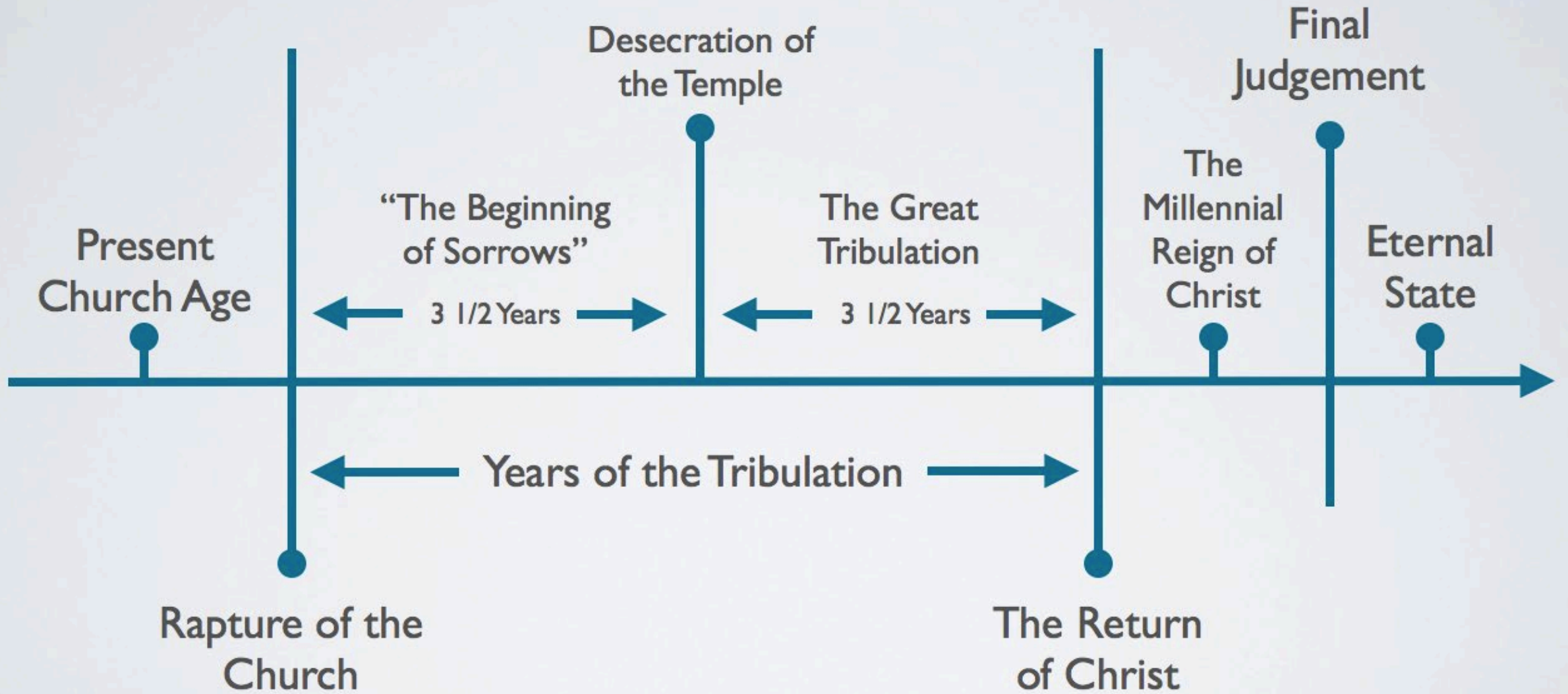


# The Eternal State

## Part 3

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# Timeline of the End Times



# The Eternal State

1. It's timing (after Theocratic Kingdom)
2. A new creation (not restoration)
3. A real place in which we will exist
4. David's Throne continues
5. What it will be like

“No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.”



# Describing the Eternal State

1. Not the same as the Millennial Kingdom
2. It's theologically significant
3. What's missing
4. What's there
5. What living there will be like

# Distinctions between Kingdom and Eternal State

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (Rev. 20:1-10)	ETERNAL STATE (Rev. 21—22)
This earth (Gen. 13:7)	New earth (21:1)
Seas and Waters (Gen. 15:18-21)	No sea (Rev. 21:1)
Rebellion (Zech. 14:16-18)	No rebellion (Rev. 21:4)
Tribes receive land (Ez. 47)	Tribes' names on gates (Rev. 21:12)
Sin (Ze. 45:22)	No sin (Rev. 21:4)
Temple (Ez. 40—46)	No temple (Rev. 21:22)
Jesus rules with rod of iron (Ps. 2:6-8)	No rod necessary (Rev. 21:8)
Death (Isa. 65:20)	No death (Rev. 21:4)
Sun and its light (Isa. 30:26)	Son and His light (Rev. 21:23; 22:5)

