

The Heavens Are Real

'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth' (Genesis 1:1). That is, He prepared, formed, shaped and fashioned the heavens. The Hebrew word for God is Elohim and God is presented as plural in the opening verse of the Bible. The last three letters 'h.i.m' (pronounced heem) is the plural ending in Hebrew, so in Genesis 1:1, we already see the triune God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Let Us (plural) make mankind in Our (plural) image' (Genesis 1:26). 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us' (plural) (Genesis 3:22). Heaven is also presented in Hebrew as plural; malkhut shemayim. 'The heavens are the work of Your hands' (Psalm 102:25). 'The Lord stretches out the heavens' (Job 9:8). 'You stretch out the heavens like a curtain' (Psalm 103:2; Isaiah 40:22).

'Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them' (Genesis 2:1). The 'host of them' the 'vast array of them' infers the heavens are vast, huge, enormous and there are many. A vast array is not just one, it is multiples. 'Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth also, with all that is in it and on it' (Deuteronomy 10:14). 'Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You' (1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chronicles 6:18). 'You are the Lord. You alone: You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their armies' (Nehemiah 9:6). 'By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their army was made by the breath of His mouth' (Psalm 33:6). 'Sing praises to Him Who rides upon the heavens of the heavens, the ancient heavens' (Psalm 68:33). Jesus ascended far above all the heavens (Ephesians 4:10). 'The heavens were made by the Word of God' (Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5) and in Revelation 19:13 we read that Jesus Himself is the Word of God, so Jesus created all of the heavens. The area called heavens is so vast, so great in size, the only word that can describe it, is the 'expanse' (Genesis 1:7). We can see that there are not only numerous heavens, but there are several armies or troops in these heavens (Revelation 19:14). There are various other creations in heaven, all created by Jesus (Colossians 1:16 & 17).

The Lord created the earth to be inhabited. 'For the Lord – Who created the heavens, God Himself, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it and did not create it to be a worthless waste; He formed it to be inhabited' (Isaiah 45:18). 'This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens' (Genesis 2:4). 'God called the firmament, Heavens. And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens ... and let there be lights in the expanse of the sky, to give light upon the earth." And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth' (Genesis 1:8, 14, 15 & 17).

*As we can see in all of these scriptures, the heavens, as it is written in the Bible, is always plural. There are several separate areas in the heavens, and we will look at each of them as the scriptures describe them and we will give the appropriate scripture references. There is the lowest heaven that starts on the earth's surface and goes up to where the sun, moon and stars are. There is the mid-heaven. There is the third heaven. There is the highest heaven. There is the 'Uttermost North' heaven. There is the heaven where the throne is. There is the heavens of the heavens, which are self-explanatory; they are the heavens for all the other heavens and the Lord God is not restricted to any of them, but moves freely around, and fills all of them. We can easily see that there are at least three heavens. Paul was taken to the third heaven, so logically speaking, if there is a third heaven, then there has to be a first and second (2 Corinthians 12:2 to 4). "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord (Jeremiah 23:24). 'He Who has ascended high above all the heavens, that His Presence might fill all things (Ephesians 4:10). By fill all things, Paul

means His Presence fills the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest and out to the furthest and beyond. Paul said 'all the heavens'. All means more than two. Two would be written as 'both', so all is at least three or more.

The first or the lowest heaven, is the visible heaven we see and breathe the air. It is the area of our airspace from the earth's surface up to where aircrafts fly, as far up to the sun, moon, planets and stars. It is where thunder, lightning and storms form (Exodus 9:23). The gifts from heaven are dew and the sun (Deuteronomy 33:13 & 14); dew is formed in our atmosphere and the sun is in the area we call 'space'. The Lord drops dew from heaven (Deuteronomy 33:28). All of it is called heaven. Smoke, which we can see, rises to the heavens (Joshua 8:20) but it doesn't go into space, so we can see that the area immediately above the earth is called heaven. There is another verse that tells us that the surface of the earth is the lowest area of heaven, or the foundation of heaven. 'Then the earth reeled and quaked and the foundations of the heavens trembled and shook' (2 Samuel 22:8). Jesus seemed to confirm this when He was walking on earth, yet He said He was in heaven (John 3:12). The foundations of a house are the lowest area of the house, they are necessary for the stability of a house, and are an absolutely necessary part of a house. It seems that earth is the necessary foundation for heaven. Here is another scripture that tells us the moon and stars are in the area God calls heaven. 'When I view Your heavens, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained' (Psalm 8:3). 'You Lord, did lay the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the works of Your hands' (Hebrews 1:10). We live in the area God calls the foundations of the heavens; the first heaven; the lowest heaven.

