

Introduction

John 14:1 “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

Here comes the encouragement:

John 14:2 *In my Father’s house **are many places** to live. If there weren’t, I would have told you; because I am going there to prepare a place for you.* Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

*There is **more than enough room** in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?* NLT

In my Father’s 1.house there are 2. many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to 3. prepare a 4. place for you? NASB

The word mansion, is only found in KJV. In Vulgate *mansiones*

1. *Oikoa*, House
2. *Povai*: many rooms, many dwelling places. Abode, a staying, mansion
3. *Hetomasai*, to prepare, to make ready, provide
4. *Topon*, a spot, a secluded place, a dwelling place, apartment.

1. Prepare a dwelling place

- a. As a Christian I have heard about these mansions in heaven. It is really based on a Greek philosophical worldview according to Plato where the spiritual realm is superior to the earthly realm. Plato believed that ultimate reality exists beyond the physical world and that there are perfect, eternal forms or ideas that correspond to everything we see in the physical world.
- b. Jewish Messianic, biblical expectation is not heavenly but **earthly**. The Gospel does promise a physical resurrection of the body, a restored kingdom of Israel, and a renewed earth. My own experience of the Jewish roots with the joy of earthly things: food, tradition, marriage, etc—so Yeshua is going to prepare a place for us in the temple, the New Yerushalaim.

John 5:28-29 ²⁸*Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.*

Acts 1:6-8 ⁶*So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “**Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?**” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

The biblical hope according to our Jewish Messianic understanding as we all know, is that the Kingdom of God will be established when Yeshua returns and can be understood as the restoration of the kingdom of Israel.

The first time it dawned on me, that Yeshua is coming back to rule on earth, was when Lars Enarson preached about it in Sweden...

2. Yeshua will reign on earth from Yerushalaim!

Zechariah 14:16 *Finally, everyone remaining from all the nations that came to attack Yerushalayim will go up every year to worship the king, Adonai-Tzva’ot, and to keep the festival of Sukkot.* CJB

Isaiah 62:7 *and give him no rest till he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth.* CJB

Jer 3:17 *When that time comes, they will call Yerushalayim the throne of Adonai. All the nations will be gathered there to the name of Adonai, to Yerushalayim. No longer will they live according to their stubbornly evil hearts.* CJB

3. Whenever Yeshua used the phrase” My Fathers House” He referred to the Temple

- a. **John 2:13-17** *and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a place of business.”* ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, **“Zeal for Your house will consume me.”**
- b). **Luke 2:48-49** ⁴⁸When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.” ⁴⁹And He said to them, **“Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?”**

4. My Fathers House: a well known concept in the Bible

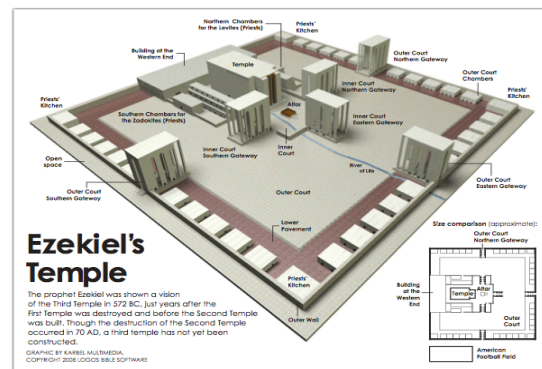
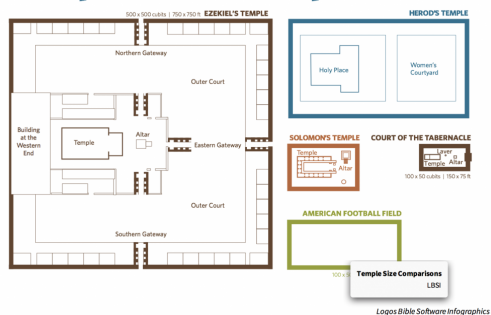
A biblically literate Jew would have understood Yeshua's words to refer to the Messianic Temple, not heaven.