# Theological Significance of the Eternal State

1. Reminds us that evil is finite
2. Not a dispensation
3. Greater than the Millennial Kingdom

## Missing from the Eternal State

1. Satan (Rev. 20:10)
2. Sea (Rev. 21:1)
3. Death, crying, pain (Rev. 21:4)
4. Temple (Rev. 21:22)
5. Moon (Rev. 21:23)
6. Night (Rev. 21:25)
7. Evil (Rev. 21:27)
8. Curse (Rev. 22:3)
9. Sun (Rev. 22:5)



# What's In The Eternal State

1. God Himself (Rev. 21:23)
2. God's glory (Rev. 21:23)
3. God's holiness (Rev. 21:27)
4. God's people (Heb. 12:22-23)
5. God's city (Rev. 21:2)

Rev. 21:23 (ESV)

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# God's City

1. Comes from heaven (Rev. 21:2)
2. Has a name (Rev. 21:2)
3. Specific dimensions (Rev. 21:16)
4. Has a wall (Rev. 21:12,16-17)
5. Has gates (Rev. 21:12)
6. Has foundation stones (Rev. 21:14)

# God's City

7. God will rule from there
8. Its character (Rev. 21:2)
9. Radiates with God's glory (Rev. 21:11)
10. Filled with color (Rev. 21:18-20)
11. Street of gold (Rev. 21:21)

## Gal. 4:26 (ESV)

“But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.”

## John 14:2 (ESV)

“In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?”