The mid, or second heaven is logically located between the first and the third. There are two verses that speak of the mid-heaven. 'Then I looked and saw a solitary eagle flying in mid-heaven' (Revelation 8:13). 'Then I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven' (Revelation 14:6). There is far too much to write in this sermon, but if we read all the chapters of Revelation between mid-heaven in chapter 8, and mid-heaven in chapter 14, we see a whole picture from 'woe' to 'victory'. In chapter 8, the eagle is crying, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth." In chapter 14, the angel has the Eternal Gospel, Babylon has fallen and all of creation is worshipping and adoring our Saviour. The war in heaven isn't completely over, but victory is on its way. The devil is cast out of heaven permanently mid-way through these two chapters (Revelation 12:7 to 10), and complete victory is written in chapter 20. So what was happening? The devil was about to be tossed out of mid-heaven, once and for all time, and he was putting up an enormous struggle. Of course we know that it ends with the devil being tossed into the eternal lake of fire (Revelation 20:10) but until that time, he inhabits the mid-heaven.

This can be confirmed by studying Daniel chapters 10, 11 & 12. As Daniel was praying and fasting for an answer to prayer, an angel was sent from God to give the answer. After the angel left a high level of heaven to come to earth, somewhere between heaven and earth, the angel had to fight an evil spirit that ruled over Persia. The angel was assisted by the archangel Michael and managed to get through to earth. The same angel was accosted again as he was returning to God. Obviously, the evil spirit was midway between heaven and earth, in the heavenly realm and tried to stop Daniel's prayer being answered. These were two opposing angels that came into conflict; they were not people. Our battle is not with people, it is in the spiritual realm. We see here that Michael is the archangel responsible for watching over Israel and God's people, the Jews. We can see that there are evil beings that have tasks given to them for evil. We also see that there are holy angels who have tasks given to them for us, to do us good. It is all played out in the heavenly sphere. The holy angel who spoke to Daniel said he had to go back and fight

again in the heavenlies. That shows us that the holy angel had to pass through the devil's territory when he came down to Daniel and again to get back to his own place in heaven. We read there how the evil prince of Persia (an evil spirit) fought with the holy angels over ancient Israel, and we can see in our modern time, that the prince of Persia (now Iran) is still fighting over Israel. The area the evil prince of Persia has been allotted, covers the whole of what was ancient Persia. That area covers what is now Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, southern Turkey, the Arabian nations and ancient Mesopotamia. That is a huge area. That battle has been going on for thousands of years and it may help some people realise what is actually going on in Israel and the surrounding areas, in our present time. It is a spiritual battle being played out on earth. 'We are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the powers of darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly sphere' (Ephesians 6:12).

'Behold, God puts no trust in His holy angels; indeed the heavens are not clean in His sight' (Job 15:15). They are not clean, because they have been defiled by wickedness. Read this verse again; 'We are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the powers of darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly sphere' (Ephesians 6:12). So the heavenly sphere, or mid-heaven is where the headquarters of the devil, the principalities, evil powers and evil rulers of wickedness are. 'The wisdom of God ... might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly sphere' (Ephesians 3:10). The devil was tossed out of one heaven because he said he would ascend to a higher heaven and wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God in the uttermost north, or the highest of the high heavens. He wanted to make himself like the Most High God. Instead he was cut down to the ground (Isaiah 14:12 to 14). Jesus saw the devil fall like lightning from heaven (Luke 10:18).

The fallen angels are in hell awaiting judgement because they left their place of power and abandoned their proper dwelling place (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6) but the devil is not with them. After the final judgement he will be tossed into the eternal lake of fire along with all non-believers (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15; 21:8). In the meantime, the devil's place of habitat is the heavenly realm because that is the natural place of angels. The devil lives amongst the angels and presents himself to God (Job 1:6 to 12; 2:1 to 7). The devil accuses Christians before God, day and night (Revelation 12:10), and that is still going on. Evil spirits can also present themselves to God (Judges 9:23; 1 Samuel 16:14 to 16 & 23; 1 Kings 22:22; 2 Chronicles 18:21). Unclean spirits also wander the earth (Luke 11:24). Jesus said the powers that are in the heavens, will be shaken (Mark 13:25; Luke 21:26), that is the principalities and powers and rulers of darkness (Ephesians 6:12). The devil has a kingdom just as God has a Kingdom (Matthew 12:26). This part of heaven, from the top of the second heaven right down to earth, has been so defiled with sin and wickedness, one day, the Lord is going to burn it all up. In the meantime, the devil and evil spirits currently inhabit the mid-heaven.