Abraham, Stephen, and David are a few examples:

- a.) **Heb 11:8-10** ⁸By **trusting**, Avraham obeyed, after being called to **go out** to a place which God would give him as a possession; indeed, he **went out** without knowing where he was going. ⁹By **trusting**, he lived as a temporary resident in the Land of the promise, as if it were not his, staying in tents with Yitz’chak and Ya’akov, who were to receive what was promised along with him. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with permanent foundations, of which the architect and builder is God. CJB
- b.) **Acts 7:44-50** ⁴⁴“Our fathers had the Tent of Witness in the wilderness. It had been made just as God, who spoke to Moshe, had ordered it made, according to the pattern Moshe had seen. ⁴⁵Later on, our fathers who had received it brought it in with Y’hoshua when they took the Land away from the nations that God drove out before them. “So it was until the days of David. ⁴⁶He enjoyed God’s favor and asked if he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Ya’akov ⁴⁷and Shlomo did build him a house. ⁴⁸But Ha’Elyon does not live in places made by hand! As the prophet says, ⁴⁹‘Heaven is my throne,’ says Adonai, ‘and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house could you build for me? What kind of place could you devise for my rest? ⁵⁰Didn’t I myself make all these things?’
- c). **1 Chronicles 28:6** *He said to me, ‘Your son Solomon is the one who shall build My house and My courtyards; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a Father to him.*
- d). **Psalm 65:4** *How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.*
- e.) **Psalm 84:10** *For better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Berean Standard Bible*
- f). **Psalm 23:5-6** ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

5. Ezekiel’s Temple or the New Jerusalem during the Millennium?

Temple Size Comparisons

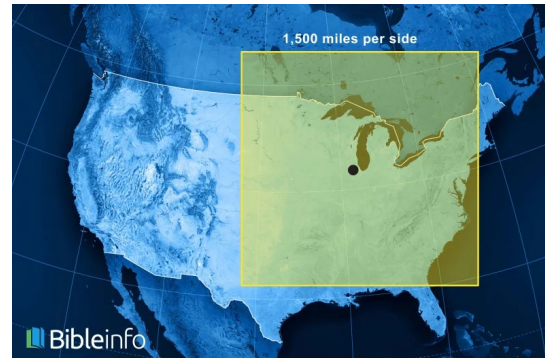
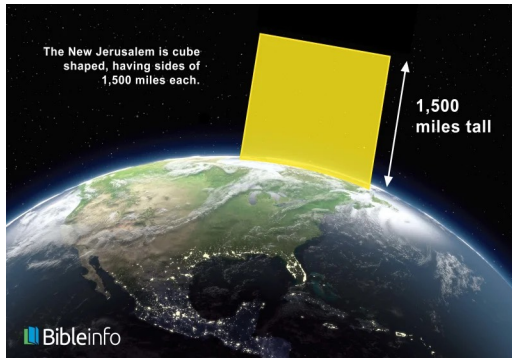


- a. A mini city; the Messianic Temple a whole campus. Apartments along the side of the Temple are three stories, with ninety total apartments

Ezekiel 41:5-7 ⁵Then he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits; and the width of the side chambers, four cubits, all around about the house on every side. ⁶The side chambers were in **three stories**, one above another, and **thirty in each story**; and the side chambers extended to the wall which stood on their inward side all

around, that they might be fastened, and not be fastened into the wall of the temple itself. ⁷ The prince shall have land on either side of the holy allotment and the property of the city, adjacent to the holy allotment and the property of the city, on the west side toward the west and on the east side toward the east, and in length comparable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

- b. One cubit in archeology and literature suggests an average length for the common cubit of 44.5 cm (17.5 in.).” This citation also gives a range of 42–48 cm (17–19 in) for the cubit.
- c. The New Jerusalem is laid out in the form of a massive cube—it’s length, width and height are all an equal distance. New Jerusalem is at least 1,500 miles around at its base, while some believe that each side of the city is 1,500 miles in length. (See Revelation 21:16). The size of New Jerusalem means there is plenty of room for everyone who wants to live in the city. The city is so large that there is enough room for those alive today and all those who have lived in the past. <https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/new-jerusalem>
- Fun fact: The proportion of the New Yerushalaim is like Tefillin box.