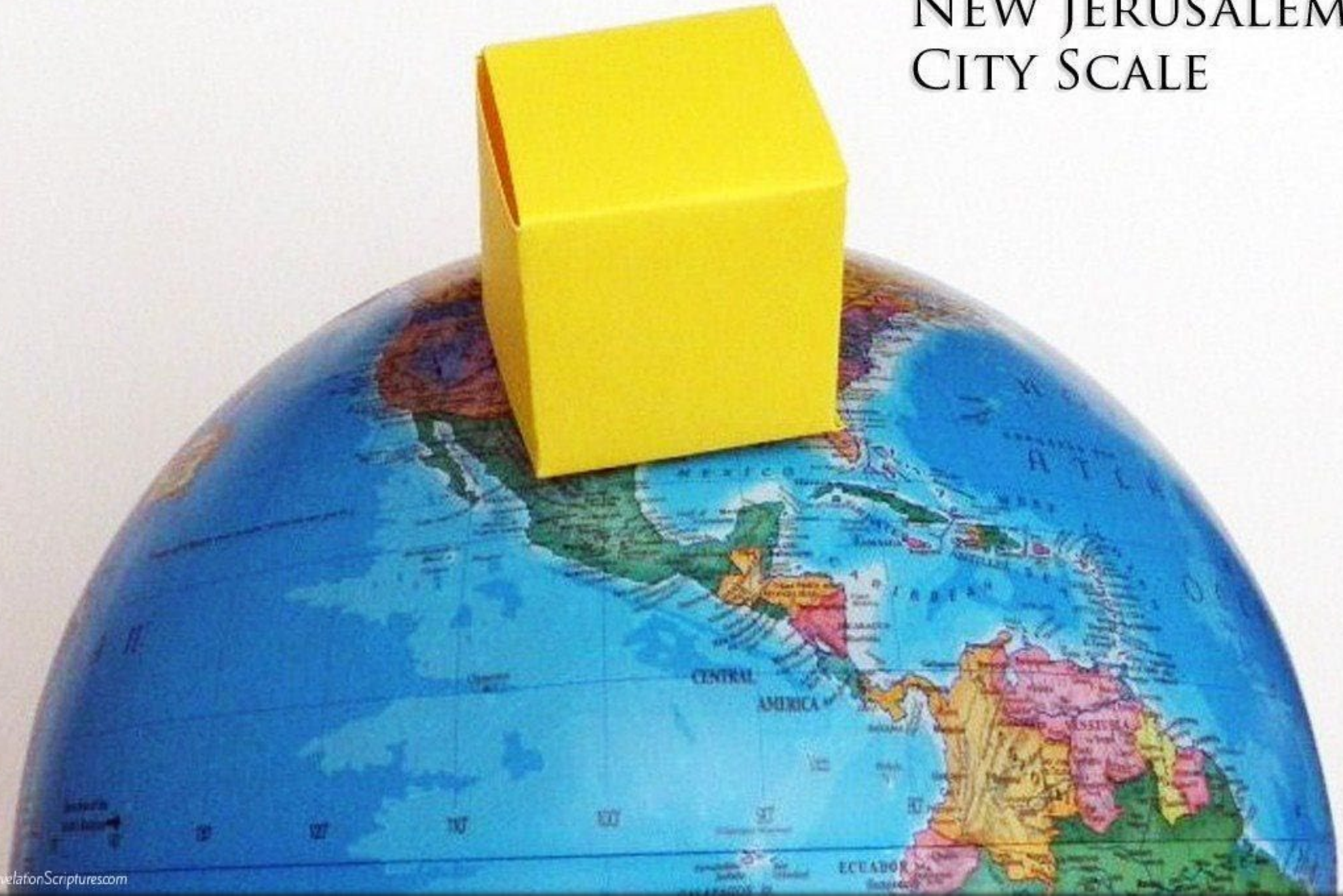


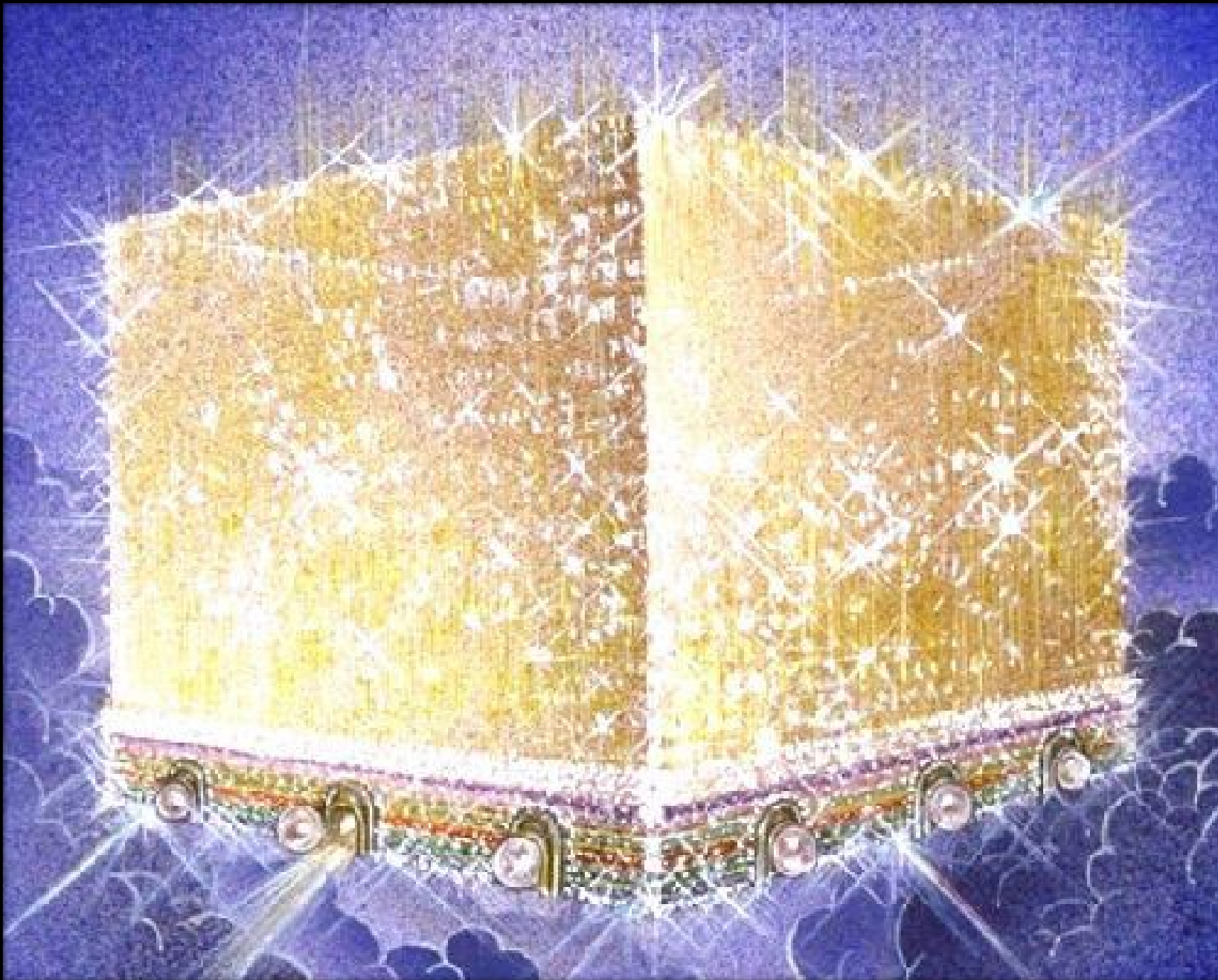


“The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. (17) He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement.



