

The Tabernacle

- I.** The Tabernacle, and later the Temple in Jerusalem, was the “antitype” of heavenly things (Heb. 8:5).
 - 1. The earthly Tabernacle, the antitype, pictures the arrangement of the heavens (Heb. 9:24).
 - 2. The heavens are the “type” (Heb. 8:5).

- II.** The three heavens (2 Cor. 12:2).
 - 1. The Father’s house—the universe and beyond (Mt. 5:34-35; Acts 7:49; Is. 66:1).
 - 2. The first heaven—the air, atmosphere (Mt. 8:20; 13:32; Acts 14:17; cf. Eph. 2:2).
 - 3. The second heaven—starry spaces (Gen. 1:17-17; Ps. 8:3).
 - 1) The 2nd heaven is within the material universe.
 - 2) The stars are the home of angels (Ps. 33:6; Lu. 2:13; Is. 45:18; Eph. 6:12).
 - 4. The Third Heaven—beyond the created material universe.
 - 1) The Holy of Holies—where God is resident (1 Ki. 22:19; Eph. 1:21-22; Rev. 3:21; 4:1-2; 5:1).
 - 2) Place for Church saints prior to the Rapture (1 Jn. 3:2).
 - 3) The Heavenly New Jerusalem under construction (Jn. 14:2-3; Heb. 12:22-24).
 - 4) At the edge between the second and Third Heaven.
 - i. Paradise (2 Cor. 12:2-4).
 - ii. Martyred saints from the first half of the Tribulation (Rev. 6:9).