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**New Jerusalem - In My Father's House Are Many Mansions**



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Scripture: John 14:1-24, Revelation 21:2, John 2:15-16

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

We need to know what and where is "My Father's house". Some claim that "My Father's house" refers to heaven but what do the scriptures say? The phrase "My Father's house" is in the New Testament twice (John 2:16; 14:2).

John 14:2 NKJV 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 2:15-16 NKJV 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

Scripture tells us "My Father's house" was and is the temple. It was the old temple that was destroyed in 70AD and then The body of Christ became the new temple which is the father's house. In the Body of Christ there are many rooms.

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 2 is the place that Jesus went and prepared for us (His Church, Kingdom, Body of Christ the New New Jerusalem).

Do you know that the majority of Christians believe they will inherit a physical Mansion in Heaven?

Let's review this

Verse 2 In My Fathers House are many mansions... Verse 3 I will come again and receive you to Myself... (so this mansion has to be where He makes us one IN Him) Verse 19 A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see

Me. Because I live, you will live also. (This means we will not die and go to Hades) Verse 22 " ...Lord how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us... Verse 23 " ...We will come to him and make Our abode [home] with him. What many miss is the word "mansions" in verse 2 and the word "abode" in verse 23 are the same word. So, if He did not receive us to Himself, we are not in the body of Christ and none of this has happened. Jesus is a life giving spirit, so the abode or mansion is the life (temple) of the believer.

We are the temple of God Now! The Body of Christ, the church, are the many rooms for which Jesus speaks of.

Gods people would became the new temple where the holy spirit would indwell and replace the old temple. In the new covenant God's presence would indwell the new temple, which is inside his believers. That's why were told "that where I am, you may be also." We indwell IN Him. The body of Christ is the father's house, the kingdom, church and New Jerusalem. Now that is a Mansion! Our Mansion is IN Christ that's why in Ephesians 2:5 it says even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) When we are saved we are seated in heavenly places with Christ spiritually while we are on this earth. I believe it gives us the spiritual eyes not only to see Him but to see the heavenly things now on this earth. And when our physical bodies die our spirit/soul continues to live in Christ in Heaven. Yes in heaven, we will be able to perceive spiritually things as though it were physical. But if you're looking for some physical Kingdom you're missing the whole point of being a Christian, being IN HIM.

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