Then we have the third heaven as described in 2 Corinthians 12:2 to 4. That is where Paradise is located; it is above the second heaven and is undefiled, holy and pure. Paradise was never written about in the Old Testament. Jesus was the first to ever mention Paradise, and that was when He told the repentant thief on the cross beside Him, that the thief would be with Jesus in Paradise (Luke 23:43). It seems heaven wasn't open to people until after the resurrection of Jesus. 'And yet, no one has ever gone up to heaven' (John 3:13). The exceptions were Enoch, Moses and Elijah, but when Stephen was stoned to death, he went straight to heaven (Acts 7:56 & 59). The Tree of Life which was once in the centre of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:9) is now in Paradise (Revelation 2:7). People in Paradise can see people in hell, and people in hell can see people in

Paradise and they can speak to one another, but there is a chasm between heaven and hell and nobody can pass from one place to the other (Luke 16:19 to 31). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are all in Paradise (Matthew 8:11) and Paradise is where all born-again believers go immediately after death. 'We are citizens of heaven' (Philippians 3:20). Our hope is laid up for us in heaven (Colossians 1:5). We all share in the heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1). There is an inheritance reserved in heaven for us (1 Peter 1:4).

The other heavens mentioned on page one in the paragraph marked with the asterisk *, are very much the Lord's domain and we do not know in which order they are set. What we do know, is they are above the first three heavens, and God would have to be higher than them because He looks down into heaven (Psalm 112:6) and it is written that God sits in the highest heaven above all things. Jesus ascended and passed through the heavens (Hebrews 4:14). There is peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven (Luke 19:38). The heavens are high above the earth (Psalm 103:11). The Lord is above the heavens (Psalm 108:5). We know the height of the stars is a very long distance from earth, yet God is in a higher heaven than the stars – showing us again that there are several heavens. 'Is not God in the height (or highest) of heaven? And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!' (Job 22:12). Heaven is not the limit to where God goes. 'Heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain Him' (2 Chronicles 2:6). God has set His glory above the heavens (Psalm 8:1), that is, His glory is even higher than the heavens. Heaven is God's throne (Isaiah 66:1). God's throne is above the dwelling place of the angels and cherubim. 'God is enthroned above the cherubim' (2 Kings 19:15; Isaiah 37:16). 'Behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne! Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the throne, and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders' (Revelation 4:2 & 4).

The throne of the Lord is in the highest heaven; the highest of places where angels and the Lord live. There are so many angels, they are called armies (1 Kings 22:19; 2 Chronicles 18:18; Luke 2:13). Only when God opens our spiritual eyes, are we able to see into heaven (Isaiah 6:1 to 3; Ezekiel 10:1 to 22; Daniel 10:7). Only when God takes us in the spirit, are we able to visit heaven like Paul did (2 Corinthians 12:2 to 4). Obviously the highest heavens are an incredible distance from earth, yet God can hear our thoughts and prayers from there. 'The cry of the sufferers reached heaven' (1 Samuel 5:12). Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed and cried to heaven for help, then the Lord sent an angel to assist them (2 Chronicles 32:20 & 21). God dwells in heaven but He can hear our prayers coming from earth (1 Kings 8:30 & 43; 2 Chronicles 6:21 & 39). God sits in heaven and laughs at the foolishness of sinners (Psalm 2:4). God sees us from His throne in heaven (Psalm 11:4).

Heaven is the Lord's sanctuary. 'For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth' (Psalm 102:19); 'Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the heavens of His power' (Psalm 150:1); 'Then the sanctuary of God in heaven was thrown open, and the ark of His covenant was seen standing inside His sanctuary' (Revelation 11:19). The Lord God rides through the heavens and Majestically through the skies (Deuteronomy 33:26). God walks on the wings of the wind (Psalm 104:3). God rides on His cherubim. 'God bowed the heavens and came down; He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen upon the wings of the wind' (2 Samuel 22:11; Psalm 18:10).

One of the highest heavens is called the Uttermost North (Isaiah 14:13). 'He stretches out the North over empty space' (Job 26:7). In fact there are several names for the plural heavens written in the scriptures: the Firmament (Genesis 1:7), the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 3:2; 5:3), the Kingdom of God (Mark 9:46; Luke 17:20), Paradise (Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 12:4; Revelation 2:7), the New Jerusalem (Revelation 3:12; 21:2), the

Kingdom of the Father (Matthew 13:43), the Kingdom of Jesus (Luke 22:30), the House of the Father (John 14:2), Mount Zion, the City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22), the Holy of Holies; the Holy Place (Hebrews 9:12), Life (Matthew 7:14), Eternal Life (Matthew 19:16), the Joy (Matthew 25:21), the Heavenly Country (Hebrews 11:16).

The scriptures make it clear, whatever the name of the area, God owns both heaven and earth. Melchizedek stated that: "God Most High, Possessor and Maker of heaven and earth" then Abraham seconded that when he said, "Lord, God Most High, the Possessor and Maker of heaven and earth" (Genesis 14:19 & 22). 'All that is in the heavens and the earth is the Lord's' (1 Chronicles 29:11). 'Whatever is under the whole heavens is Mine' (Job 41:11). The Lord is God of the heavens and He is God of the earth (Genesis 24:3; Deuteronomy 4:39). 'The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it. You have founded them' (Psalm 89:11). 'O Lord, You are God Who made the heavens, the earth, the seas and all that is in them' (Acts 4:24). 'Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth also, with all that is in it and on it' (Deuteronomy 10:14).

Here is more information about the heavens. God has given all authority in heaven to Jesus (Matthew 28:18). Jesus ascended into heaven and is sitting down at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19; Ephesians 1:20). Jesus must stay in heaven and cannot come again until all things have been restored; that is until Israel is completely restored (Acts 3:21). Before the Lord returns, there will be great signs from heaven (Luke 21:11). Israel is the house of God and the gateway to heaven (Genesis 28:12 & 17). That is because Israel is the place that God has chosen to show the world the way of salvation, through our Jewish Messiah. Salvation comes from the Jews (John 4:22); Israel is the land of the Jews and is therefore our gateway to heaven, and Jacob was aware of that. The area Jacob named Bethel (Genesis 28:19) is still there and is still called Bethel. The Children of Israel ate Manna, which was angels food (Psalm 78:25) and it came out of heaven (John 6:31), but Jesus is the true Bread from heaven (John 6:32 & 33).

Jesus is the Lord from Heaven; we will bear the image of the Man of heaven (1 Corinthians 15:47 & 49) and there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved. In other words, we can only be saved in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12). We sit in heavenly places because we have been saved by Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). The names of Christians are written down in heaven (Luke 10:20). Through God the Father, by the blood of Jesus, there will be reconciliation and peace in heaven, as well as on earth (Colossians 1:20). Jesus is the Master in heaven (Colossians 4:1). At the name of Jesus, every knee must bow, in heaven and on earth (Philippians 2:10). Jesus has been exalted higher than the heavens (Hebrews 7:26). The Holy Spirit is from heaven (1 Peter 1:12). Jesus has now entered into heaven and is at the right hand of God with all angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him (1 Peter 3:22).

This may surprise some people; there are various positions or gradient levels in heaven that are allotted to us, according to the lives we live on earth, and according to the works we do. There are people who will only just get into heaven and will suffer loss because they will receive no rewards whatsoever. Some people will be least in the Kingdom of Heaven and some will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward every man in accordance with what he has done' (Matthew 16:27). 'For we must all appear before the judgement seat of the Lord, so that each one may receive his pay according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil' (2 Corinthians 5:10). 'If anyone builds on the

Foundation, whether it be with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw; the work of each person will become known, for the day (of judgement) will declare it; it will be revealed with fire, and the worth of the work each person has done will be tested by fire; if any person's work is burned up, he will suffer the loss, losing his reward, though he himself will be saved, but only as one who has passed through the fire (1 Corinthians 3:12 to 15). 'Whoever breaks the commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven; but he who practices them and teaches others to do so, shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 5:19). 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the Kingdom of heaven, is greater than John' (Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28). 'At that time the disciples asked Jesus, "Who then is really the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" Jesus answered, "Whoever will humble himself ... is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1 & 4).

'The Lord is going to shake earth and the heavens yet once more. This expression, 'yet once more' indicates the final removal of all that can be shaken – that is of that which has been created – in order, that what cannot be shaken may remain' (Hebrews 12:26 & 27). Remember we wrote earlier in this text, that the Lord is going to burn the first and second heavens and earth because of sin and wickedness? The present heaven and earth will pass away (Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33). 'The heavens shall vanish away like smoke and the earth shall wax like an old garment (Isaiah 51:6) 'The heavens and earth have been stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgement. The heavens will vanish with a thunderous crash and the elements of the universe will be burned with fire, and the earth will be burned up. The flaming heavens will be dissolved and the universe will flare and melt with fire, but we look for a new heavens and a new earth according to His promise (2 Peter 3:7, 10, 12 & 13). Jesus said the sky and earth will pass away (Matthew 5:18). Christians will then live on a newly created, new heavens and new earth. 'For behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth' (Isaiah 65:17); 'for the new heavens and the new earth which I make shall remain before Me' (Isaiah 66:22); 'Then I (John) saw a new heavens and a new earth, for the former heavens and the former earth had passed away and there no longer existed any sea. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God ... then I heard a mighty voice from the throne saying, "See! The abode of God is with men; only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life." (Revelation 21:1 to 3 & 27).

