prison. Prison by analogy is synonymous with Hell. However, unlike our system in America, God sends only the guilty go to Hades, never the innocent.

Those in Paradise are those who accepted God and await their eternal reward. They have a blissful existence, without pain, without cares and are happy and at peace with their existence. This is exemplified by the sheer joy and peace of Lazarus.

Paradise is a word of Persian origin, and means *a garden*, particularly a garden of pleasure, filled with trees, and shrubs, and fountains, and flowers. The Garden of Eden means, also, the garden of *pleasure*, and in Genesis 2:8 the Septuagint renders the word *Eden* with the term *Paradise*.

Genesis 2:8-9

- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

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- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

I believe this Garden or Paradise is where the righteous went after death prior to the Ascension of Jesus. I also believe Paradise is the one and same Garden of Eden. God protected the Garden and the tree of life in the midst of the garden after the sin of Adam.

Genesis 3:23-24

- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.  
24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Paradise denotes the abode of the blessed in the after life. Jesus says nothing about the location of Paradise in this scripture, nor of the condition of those there, except that it is a place of blessedness, and that its happiness is to commence immediately after death. We need to examine other verses to determine the location of Paradise, and upon examination we learn it was not in heaven at the time of Jesus' death.

Ephesians 4:8-10

- 8 Therefore it says, "**WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.**"  
9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?  
10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

This was very much part of the ministry of Jesus to release the righteous dead or the redeemed from Paradise and bring them unto Himself. Paradise was secured or protected by God alongside Hades, the place of the dead.

Luke 4:18

"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. **HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,** AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

1 Peter 3:19

in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits [now] in prison,

Much false and non-biblical doctrine has been made with Peter 3:19. Some proclaim this to be Purgatory; others claim this verse as Jesus descending into hell. Both positions are false. We know that "works" can NEVER be sufficient for salvation. Mosaic

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Law was a system of “works” that God indeed established for His people. Those who worked “by faith” under the Old Testament are saved or redeemed *by grace through faith* just as we are. The righteous redeemed were “confined” to Paradise ... certainly not a bad place to be, but inadequate when compared to being “with” God in heaven. The spirits in Paradise awaited their Redeemer, their prophesied Messiah to “redeem” them before they could be in the **presence** of God. The books of Romans and Hebrews specifically address the truths concerning this.

1 Peter 4:6

For the gospel has for this purpose been preached **even to those who are dead**, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to [the will of] God.

The dead has a twofold meaning in the above verse. Jesus preached the gospel to the *physically dead that was spiritually alive* in Paradise and to those *spiritually dead who are physically alive* living upon the earth. In other words, Jesus proclaimed the Gospel to the spiritually dead (lost) in His earthly, fleshly ministry to bring to life those spiritually separated (dead) from God. Jesus also proclaimed the Gospel to the spiritually alive (saved) in His after-death, spiritual ministry to bring to heaven those saved souls who patiently wait for their Redeemer. It was the saved in Paradise who were awaiting their REDEMPTION by Messiah that Jesus revealed the Gospel to. Those who obeyed God in faith and waited for their Redeemer in faith were set free by Jesus by grace from the confines (prison) that kept them separated from the presence of God The Father.

## Where is Paradise Now?

Paradise and Hades were not one and the same place prior to the Ascension of Jesus, for a great impenetrable gulf separated the two. Now, however we see that Paradise is in heaven with God.

Revelation 2:7

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the **Paradise** of God.'

Jesus not only brought with Him the captive souls in Paradise, but brought up Paradise itself. Paradise is now in Heaven with God as are *all* the souls of those saved in Jesus, from both New and Old Covenants.

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### Appendix: *Paradise*

#### 3857 παραδεισος **paradises** (*par-ad'-i-sos*)

of Persian origin. (*enclosure*) of Oriental origin cf פֶּרְדִּיס, 06508; TDNT-5:765,777; n m );  
*a park, a garden, a paradise:—*

**NAS**-Paradise (3).

**AV**-paradise 3; 3

- 1) among the Persians a grand enclosure or preserve, hunting ground, park, shady and well watered, in which wild animals, were kept for the hunt; it was enclosed by walls and furnished with towers for the hunters
- 2) a garden, pleasure ground
  - 2a) grove, park
- 3) the **part of Hades** which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection: but some understand this to be a heavenly paradise
- 4) the **upper regions of the heavens**. According to the early church Fathers, the paradise in which our first parents dwelt before the fall still exists, neither on the earth or in the heavens, but above and beyond the world
- 5) **heaven**

Luke 23:43

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in **Paradise**."

2 Corinthians 12:4

was caught up into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

Revelation 2:7

'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the **Paradise** of God.'

#### **Abraham's Bosom**

The term Abraham's bosom also refers to Paradise.

Luke 16:22

"Now the poor man died and was **carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom**; and the rich man also died and was buried.

#### **The Garden of God**

The garden of God is where the tree of life is and has always been. God first planted His garden in Eden. However, God removed the garden after the sin of Adam and placed the garden with the tree of life adjacent to Hades.

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Genesis 2:8-10, 15-16

- 8 The LORD God planted a **garden** toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the **garden**, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the **garden**; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the **Garden** of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the **garden** you may eat freely;

The garden and the tree of life were accessible to man in the Garden.

Genesis 3:1-3

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the **garden**'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the **garden** we may eat;
- 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the **garden**, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

Then came sin, the Crime against God by violating His command and the attempt to escape judgment.

Genesis 3:8, 10

- 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the **garden** in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the **garden**.
- 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the **garden**, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

But no dice ... man is expelled from the Garden of God. God protects the tree of life from any further incursions.

Genesis 3:23-24

- 23 therefore the **LORD God sent him out from the Garden** of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.
- 24 So **He drove the man out**; and at the east of the **Garden** of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to **guard the way to the tree of life**.

God removed the Garden and placed it in the spiritual realm away from man and the minions of Satan roaming upon the earth. The tree of life is protected until it's time to

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become available once again to man via the Second Adam, Jesus the Christ, the Theanthropos ... the God-man.

Genesis 13:10

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—*this was* before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

Deuteronomy 11:10

"For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your foot like a vegetable garden.

Esther 1:5 When these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present at the citadel in Susa, from the greatest to the least, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

Esther 7:7 The king arose in his anger from drinking wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

Esther 7:8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Job 8:16 "He thrives before the sun, And his shoots spread out over his garden.

Song of Solomon 4:12 "A garden locked is my sister, *my* bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.

Song of Solomon 4:15 "*You are* a garden spring, A well of fresh water, And streams *flowing* from Lebanon."

Song of Solomon 4:16 "Awake, O north *wind*, And come, *wind of* the south; Make my garden breathe out *fragrance*, Let its spices be wafted abroad. May my beloved come into his garden And eat its choice fruits!"

Song of Solomon 5:1 "I have come into my garden, my sister, *my* bride; I have gathered my myrrh along with my balsam. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk. Eat, friends; Drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers."

Song of Solomon 6:2 "My beloved has gone down to his garden, To the beds of balsam, To pasture *his flock* in the gardens And gather lilies.

Isaiah 1:30 For you will be like an oak whose leaf fades away Or as a garden that has no water.

Isaiah 10:18 And He will destroy the glory of his forest and of his fruitful garden, both soul and body, And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

Isaiah 51:3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

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Isaiah 58:11 "And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Isaiah 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise To spring up before all the nations.

Jeremiah 31:12 "They will come and shout for joy on the height of Zion, And they will be radiant over the bounty of the LORD— Over the grain and the new wine and the oil, And over the young of the flock and the herd; And their life will be like a watered garden, And they will never languish again.

Jeremiah 39:4 When Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, they fled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate between the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah.

Jeremiah 52:7 Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

Lamentations 2:6 And He has violently treated His tabernacle like a garden booth; He has destroyed His appointed meeting place. The LORD has caused to be forgotten The appointed feast and sabbath in Zion, And He has despised king and priest In the indignation of His anger.

Ezekiel 28:13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

Ezekiel 31:8 'The cedars in God's garden could not match it; The cypresses could not compare with its boughs, And the plane trees could not match its branches. No tree in God's garden could compare with it in its beauty.

Ezekiel 31:9 'I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches, And all the trees of Eden, which were in the garden of God, were jealous of it.

Ezekiel 36:35 "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.'

Joel 2:3 A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them.

Matthew 13:32 and this is smaller than all *other* seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."

Mark 4:32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR can NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."

Luke 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every *kind of* garden herb, and *yet* disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

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Luke 13:19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES."

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples.

John 18:26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, \*said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

John 19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

### The Garden in Eden

The Garden is the paradise of God that He planted in Eden. Eden remained, but God removed the garden and placed it in Hades with the tree of life and is called Paradise.

Genesis 2:8

The LORD God **planted a garden** toward the east, in Eden; and there **He placed the man** whom He had formed.

Genesis 2:10

Now a **river flowed out of Eden** to water the garden; and from there **it divided and became four rivers**.

Genesis 2:15

Then the LORD God took the man and **put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it**.

Genesis 3:23

therefore the LORD God **sent him out from the garden of Eden**, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

Genesis 3:24

So **He drove the man out**; and at the east of the **garden of Eden** He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction **to guard the way to the tree of life**.

Genesis 4:16

Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

2 Kings 19:12

'Did the gods of those nations which my fathers destroyed deliver them, *even* Gozan and Haran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who *were* in Telassar?

2 Chronicles 29:12

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Then the Levites arose: Mahath, the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of the Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and [Eden](#) the son of Joah;

2 Chronicles 31:15

Under his authority were [Eden](#), Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah and Shecaniah in the cities of the priests, to distribute faithfully *their portions* to their brothers by divisions, whether great or small,

Isaiah 37:12

'Did the gods of those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezepth and the sons of [Eden](#) who were in Telassar?

Isaiah 51:3

Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like [Eden](#), And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

Ezekiel 27:23

"Haran, Canneh, [Eden](#), the traders of Sheba, Asshur *and* Chilmad traded with you.

Ezekiel 28:13

"You were in [Eden](#), the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.

Ezekiel 31:9 'I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches, And all the trees of [Eden](#), which were in the garden of God, were jealous of it.

Ezekiel 31:16 "I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall when I made it go down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit; and all the well-watered trees of [Eden](#), the choicest and best of Lebanon, were comforted in the earth beneath.

Ezekiel 31:18 "To which among the trees of [Eden](#) are you thus equal in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of [Eden](#) to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. So is Pharaoh and all his hordes!" declares the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 36:35 "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of [Eden](#); and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.'

Joel 2:3 A fire consumes before them And behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of [Eden](#) before them But a desolate wilderness behind them, And nothing at all escapes them.

Amos 1:5 "I will also break the *gate* bar of Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, And him who holds the scepter, from Beth-[eden](#); So the people of Aram will go exiled to Kir," Says the LORD.

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#### **08064 שָׁמַיִם shamayim (shaw-mah'-yim)**

dual of an unused singular שָׁמַיָּה shameh *shaw-meh'* from an unused root meaning to be lofty; TWOT-2407a; n m; *heaven, sky*:—

NAS-astrologers\* (1), compass (1), earth (1), heaven (191), heaven and the highest (2), heaven and the highest heavens (1), heaven of heavens (1), heavenly (3), heavens (151), heavens and the highest (1), highest heaven (1), highest heaven (1), highest heavens (4), horizons (1), other\* (1), sky (50).

AV-heaven 398, air 21, astrologers + 01895 1; 420

1) heaven, heavens, sky

1a) visible heavens, sky

1a1) as abode of the stars

1a2) as the visible universe, the sky, atmosphere, etc

1b) Heaven (as the abode of God)

#### **08065 שָׁמַיִן shamayin (Aramaic) (shaw-mah'-yin)**

corresponding to 08064; TWOT-3038; n m; *heavens*:—

NAS-Heaven (1), heaven (29), heavens (2), sky (6).

AV-heaven 38; 38

1) heaven, heavens, sky

1a) visible sky

1b) Heaven (as abode of God)

#### **04605 מֵעַל ma'al (mah'al) (751c);**

from 05927; TWOT-1624k; *above, upwards*:—

NAS-above (7), above\* (32), covered\* (1), exceedingly (1), forward (2), greater (1), greatly (1), heaven (4), high above (1), high\* (1), higher (4), highly (2), hovered\* (2), older (2), onward (2), over (4), over\* (1), severe (1), successive story (1), top (9), upside down (1), upward (53), upward by stages (1), upwards (2), very (3).

