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China's Biological Warfare Programme: An Integrative Study with Special Reference to Biological Weapons Capabilities



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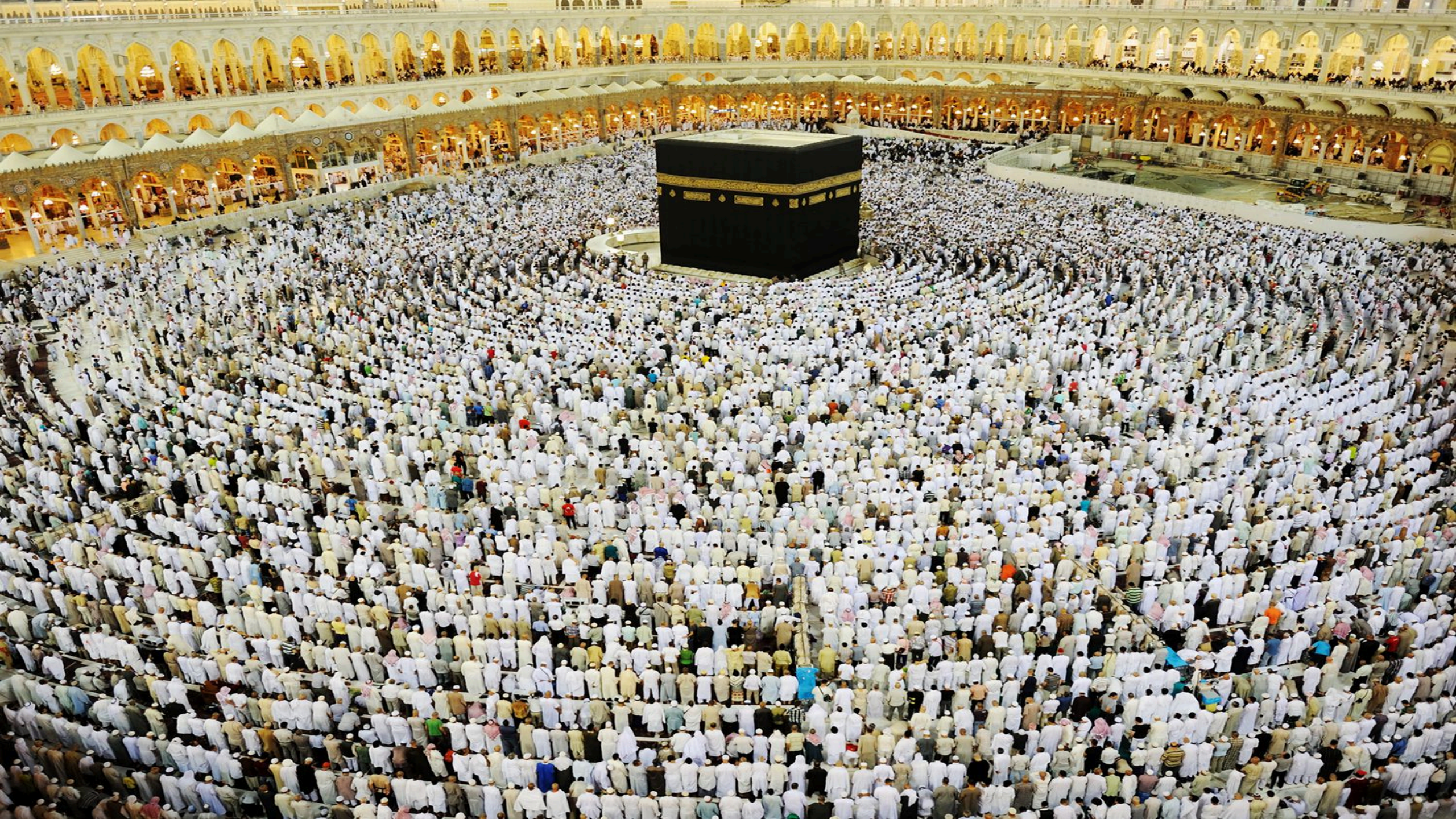
This study attempts to profile China's biological warfare programme (BWP), with special reference to biological weapons (BW) capabilities that exist in facilities affiliated with the defence establishment and the military. For that purpose, a wide variety of facilities affiliated with the defence establishment and with the military are reviewed and profiled. The outcome of that analysis points at 12 facilities affiliated with the defence establishment, plus 30 facilities affiliated with the PLA, that are involved in research, development, production, testing or storage of BW. This huge alignment might be regarded as superfluous, ostensibly; yet, considering the various factors discussed in the present study, the overall derived picture of the Chinese BW-related alignment is not at all surprising. The chances that an outstanding state like China would ignore new avenues of



The Korean

"After the First Taiwan Strait Crisis, we realized that if the Chinese and American military fought head on, we are at a disadvantage. Therefore we need a new strategy to help our military tilt the balance of power."







futurists



**"Our goal
is not to change
what man **does**,
but to change
what man **is**."**

Klaus Schwab

Reimage Man

The ultimate purpose of evolution is not the evolution of physical beings, but of intelligence until it becomes self-existing without a gross body. Technology is the means to advance this evolution so that transhumanism can be achieved.

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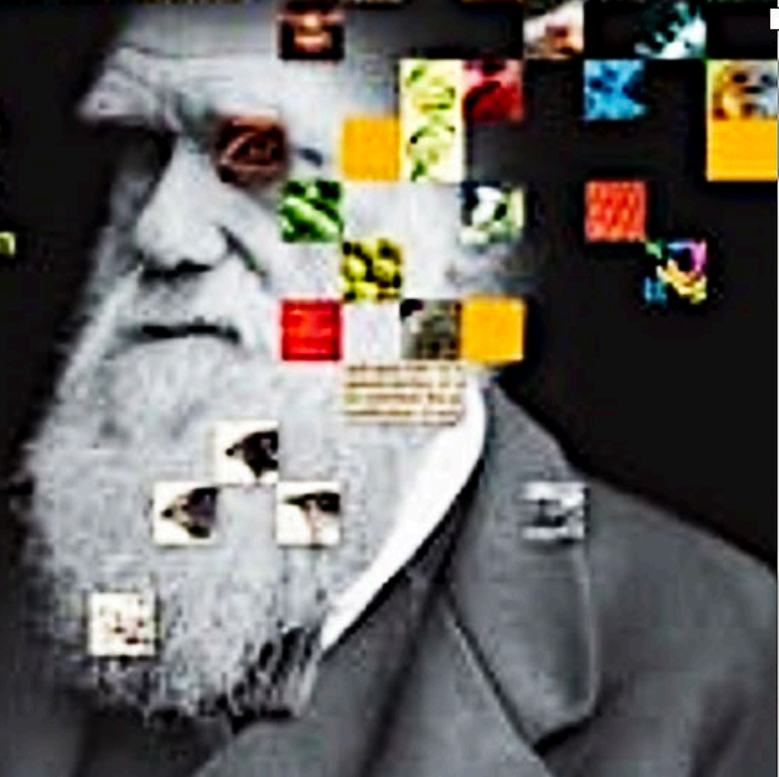
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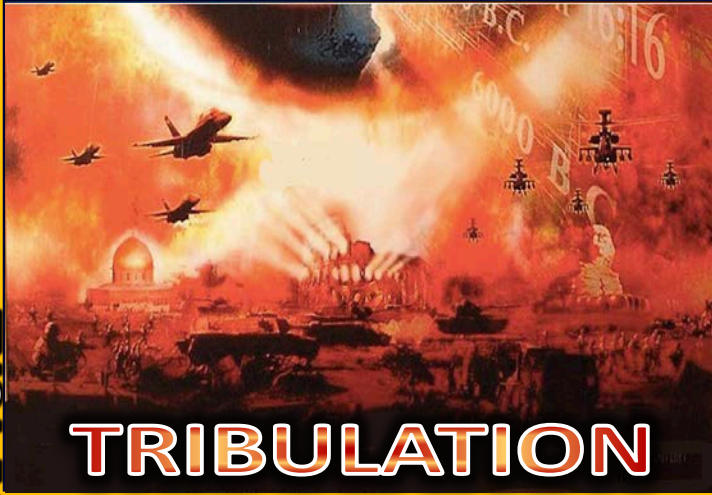
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WHY ARE WE LOSING A GENERATION?

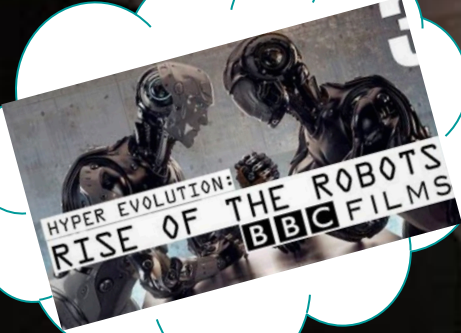
“Old Testament studies have undergone a remarkable shift in the last 50 years ... from arguing that the unique features of the Old Testament must presuppose revelation in some form to denying that there are any unique features since we know that revelation is an impossibility. Nothing has changed in the biblical statements that earlier scholars found so radically different from those of Israel’s neighbors. Rather, it is the conclusion that the biblical ideas *must* have evolved from the ancient Near Eastern ones ... the biblical ideas *cannot* be essentially different but *must* be essentially the same with only superficial differences.”



WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

What has caused a reassessment of the traditional evangelical view of biblical inerrancy in the last 25 years?

1. The onset of postmodernism in evangelicalism has reduced confidence in the propositional claims of the Bible (overemphasis on the relational aspect of biblical revelation: less exposition, more story-telling)
2. The increasing number of evangelical students graduating with doctorates in biblical studies and theology from non-evangelical institutions (assimilation of non-evangelical perspectives such as higher criticism of the Bible, resulting in revision or modification of former views).
3. The exposure of evangelical laypeople to television documentaries, popular novels, and movies based on higher-critical assumptions with little or no refutation from the local church. Imbedded lies cause doubt of biblical truths.



Joel Osteen Encourages Congregation To Continue Scriptural Distancing

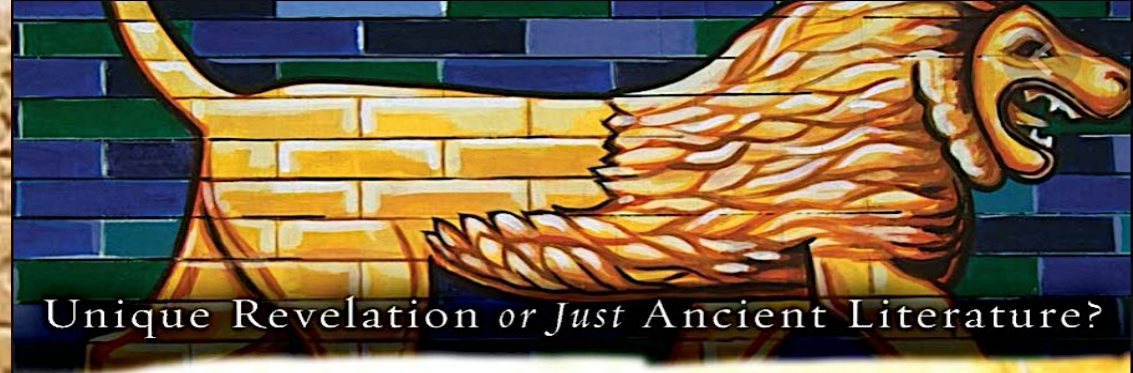
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“Those in ministry must close the gap between the church and the academy. We have to educate believers. Instead of trying to isolate laypeople from critical scholarship, we need to insulate them. They need to be ready for the barrage, because it is coming. The intentional dumbing down of the church for the sake of filling more pews will ultimately lead to defection from Christ.” **Daniel B. Wallace**

The root of this new attitude lies in Western society's hostility to the idea of unique divine revelation - which presupposes a reality that transcends the world of the senses, for it assumes the existence of a realm humans cannot control. The new view asserts that while other ancient literatures all see reality in essentially the same terms, the Bible differs radically on all the main points. The testimony of the Old Testament is of a transcendent God



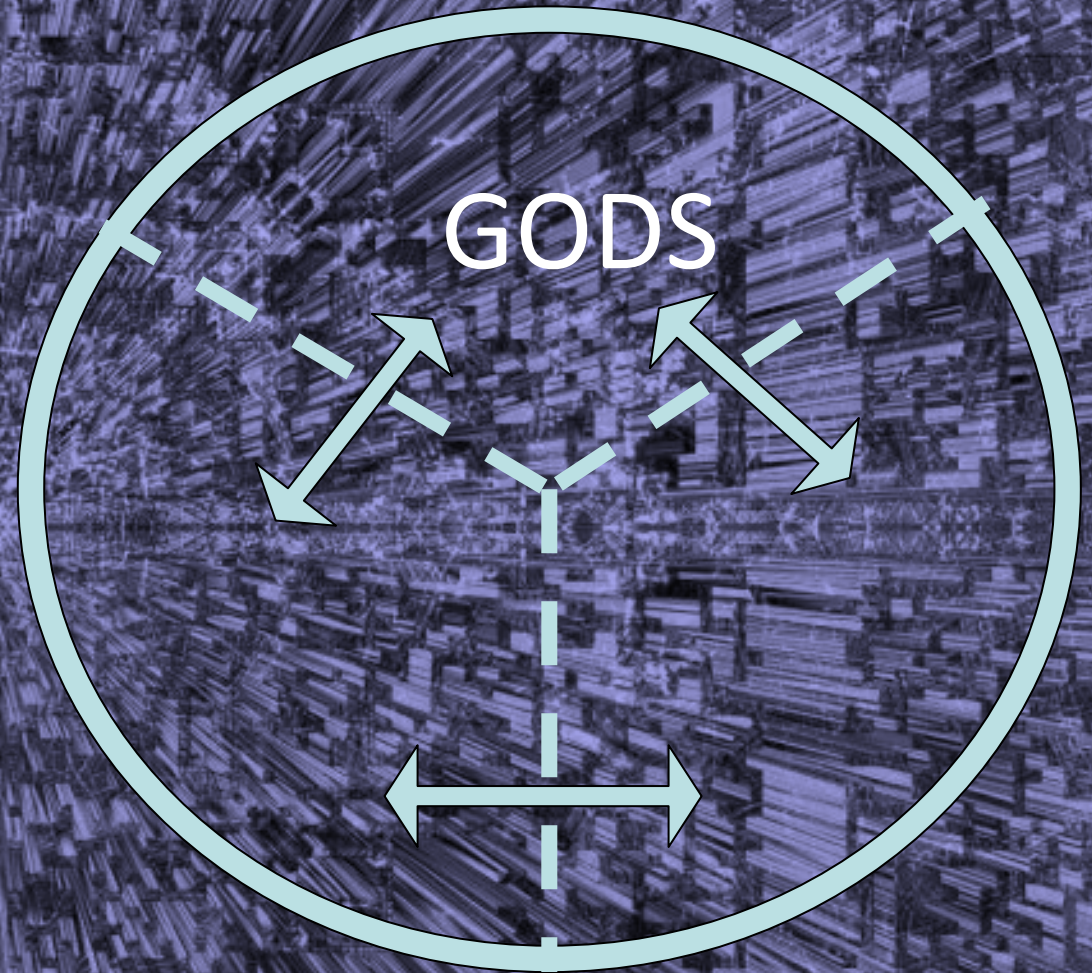
Unique Revelation or Just Ancient Literature?

THE
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AMONG THE
MYTHS
JOHN N. OSWALT

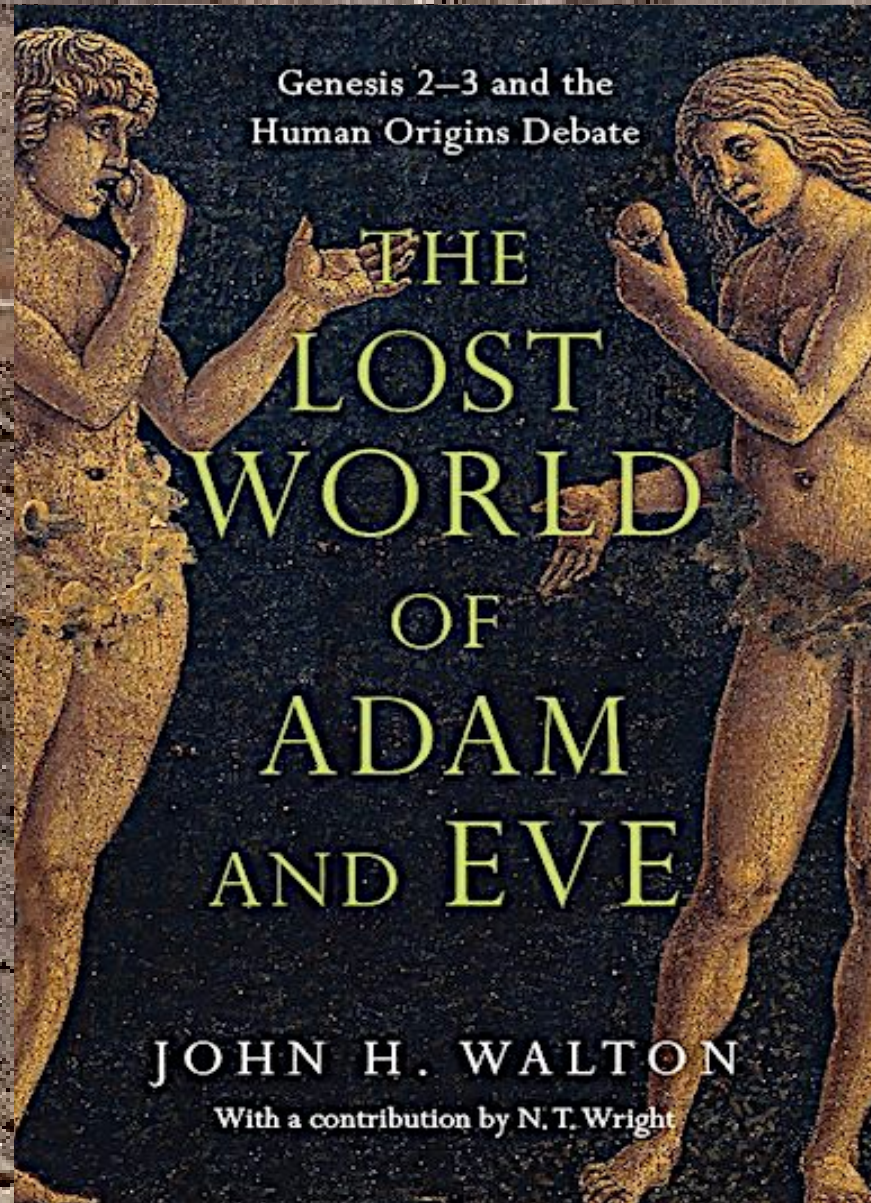


Oneism/Continuity – Basis of Pagan Thinking

Myth presupposes a worldview of “continuity”: the gods as one with and a part of the cosmos (material creation). The gods in ancient Near Eastern polytheism are personified forces, usually natural ones. What is true for the natural world is true for the divine realm. For this reason, ancient Near Eastern religions are dominated by nature symbolism and obsessed with fertility and potency, being manipulated in the divine realm as in the natural realm by ritual sex, sympathetic or imitative magic. Because the world is multiplex, there must be many gods and the ideal symbol of continuity is the idol, the material image of the god. Other characteristics of mythical thinking is chaos



Everything that exists is within the circle and everything within the circle is coexistent with everything else in it.