- d. Mike Bickle believes that the New Jerusalem comes down twice, according to Rev 3:12. At the end of the Millennium, in Rev 21:2, and once more in verse 10 at the beginning. We will find out...
- e. In the Book of Revelation: The Father’s house has many places for His large family (Rev. 7:9). An engineer calculated the **New Jerusalem as 2,250,000 square miles**. He compared it to **London (140 sq. miles)**, concluding that at the ratio of population in London, the New Jerusalem could hold **100 billion people**. ...*I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...* (Rev. 7:9) Bickle
- f. The 12 gates would be about 500 miles apart from each other (if evenly separated over 1,380 miles on each side) The walls (21:12b, 14-18): the great and high walls are 1,380 miles in length, height, and width (21:16). The city is described as a cube (21:16) like the holy of holies in Solomon’s temple where the inner sanctuary was 20 cubits long, wide, and high (1 Kgs. 6:19-20). The walls are 216 feet or 72 yards thick (21:15-17). A furlong (NIV stadia) is a Greek measurement that is about 600 feet. ¹⁵She had a great and high wall...¹⁶The city is laid out as a square...and he measured the city...twelve thousand furlongs [1,380 miles]. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits [72 yards thick]...Bickle
- g. The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule all nations in righteousness and glory. At that time the kingdom will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, media, arts, technology, etc.); Rev. 20:1-6; cf. Isa. 2:1-4; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 65:17-25; Mt. 17:11; 19:28. This begins when Jesus returns. ⁴*I saw thrones, and they [saints] sat on them...they reigned with Christ for a thousand years...* ⁶*They shall be priests of God...and shall reign with Him a thousand years.* (Rev. 20:4-6) Bickle.
- h. My Father’s house: this is the grandest name for heaven because it highlights God’s fatherhood. **Heaven is called a country** because of its vastness (Lk. 19:12; Heb. 11:16), **a city because of its many diverse social dynamics** (Heb. 11:10), **a kingdom** because of its authority structure and regal order (2 Pet. 1:11), **a paradise** because of its beauty (Lk 23:43; Rev 2:7). The best name for heaven is “**My Father’s house**,” speaking of its intimacy enjoyed in close, loyal, committed relationship.
- i. The high point of all history is the **Father’s throne dwelling on earth** with His people. God will tabernacle or live with humans on earth, allowing them to enjoy face-to-face fellowship (Rev 22:4).

The New Jerusalem is described in functional terms—as the ultimate **holy of holies** (21:9-27) and the **ultimate garden of Eden** (22:1-5) Bickle

- j. ⁹“Come, I will show you the **bride, the Lamb’s wife**” ... ¹⁰And he showed me...the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God... (Rev. 21:9-10)
1. The Lamb’s wife: The New Jerusalem is called the Bride, the Lamb’s wife, speaking of a city in deep relationship with the redeemed who are also called “the Lamb’s wife” (19:7). The very components of the city—its air, food, water, color, smells, fragrances, music, etc.— will inspire love in the Bride of Christ as they partake of them. God prepared the environment (21:2) there to inspire love for Jesus. God the Father is extravagant in adorning the city (Rev- 21:2, 11). **The Lords wedding gift.** Bickle
- k. **Revelation 21:1-7** ^{21:1}Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there. ²Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “See! God’s Sh’khinah is with mankind, **and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, God-with-them, will be their God.** ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away.”
- ⁵Then the One sitting on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new!” Also he said, “Write, ‘These words are true and trustworthy!’” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the ‘Alef’ and the ‘Tav,’ the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty I myself will give water free of charge from the Fountain of Life. ⁷He who wins the victory will receive these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. CJB

6. The Bible tells us exactly what Yeshua did once He arrived in Heaven: He entered the heavenly Tabernacle/Temple and sealed the New Covenant, in order that we could be saved. This is the meaning of “preparing a place for you”

Hebrews 9:11-15 ¹¹But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world), ¹²he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever. ¹³For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity; ¹⁴then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God! ¹⁵It is because of this death that he is mediator of a **new covenant [or will]**. Because a death has occurred which sets people free from the transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. CJB

Summary

- *Yeshua has prepared a place for us in His Fathers House, and that will be on earth!
- *Let us be faithful and endure to the end. He has a place for us IN THE NEW YERUSHALAIM!
- *A good prayer: Father please give me further revelation about my future.
- *To live for Eternity is to have an eternal mindset.

Resources

- *<https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/new-jerusalem>
- *Mike Bickle Intimacy with the Trinity John 14 International House of Prayer of Kansas City ihopkc.org Free Teaching Library mikebickle.org Session 2 The Father’s House: Having an Eternal Mindset (Jn. 14:2-3) <https://mikebickle.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/29C67d0Bb428.pdf>
- *Joel Richardson: *Did Jesus really go to heaven to prepare a house for us?* Video of FAI: Feb 2023, Maranatha Bible study, Rapture series.
- *I am using the NASB 1995 translation for the bible verses that are not marked otherwise.