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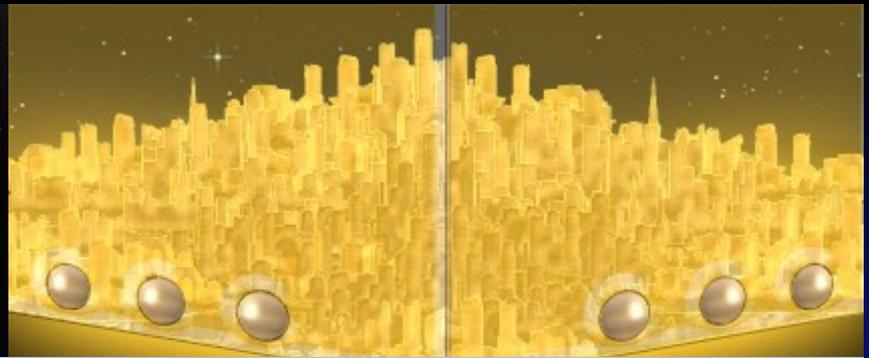
Revelation 21 – 22



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CREATION

- Fall into Sin
 - FLOOD
 - Tower of Babel (after the Flood)
 - Abram → Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - Exodus → Israel, Mosaic Covenant
- Messiah of Israel → Life, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension of Christ
- Church AGE (almost 2000 years)
 - RAPTURE → Church and all believers in Heaven
 - Great Tribulation (some folks are saved)
- Millennium, Satan is released, Great White Throne

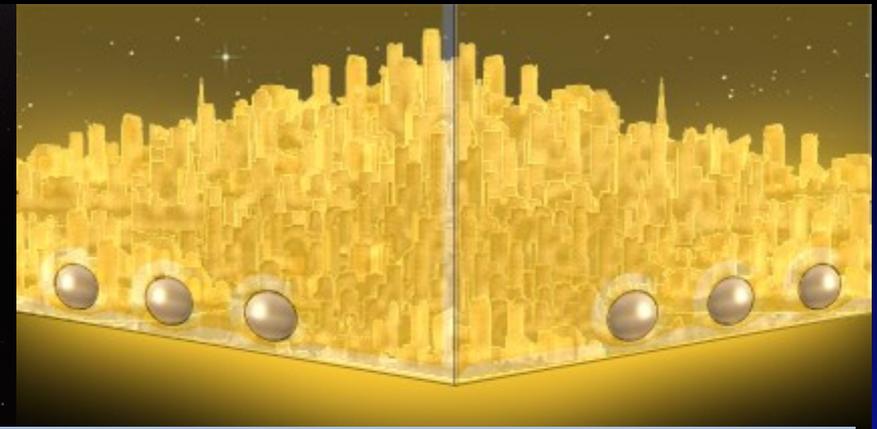


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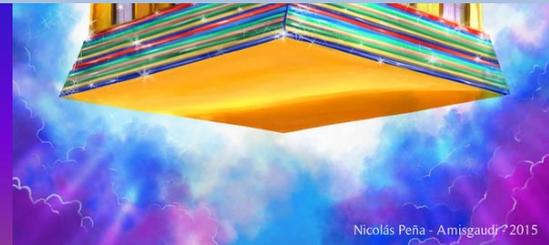
“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