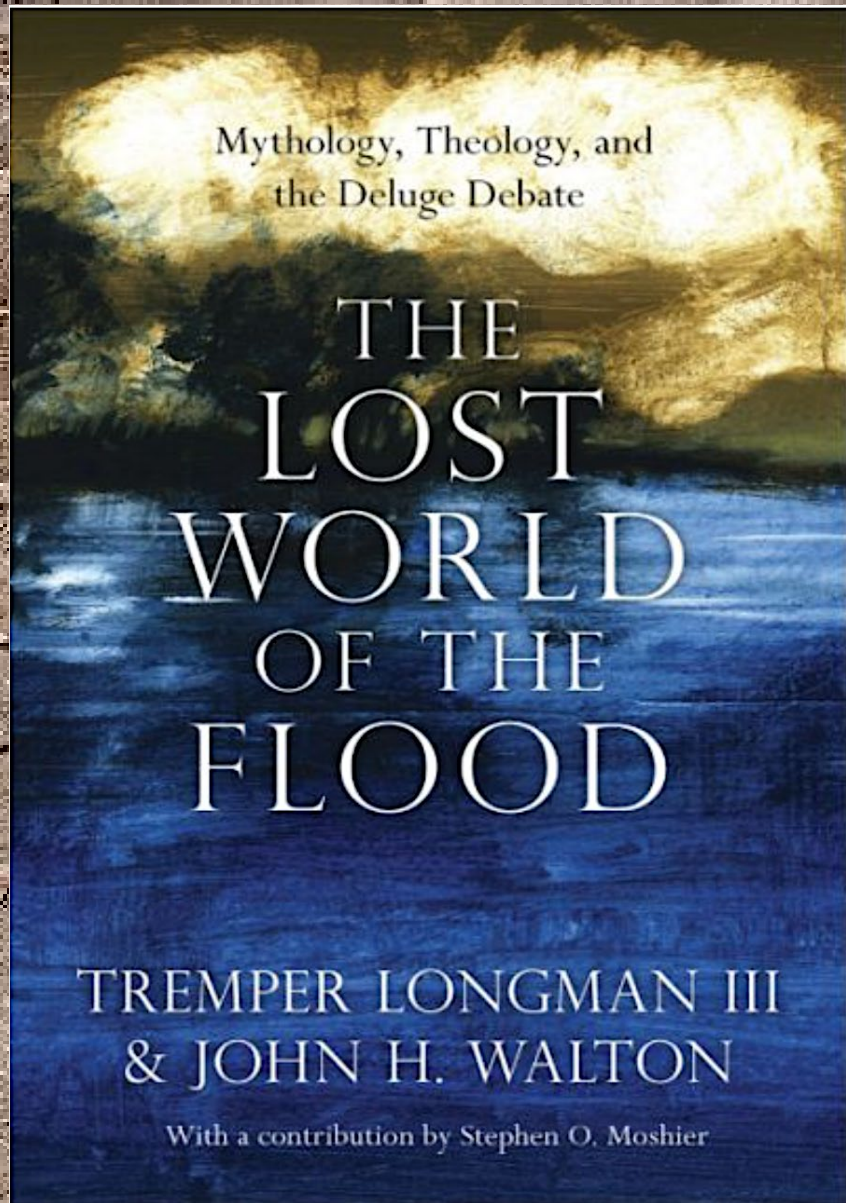


Genesis 2–3 and the
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OF
ADAM
AND EVE

JOHN H. WALTON

With a contribution by N. T. Wright

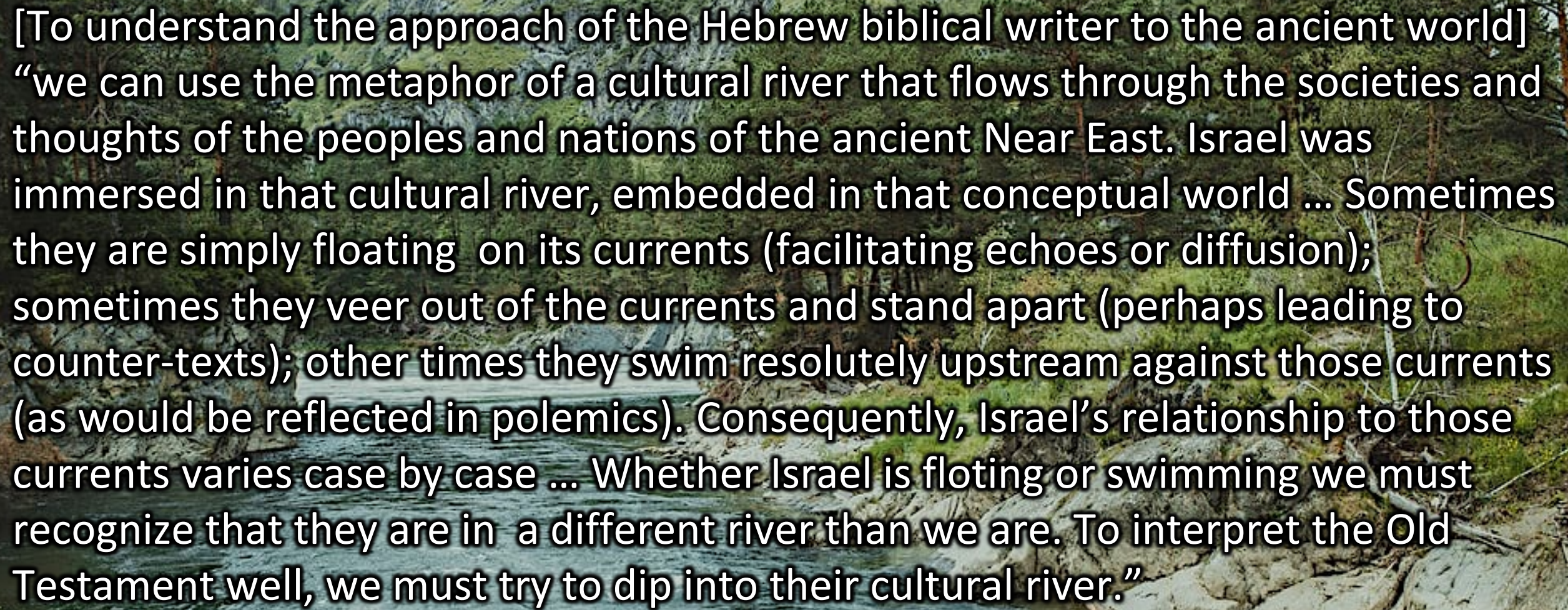


Mythology, Theology, and
the Deluge Debate

THE
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OF THE
FLOOD

TREMPER LONGMAN III
& JOHN H. WALTON

With a contribution by Stephen O. Moshier

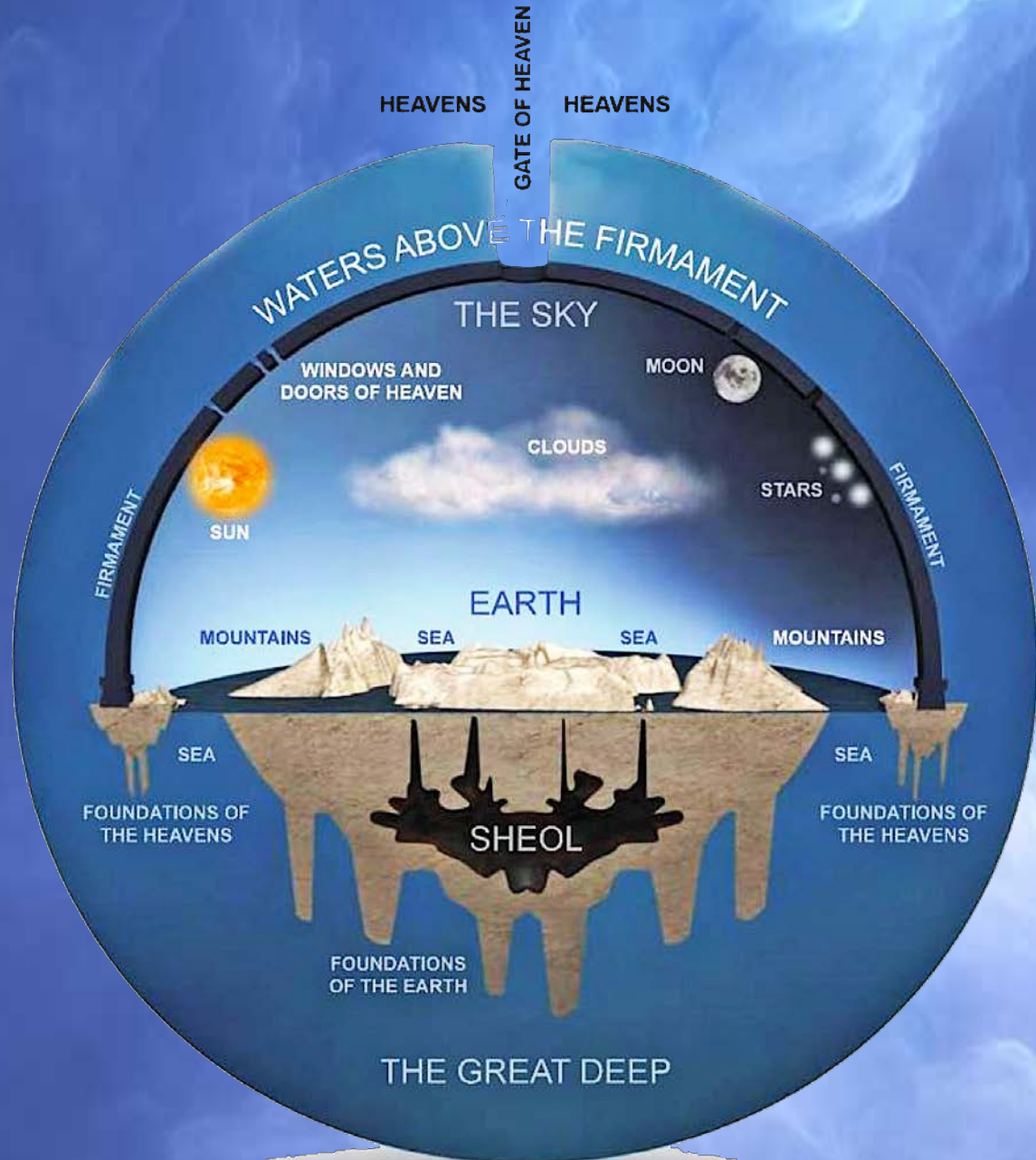
A photograph of a river flowing through a forested, rocky landscape. The water is a deep blue-grey color, and the surrounding area is covered in green moss and rocks. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold font with a black outline.

[To understand the approach of the Hebrew biblical writer to the ancient world] “we can use the metaphor of a cultural river that flows through the societies and thoughts of the peoples and nations of the ancient Near East. Israel was immersed in that cultural river, embedded in that conceptual world ... Sometimes they are simply floating on its currents (facilitating echoes or diffusion); sometimes they veer out of the currents and stand apart (perhaps leading to counter-texts); other times they swim resolutely upstream against those currents (as would be reflected in polemics). Consequently, Israel’s relationship to those currents varies case by case ... Whether Israel is floating or swimming we must recognize that they are in a different river than we are. To interpret the Old Testament well, we must try to dip into their cultural river.”

John H. Walton, “Interactions in the Ancient Cognitive Environment” in *Behind the Scenes in the Old Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts*, eds. Greer, Hilber, Walton (Baker, 2018), 335

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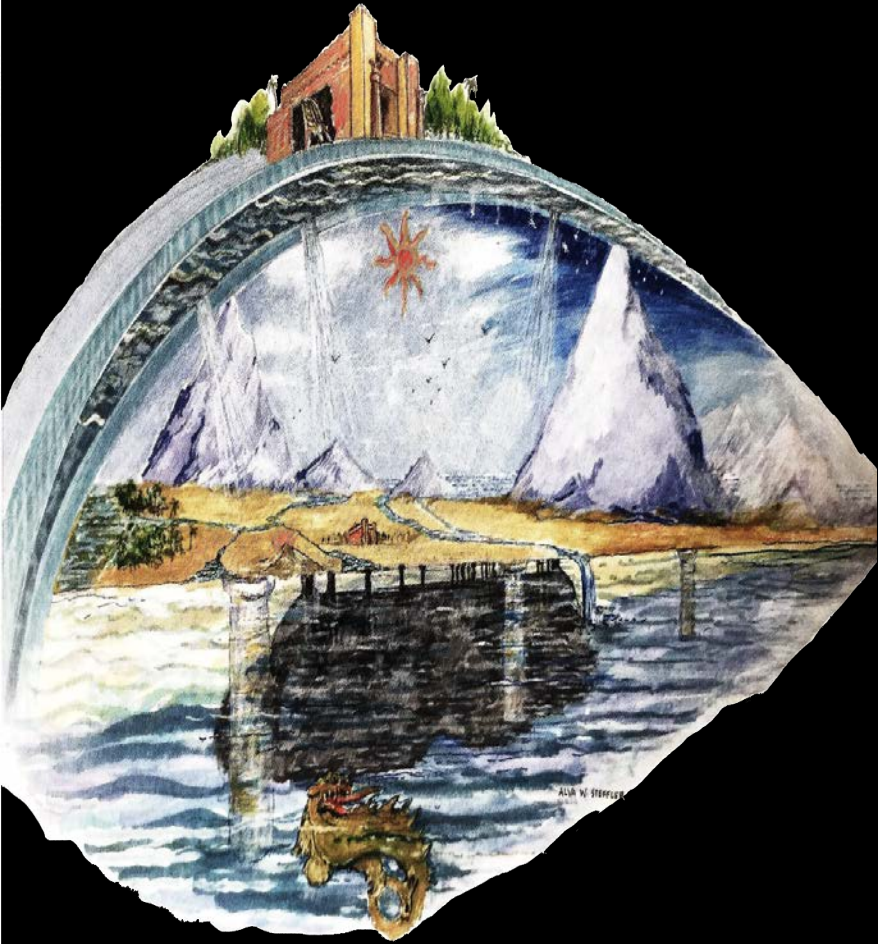
HEAVEN OF HEAVENS



“Scientific ideas current in those days [biblical period], but which now have been abandoned, may enter into the formulation of teaching which alone the inspire-ed writer wishes to assert [main message]. It is, moreover, of little consequence whether he did or did not believe in the ideas current in his time, for they are not what he is claiming to assert [moral message].”

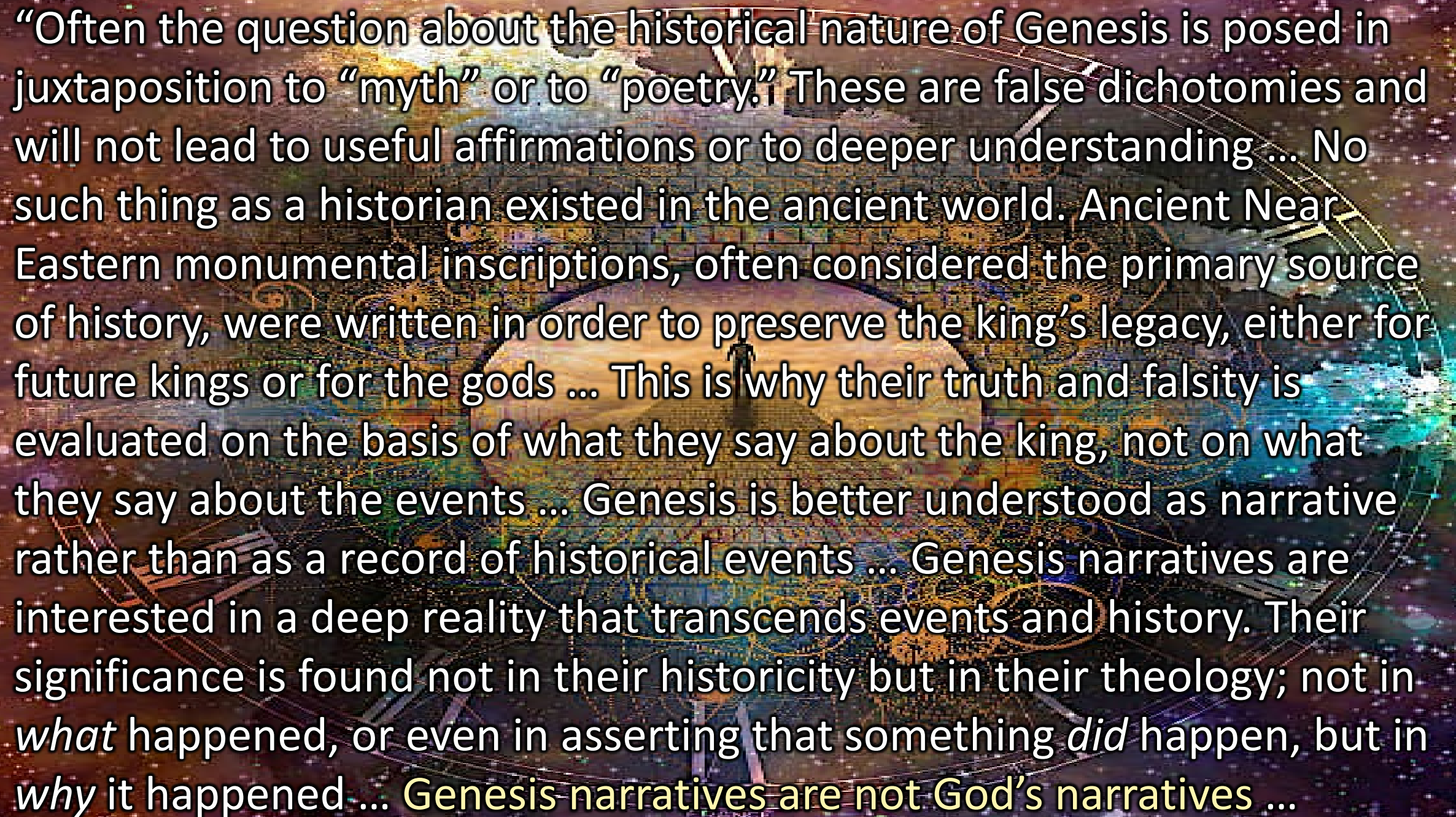
Jean Levie, *The Bible, Words of God in Words of Men*. Trans. S.H. Treman (New York: P.J. Kennedy & Sons, 1961), 216-7.

Wrong Interpretation of Biblical Hebrew Poetry as Primitive “Science”



Randall W. Younker and Richard M. Davidson,
“The Myth of the Solid Heavenly
Dome: Another
Look at the Hebrew RĀQĪA’”.

“The idea that the ancient Hebrews believed the heaven(s) consisted of a solid vault resting on a flat earth appears to have emerged for the first time only during the early nineteenth century ... However, more recent research has shown that the idea of a flat earth was not held by either the early Christian church or Medieval scholars. Indeed the overwhelming evidence is that they believed in a spherical earth, surrounded by celestial spheres that conveyed the sun, moon, stars, and planets in their orbits around the earth. Moreover, research of ancient Babylonian astronomical documents shows they did not have the concept of a heavenly vault. This was erroneously introduced into the scholarly literature through a mistranslation of the *Enuma Elish* ... A review of the linguistic arguments that the Hebrews believed in the idea of a flat earth and vaulted heaven shows that the arguments are unfounded. The arguments derive from



“Often the question about the historical nature of Genesis is posed in juxtaposition to “myth” or to “poetry.” These are false dichotomies and will not lead to useful affirmations or to deeper understanding ... No such thing as a historian existed in the ancient world. Ancient Near Eastern monumental inscriptions, often considered the primary source of history, were written in order to preserve the king’s legacy, either for future kings or for the gods ... This is why their truth and falsity is evaluated on the basis of what they say about the king, not on what they say about the events ... Genesis is better understood as narrative rather than as a record of historical events ... Genesis narratives are interested in a deep reality that transcends events and history. Their significance is found not in their historicity but in their theology; not in *what* happened, or even in asserting that something *did* happen, but in *why* it happened ... Genesis narratives are not God’s narratives ...

Authority is vested in the interpretation of the narrator. Truth is found

Transcendence – Basis of Biblical Thinking

A biblical worldview is monotheistic. There is one God and no other being is in the same category with Him. All monotheistic religions derive their monotheism from the Bible which is divine revelation. It is also iconoclastic: God may not be represented in any created form. The Creator is Spirit, not matter, but brought matter into existence. Therefore, Spirit is the basis of every thing and this gives matter's creation a real and lasting significance. God is transcendent – wholly other than the cosmos. Other distinctions: absence of conflict in the Creation process (evil exists after the Creation and only as a result of human disobedience to God), the personal and gracious (not capricious or self-serving)



All attempts to manipulate God through the world are doomed to failure

GLOBALISM – GOD’S WAY



**KING of
KINGS**

**LORD of
LORDS**

The universal reign of Christ

“And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.” Zechariah 14:9

Rule from Jerusalem

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David ...” He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.” Mk. 11:10; Lk. 1:32

“But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.” Psalms 2:6



Rule on Earth

“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him ...” Matthew 25:31–32

“Jesus said ‘Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the Regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’” Matt. 19:28

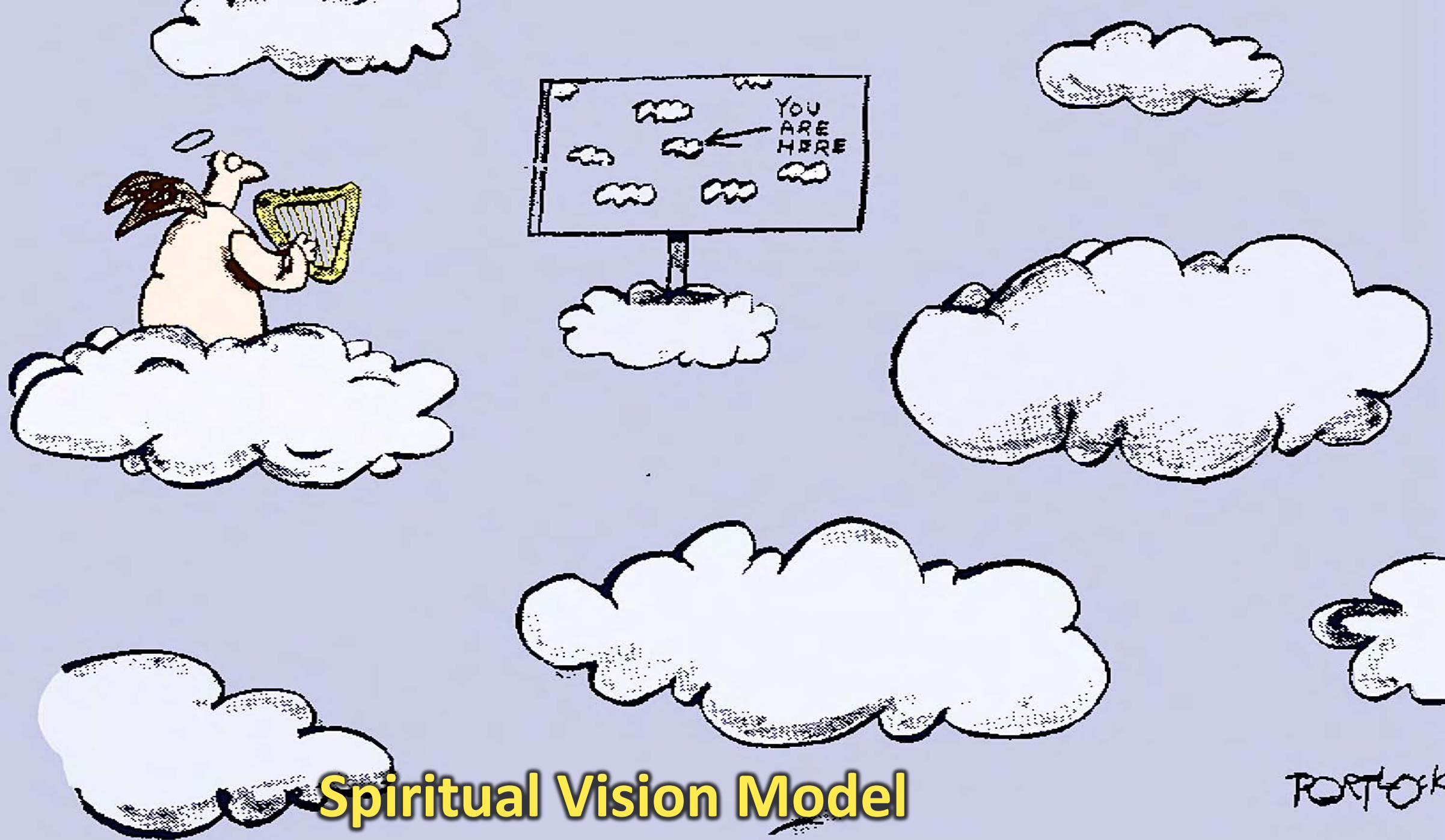


Two Models for Interpreting Eschatology

1) **Spiritual Vision Model**

2) **New Creation Model**

Each presents a different way of seeing eternal life
— what it will be like and where it will be lived.



Spiritual Vision Model

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Spiritual Vision Model

In the Spiritual Vision Model, heaven is seen as the place where believers in Christ are destined to live forever. It is a non-earthly spiritual place where believers will exist as spiritual beings engaging in spiritual activities. It is a realm of spirit and not of matter. This belief that the final dwelling place of Christians is in an ethereal heaven The Spiritual Vision Model has been the dominant view of eternal life for centuries. However, those who contributed to this model were influenced heavily by classical Greek philosophers like Plato. Origen, one of the early church fathers from Alexandria and a founder of the allegorical stream of hermeneutics, was influenced greatly by Plato and the Greek philosophers as were many of the other early church leaders, like Augustine.

New Creation Model

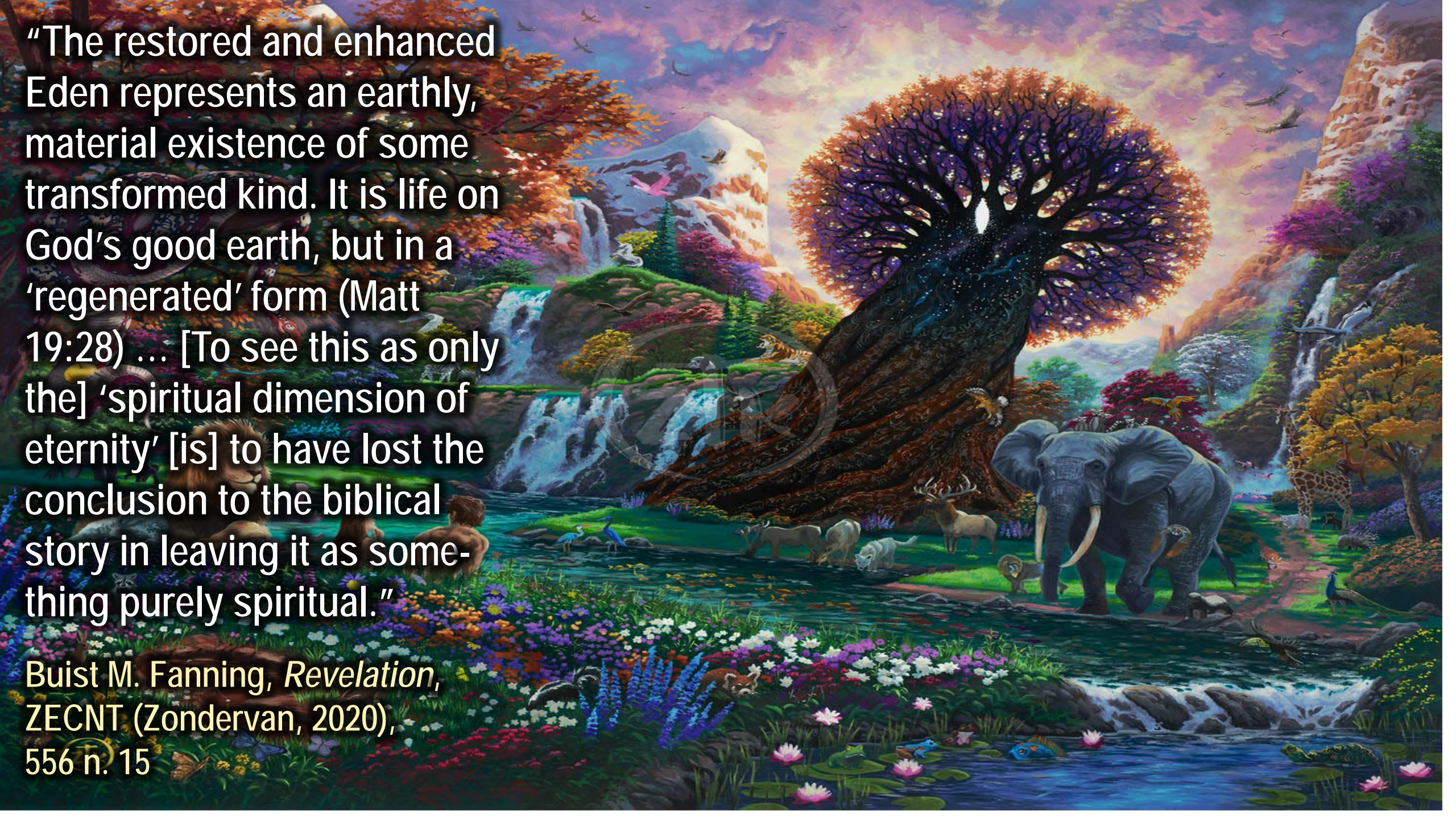


New Creation Model

The New Creation Model is the opposite of the Spiritual Vision Model. This model emphasizes the physical, social, political, and geographical aspects of eternal life, as opposed to the Spiritual Vision Model. According to this model, eternal life takes place on earth, instead of in some alternate, spiritual dimension. The New Creation Model focuses on the transformation of every aspect of our world. These include the physical, social, political, and economic dimensions, which are affirmed as essential to a holistic anthropology, as well as lining up with Scriptural emphases on redemption and regeneration. Just as believers are born again and growing until their regeneration and salvation are complete, the world at large will also be renewed and returned to its Edenic state. This was the Jewish and early Church view until the third-century.

"The restored and enhanced Eden represents an earthly, material existence of some transformed kind. It is life on God's good earth, but in a 'regenerated' form (Matt 19:28) ... [To see this as only the] 'spiritual dimension of eternity' [is] to have lost the conclusion to the biblical story in leaving it as something purely spiritual."

Buist M. Fanning, *Revelation*, ZECNT (Zondervan, 2020), 556 n. 15



The Kingdom of God

The Bible's Theme: God Extends His Rule to Man

Genesis 1:26-28

“Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them **rule** over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and **subdue** it. **Rule** over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'”

Revelation 5:9-10

“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. “And Thou hast made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will **reign upon the earth.**”

***God's plan is to restore fallen man to participate
in His kingdom rule for His own glory***

**Mandated in Eden
but lost in the Fall
and accomplished
by redeeming
man through
Israel as a
kingdom of
priests and
ultimately through
the Messiah who
will reign as
Savior and King**



For this reason
and to
accomplish
God's global
agenda,
protology finds
its fulfillment in
eschatology. We
can see this in
the comparisons
and contrasts
between the

The Reign of Christ & the Saints

“The kingdom *of the world* has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” Revelation 11:15



THE SAINTS WILL REIGN (WITH JESUS) ON THE EARTH

“And Thou hast made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.” Revelation 5:10



“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:6



Protology

GENESIS

Eschatology

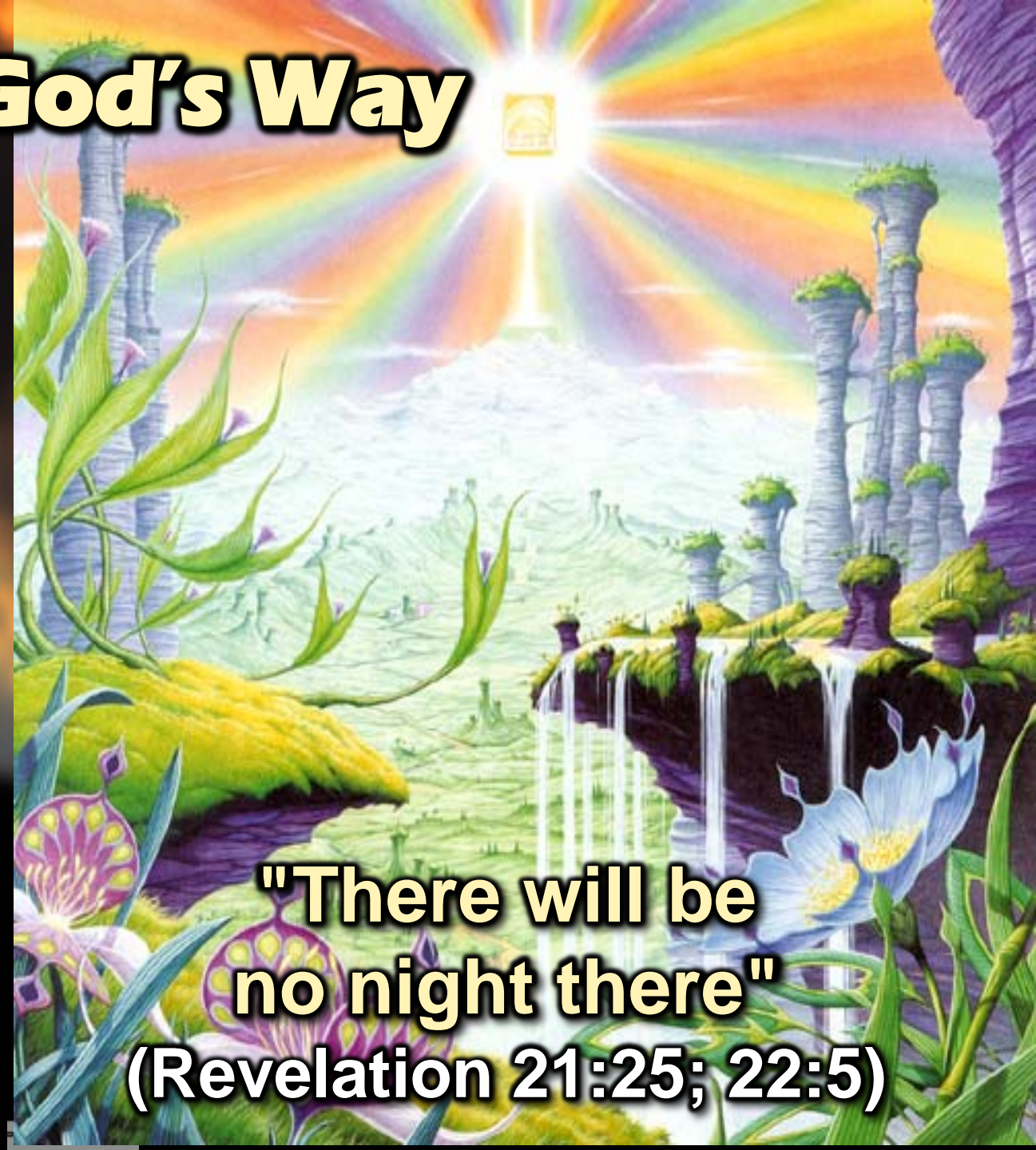
REVELATION

Heavens and earth created (1:1)	New heavens and earth (21:1)
Sun created (1:16)	No need of the sun (21:23)
The night established (1:5)	No night there (21:25; 22:5)
The seas created (1:10)	No more seas (21:1)
The curse announced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death enters history (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man driven from the tree (3:24)	Man restored to paradise (21:2)
Sorrow and pain begin (3:17)	No <u>more</u> mourn/cry/pain (21:4)

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**"The darkness He
called night"
(Genesis 1:5)**

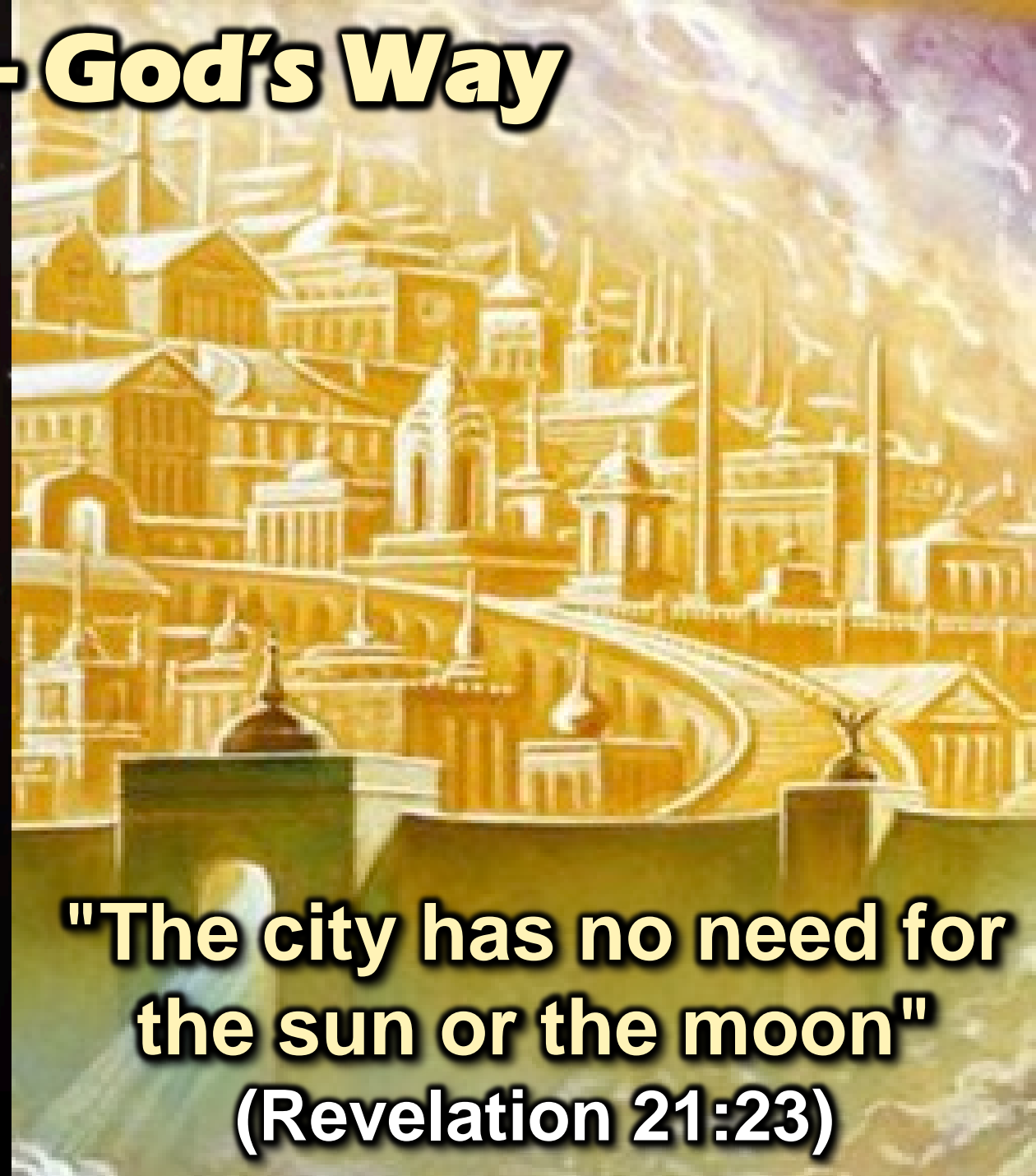
**"There will be
no night there"
(Revelation 21:25; 22:5)**



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**"two great lights"
sun and moon
(Genesis 1:16)**



**"The city has no need for
the sun or the moon"
(Revelation 21:23)**

Globalism – God's Way



Husband and wife
(Genesis 2:18-25)



Lamb and bride
(Revelation 19:6-9; 21:9-10)

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**Satan appears as
deceiver of mankind
(Genesis 3:1)**

**Initial triumph
of the serpent
(Genesis 3:13)**

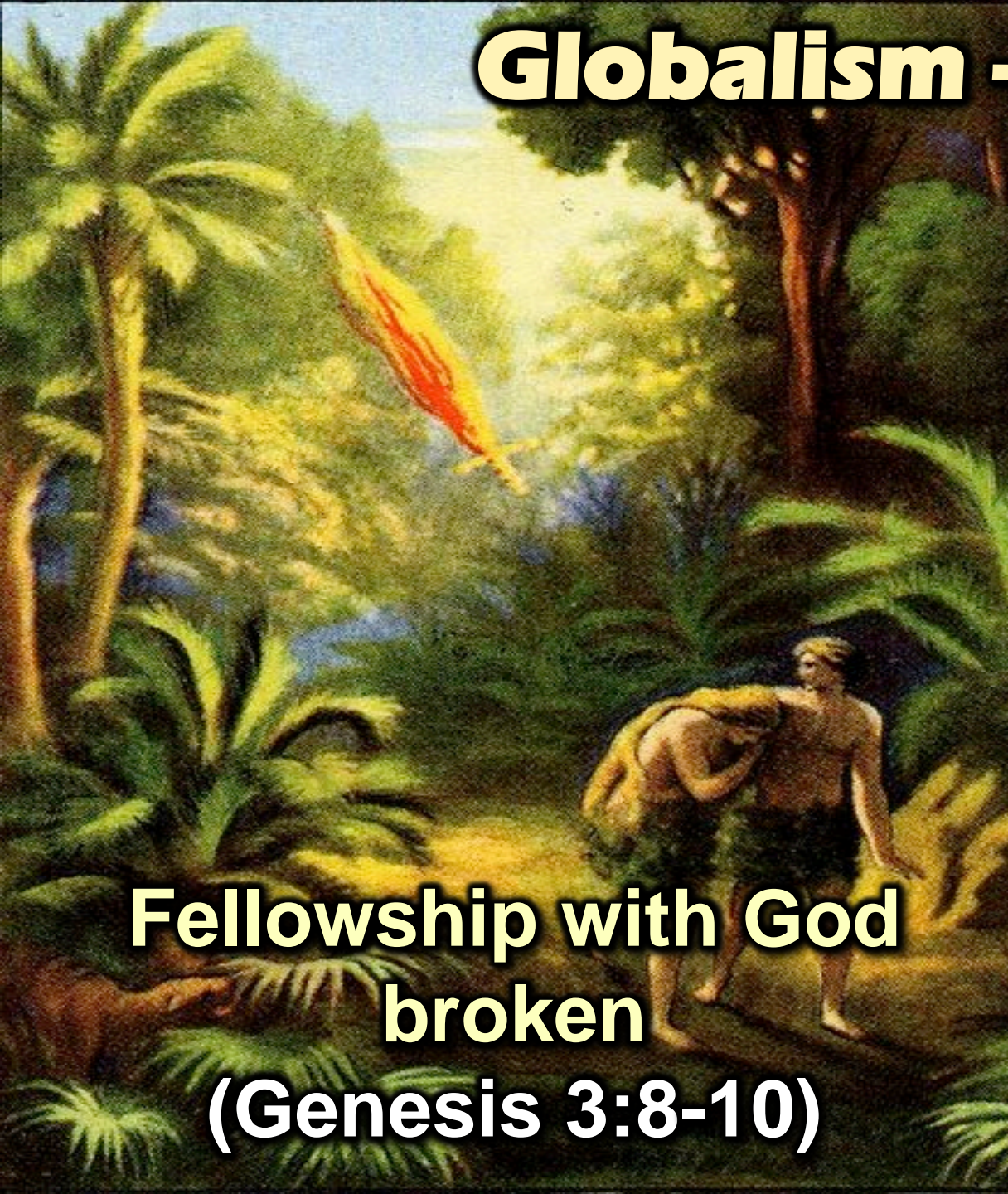
**Defilement enters
the garden
(Genesis 3:6-7)**

**Satan disappears
forever
(Revelation 20:10)**

**Ultimate triumph
of the Lamb
(Revelation 20:10; 22:3)**

**Defilement never
enters the city
(Revelation 21:27)**

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**Fellowship with God
broken
(Genesis 3:8-10)**



**Fellowship with God
resumed
(Revelation 21:3)**

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**"you will surely die"
(Gen. 2:17)**

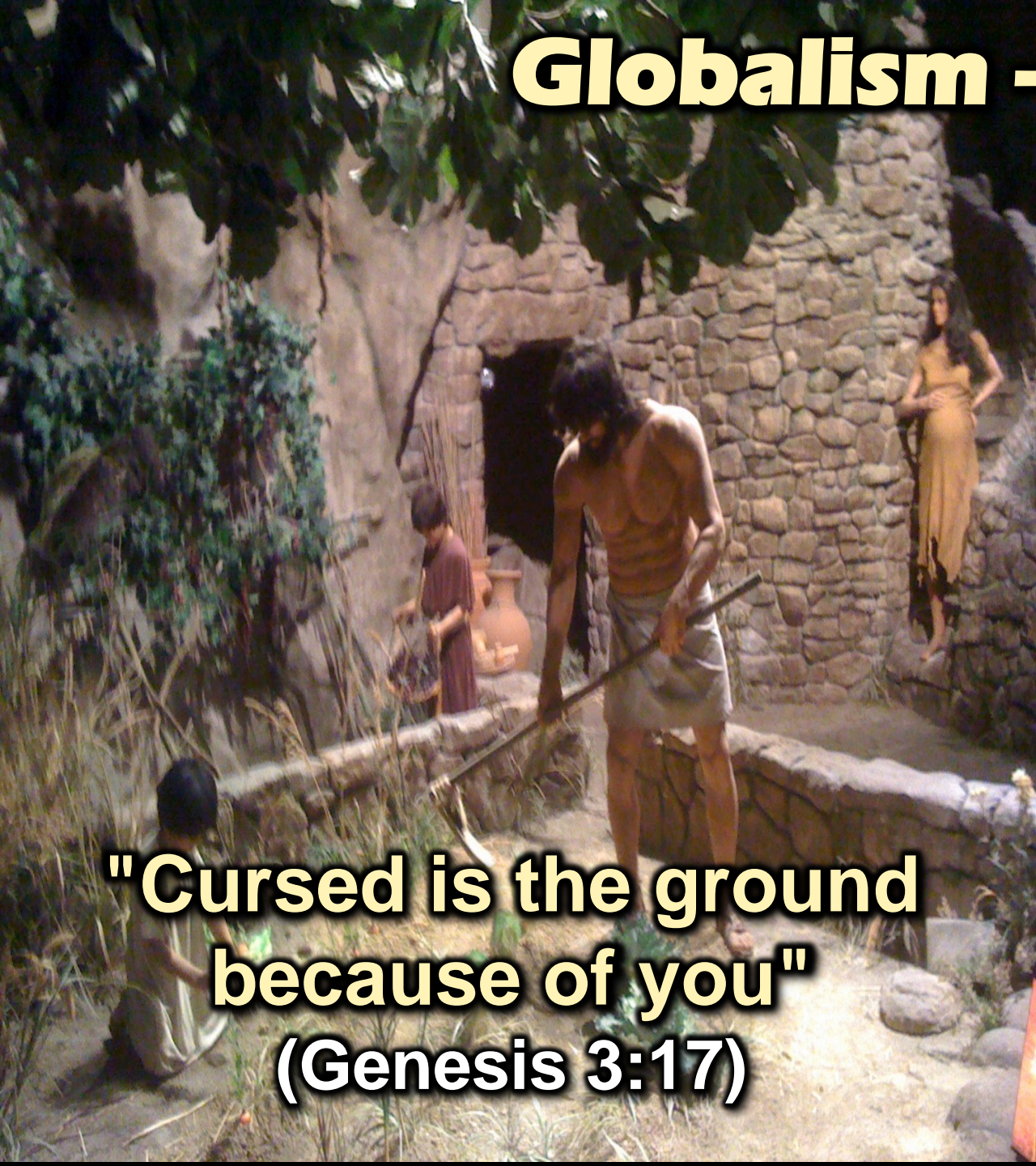
**"I will greatly multiply
your sorrow"
(Genesis 3:16)**

**"There will
be no
more
death"
(Rev. 21:4)**

**"There will be no
more ... sorrow"
(Revelation 21:4)**



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**"Cursed is the ground
because of you"
(Genesis 3:17)**

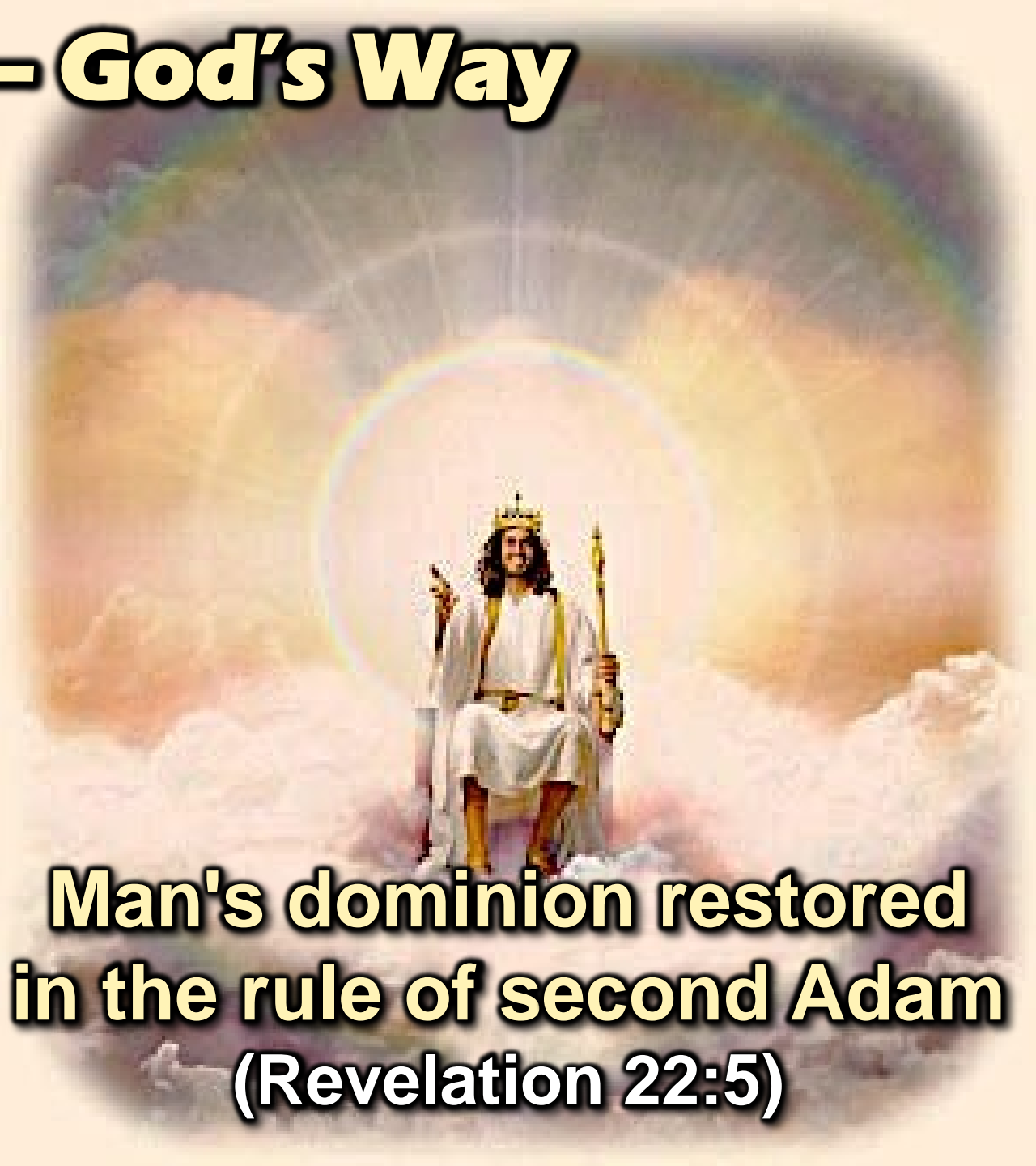


**"No longer will
there be any curse"
(Revelation 22:3)**

Globalism – God's Way



**Man's dominion ruined in
the fall of first Adam
(Genesis 3:19)**



**Man's dominion restored
in the rule of second Adam
(Revelation 22:5)**

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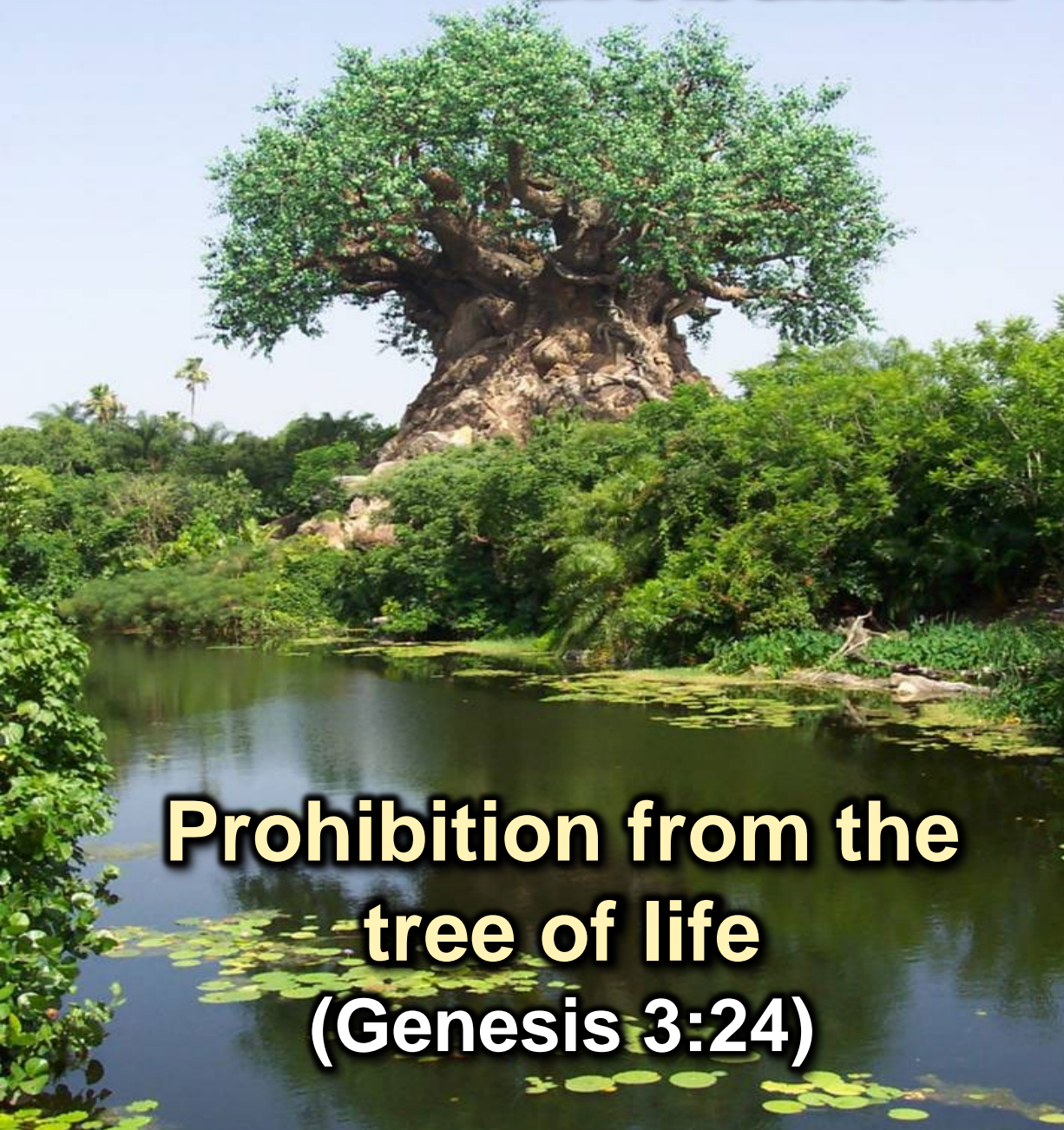


**First paradise closed
(Genesis 3:23)**



**New paradise opened
(Revelation 21:25)**

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**Prohibition from the
tree of life
(Genesis 3:24)**



**Access to the
tree of life
(Revelation 22:14)**

Globalism – God's Way



Man driven from God's Presence (Genesis 3:24)



"They will see His face" (Revelation 22:4)



“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.”

Revelation 21:1

All Things Made New

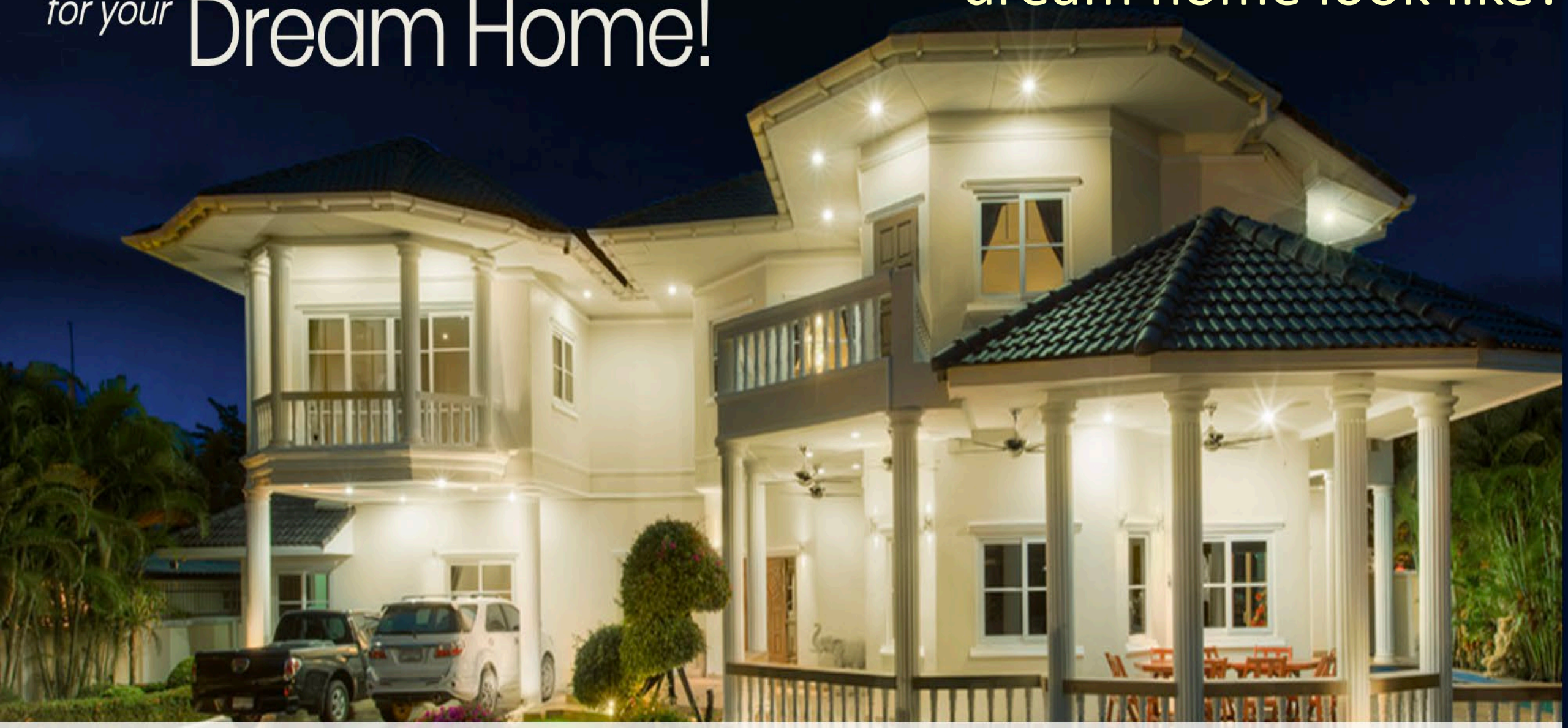


"And the one sitting on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything NEW!' Revelation 21:5

"For behold, I a new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

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“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them’” **Revelation 21:2a,**

The image is a vertical composition. The top half shows a glowing, ethereal cityscape with numerous lights and structures, set against a background of soft, colorful clouds in shades of purple, blue, and orange. A bright, multi-pointed sunburst or starburst effect emanates from the center of the top half, casting a vertical beam of light downwards. The bottom half of the image shows the curved horizon of the Earth, with the blue and white atmosphere of the planet visible against the blackness of space. The overall mood is one of hope, divinity, and a celestial promise.

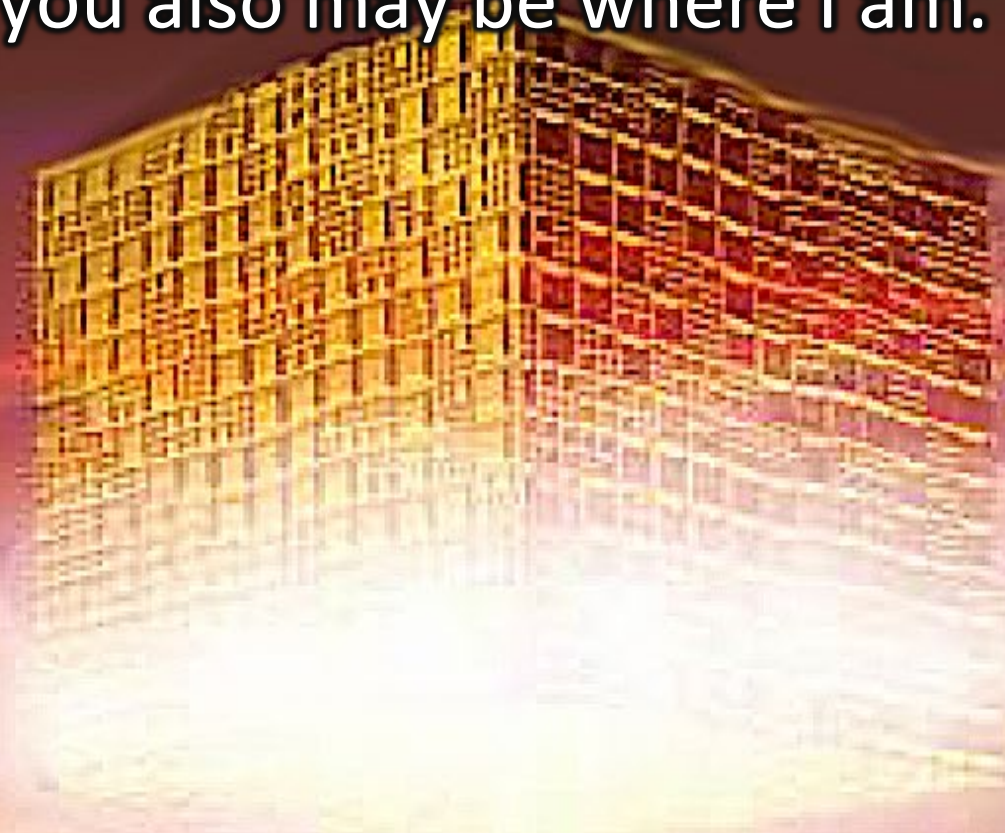
THE NEW JERUSALEM
OUR FOREVER HOME

CHRIST HAS PROMISED TO PREPARE US A NEW HOME

“Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to **prepare a place for you. 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.” **John 14:1–3****

- Jesus said: “In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” **John 14:1-3**

- The words “house,” “rooms,” and “a place” suggest a physical place where the physically-resurrected redeemed will forever live.



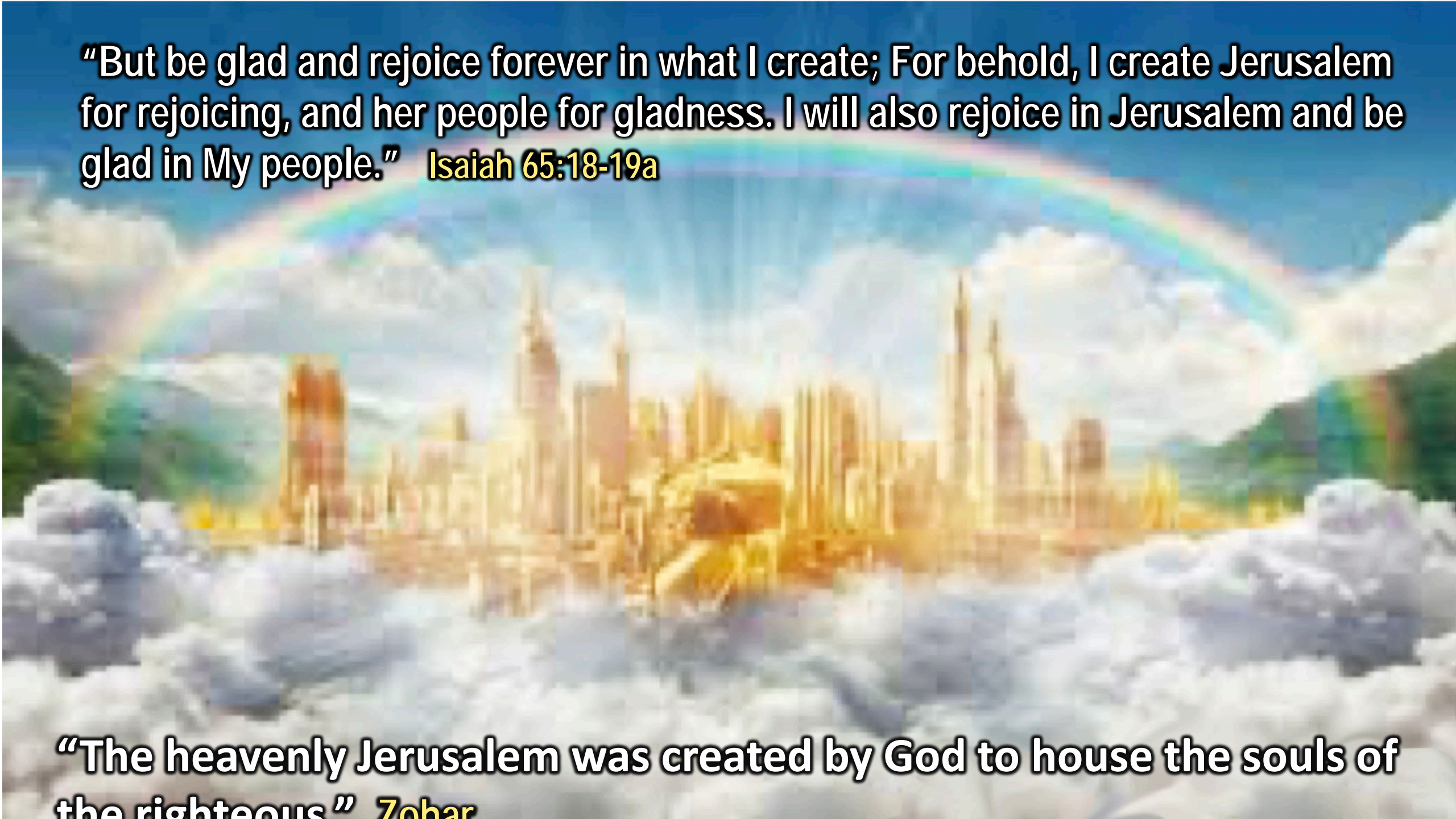
- The words “in my Father’s house” indicate that we will not be dwelling in our own “mansions” apart from God, but within His own dwelling place (akin to a modern multiple-family

GOD WILL BRING THE NEW JERUSALEM TO EARTH

“Not only on the face of this earth is there a Jerusalem, called in Hebrew *Yerushalayim Shel Matta* (“Jerusalem the Lower”), but also in heaven is there such a city: *Yerushalayim Shel Ma’alah* (“Jerusalem the Upper”).”

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing, and her people for gladness.” *Isaiah 65:17–18*

"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing, and her people for gladness. I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people." Isaiah 65:18-19a



"The heavenly Jerusalem was created by God to house the souls of the righteous" Zohar

The background is a dramatic, apocalyptic landscape painting. In the center, a city with domes and a central tower sits atop a hill. A massive, bright, golden light source, possibly the sun or a divine presence, is positioned behind the city, casting a powerful glow and creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm, fiery tones of orange, red, and yellow. The scene conveys a sense of divine judgment and the promise of a new, righteous dwelling place.

OUR NEW HOME WILL BE A RIGHTEOUS DWELLING PLACE

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up ... But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness

No Unrighteousness in the City

"And the nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory to it. And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations to it; and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." Revelation 21:24–27

Sin Banished, Only Holiness

- Heaven is described as “the holy city” (Revelation 21:2)
 - No sin or unrighteousness.
 - Only the pure of heart will dwell there.
- Does not mean you and I must attain moral perfection to dwell there.
 - Jesus took our sin! (Romans 4:11,22-24).
 - I have great sin; but I have a great Savior.

The New Jerusalem - Figurative or Literal?



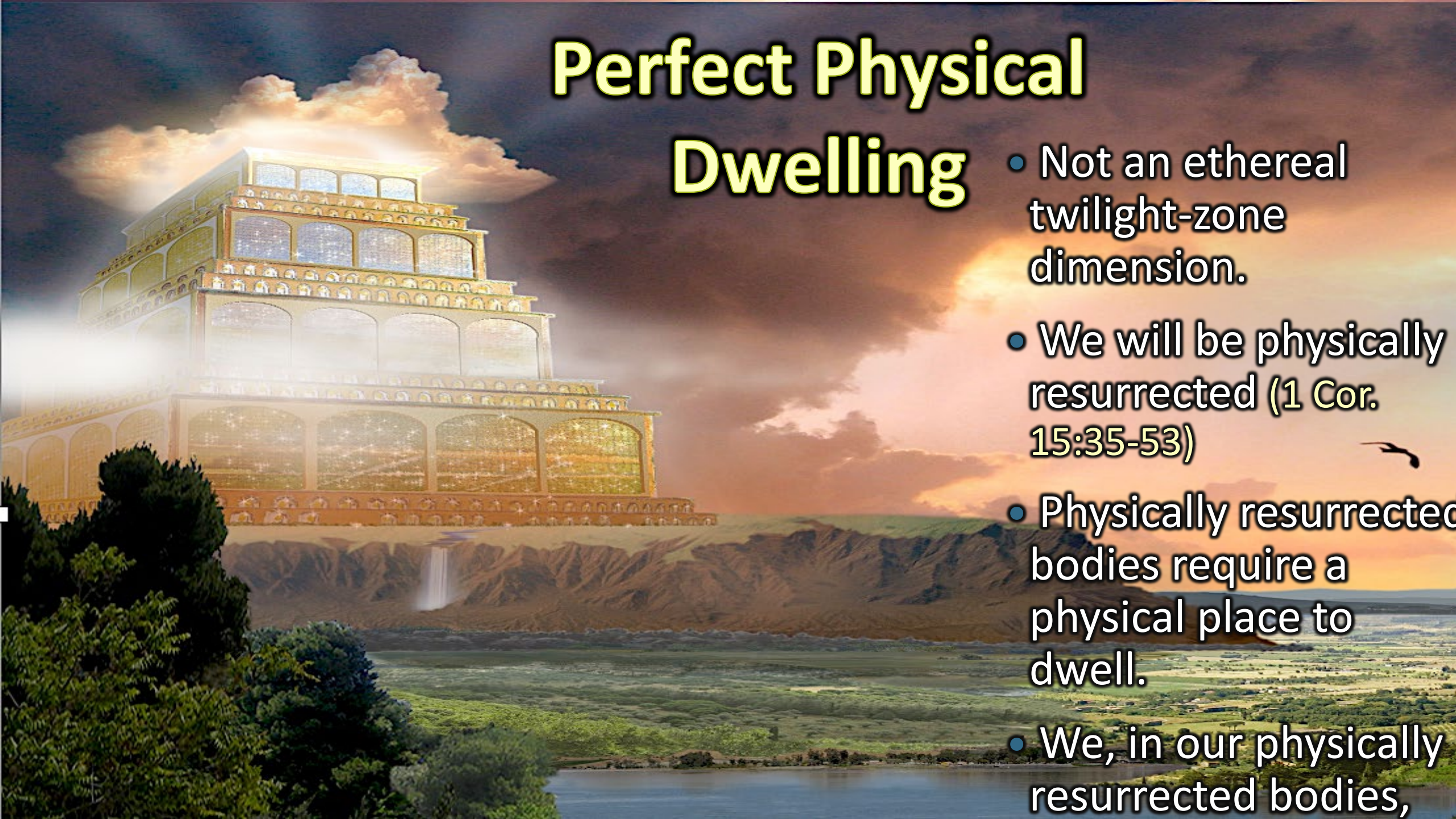
The New Jerusalem – Literal or Spiritual City?

“For some interpreters a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven (or the “Jerusalem above,” Gal. 4:26; the “heavenly Jerusalem,” Heb 12:22) denotes a spiritual city, a nonmaterial place of eternal, heavenly existence in which the physical, material world is left behind. But for the Jewish-Christian reader of the first century there is ample evidence pointing to a different sense. Ancient Jewish texts speak frequently of. Preexistent heavenly counterpart to the earthly Jerusalem, a city that God has founded and built already in heaven. When the time is right, God will reveal that city by bringing it to earth and establishing it here as the center of his restored people Israel, and all the nation of the world will come to it to worship the true God ... The description “comes down out of heaven” means its establishment on earth, not earth’s eclipse in favor of a heavenly, ethereal city.”

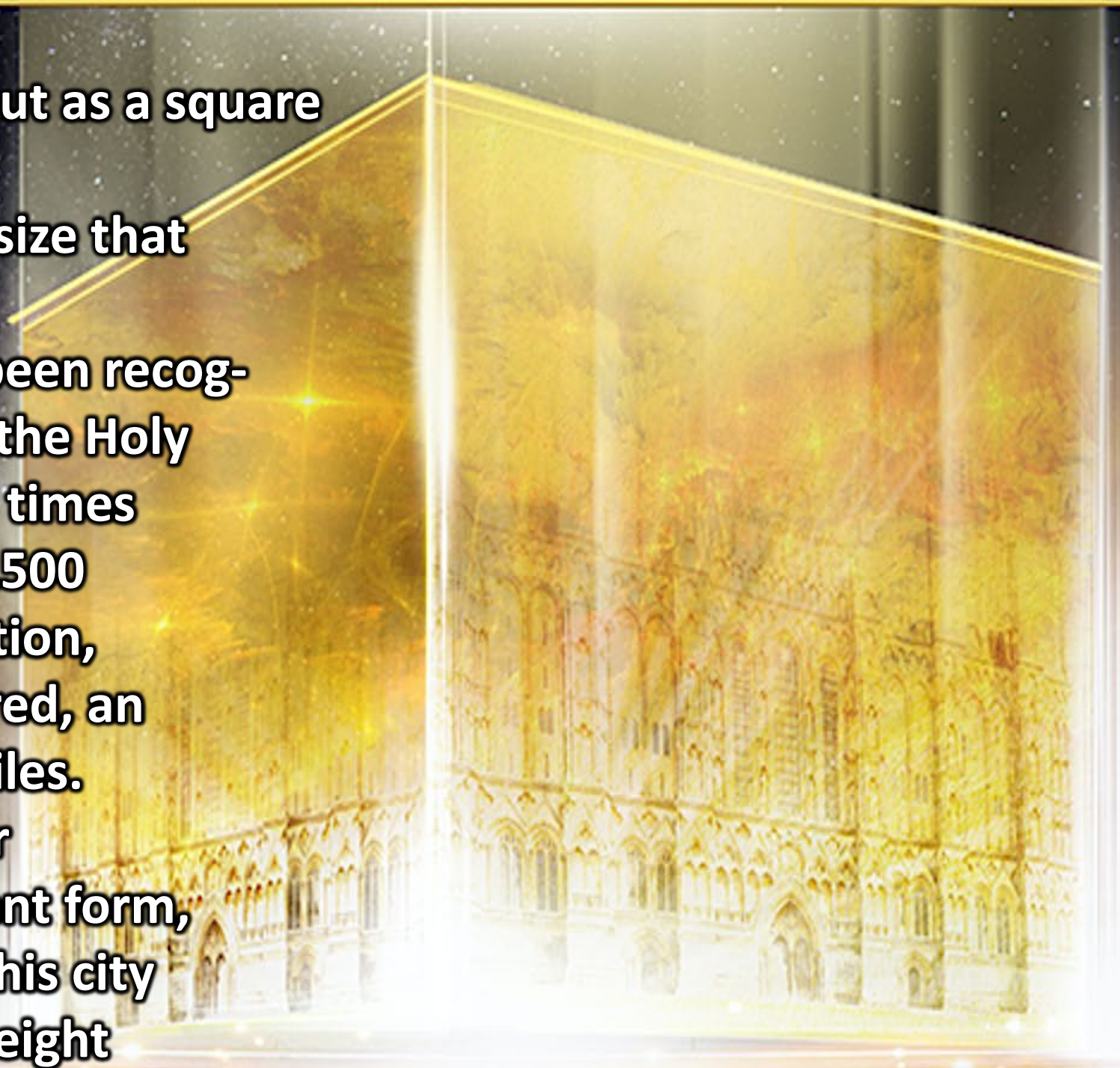
Buist M. Fanning, *Revelation, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2020), 531

Perfect Physical Dwelling

- Not an ethereal twilight-zone dimension.
- We will be physically resurrected (1 Cor. 15:35-53)
- Physically resurrected bodies require a physical place to dwell.
- We, in our physically resurrected bodies,

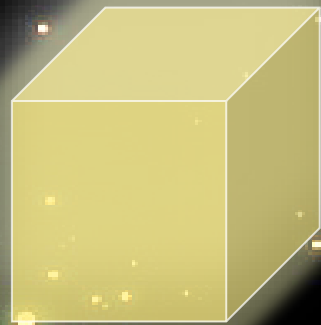


The New Jerusalem is laid out as a square with connecting planes of equal size that apparently form a cube. This has long been recognized as the exact shape of the Holy of Holies, although 240,000 times as big! Its dimensions are 1,500 miles equally in every direction, or as one engineer has figured, an area of 2,250,000 square miles. Unlike the limitations of our present cities and our present form, we may be able to inhabit this city equally in all places, from height

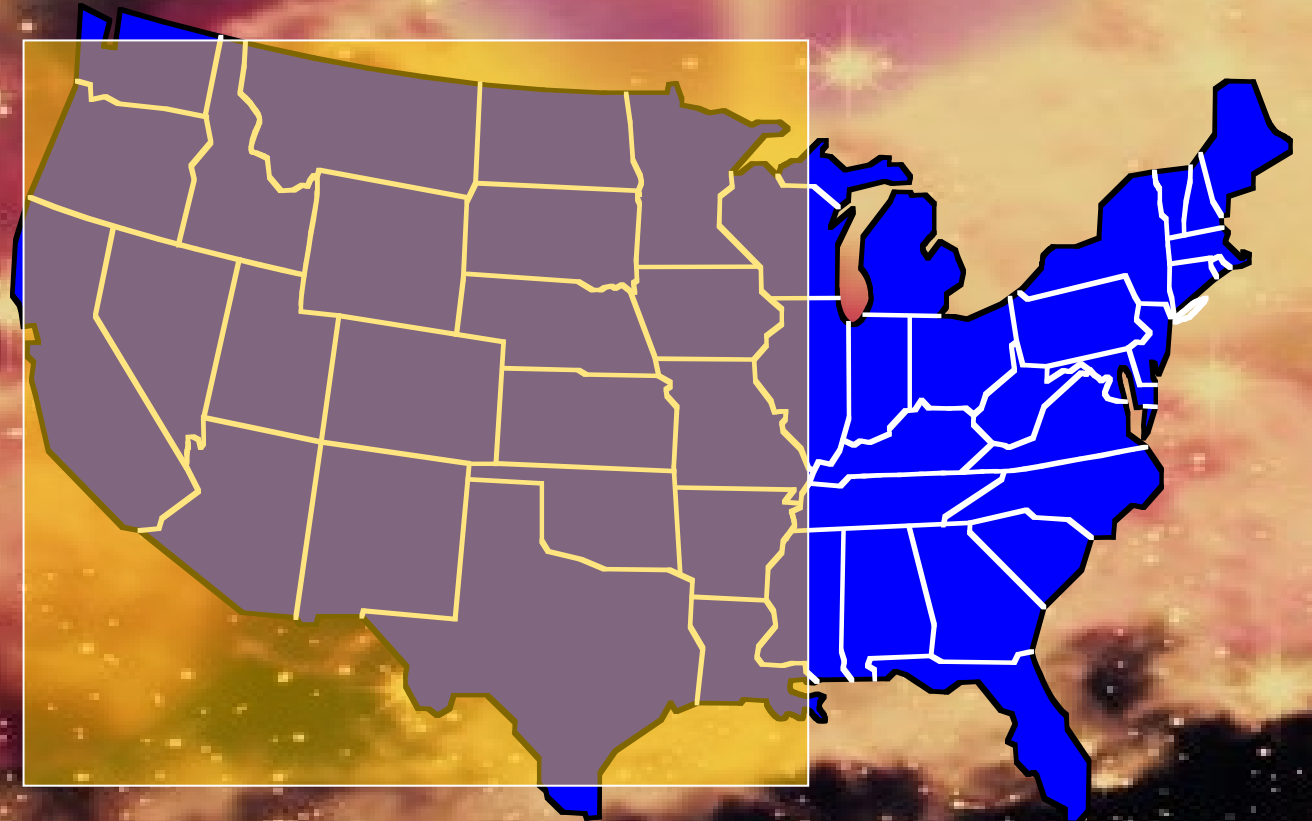
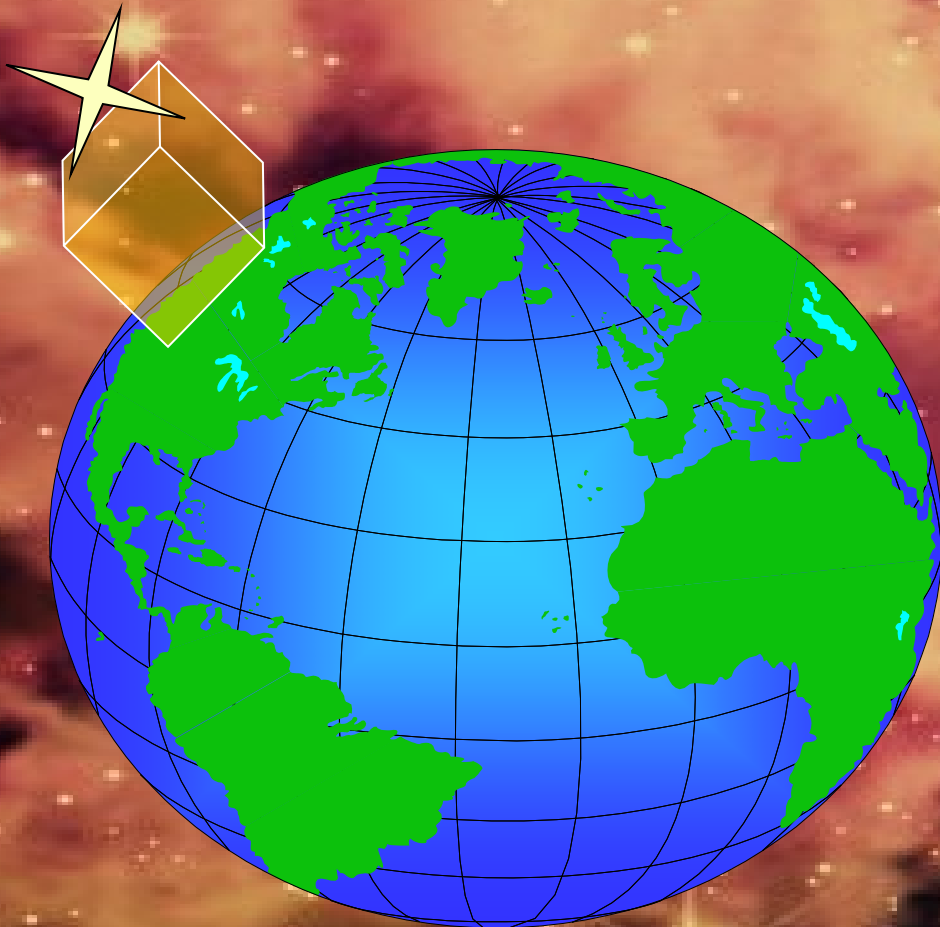




THE
NEW
JERUSALEM
*in
relation
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The New Jerusalem *in relation to the U.S.A.*





“And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its Temple.”

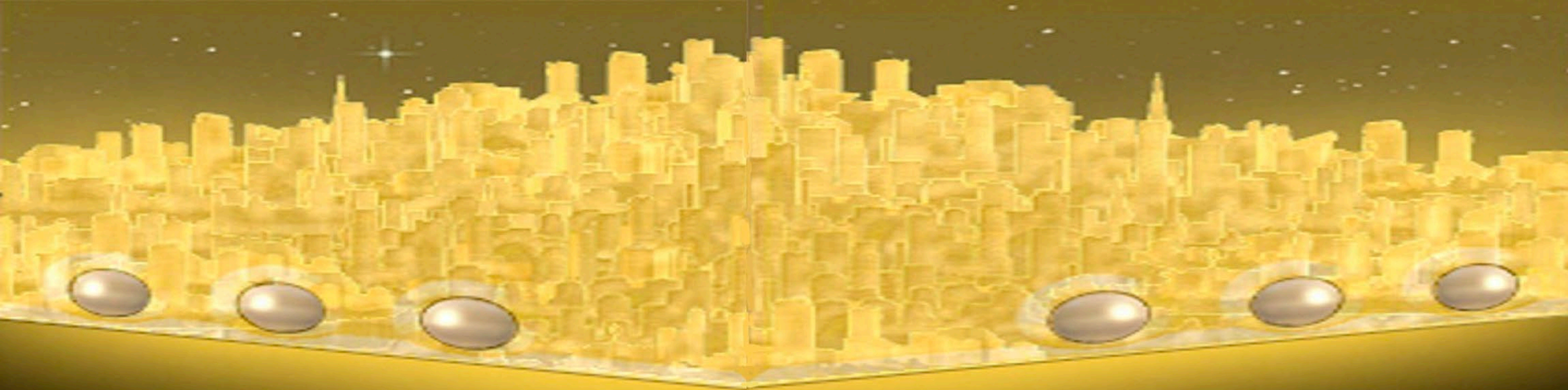
Revelation 21:22



The New Jerusalem represents God's Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies in the earthly Temple had the same dimensions and was the place God dwelt with man. The New Jerusalem was a part of the Heavenly Temple but accompanies the LORD when He comes to dwell on earth with man. On earth a Temple had to be built so the holy God could dwell with sinful man on earth (Ex. 25:8). In the Eternal State all will be holy so no structure is needed and the Presence of the LORD comprises the Temple (Rev. 21:22).



WHAT WILL THE NEW JERUSALEM BE LIKE?

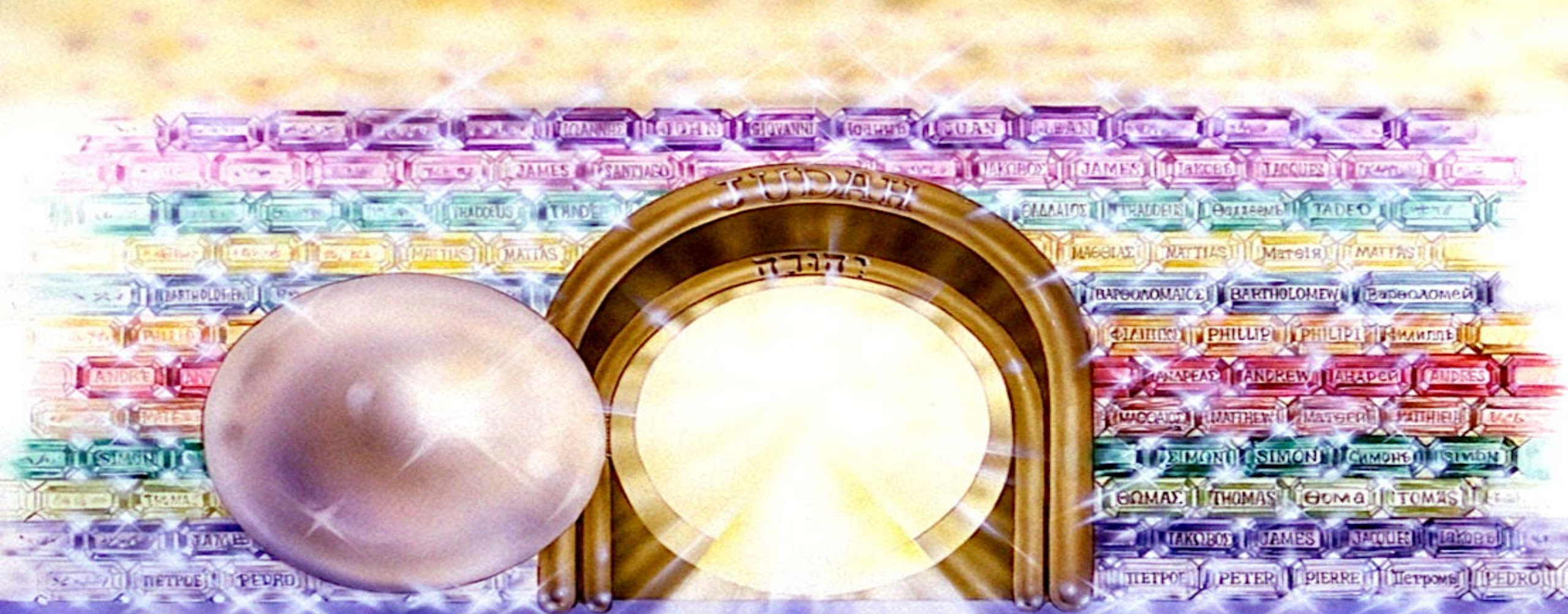


"Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls containing the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come with me! I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear

as crystal." Revelation 21:9-11

“It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them which are those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.” Revelation 21:12





“The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The 1st foundation stone was jasper; the 2nd, sapphire; the 3rd, chalcedony; the 4th, emerald; the 5th, sardonyx; the 6th, sardius; the 7th, chrysolite; the 8th, beryl; the



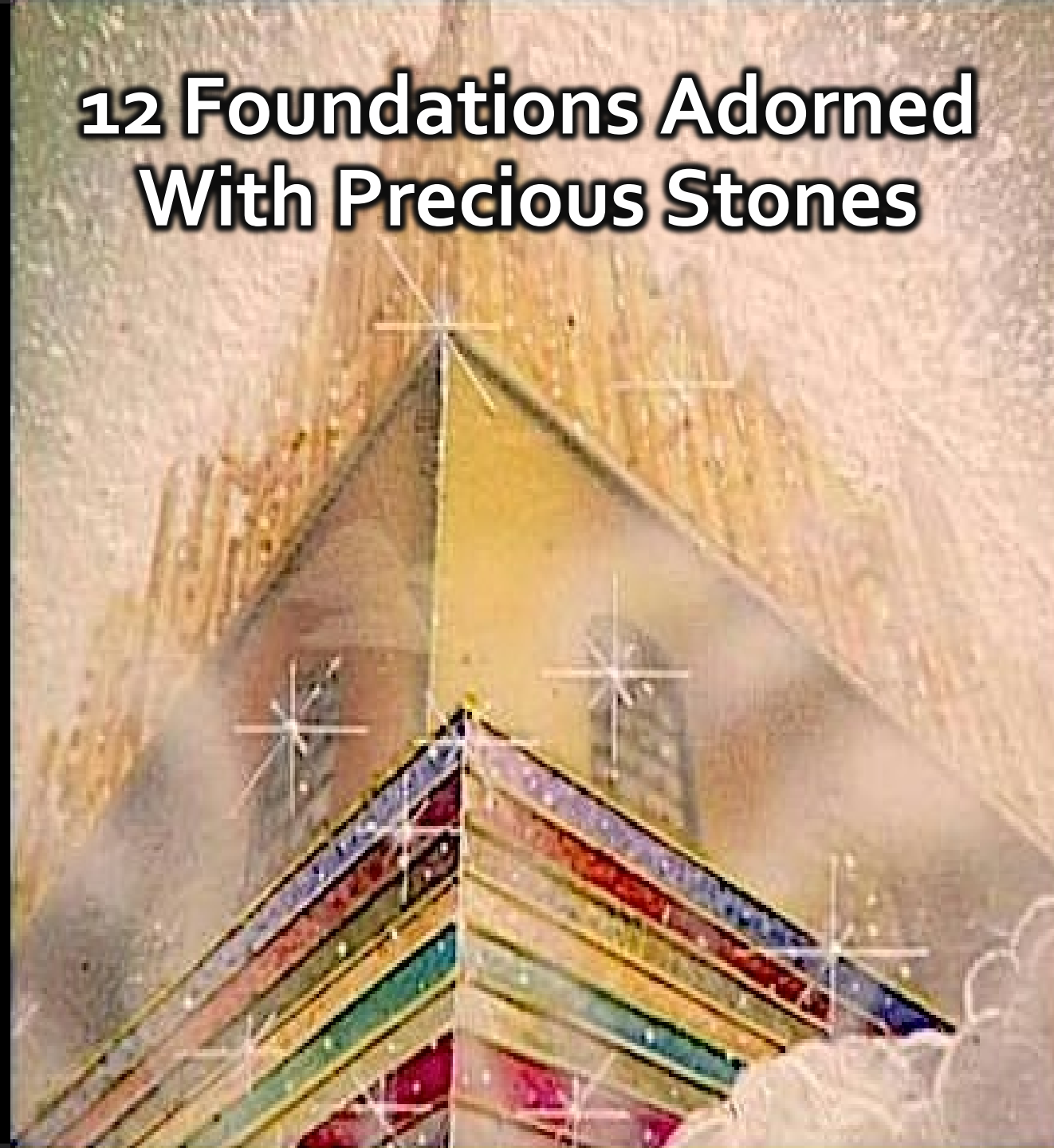
"GOD'S TABERNACLE" / "NEW JERUSALEM" / "ZION" / "MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD"

HEAVEN: THE CITY OF THE SAINTS / THE BRIDE OF CHRIST (see Revelation, chapters 21 & 22)

THE STONES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM



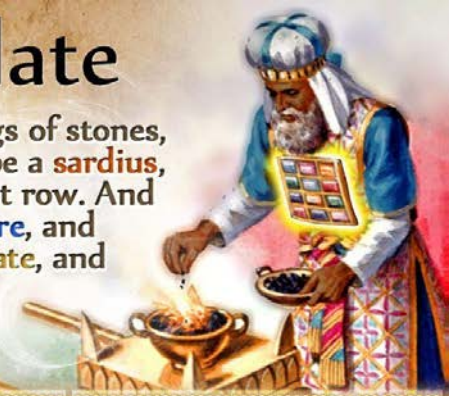
12 Foundations Adorned With Precious Stones





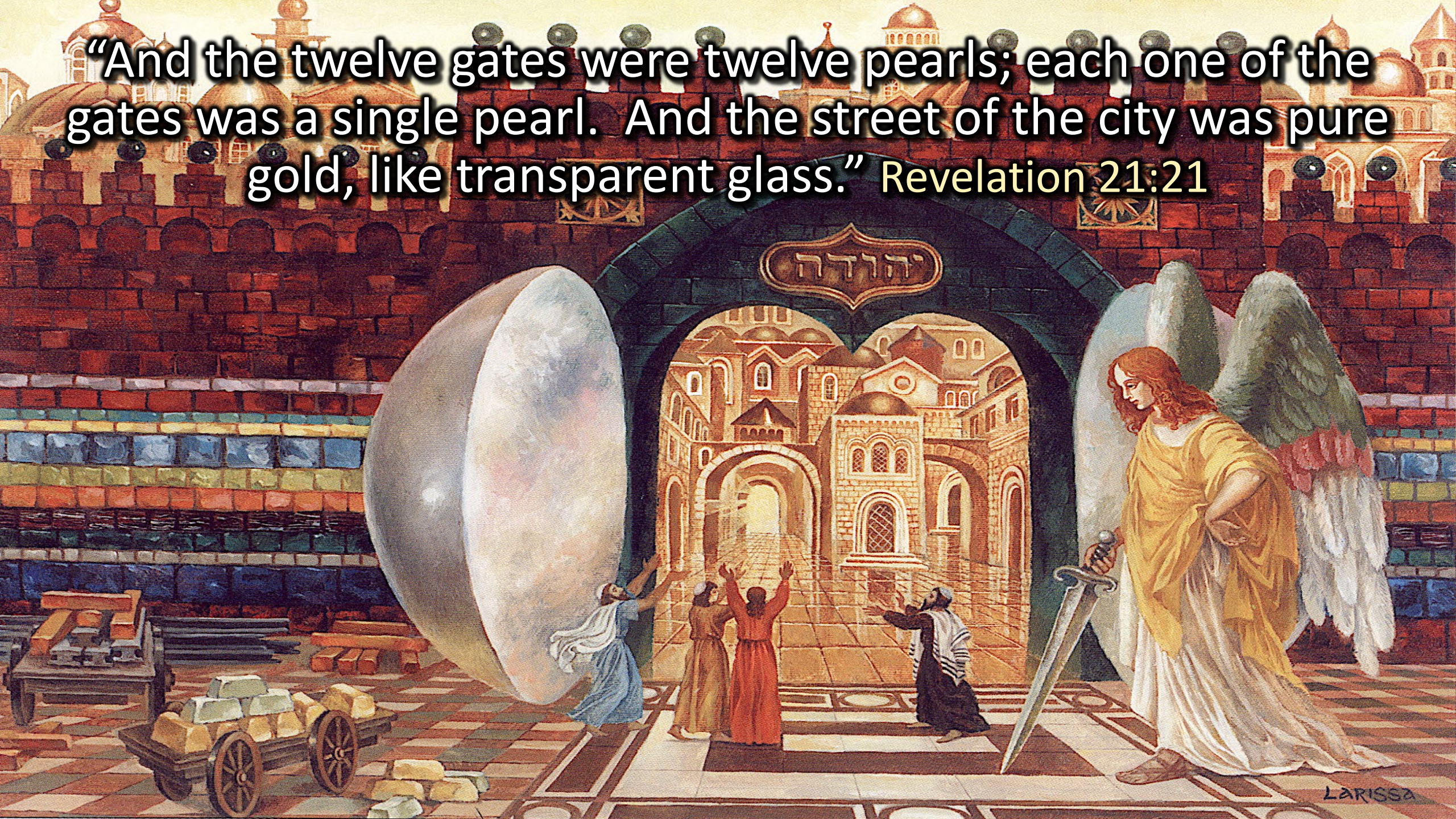
Ephod Breast Plate

Exodus 28:17 - And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius**, a **topaz**, and a **carbuncle**: this shall be the first row. And the second row shall be an **emerald**, a **sapphire**, and a **diamond**. And the third row a **ligure**, an agate, and an **amethyst**. And the fourth row a **beryl**, and an **onyx**, and a **jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.



