Heaven

What our eternal existence will be like



What is the value in studying about heaven?

What is heaven?

What is the common view of what heaven is like?

How is the Bible's view different from this?

Where does the wrong world view about heaven as only a spirit world come from?

Where does God give us an idea of what we can expect heaven to be like?

Why doesn't the Bible say more about our eternal state?

What happens to a person's soul when they die? How do we know that our souls never lose consciousness?

(Luke 16:9-31, 2 Corinthians 5:8)

What will it be like between death and the resurrection of our bodies? (1 Thes 5:23)

Will the unsaved have bodies between death and resurrection?

Where did people go before Jesus was resurrected? (Luke 16:19-31)

Where are the Old Testament saints today?

Why couldn't the spirits of the righteous dead go directly to heaven before the cross?

What happens when people die today?

(1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4).

What happens when believers are resurrected?

1 Cor 15:40-44

In verses 40-41, what is the point that is being made about there being different kind of celestial bodies?

How are celestial bodies and resurrection of the dead similar?

How are our current bodies contrasted with our resurrected bodies in verses 42-44?

1 Cor 15:51-53

What is the mystery that this passage reveals?

What is the sleep to which this verse is refers?

What about cases where the body has been vaporized by a nuclear bomb, or burned up through cremation or buried at sea to be eaten by crabs and scattered?

What can we learn about our future bodies from this passage?

Phil 3:20-21

What does it mean our citizenship is in heaven? What can we learn about our future bodies from this passage?

Luke 24:13-43

When did the two men walking to Emmaus recognize Jesus?

Why do you thing they recognized Him at that point?

God opened their eyes to who He was.

Why did Jesus vanish when the men recognized Him?

What did His vanishing demonstrate?

What did the men do when they realized the resurrected

Jesus had walked and talked with them?

How do we know that Jesus instantly appeared?

Why were the disciples terrified and frightened of Jesus?

What did Jesus do to set their minds at ease?

How did the disciples respond to the revelation that Jesus' body was flesh and blood?

What did Jesus eating reveal about His glorified body? Will those married on earth be married in heaven?

Our First Day in Heaven

What happens on our first day in heaven? (2 Cor 5:10)

What is the purpose of this judgment?

What kind of gifts do we bring to God? (Eph 5:19-20, Col 3:23, 2 Cor 9:7, 1 Pet 1:22, Col 2:2, Luke 8:15, Eph 6:5-7)

How is giving of gifts to God and judgment for works related?

What happens after our judgment/gift giving is completed? (Rev 19:7-9)

What will we get to do with Jesus that He has not done since the night they took Him to be crucified? (Matthew 26:26-29)

Activities

John 14:2-3

When Jesus left us, what did He go to do?

What else did Jesus promise us?

Where will Jesus be?

What will we be doing when the Lord returns to earth to set up His Kingdom? (Rev 19:14)

Who are these armies in heaven clothed in fine white linen?

What will we be doing as Jesus reigns forever? (Rev 5:9-10)

How will the Lord begin His eternal reign? (Rev 20:4)

From where will Jesus reign when He establishes His

Kingdom on earth? (Isaiah 2:2-4)

How do we know Isaiah 2:2-4 refers to the millennial reign of Christ and not the eternal state?

Why do we refer to the initial reign of Jesus on earth as a Millennial reign?

What does it mean that the mountain of the LORD's house will be established on the top of the mountains?

What are the nations and the people referred to here?

What will people do during the millennial reign of Christ?

Millennial Reign of Christ

Why is there a millennial reign of Christ? What is the value in looking at passages pertaining to the millennial reign of Christ in learning about what life will be like during the eternal state?

Isaiah 11:6-9

How do we know that Isaiah 11:6-9 refers to the millennial reign of Christ and not the eternal state?

What does Isaiah 11:6-9 say that things will be like during the millennial reign of Christ?

What are the implications of Isaiah 11:6-9?

Does Isaiah 11:6-9 mean that people will all be vegetarians during the millennial reign of Christ?

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 65:17-25 speaks of a new heavens and a new earth but why can't this refer to the eternal state?

What does it mean in verse 17 that "the former shall not be remembered or come to mind"?

What are the implications of this for the eternal state? What does verse 19 tell us about the millennial reign? Why will things be better during the millennial reign? How long will people live during the millennial reign of Christ? (verse 22)

It says in verse 22 that the time of God's people will be as that of a tree, what does this mean?

What does it mean in verse 20 that "the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed"?

Does this idea reinforce the age of accountability doctrine? What does verses 21-22 tell us about the millennial reign? What part of the consequences of the fall of man does verse 23 address?

What does verse 24 have to say about what kind of a relationship people will have with the Lord during His millennial reign?

How can we tell from verse 25 that this passage is referring to the millennial reign of Christ?

So how does all this understanding of the millennial reign of Christ help us better understand the eternal state?

Micah 4:1-7

How do we know that Micah 4:1-7 refers to the millennial reign of Christ?

What does Micah 4:3 have to say about the relationship between nations during the millennial reign of Christ? What does Micah 4:4 have to say about life during the millennial reign of Christ?

What does it mean in Micah 4:5 that "all people walk each in the name of his god"?

Why would this be the case if the Lord Himself is reigning physically on earth?

Who is the lame and outcast in Micah 4:6-7?

What will it mean to reign with Christ during the millennial Kingdom?

Isaiah 66:18-21

How do we know Isaiah 66:18-21 refers to the millennial reign of Jesus?

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How can we see this giving of shepherds applying to all nations?

Why will it be that during the millennial reign of Christ, "they will say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore" (v16)?

The Eternal State

Rev 21:1-22:5

Where will the redeemed spend eternity?

What is this new heaven and earth in Revelation 22:1?

Where will God be during the eternal state?

Why will God renovate His creation instead of destroying it as some expect?

What will the new, re-created earth be like (v1)?

What comes down to earth out of heaven (v2-3)?

What will there not be during the eternal state (v4)?

Why will there be no more death, sorrow, crying, pain (v4-5)?

How Is the New Jerusalem described (v10...)?

Why does New Jerusalem need a wall?

What are the purpose of the angels at the gates?

How can there be anything that defiles, or causes an abomination if there is no sorrow or crying or pain in the eternal state?

Why are the names of the tribes of Israel written on the gates of New Jerusalem?

What will support the wall of New Jerusalem?

Will Paul's name be on one of the foundations?

Why are the names of the apostles written on the foundations of New Jerusalem's wall?

How large will New Jerusalem be (v16)?

What do we know about the wall around New Jerusalem?

What was the city itself made out of?

What are the gates made out of?

Why will there be no temple in the New Jerusalem?

Where will the Holy Spirit be?

From where will New Jerusalem get its light (v23)?

What will the throne of God look like?

What will main street in New Jerusalem look like?

What kind of trees are the tree of life?

What is the significance of 12 different crops of fruit?

What does the fruit bearing tell us about the eternal state?

Why would God provide a measure of the passage of time for us in the eternal state?

Why do we need leaves for the healing of the nations?

What does it mean in Revelation 22:3 that there will be no more curse?

What does Revelation 22:3 say that we will be doing during the eternal state?

Will we ever exhaust what my be learned about God?

What does Psalm 145:3 mean when it says God's greatness is unsearchable?

What is the great blessing in Revelation 22:4?

What does it mean that God's name will be on our foreheads?

What does Revelation 22:5 say that we will be doing during the eternal state?

What will we be reigning over?