



***HEAVEN
IS SO
REAL !***



**Visual Aid Study Guide Tools Design for the Deaf Community:
Part 1: Visitations and Visions**

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to Yeshua (Hebrew word for Jesus), my Personal Savior and Lord.

I want to thank Yeshua (Jesus) for saving my life and my soul.

If it was not for Yeshua, I would not be here today.

Thank you Jesus for allowing me to serve You that many souls will return to you.

Forward for Deaf Church

Praise the Lord!!!

Thank you Lord for using Sister Melinda for illustrating your glorious book for the deaf church.

At the beginning of this project, Sister Melinda applied to some publishers to publish this book and had a difficult time and she was rejected by publishers, but because her love for the deaf brothers and sisters, she pressed on. I believe she was totally dependent on the Lord for this project.

Whoever reads this book, please remember that because of Sister Melinda's love for you, nothing could stand in the way of her work.

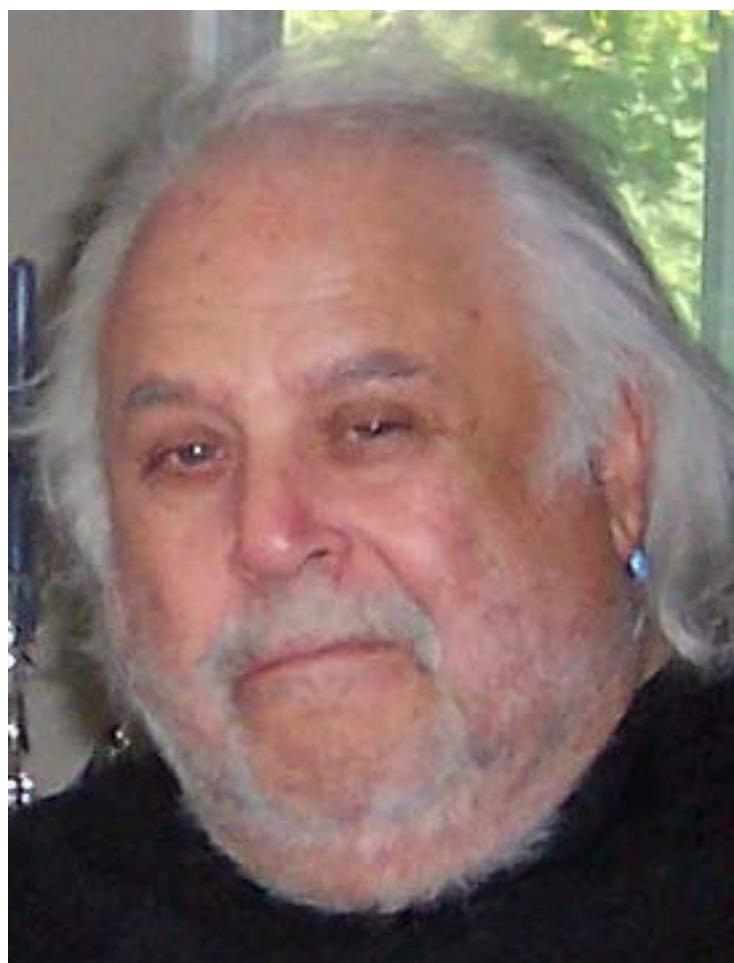
I believe her greatest desire for this book to be illustrated in American Sign Language is that she wants the deaf church to read it and be ready for the rapture. Hallelujah!!!! Whoever reads this book, please remember how much this Sister has Jesus' love in her to go through such difficult times.

Thank you, Sister Melinda for your love for the Lord's people. I love you.

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In the memory of my loving dad, Eugene Gerstein.
1933-2006



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Acknowledgements

I want to thank Choo Thomas for the privilege and honor to let me to do this book so that deaf population of all walks of life can understand and appreciate Jesus' book effectively.

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I want to thank Dorothy Callies for recommending me to read Heaven Is So Real book by Choo Thomas and help me in the time of my emotional needs.