AV-upward 59, above 53, high 6, exceedingly 4, upon 4, very 2, forward 2, exceeding 2, over 2, above only 1, overturned + 02015 1, above them 1, up + 0935 1; 138

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1) higher part, upper part

adv

1a) above

prep

1b) on the top of, above, on higher ground than  
with locative 1c) upwards, higher, above

#### **04791 מְרוֹם marowm (maw-rome')**

from 07311; TWOT-2133h; n m; *height*:—

NAS-above\* (1), exalted (1), exalted places (1), haughtily (2), heaven (1), heavens (1), height (4), heights (9), high (28), high places (2), loftiness (1), lofty (1), proudly (1).

AV-high 29, height 10, above 5, high places 4, highest places 1, dignity 1, haughty

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1, loftily 1, high ones 1, upward 1; 54

1) height

1a) height, elevation, elevated place

1a1) in a high place (adv)

1b) height

1c) proudly (adv)

1d) of nobles (fig.)

### 07549 רקיע *raqiya'* (*raw-kee'-ah*)

from 07554; TWOT-2217a; n m; *an extended surface, expanse:—*

NAS-expanse (16), expanse of heaven (1).

AV-firmament 17; 17

1) extended surface (solid), expanse, firmament

1a) expanse (flat as base, support)

1b) firmament (of vault of heaven supporting waters above)

1b1) considered by Hebrews as solid and supporting 'waters' above

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### 3772 ουρανος *ouranos* (*oo-ran-os'*)

perhaps from the same as 3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; TDNT-5:497,736; n m; a prim. word; *heaven:—*

NAS-air (9), heaven (218), heavenly\* (1), heavens (24), sky (22).

AV-heaven 268, air 10, sky 5, heavenly + 1537; 284

1) the vaulted expanse of the sky with all things visible in it

1a) the universe, the world

1b) the aerial heavens or sky, the region where the clouds and the tempests gather, and where thunder and lightning are produced

1c) the sidereal or starry heavens

2) the region above the sidereal heavens, the seat of order of things eternal and consummately perfect where God dwells and other heavenly beings

### 3770 ουραnios *ouranios* (*oo-ran'-ee-os*)

from 3772; TDNT-5:536,736; adj; from 3772; *of or in heaven:—*

NAS-heaven (1), heavenly (8).

AV-heavenly 6; 6

1) heavenly

1a) dwelling in heaven

1b) coming from heaven

### 3771 ουρανοθεν *ouranothēn* (*oo-ran-oth'-en*)

from 3772 and the enclitic of source; TDNT-5:542,736; adv; *from heaven:—*

NAS-heaven (2).

AV-from heaven 2; 2

1) from heaven

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### **2032** *επουρανιος* *epouranios* (*ep-oo-ran'-ee-os*)

from 1909 and 3772; TDNT-5:538,736; adj; *of heaven*:—

NAS-heaven (1), heavenly (14), heavenly one (1), heavenly things (3).

AV-heavenly 16, celestial 2, in heaven 1, high 1; 20

1) existing in heaven

1a) things that take place in heaven

1b) the heavenly regions

1b1) heaven itself, the abode of God and angels

1b2) the lower heavens, of the stars

1b3) the heavens, of the clouds

1c) the heavenly temple or sanctuary

2) of heavenly origin or nature

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### **2032** επουρανιος **epouranios** (**ep-oo-ran'-ee-os**)

from **1909** and **3772**; TDNT-5:538,736; adj; *of heaven*:—

NAS-heaven (1), heavenly (14), heavenly one (1), heavenly things (3).

AV-heavenly 16, celestial 2, in heaven 1, high 1; 20

- 1) existing in heaven
  - 1a) things that take place in heaven
  - 1b) the heavenly regions
    - 1b1) heaven itself, the abode of God and angels
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    - 1b3) the heavens, of the clouds
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### **1356** διοπετης **diopetes** (**dee-op-et'-ace**)

from the alternate of **2203** and the alternate of **4098**; ; adj; from Διος Dios (*of Zeus*) and the same as **4098**; *fallen from heaven*:—

NAS-which fell down from heaven (1). Acts 19:35

AV-which fell down from Jupiter 1; 1

- 1) fallen from Zeus, i.e. from heaven
- 2) an image of the Ephesian Artemis which was supposed to have fallen from heaven