

The Veil Separating the Realm of Heaven from the Natural Realm

The concept that there are 3 heavens is a concept developed from reading the scriptures with a Greek mindset. It's not a formalised concept that is outlined in scripture, instead, it has been produced from a verse in 2 Corinthians using logic – if there is a 3rd Heaven there must be a 1st & 2nd Heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:2 (NKJV) – *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third Heaven.*

There are however, references that allude to Heaven being separated from us by a veil. This has also been the experience of seers who regularly inhabit the realm of Heaven.

Isaiah 40 talks about God setting up the expanse of the universe as a curtain and the inhabitants of the Earth living in tent-like conditions. This paints the picture that there is a thin material separating us from the heavenly realm.

Isaiah 40:22 (NKJV) – *It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.*

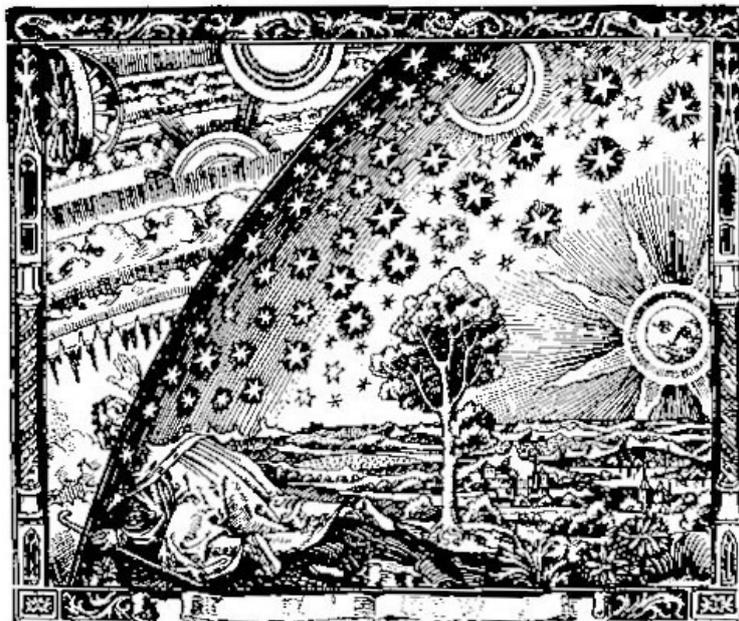
Isaiah 40:22 (AMP) – *It is God Who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; it is He Who stretches out the heavens like [gauze] curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,*

Matthew records the veil of the temple splitting.

Matthew 27:51 (NKJV) – *Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,*

Religiously we only see splitting of the temple veil as a symbolic act that gives us direct access to God because the separation caused by sin has been removed. However, as the temple was a blue-print of Heaven (as was the tabernacle), and as the Jews of Jesus' day referred to the temple as “Heaven and Earth”, it actually signifies that we are able to come into the presence of God through a spiritual-natural barrier that separates us from him.

The best graphic I've seen that exemplifies this concept is this ancient one.



Heaven is not a journey away from us, it is right in front of us and we can look into it when our spiritual eyes are opened.

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