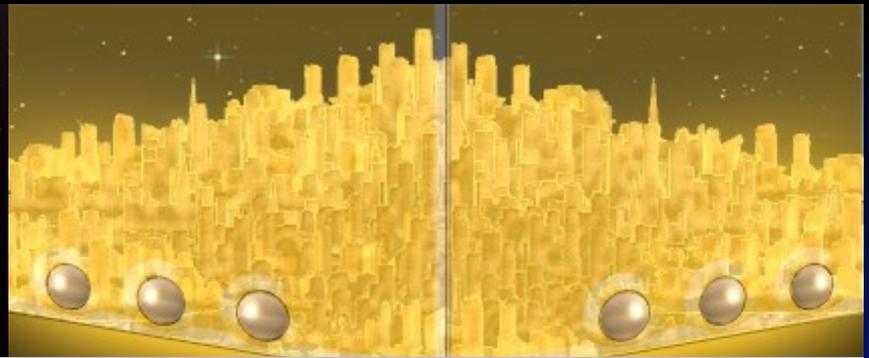
John 14:2-3





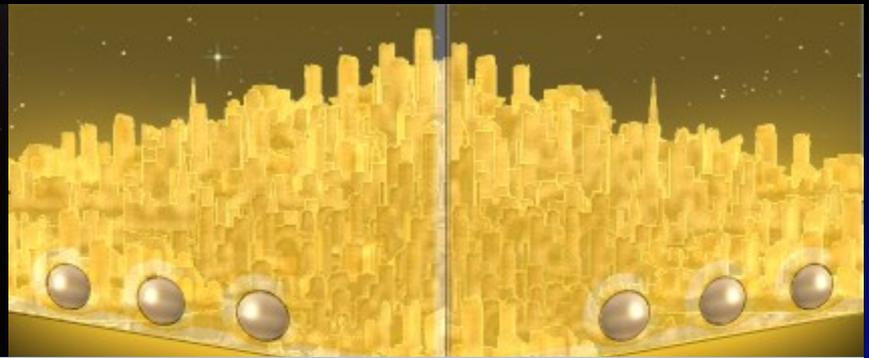
⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, [He] made us **ALIVE** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and **RAISED US UP together**, and made us **SIT together** in **THE HEAVENLY PLACES** in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in **the AGES to come** He might **show** the **EXCEEDING RICHES** of His **GRACE** in His **KINDNESS** toward us in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:5-7**





³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **LIVING HOPE** through the **resurrection** of **Jesus Christ** from the dead, ⁴ to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that does **NOT** fade away, **reserved in heaven** for you, ⁵ [you] who are **KEPT** by the **POWER** of **God** through **FAITH** for **salvation ready to be revealed** in the **LAST TIME**. **1 Peter 1:3-5**





³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:3-4



1. God will Dwell With His People (Rev. 21:3-4)

- a. **CLOSE Proximity** – He will DWELL with His People – it will NOT be a long distance relationship
- b. We are **HIS PEOPLE** ... we are Family ... He will not be a stranger to us, and we will not be strangers (foreigners) to Him. Fellowship Relationship
- c. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes (our eyes) ... think how close you have to be to wipe someone else's tear from their eyes? What does this imply? (Tender Care? Closeness? Intimacy? ???)

He later says that there will be no more crying?

So, why is He wiping away our tears, at that point in time?

(Hint: Immediate Joy, and/or Sorrow that fades quickly? Maybe?)

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It is Reserved for us – It will never Decay or Fade away, like Earthly riches will

God the Father, on the basis of Jesus Christ, for us ... He has done this ... we don't deserve this ...

It has everything to do with us INVESTING, NOW, in His KINGDOM ... so that it will be there, Reserved for us

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Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The more you invest in Time, Treasures, and Talents for God’s Kingdom Purposes, Here and NOW, the more will have in Heaven

2. Everything that Relates to SIN will be done away with and will not exist in the New Heavens, the New Earth, and in the New Jerusalem (in which Righteousness Dwells – 2 Peter 3:10-13)

a. No More DEATH

b. No More Sorrow (suffering, worrying, anguish, regrets ... etc.)

c. No More Crying (but He wipes away our tears)

d. No More Pain (including suffering all that relates to pain)

e. All the “D” words that relate to Devil and to Sin – will be banished away (to the Lake of Fire) ...

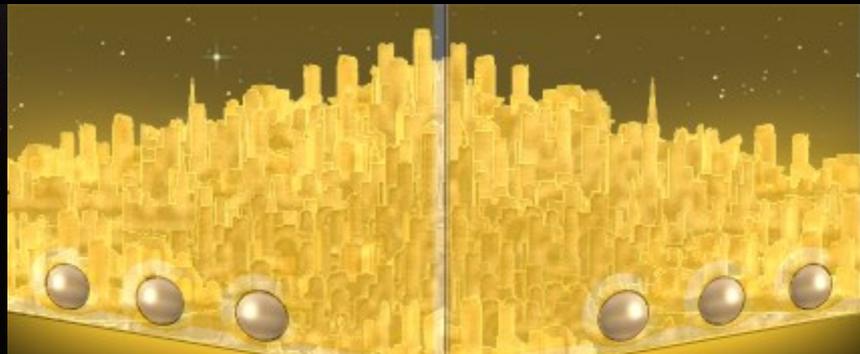
AND will never be brought up again ... such as:

DEATH, DOUBT, DECEPTION, DECEIVE, DISTRACTION,

DARKNESS, Discouragement, Disobedience, Discontent,

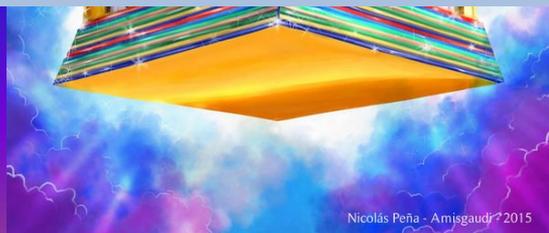
Distraught, Division/Divisiveness, Divorce, Discord, Disorder,

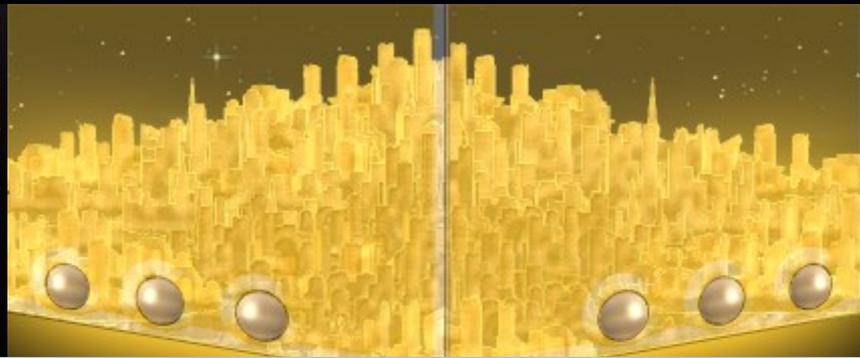
Disarray, Disruption, Destruction, and Depression, etc.



²² But I saw **NO Temple** in it [i.e.: **in the New Jerusalem**], for the **LORD God Almighty AND the Lamb** are its **TEMPLE**. ²³ The city had **no need** of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for **the glory of God illuminated it**. The **Lamb is its light**. ²⁴ And **the nations of those who are SAVED shall walk in its light**, and the **kings of the earth** bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (**there shall be no night there**). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

Revelation 21:22-26





And he showed me a **PURE RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.** ³ And there shall be **no more curse**, but **the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it**, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ **They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.** ⁵ **There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.**

Revelation 22:1-5



3. No More Temple – Revelation 21:22-26 thru Revelation 22:1-5

God and the Lamb – are its light ... Light to the Nations ...

No Need for a lamp, the sun or the moon, anymore. Just like in Genesis when God created Light, first on Day One, before He created the Sun, Moon, and Stars on Day Four.

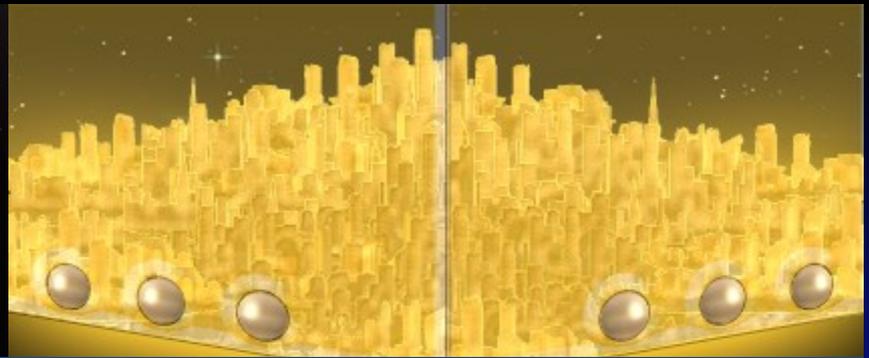
a. Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is LIGHT everywhere ... DARKNESS no longer exists.

b. Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is LIFE everywhere ... DEATH no longer exists. (River of LIFE)

c. Because He is ruling and reigning in Full Glory, Holiness, and Righteousness There is JOY and PEACE everywhere ... CONFLICT and REBELLION (SIN) no longer exists.