To get into heaven, we have to be righteous, not religious, and we have to do the will of God (Matthew 5:20; 7:21). There is joy in heaven every time a sinner repents and comes to God (Luke 15:7). The heavens can open up (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; John 1:51; Acts 7:56; 10:11; Revelation 4:1; 15:5; 19:11). We are not to make an oath by using heaven, because it is where God the father lives, and so that we may not fall under condemnation (Matthew 5:34; 23:22; James 5:12). Heaven is the throne of God. The Lord is enthroned in heaven (Psalm 123:1; Matthew 5:34). The ark of the covenant that was once in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 6:11) is now in heaven (Revelation 11:19).

All of our eternal treasures are in heaven (Matthew 6:20; Mark 10:21; Luke 12:33). All our spiritual rewards will come to us once we get to heaven (Matthew 5:12; 16:27; Luke 6:23; 18:22). Some of the rewards we will receive are called the Crown of Life (James 1:12), the Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8), the Crown of Glory (1 Peter 5:4), the Incorruptible Crown (1 Corinthians 9:25), the Great Reward (Matthew 5:12), the Glorious Inheritance (Ephesians 1:18) and the Eternal Inheritance (Hebrews 9:15).

Nobody marries once they get to heaven because we will be like the angels (Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25). Blessings come from heaven (Genesis 49:25). We are not to make images of anything that is in heaven (Exodus 20:4; Deuteronomy 5:8). The Lord spoke to Moses from heaven (Exodus 20:22; Deuteronomy 4:36; Nehemiah 9:13). Heaven is a holy habitation and the Lord looks down from heaven to bless and save us (Deuteronomy 26:15; Psalm 20:6). On several occasions, the Lord called on heaven to be a witness for Him (Deuteronomy 4:26; 30:19; 31:28; 32:1). Enoch and Elijah did not die as we know death, but both were taken up to heaven while still alive (Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5; 2 Kings 2:11). Whatever we have on earth, there seems to be a copy in heaven. Actually that is the other way around. Whatever is in heaven, there is a copy here on earth (Hebrews 9:23). There is time in heaven, just like on earth. 'There was silence for about half and hour in heaven' (Revelation 8:1); 'Yielding each month, its fresh crop of fruit' (Revelation 22:2). When we sin, we sin against heaven (Luke 15:18 & 21) and the wrath of God is revealed from heaven (Romans 1:18).

The scriptures explain how the Lord creates storms, lightning, rain, hail, thunder, wind and earthquakes (2 Samuel 22:1 to 16; Psalm 18:7 to 15). Verse 16 describes the channels of the sea, and science has only very recently discovered there are channels of different types of water, that run throughout the seas. That same verse tells us the foundations of the earth were laid bare for the ancient people to see, and in the last century, science discovered mountains, valleys and volcanoes deep under the sea. For hundreds of years, people thought the earth was flat and was held up by Hercules, but Isaiah 40:22 says the earth is a circle; Psalm 19:6 says the sun has a circuit; Job 26:7 says the Lord hangs the earth on nothing. Just recently, scientists have discovered ice in space and on planets, making them feel ever so smug because they believe they are the first to find this out. How foolish they look, because the Bible said there is water above the heavens; that is above and beyond our moon and stars; above the expanse (Genesis 1:7; Psalm 148:4). Scientists now know that the seas have currents that flow in circles, and that the seas have boundaries that it cannot cross, just like the Bible says in Proverbs 8:27 & 29. These verses were written thousands of years before science discovered these facts. That shows us how true and accurate the Bible is.

God rules heaven and His will is done in heaven (Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2). The Lord has set rules and ordinances in heaven (Job 38:33). 'The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all' (Psalm 103:19). 'God is in the heavens and He does whatever He pleases' (Psalm 115:3). 'Whatever the Lord pleases, that has He done in the heavens and on the earth' (Psalm 135:6). The Lord has the last say. 'Your Word is settled in heaven' (Psalm 119:89).

Amen and God bless you.

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