

New Jerusalem *Above the Earth*



Millennial Kingdom *On the Earth*

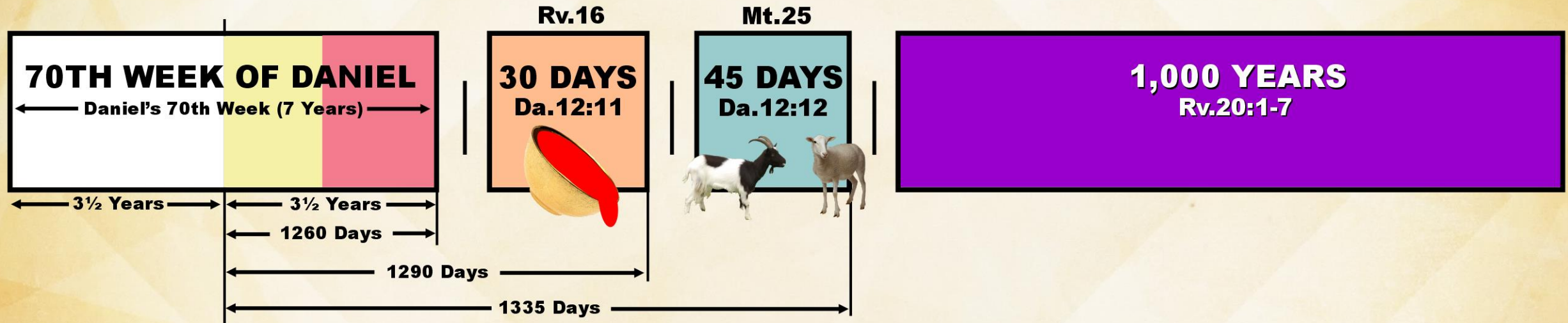


RENOVATED EARTH

NEW EARTH

REVELATION 21

LAST DAYS EVENTS



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Those Who Occupy The Kingdom

30 DAYS
Da.12:11



45 DAYS
Da.12:12



1,000 YEARS
Rv.20:1-7

THOSE WITH GLORIFIED BODIES

- The church and OT saints via Rapture (1Th.4:13-18; Da.12:1-2)
- Those resurrected after Christ comes to the earth (Rv.20:4-6)

THOSE WITH EARTHLY BODIES

- Believing Jews (144,000 plus 70th Week converts)
- Believing Gentiles (Mt.25:31-46, “sheep”)

ALL WHO ENTER THE KINGDOM WILL BE BELIEVERS

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.




REVELATION 21:1



“new heaven and a new earth... first earth had passed away” (Rv.21:1)







“new heaven...new earth”

-  This explains why John sees a new heaven and earth at this point. The first heaven and earth “passed away”.
-  This appears to refer to the final destruction of the present earth.
-  There will be a restored creation no longer affected by sin (Ac.3:21; Ro.8:21).

“there was no more sea” (Rv.21:1)



“there was no more sea”

-  The vision described by John in Revelation 21:1 must follow the temporal kingdom.
-  The absence of the sea, but the presence of a new heaven and earth signals a difference between this period and the kingdom period.
-  This is not as much a period of time as it is a location. That is: (1) earth and (2) New Jerusalem.
-  The sea is present during the kingdom on the earth.

**Then I, John, saw the holy city,
New Jerusalem, coming down
out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband.**

REVELATION 21:2



**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.**

REVELATION 21:3



**“God Himself will be with them
and be their God” (Rv.21:3)**



“be their God”



**Long promised, God is finally among his people
(Ezek 37:27).**



**“My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be
their God, and they shall be My people (Ek.37:27)**



**Separated in the Garden of Eden, God finally
returns to live with man**

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 21:4



“there shall be no... crying” (Rv.21:4)



“death...crying”

- 🗨️ The cessation of weeping and mourning is a promise (Is 35:10, 65:19) finally realized.
- 🗨️ The New Jerusalem occupants will not experience “death”.
- 🗨️ But on the earth during the Millennial Kingdom there are those who will die (Is.65:20).
- 🗨️ The things that produced hardship and suffering for mankind have been removed.