→ God and Lamb, along with His People →

They shall reign forever and ever



12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. **13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

Revelation 22:12-13, 16

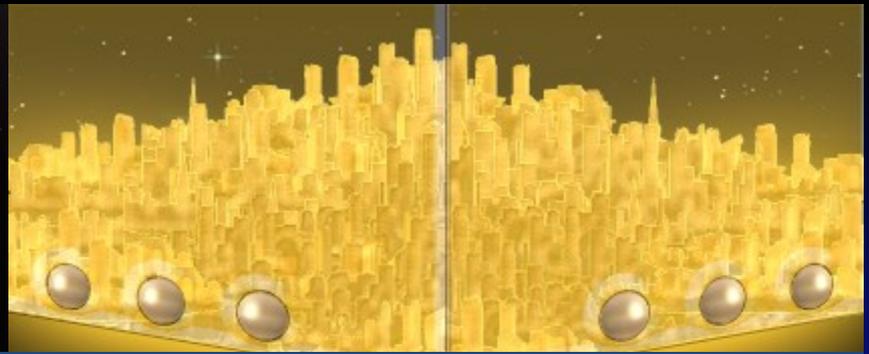


4. Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star, the Root and Offspring of David, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb of God, The Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End ... → BECAUSE → He is GOD

Why does He keep reminding us?

We FORGET so easily ... these Fantastic Word Pictures that Jesus is painting for us regarding the New Heavens, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem → they are to remind us of Who HE IS ... AND ... Who we are in relationship to Him → HE is GOD and We are NOT

We are God's Children, the Bride of Christ, His Servants



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(17) And the **Spirit** and the **BRIDE** say, “**Come!**” And let him who **HEARS** say, “**Come!**” And let him who **thirsts COME**. Whoever **DESIRES**, let him **TAKE** the **WATER** of **LIFE FREELY**.

(20) He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am **COMING** quickly.” → Amen. Even so, **COME**, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:7, 17, 20



5. Revelation 22:7,17,20 -

The Call of the Church to be Encouraged, the Call of God, through the Church to the Lost ... the Call of Repentance to the Lost by the Holy Spirit ...

- a. **We are ENCOURAGED because we will, someday be with God, in Glory: God wants us to be ENCOURAGED ... to be INFUSED with HIS COURAGE for the Mission, NOW ... the Great Commission ... calling sinners to Repentance**
- b. **We are Motivated → Because, How we are Faithful, here, and Now, in Obedience To Christ and to His Cause determines our Rewards in Heaven. It is much more than Stuff, folks, I can assure you of that. It is also Relational ... Closeness to God is the real reward.**

END-TIMES PROPHECY is EVANGELISTIC and MISSIONAL ...

The Goal of All End-Times Prophecy is to Rescue Sinners from the Lake of Fire and to be in the New Jerusalem with Christ (and with us).

5. Revelation 22:7,17,20 - The Call of the Church ...

c. The Lost are Motivated to Come to the Cross of Christ Because of:

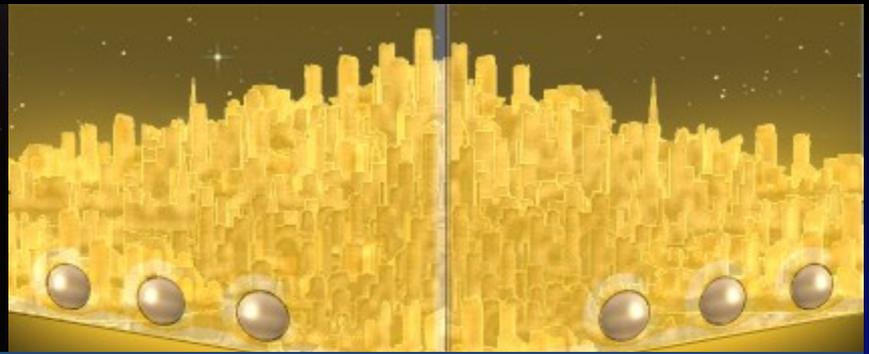
i. The Judgment that is to come. Their sins have been exposed.

Romans 7:13: "... sin, that it might appear [truly as] sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment [i.e.: Exposed by the Law] might become exceedingly sinful."

[hint: also read all of Romans 1-3 (on your own)]

ii. The Goodness, Love, Mercy, Grace, and Forgiveness offered through the Cross of Christ.

But God DEMONSTRATES His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)



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**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