# NEW JERUSALEM CITY SCALE





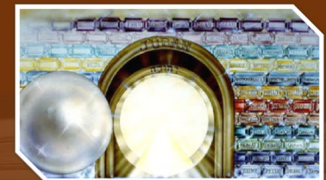
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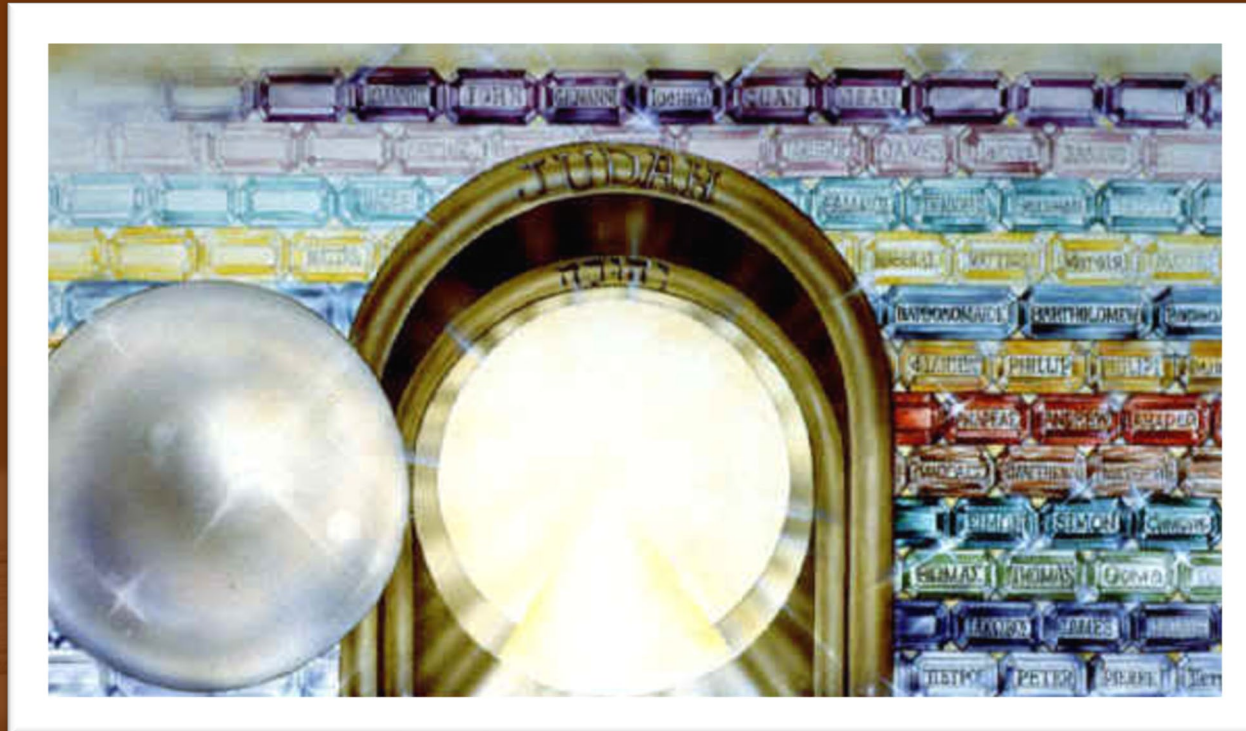
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“...the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, (11)having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.”



“The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. (19)The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, (20)the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.”



**Jasper**



**Emerald**



**Chrysolite**



**Chrysoprasus**



**Sapphire**



**Sardonyx**



**Beryl**



**Jacinth**



**Chalcedony**



**Sardius**



**Topaz**



**Amethyst**



“... and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”



# Life in the Eternal State

1. Never-ending fellowship with God (Rev. 21:3)
2. Goes on forever (Rev. 22:2,5)
3. Perpetual peace (Rev. 22:2)
4. Serving and activity (Rev. 22:3)
5. We'll reign (Rev. 22:5)
6. Always fulfilled (Rev. 22:17)
7. Perpetual worship (Rev. 7:11-12)

8. All needs always satisfied (Rev. 7:16-17)
9. Always at rest (Rev. 14:13)
10. Knowledge (1 Cor. 13:12)
11. In our glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15:42-44)

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.”



“And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.”



“through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”



“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.”



“The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.”





“And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12)saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’”

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for You created all things,  
and by Your will they existed and were created.”



“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation’”



“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

(17) For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their  
shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”



“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’”




## 1 Cor. 13:12 (ESV)

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.  
Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have  
been fully known.”

## 1 Cor. 13:13 (ESV)

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the  
greatest of these is love.”



## 1 Cor. 15:42-44 (ESV)

“So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. (43) It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. (44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”



“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith”