

What Is The Place that Amanuwal Is Preparing?

Here is a thorough, revealing explanation of a greatly misunderstood text. Did Amanuwal say converts go to heaven?

MANY today believe Amanuwal told His disciples that Converts will spend eternity in "mansions" in heaven. They quote His words in John 14:1-4.

Did Amanuwal really say that our reward is a mansion in heaven? Let's see.

What Is the Father's House?

In His Father's house, Amanuwal said plainly, there were many "mansions." If it had not been true, He said, He would have told us. The Greek word "mansion" translated "mansion" means in more modern English, "a room, a place of staying, an abode, a chamber." So in the Father's house there are a number of ROOMS OR CHAMBERS.

But what is the Father's house? What does the Bible declare the Father's house to be?

When in the Temple, Amanuwal said to the Jews who were selling doves and cattle therein: "Make not my FATHER'S HOUSE an house of merchandise" (John 2:16).

Here is a simple Bible definition of the Father's house.

The TEMPLE at Jerusalem was an earthly type (Heb. 8:5) of the Father's house in heaven. Luke 19:46 and Isaiah 56:7, also quote Yahuwah as saying of the TEMPLE. "MY HOUSE is a house of prayer" So the Temple at Jerusalem in Ha'Mashyach's day was a type of the Father's house in heaven.

But did the Temple have many "mansions" or rooms and chambers in it?

Certainly!

In turning to Jeremiah 35:2, we read this: "Speak unto them, and bring them into the house of Yahuwah, INTO ONE OF THE CHAMBERS." In the fourth verse of the same chapter, we notice that different chambers were for persons of different rank. Hanan, a man of Yahuwah, had his chamber or room "BY the chamber of the princes ... which was ABOVE the chamber of ... the keeper of the door."

The various chambers or "mansions" corresponded to the ranks of the persons residing in them. Each room of the Temple -- a type of the Father's house -- not only designated the RESIDENCE of each official, but also indicated his POSITION OR OFFICE, whether he was a doorkeeper or prince.

It Is NOT Heaven

Nowhere does the Bible call "heaven" the Father's house. The Father's house IS BEING BUILT IN heaven, but it is not heaven! Heaven is never said to have "mansions."

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The ancient tabernacle built under Moses had two compartments, the inner, called the Holy of Holies, being an exact picture of the throne of Yahuwah of heaven itself. IT HAD NO MANSIONS. Read Hebrews 8:5 and 9:1-7 to see exactly what the pattern of heaven is like.

No, Amanuwal was not referring to heaven. He is referring to a place being prepared IN heaven.

What Is the Place Prepared?

Now consider the remainder of Amanuwal's conversation with the disciples.

Amanuwal said: "I go to prepare a place for you." We learn from other scriptures that Amanuwal did go to heaven, to the right hand of the Father, where He now acts as our "High Priest" (Heb. 9:11).

Do you grasp the significance?

A part of the function of the office of High Priest is the preparation of a place for each of us as Amanuwal promised the disciples. But notice this very carefully: the PREPARATION of each place is occurring IN heaven, but Amanuwal did not say that the places were A PART OF heaven. (A wife may PREPARE her meals IN the kitchen, but the meals are not A PART OF the kitchen.)

Does the Bible give any texts telling us WHAT is being prepared? Yes, it does.

There are TWO TEXTS in the Bible which tell us what is being PREPARED.

The first is in Matthew 25:34. Here Ha'Mashyach said: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom PREPARED for you from the foundation of the world." The other text is in, Rev 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Yahuwah OUT OF HEAVEN, PREPARED as a bride adorned for her husband."

The Temple of Jerusalem standing in Amanuwal's day was a TYPE of the Kingdom of Yahuwah and the city New Jerusalem.

The Bible says the ONLY places that are prepared are the Kingdom of Yahuwah and the New Jerusalem. Since it is the Kingdom and the Holy City that are finally PREPARED for us ALL, then what Amanuwal is preparing for EACH of us must be individual positions IN THE KINGDOM AND IN THE NEW CITY, JERUSALEM.

Now it's plain why Ha'Mashyach alluded to the TEMPLE as an example of the Kingdom of Yahuwah and of the New Jerusalem. The Temple had rooms which served as offices for the various residents holding different ranks. In the same way, each of us will have his own personal place or office in the Holy City, in accordance with how well we use the talents Yahuwah has given us in this life. The more we overcome in this life, the more honorable will be our places in the New Jerusalem and the greater will be our offices of responsibility in the Kingdom.

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The Father's House Comes to Earth!

Revelation 21:2 plainly proves that the Holy City -- the Father's house or home, SINCE HE WILL MAKE IT HIS PLACE OF FUTURE RESIDENCE (Rev. 21:3 and 22:3) is one of the two things that Amanuwal is preparing now in heaven. Both Yahuwah the Father and His Son have been fashioning it, since whatever the Father does, THE SON DOES LIKEWISE (John 5:19). Since the city comes down OUT OF HEAVEN fully prepared, then it must have been prepared IN HEAVEN, just as Amanuwal said He would do.

Notice, too, that the city comes out of heaven.

Now let's understand what the Bible says about the Kingdom which is in preparation IN HEAVEN, and which will come to earth. Amanuwal returned to heaven to receive the Kingdom (Luke 19:12). He must be preparing it while acting in the office of High Priest. Since the Kingdom is prepared for all of us to inherit, then the particular place Ha'Mashyach is preparing for each of us must be our own position or office in that Kingdom. PLACE means POSITION, OFFICE, RANK, as well as geographical location. Our places or positions in the government of Yahuwah will depend on the office we hold. Ha'Mashyach has FIRST PLACE, as He is King of kings. We shall all have secondary PLACES, lesser positions under Him.

The Kingdom of Yahuwah is the government of Yahuwah, the members of which are to be born of Yahuwah. Being born of Yahuwah makes the entire Kingdom, then, the FAMILY of Yahuwah. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Yahuwah" (John 3:5). That is why Amanuwal used the ancient Temple as a physical type of the spiritual FAMILY or KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH.

Now it is becoming obvious why our places or positions in Yahuwah's government had to be prepared in heaven by Amanuwal. We could not receive the Ruwach, the only means by which we can enter the Kingdom, until Ha'Mashyach ascended (John 16:7.) Ha'Mashyach prepares our places or positions in the Kingdom by being our High Priest, interceding for us and by giving us the Ruwach of Yahuwah. The places or positions -- the responsibilities of office -- are being prepared by training us to fill those offices. Amanuwal, as our High Priest, has been calling, justifying and perfecting each of us for His Kingdom so that when the Kingdom of Yahuwah comes to this earth (Matt. 6:10), each position or place in it will be fully prepared by having one of us fill that particular office. If Ha'Mashyach were not High Priest in heaven, the Kingdom would not be prepared. It would have none to fill its offices.

Although Ha'Mashyach had to go to heaven, He said: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Here is Amanuwal's own promise that He is coming again!

Amanuwal will return from heaven in clouds. We are going to meet Him in the air (I Thes. 4:15-17). At that time Amanuwal will give us our places or positions in the Kingdom, according to how well we have done with what we have been given.

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Having received our responsibilities, we shall descend WITH AMANUWAL to the Mount of Olives that same day. It is that same day that Ha'Mashyach comes to earth (Zechariah 14:4). He is coming to set up the Kingdom on the earth!

So Converts are not permanently going to heaven after all. We are to be with Amanuwal here on this earth -- "that where I AM, THERE ye may be also." We shall be ruling with Ha'Mashyach on earth over the nations (Rev. 20:4). And after that, the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven to the new earth. Even the Father Himself will dwell among us here on the new earth where we shall live and reign forever (Rev. 22:3-51.)

No wonder Amanuwal said the meek shall INHERIT THE EARTH (Matt. 5:5).