

Cosmology of Christ's Return

"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
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- 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" (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) Luke 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)