I want to thank several friends who pray for me to have this book to come out so many deaf souls shall be saved:

1. All CDA (Calvary Deaf Assembly of God) Members
2. Martha Clements
3. Camela Carlos
4. Joan White
5. Aleta Roberts
6. Mike Paciorek
7. Sandra Irizarry
8. Sang Lee

Why I wrote this book?

The book Heaven Is So Real has touched my heart. I really cried and I surrendered to my life to Christ. I wanted to share other people about Jesus and that hope is real for them. Many deaf people need Jesus. I have great joy to see deaf people walk in the Truth!

Yet, I felt Choo Thomas book is difficult for some deaf people to read. I believe pictures are worth a thousand words. I asked Choo Thomas for permission for me to do computer graphics and simplified the language for the deaf people. I was honored that permission was granted.

On the other hand, I did not feel confident enough to do this project because I was ashamed of my past sins and how people think of me because of what I did in the past. Jesus reminded me that He remembers my sins no more. I felt sense of peace and love from Jesus that I decided to pursue in writing this so many souls will be save.

Why I wrote this book?

In America, Canada and some countries deaf people are fortunate to have a college education. Some of the deaf people are lawyers, teachers, pastors, etc. Some deaf people are able to hold a steady jobs. On the contrary, a lot of deaf Americans who comes out of school end up reading at third grade. According to the book of the Journey into the Deaf- World, the failure of students learning process was that the schools for the Deaf before signing was banned had turned out numerous well-educated graduates was suppressed to the point that very few, even the Deaf Community, were aware of it. (Harlan:1984)

In most third countries, the reading level of the deaf population tends to be lower due to under poverty level and lack of schooling. Furthermore, parents who do not communicate with them in sign language to help them understand and appreciate the world of language often are behind and live like the “Dark Ages” The society look upon deafness as deaf and dumb (cannot speak) or an outcast.

Lane, H., Hoffmeister, R., & Bahan, B. (1996). *A journey into the deaf-world*. San Diego, CA: Dawn Sign Press. (page 267)

Why I wrote this book?

In other words, most of the deaf population are oppressed by the oppressors. Therefore, many deaf souls do not know who Jesus is or never had anyone reach them through the gospel are eternally lost.

For this reason, I want to write this book to help deaf people and those who are learning English as a Second Language to understand Choo Thomas book on Heaven Is So Real effectively so that many deaf souls save for Jesus' glory.