5 CATEGORY OF PROMISES

Promises God Is Going To Fulfill During The Millennial Kingdom

- PROMISES 1** God Will Fulfill Promises Made to: **ISRAEL**
A. Land Promise (Ge.15:18)
B. Spiritual Promise (Je.31:31-34)
- PROMISES 2** God Will Fulfill Promises Made to the: **CHURCH**
2Tm.2:12; Rv.2:26-27; 5:10; Mt.5:5
- PROMISES 3** God Will Fulfill Promises Made to the: **NATIONS**
Is.2:4; 11:9
- PROMISES 4** God Will Fulfill Promises Made to: **CREATION**
Ro.8:18-22; Is.11:6-8
- PROMISES 5** God Will Fulfill Promises Made to: **HIS SON**
Lk.1:31-33; Da.7:13-14

**Then He who sat on the throne
said, "Behold, I make all things
new." And He said to me,
"Write, for these words are
true and faithful."**



REVELATION 21:5



“He who sat on the throne...these words are true and faithful” (Rv.21:5)



“true and faithful”

-  This is one of the few direct references to the Father in the Revelation. The Father speaks.
-  These words apply to the whole book of Revelation, not just this section.

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

REVELATION 21:6



“Alpha and the Omega” (Rv.21:6)



“Alpha and the Omega”

- 🗨️ The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, so beginning and end.
- 🗨️ The phrase focuses on the absolute power and sovereignty of God.
- 🗨️ What is “done!” is not indicated. These are likely referring to God's promises being fulfilled.
- 🗨️ The fountain of water is a pictural way of referring to eternal life.

**He who overcomes shall
inherit all things, and I
will be his God and he
shall be My son.**





REVELATION 21:7



“He who overcomes shall inherit” (Rv.21:7)



“overcomes”

-  The overcomer gets all the things listed above. The overcomer is the one that believes on Jesus.
-  Overcomers will be adopted as “sons” of God.
-  All the rights and privileges of sonship come with this promise.
-  This is beyond human comprehension.

**But the cowardly, unbelieving,
abominable, murderers, sexually
immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and
all liars shall have their part in the
lake which burns with fire and
brimstone, which is the second
death.**

REVELATION 21:8



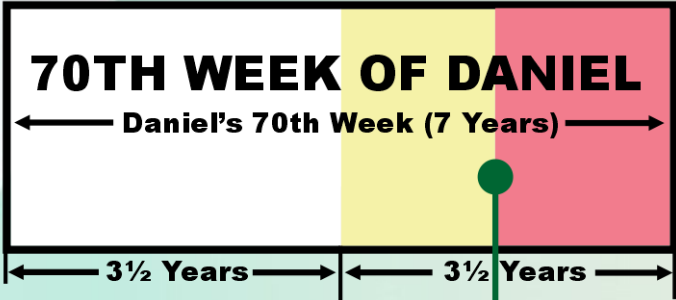
“the second death” (Rv.21:8)



“the second death”

- ☞ “the second death” refers to the end of the 1,000-year kingdom.
- ☞ This is a summary of a future event.
- ☞ The righteous become part of the family of God the Father, but the wicked receive eternal punishment.

ORDER OF RESURRECTIONS IN SCRIPTURE



1
CHRIST
(1Co.15:20,23;
Ro.8:29)
"Christ the firstfruits"

2
RAPTURE
(2Th.4:13-18;
1Jn.3:2)
"shall be caught up
together with them"

3
**70th WEEK
MARTYRS**
(Rv.20:4-6)
"not worshiped the
beast or his image"

1
**THE
DEAD**
(Rv.20:5, 12)
"the rest of
the dead"

**FIRST
RESURRECTION**

**SECOND
RESURRECTION**

First Fruits

Harvest

Gleanings

Shame

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

REVELATION 21:9



**“Come, I will show you the bride,
the Lamb's wife” (Rv.21:9)**







“the bride... Lamb's wife”

- ☞ This is not an advancement of the chronology of the book.
- ☞ “seven angels who had the seven bowls.” This is at the start of the Millennium otherwise why mention this angel associated with the last plagues?
- ☞ This is the first of seven references to the Lamb in this section (Rv.21:9,14, 22-23, 27, 22:1,3).

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“the bride... Lamb's wife”

-  In Revelation 19, the wife of the Lamb consists of believers.
-  In Revelation 21, the wife of the Lamb is the New Jerusalem.
-  It is quite clear that the “bride,” the wife of the Lamb, is the New Jerusalem (Rv.21:10).
-  The New Jerusalem is a city. It is not just a person or a group of people.