1  Sardius	ראובן רֹאבֹן Reuben	2  Topaz	שמעון שִׁמְעוֹן Simeon	3  Carbuncle	לֵוִי Levi
4  Emerald	יהודה יְהוּדָה Judah	5  Sapphire	יששכר יִשָּׁשכָר Issachar	6  Diamond	זבולון זְבוּלוֹן Zebulun
7  Ligure	נפתלי נִפְתָּלִי Nephtali	8  Agate	גד גָּד Gad	9  Amethyst	אשר אֲשֵׁר Asher
10  Beryl	מנשה מְנַשֶּׁה Manassah	11  Onyx	אפרים אֶפְרַיִם Ephram	12  Jasper	בנימין בְּנִימִן Benjamin

“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.” Revelation 21:21



Perfect Paradise



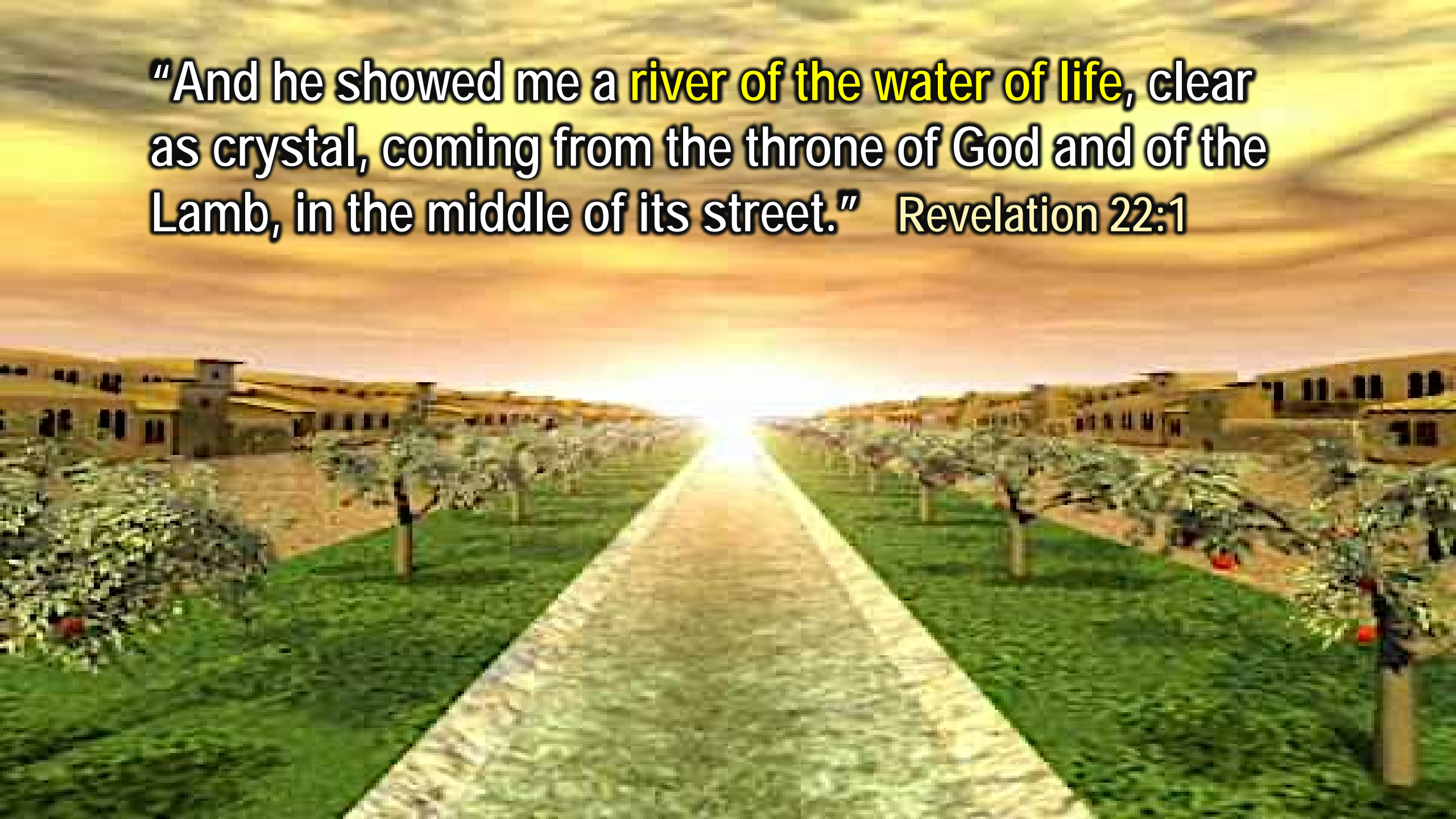
- Paradise literally means
 - “garden of pleasure”
 - “garden of delight.”
- Heaven = the “paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7).
- Paul, “caught up to paradise” “heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell” (2 Corinthians 12:4).
- Paul could hardly wait to get back there (Philippians 1:21-23).

Life in the New Jerusalem

“And he showed me a river of the **water of life**, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the **tree of life**, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” **Revelation 22:1–2**



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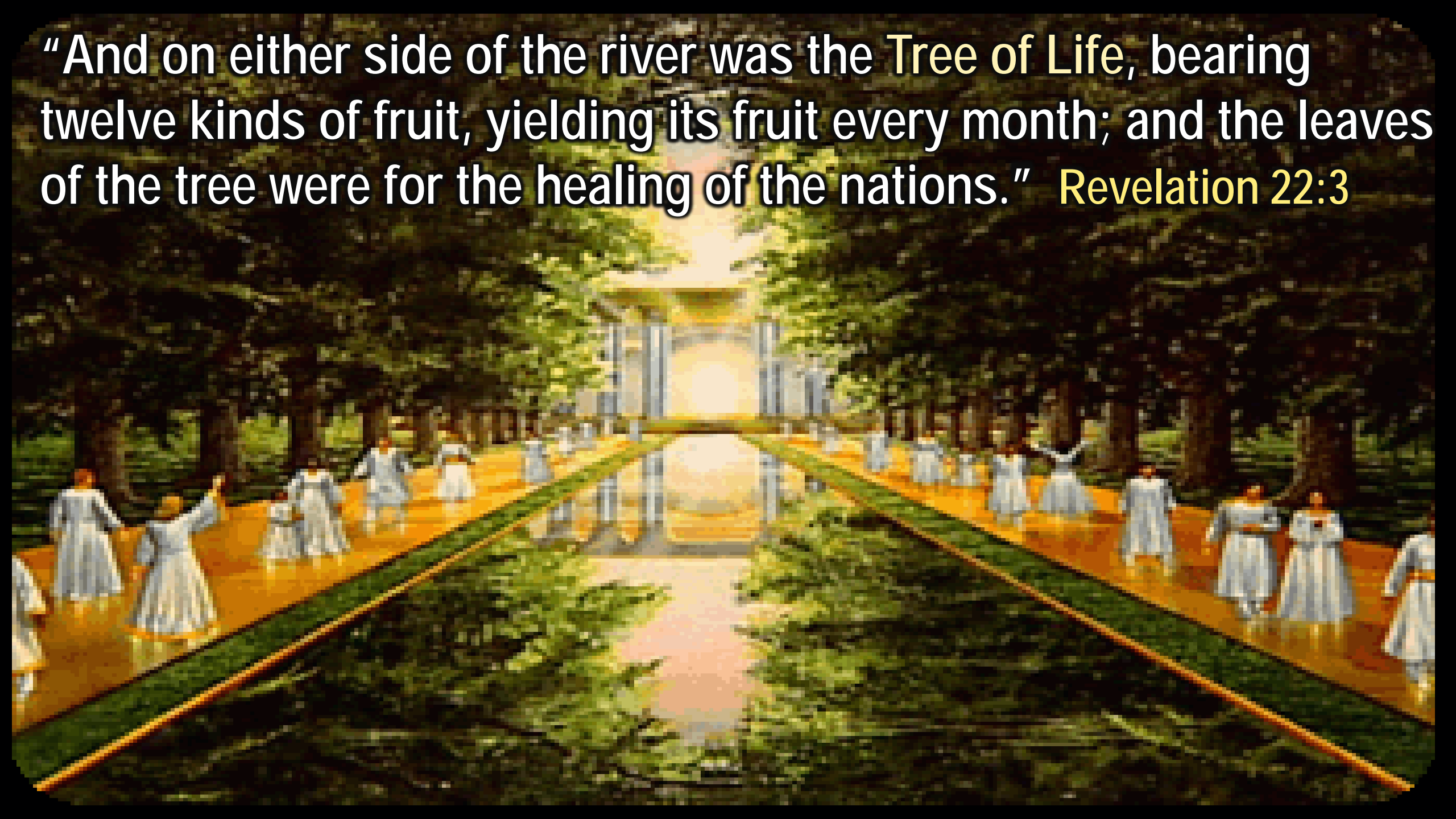
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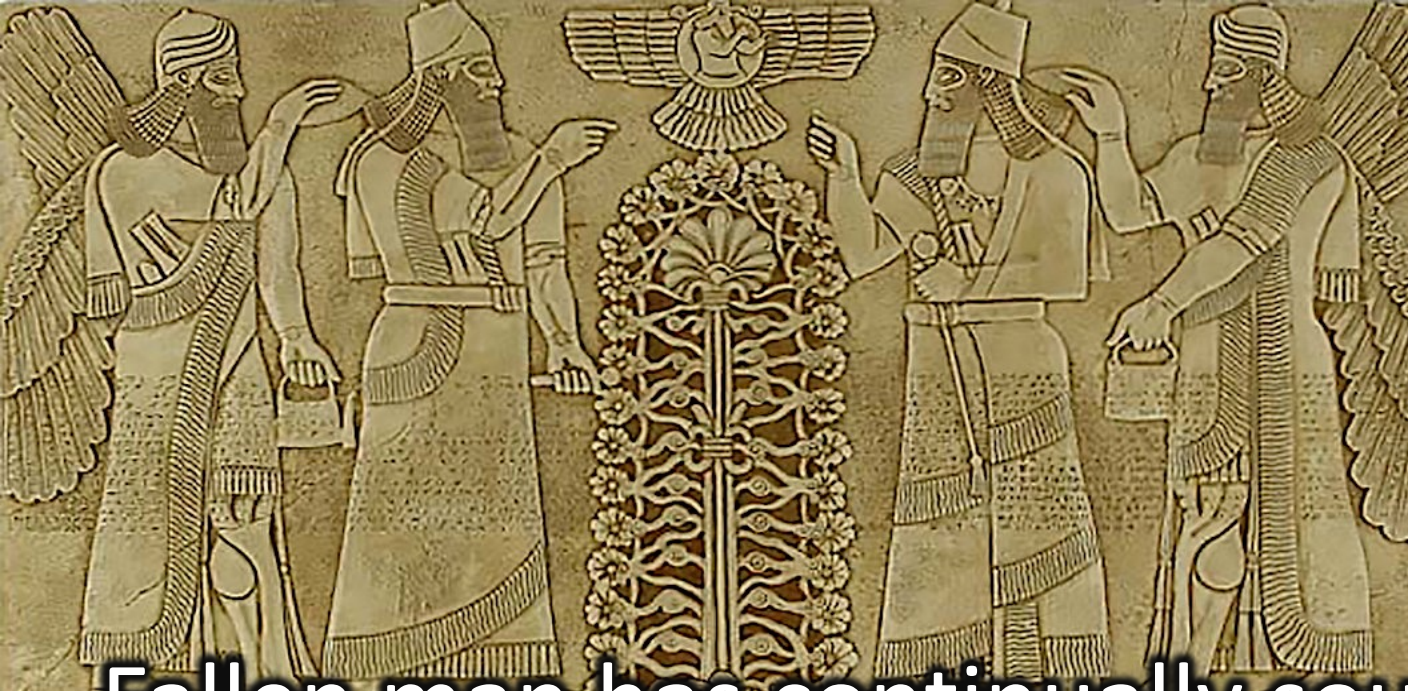
Paradise Regained & Secured

- **Pure river of water of life**
- **River is a reminder – God is the sustainer of life**
 - **He is Creator** – life comes from God
 - **He is Provider** – life (both physical and spiritual) is sustained by God

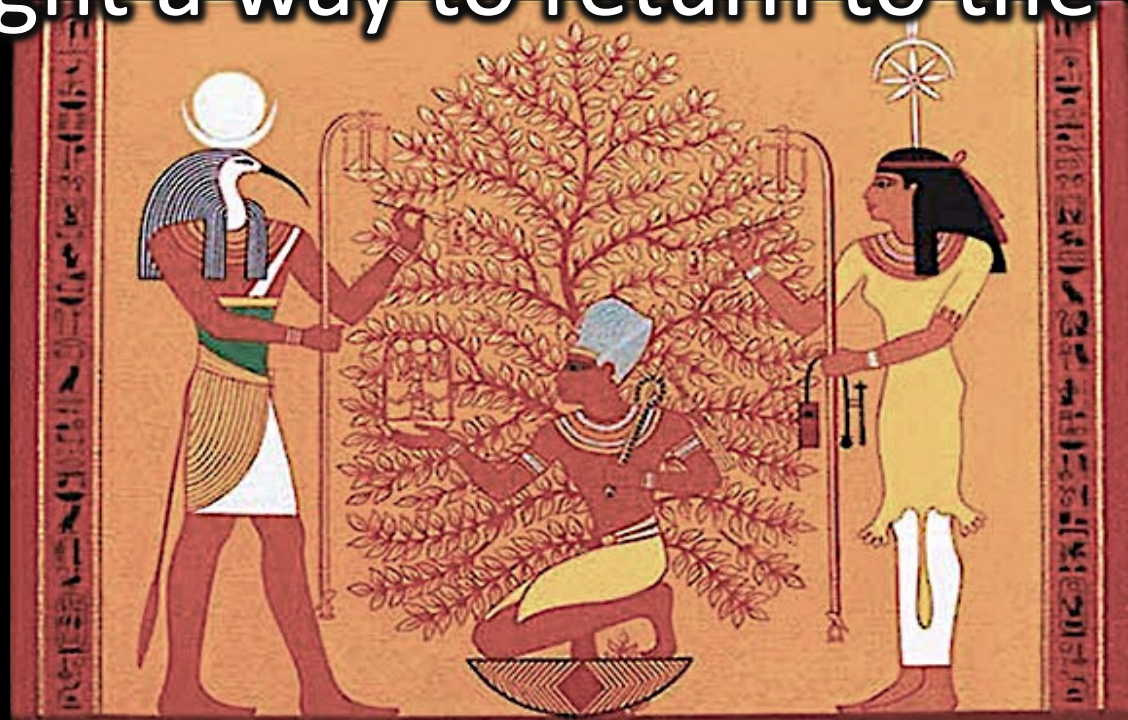


“And on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.” **Revelation 22:3**





Fallen man has continually sought a way to return to the



The Purpose of the Tree of Life



God made provision for human immortality before the Fall. The body couldn't die from internal causes, but it was susceptible to injury from external causes. The tree was the source of renewal, sustaining immortality by perpetuating physical human life "forever" (Genesis 3:22) a As such, the Tree served to preserve human dependence upon God as Creator to sustain him as a creature. Once sin entered, man became independent of God and conflict between the creature and the Creator entered the Creation

Just as the Tree of Life was necessary before the curse was imposed on man, so it will exist to serve man after the curse is removed. Not for physical healing of glorified bodies, but as in its original purpose, to remind man that he has not become a god, but as a creature is still and forever dependent upon God as Creator. Addressing this to the nations reminds them of their inclusion in the eternal purpose which throughout the ages and the Millennium was centered on national Israel.



God's Hatred of Pagan Plans

“You shall utterly destroy
all the places where the
nations whom you shall
dispossess serve their
gods, on the high
mountains and on the
hills and under every
green tree.
“Then you will know that I
am the LORD, when their
slain are among their idols
around their altars, on
every high hill, on all the
tops of the mountains,
under every green tree,
and under every leafy oak
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Fallen man has tried everything in his power – and in the power of the evil one – to somehow return to the Tree of Life and live forever. But man cannot reverse the curse and escape the boundaries of mortality. He is destined to die by the judgment of God in this life and then to face the judgment of God in the next life (Hebrews 9:25). But God has given a means in this life

The Tree of Life in the Plan of God

- Garden environment was created by God to be perpetual.
- God knew sin would occur and prepared a plan of redemption.
- This plan would restore Eden and return man to the original state of fellowship with God forever.
- The Plan of Redemption is God's means to restore the garden, fellowship, and access to the Tree of Life in a world untouched by sin and death and living in harmony with the Creator



A New Day for Life (Isaiah 65:22)

Those who inhabit the eternal state will be eternal people. The old way of life (which ended in death) is past. The new way of life is life forever.

