

Cosmology of Redemption

“In the beginning...**HEAVENS** and the **EARTH**” (Gen 1:1) seen & unseen
 Notice the plural “heavens” and no underworld yet (Adam had not sinned)
Heavens, Earth, Under the Earth – Ex 20:4; Phil 2:10; Rev 5:3; 5:13
 This cosmological language is found in both Old & New Testaments

7. Highest Heaven (God and Christ)
Psa 68:33; Heb 7:26
- 6.
- 5.
- 4.
3. Third Heaven – Paradise (2 Cor 12:2-4)
Enoch says Paradise is in third heaven
- 2.
- 1.

HEAVENS (unseen)

Col 1:16 -- Heavens (invisible)
 Earth (visible)

Christ descended from **Heaven** into the **AIR** to meet the resurrected dead and the changed living saints. He brought the **New Jerusalem** down with Him.

AIR or Mid-Heaven (seen and unseen)

Satan – “Prince of the Power of the AIR” (or mid-heaven) (Eph 2:2)
 At the Parousia, Satan and demons sent to Gehenna

When Jesus Ascended He took Paradise to Third Heaven (Eph 4:8-9)
 Passed thru heavens (Heb 4:14)

EARTH (seen)

Tartarus (2 Pet 2:4)
 Lake of Fire (Gehenna) Lk 12:5
 The Abyss (Deep), Pit (Ezek 31:15 in LXX; Lk 8:31; Rev 9:1-2; 20:3)

Abraham’s Bosom (Lk 16:19-31)
 Paradise (Lk 23:43)
 Jesus’ descent (1 Pet 3:18; 4:6; and Acts 2:27, 31)
 Souls held captive until Resur.

Resurrection of the Dead out of Hades and caught up with living saints to meet Christ

Under the Earth (unseen)

Sheol (Hebrew: underworld) - Hades (Greek: unseen)