

The Heaven New Jerusalem *“Looking in The City”*

- The Royal Rule in the heavens (2 Tim. 4:18).
- The current third heaven has at least four compartments: Throne room, a place for Christians in intermediate bodies, the New Jerusalem under construction, and under the Throne is Paradise.
- Pre-Old Testament and Old Testament saints:
 - a. Have different promises than the church (Heb. 11:8-10).
 - b. Have not received their promises yet (Heb. 11:13, 39).
 - c. From Abraham through the Law their promises involve land on earth: an earthly New Jerusalem (Heb. 11:9-10).
 - d. They will not receive their promises until the Church obtains its promises (Heb. 11:40).

Heb. 12:22-29 is a Millennial scene depicting the church having received their promise that is behind the veil; thus all the others saints have received their promise too. This scene is a proof of how our promise will be realized.

1. But we, New Testament saints, have come to a Heavenly city.
2. The Heavenly New Jerusalem is currently existing, extant (Heb. 12:22; Jn. 14:2-3; Gal. 4:26).
3. Terms: Mount symbolizes government rule (Is. 2:3).
Zion symbolizes the city where God dwells (Ps. 9:11).
City of the Living God: residency (Rev. 21:22).
4. Myriads of angels in a festive assembly.
5. Church: the called out firstborn ones (Col. 1:18).
6. Which (church) having been enrolled in heavens.
7. And the Judge of all.
8. The spirits of righteous men made perfect.

Rev. 21:9-10 another Millennial scene.

1. Having the seven vials (*cf.* Rev. 16:17) near end of Tribulation.
2. Descending out from the heaven (*cf.* Rom. 11:26; Mt. 24:30).