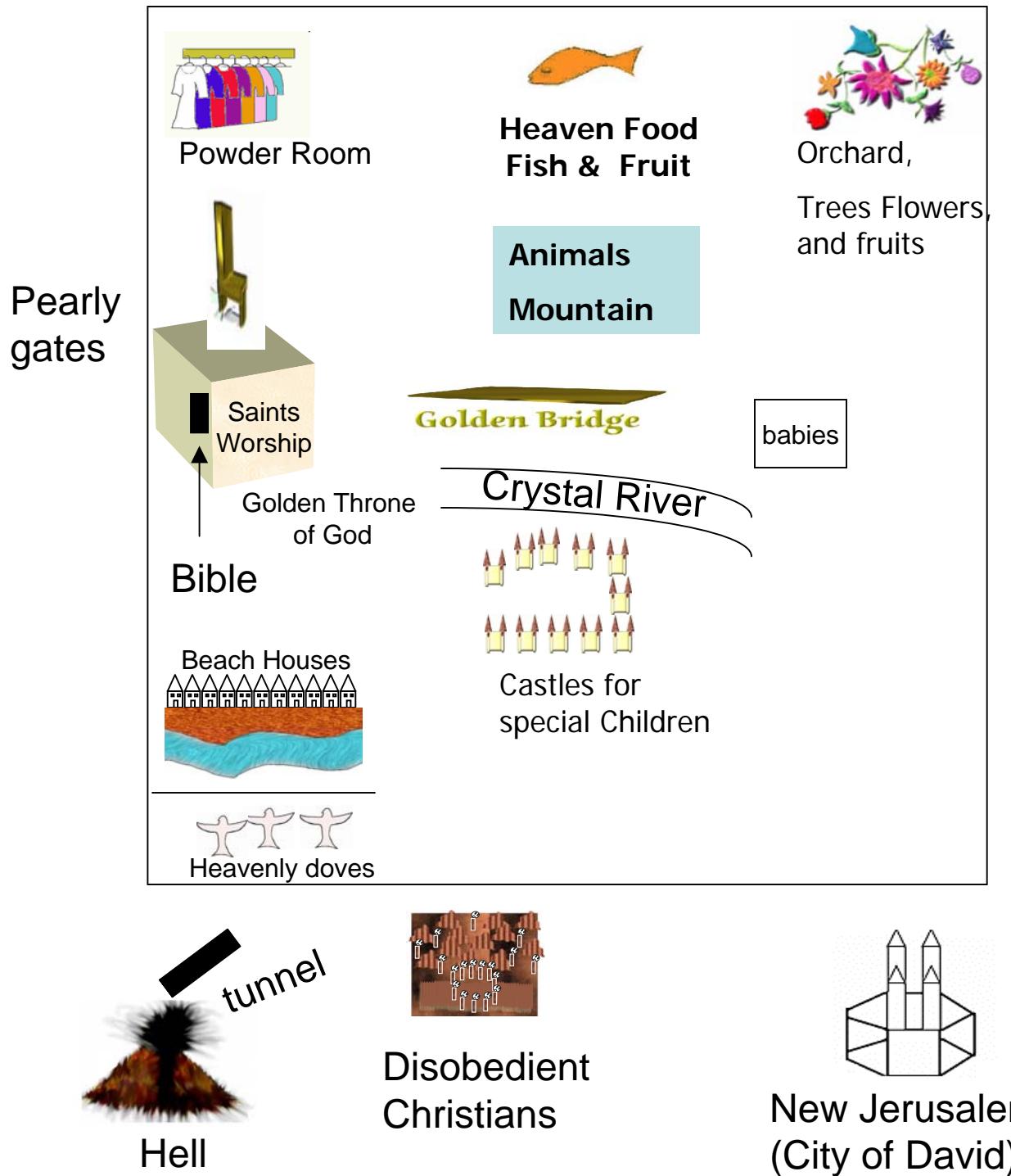
May the Lord bless you as you read this book.

Melinda Gerstein

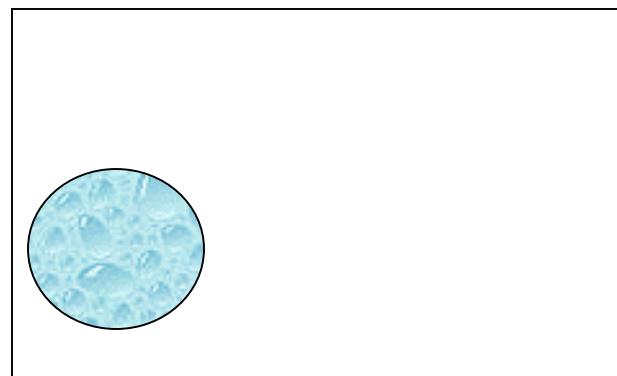
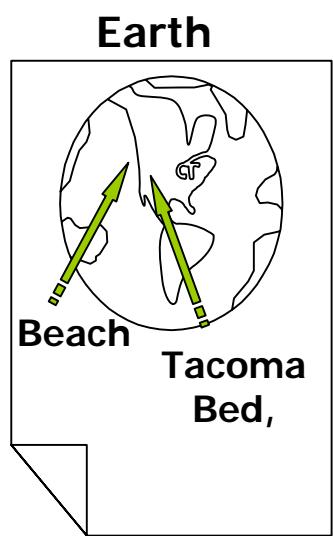
...In that day shall the deaf
hear the words of the book,
and the eyes of the blind
shall see out of obscurity,
and out of darkness.

Isaiah 28:18

General Map of Heaven and location of hell



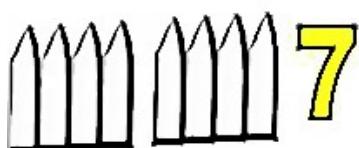
Map of Earthly and Heavenly beach



Heavenly Beach



Golden Throne



Gate

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Narrow
Winding
Road



Right side of
Hill

1

Narrow river-
Crystal-Clear

2



High
Place

4



Beach

Trees, Grass

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