A New Day for Worship (Isaiah 65:23-26)

All of the redeemed will worship the LORD continually in the New Jerusalem (vss. 25-26; Zech. 14:16-21). As Paul said: "Every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD" (Phil. 2:11).



Perfect in Every Way

- No more curse — perfect restoration.
- The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it — perfect administration.
- God's servants shall serve him — perfect occupation.
- God's name shall be on their foreheads — perfect identification.
- There shall be no night there; the Lord is the light — perfect illumination.
- They shall reign forever and ever with Christ — perfect

Perfect Bodies — A Building

- Present bodies — like tents (2 Cor. 5:1-4).
- Future body — building.
- Paul = tentmaker. Speaking their language.
 - Temporary tabernacle in OT = tent-like.
 - Was replaced by temple (permanent building).
- Illustrates present and future bodies.
- Camp out, short time. Seams wear out.
- God gently reminds us every time we look in the mirror that our tent is wearing down — that we're rushing toward eternity.



Perfect Bodies — Unlike the Old

“The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power” 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

Earthly Body

Perishable (disease, infections, wearing down, death — just a matter of time)

Dies in dishonor (dust to dust, body dissolves to constituent elements)

Dies in weakness (vitality wanes, “outward man is decaying” [2 Corinthians 4:16], old age,

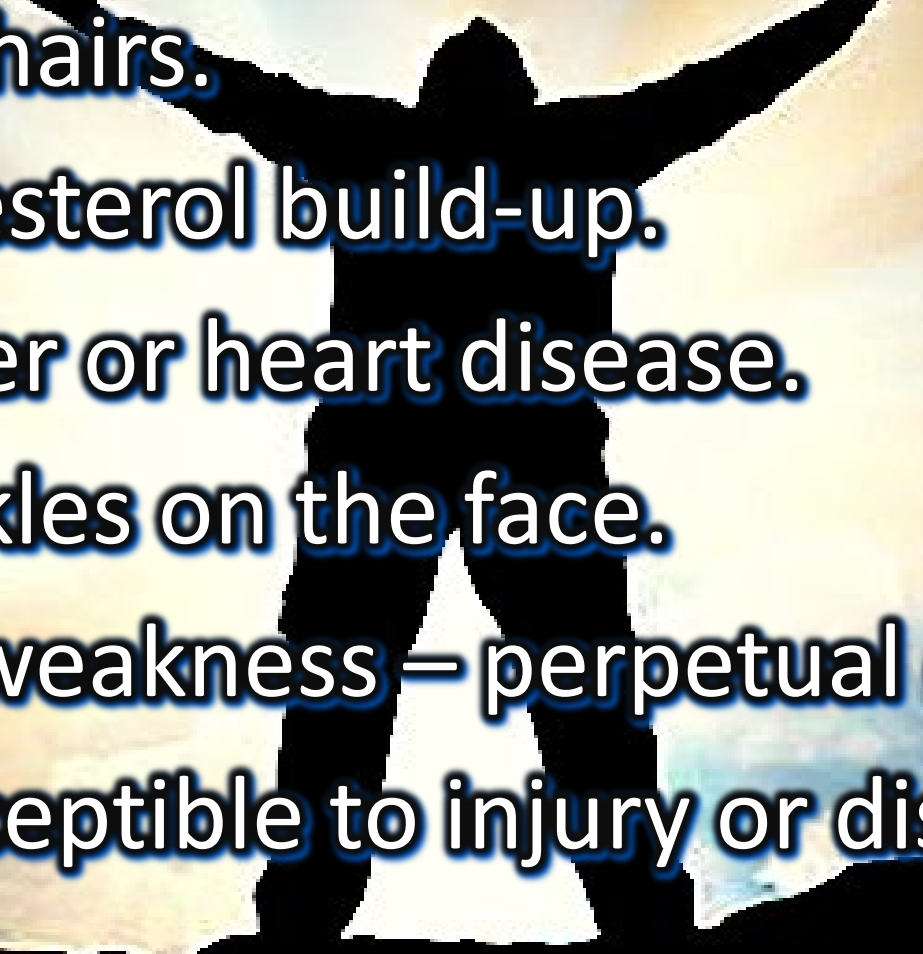
Resurrection Body

Imperishable (completely healthy and strong forever, youthful forever, disease-free, infection-free, death-free)

Raised in glory (all liability to frailty and death forever gone; perma-flesh)

Raised in power (no sleep; no recuperation; no tiring; no incapacities; perpetual fullness of

Perfect Bodies — No Frailties

- No more gray hairs.
 - No more cholesterol build-up.
 - No more cancer or heart disease.
 - No more wrinkles on the face.
 - No fatigue or weakness – perpetual energy
 - No longer susceptible to injury or disease.
 - No allergies.
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- A silhouette of a person standing with their arms raised in a 'V' shape, set against a bright, cloudy sky. The person is positioned in the center of the frame, and the background is a mix of white and yellow clouds with a bright light source behind them, creating a high-contrast, inspirational scene.

Perfect Bodies Can Eat!

- We can *eat food* !
- Jesus ate physical food four times after resurrection (Luke 24:30; 24:42-43; John 21:12-13; Acts 1:4).
- Our resurrection bodies = like Jesus' resurrection body (Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2).
- Eating = for *enjoyment*, not for sustenance.
- Tree of life has twelve crops of fruit (Revelation

Blessed Rest

- The redeemed will rest from their labors: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor.’” Revelation 14:13
 - No more deadlines.
 - No more overtime.
 - Just rest. Sweet serene rest.
- “This rest will be absolutely perfect. We shall then have joy without sorrow, and rest without weariness.” - Richard Baxter, *The Saints Everlasting Rest*

Blessed Activities

- No playing harps on clouds!
- No purposeless inactivity.
- Meaningful, yet restful, service throughout eternity.
- Not tedious, but joyous.
- Without frustration, without fear of failure, without limitations, and without exhaustion.
- Praising and worshiping God and Christ with angels (Rev. 5:11-12)
- Learning more about our incomparable God (Eph. 2:7)



No More Death or Mourning

- “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 21:4
- “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” Isaiah 25:8; Rev. 7:17
 - Original Greek: Not tears (generally) but every tear (singular), as if God will wipe away every single tear of every single believer.
 - Not a single tear will be upon our faces!
- Loved ones not in heaven? “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they

New Jerusalem Citizenry



"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the **heavenly Jerusalem**, and to

- myriads of **angels**,
- to the general **assembly**
- and **church** of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
- and to **God**, the Judge of all,
- and to the **spirits of the righteous** made perfect"

Hebrews 12:22-23

We Will See God Face to Face

"But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live! ... Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen." Exodus 33:20, 23

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known." 1 Corinthians 13:12

"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is." 1 John 3:2

"And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him; and **THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE**, and His name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall no longer be any night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:4-5

Perfect Relationship with God

“the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.” Revelation 22:3

“They will see His face” Revelation 22:4

“Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known” 1 Corinthians 13:12

“... I shall see Your face” Psalm 17:15

“We know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as



Perfect Relationship with Christian Loved Ones

- How do we know we will be reunited?
 - “What is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?” (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
 - Reunion in heaven - “Dead in Christ” will rise (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
 - Will we recognize each other? YES!
 - Reunion promised (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)
 - Rich man and Lazarus in the afterlife (Luke 16:19-31)
 - David knew he would be reunited with his deceased son in heaven (2 Samuel 12:23)
 - Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration

Our Relationships Will be Utterly Perfect

No sin nature!

No more cross words,

- no more misunderstandings,

- no more neglect shown

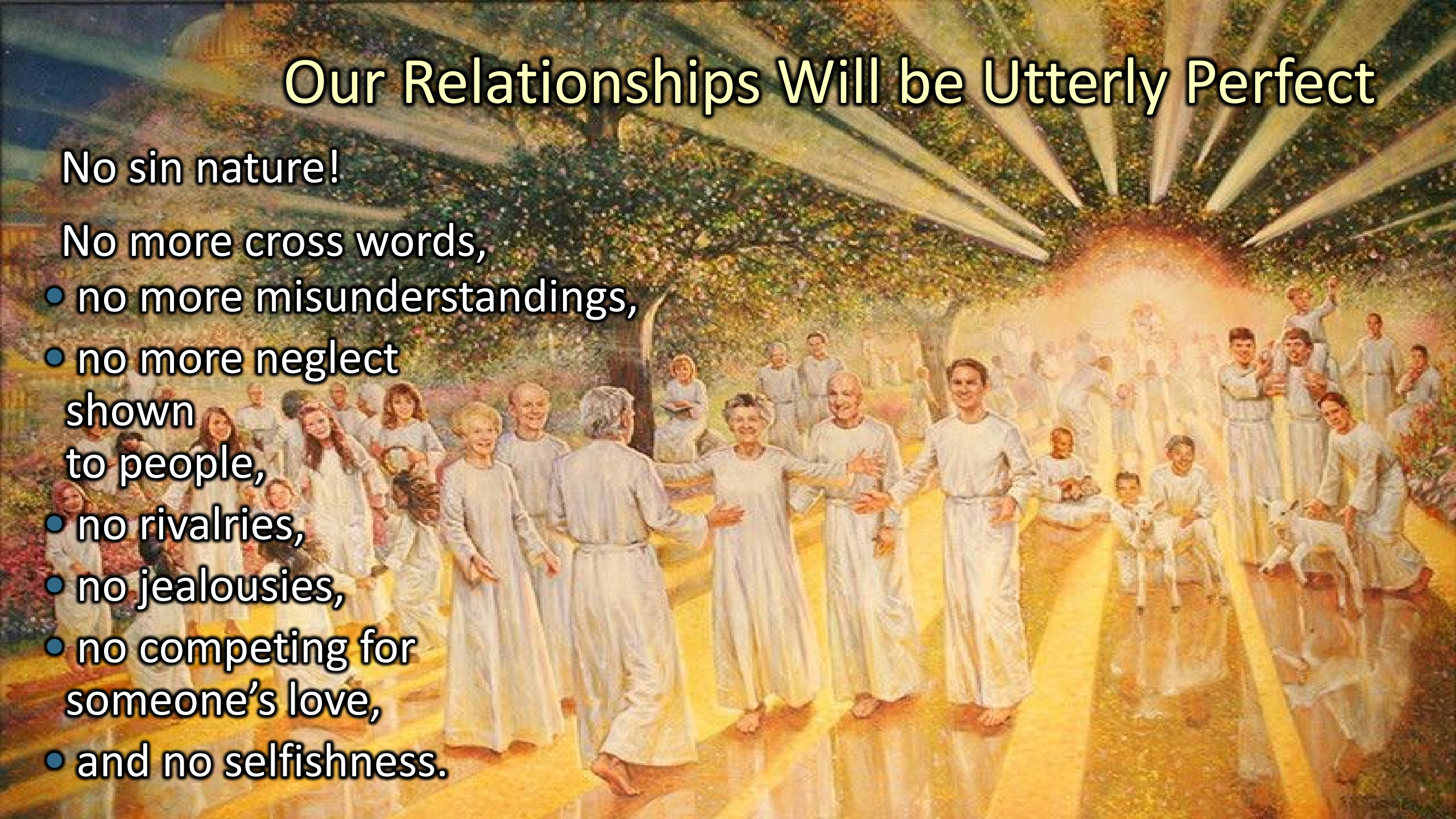
to people,

- no rivalries,

- no jealousies,

- no competing for someone's love,

- and no selfishness.



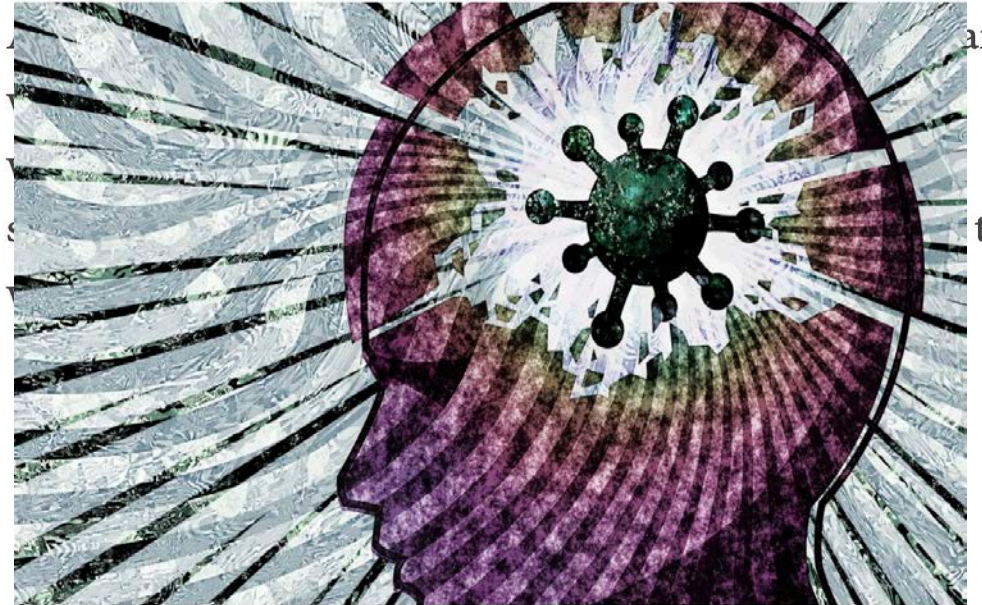
Depression Has Skyrocketed During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Study Says

Half of COVID Survivors Struggle With Depression

Depression on the Rise During COVID-19:

The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) recently reported that a third of Americans show signs of clinical depression and anxiety. These and other mental conditions are becoming amplified during the recent pandemic, while COVID-19 patients and their families are also at high risk to develop depression and anxiety.

Depression rates tripled and symptoms intensified during first year of COVID-19



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GLOBALISM GOD'S WAY



We Need an Eternal Perspective

“Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Col. 3:1-2

Original Greek = intense: “Diligently, actively, single-mindedly pursue the things above.”

Present tense in the Greek:

Our Response to Globalism

1. Recognize and Reject the Prevailing Secular Futurist Worldview.

“But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations ...” 2 Timothy 2:23



Our Response to Globalism

2. Live knowing this world system will pass away.

"and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away." 1 Corinthians 7:31

"the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10

"looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!" 2 Peter 3:12

"And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:17



C.S. Lewis

“Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the [corona virus] was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways ... It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already



C.S. Lewis

“This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by [a pandemic], let that when it comes find us doing sensible and human things – praying, working, teaching, read-ing, listening to music, bathing the children, play-ing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts – not huddled together like fright-ened sheep and thinking about [viruses].

Our Response to Globalism

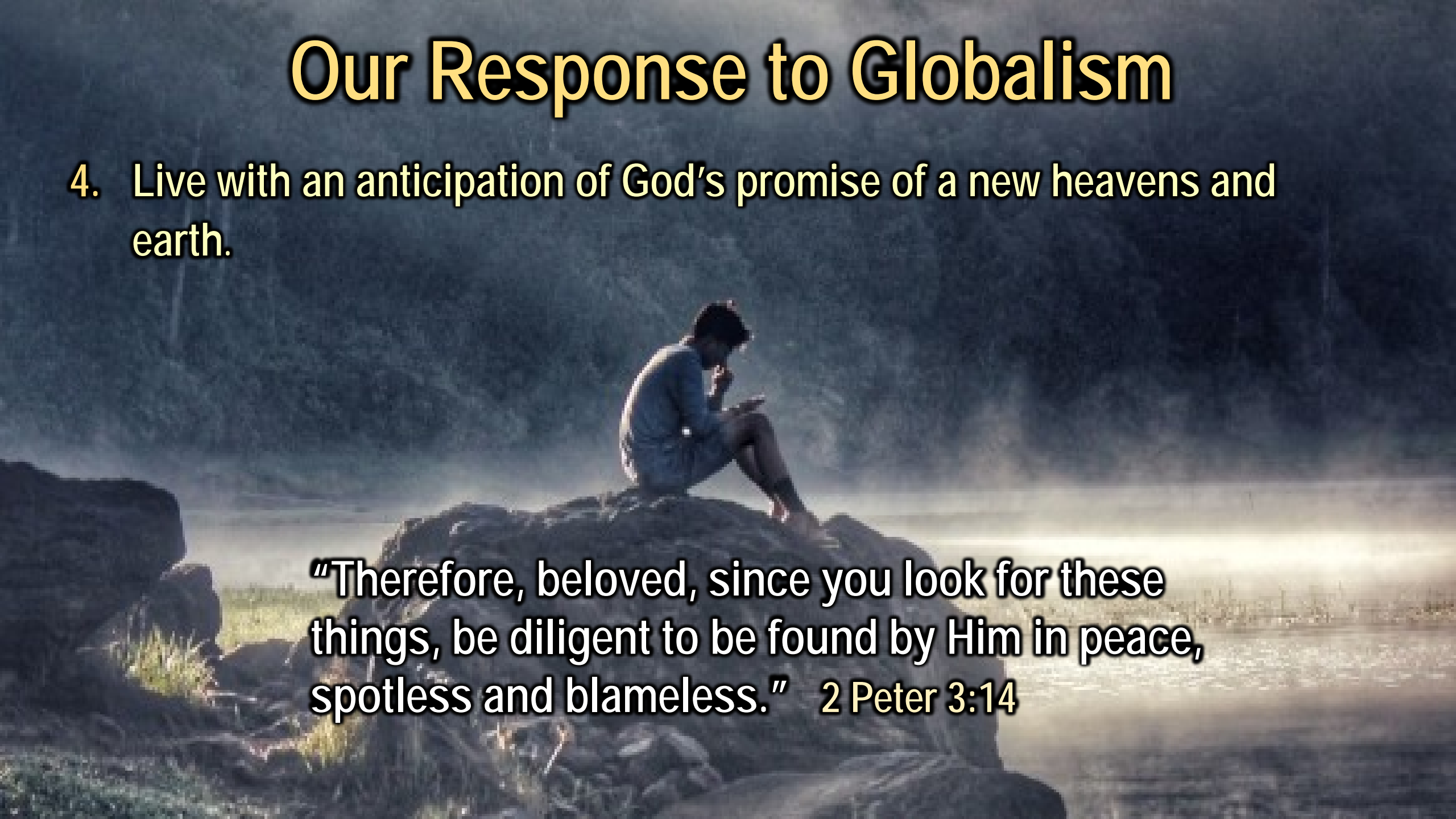
3. Live knowing God's day of judgment will surely come.

"because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:31

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." Hebrews 9:27

Our Response to Globalism

4. Live with an anticipation of God's promise of a new heavens and earth.

A person is sitting on a large, dark rock in the foreground, looking down at a smartphone. The background shows a calm body of water reflecting the warm light of a setting or rising sun, with a hazy, mountainous landscape in the distance. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

“Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.” 2 Peter 3:14

Our Response to Globalism

5. Live a holy and godly life here and now.

Live as a citizen of Heaven while here on earth:

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.” **Philippians 3:20–21**

“instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.” **Titus 2:12**

Christ's Promise to the Faithful Church


“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name” (Revelation 3:12)

Abraham “looked for a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10) The Heavenly Jerusalem is the City of the living God (Hebrews 12:22)

- Look forward to the New City, it is your eternal destiny! It is your forever home!



We are not home yet!



**“But according to
His promise
we are looking for new heavens
and a new earth,
in which righteousness dwells.”**

2 Peter 3:13

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