CHRONOLOGICAL AND CONCURRENT

CHRONOLOGICAL Rv.21:1-8

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CONCURRENT Rv.21:9—22:7



SUSPENDED OVER THE EARTH (Rv.21:10)



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NEW JERUSALEM OVERVIEW

**1ST
DESCENT
(Rv.21:10)**



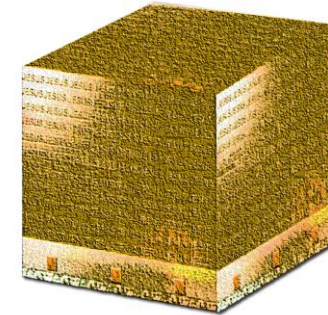
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EARTH**

**1,000
YEARS**

1Co.15:24

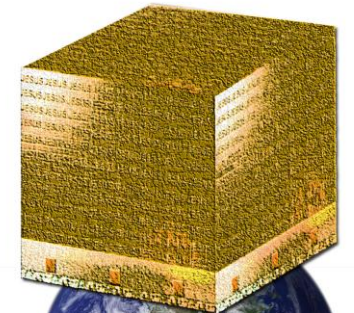


**2Pe.3:10
NEW
HEAVENS**



**NEW
EARTH**

**2ND
DESCENT
(Rv.21:2)**



**ETERNITY
FUTURE**

**And he carried me away in
the Spirit to a great and high
mountain, and showed me the
great city, the holy Jerusalem,
descending out of heaven from
God,**




REVELATION 21:10



“high mountain...holy Jerusalem” (Rv.21:10)



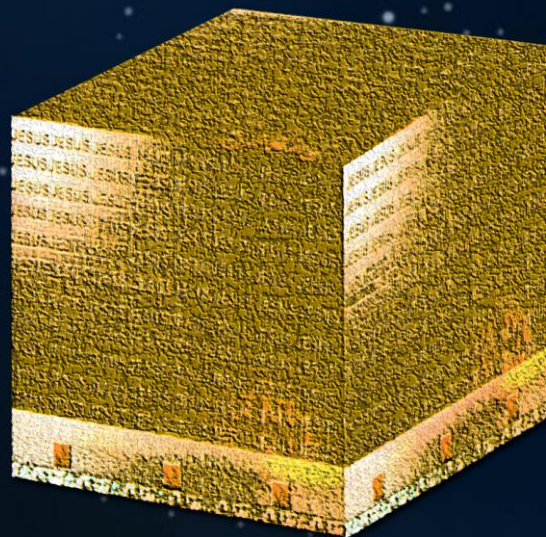
“holy Jerusalem”

-  The “high mountain” must refer to John's day because all mountains are removed (Rv.16:20).
-  The city appears to be suspended over the earth.
-  The “holy Jerusalem” is in contrast with mystery Babylon (Rv.17, Jerusalem) which had the glory of man.

THE



OR



**NEW
JERUSALEM**

GALATIANS 4:25-26

HEBREWS 12:22-24

REVELATION 21:9—22:7

HEBREWS 11:9-10

HEBREWS 13:14

BEGINNING OF MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Battle of Armageddon (Jl.3:9-16; Rv.16:16-20; 19:11-21)

Judgment of the Gentiles (Sheep/Goat) for their treatment of Jews, Christ's Brethren (Mt.25:31-46)

Judgment of unbelieving Jews (Lean/Fat Sheep) who survive the 70th Week (Ek.34:17-24)



**Satan
Bound
(Rv.20:2)**

Renovated Earth

Only believers enter into the Millennial Kingdom



**End of
70th Week**

Believers who survive the 70th Week go into the Kingdom

Unbelievers who survive the 70th Week sent to Hell awaiting Great White Throne (Rv.20:5-6)

Believing dead from 70th Week are Raised (Rv.20:4)

Jesus Announces His Kingdom (Rv.11:15)

Salvation of Israel (Is.11:11; Da.9:24-27; Ro.11:26)

Mystery of God completed (Rv.10:7, "as He declared to His servants the prophets")

THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Renovated Earth. Partial curse removed.

NEW JERUSALEM

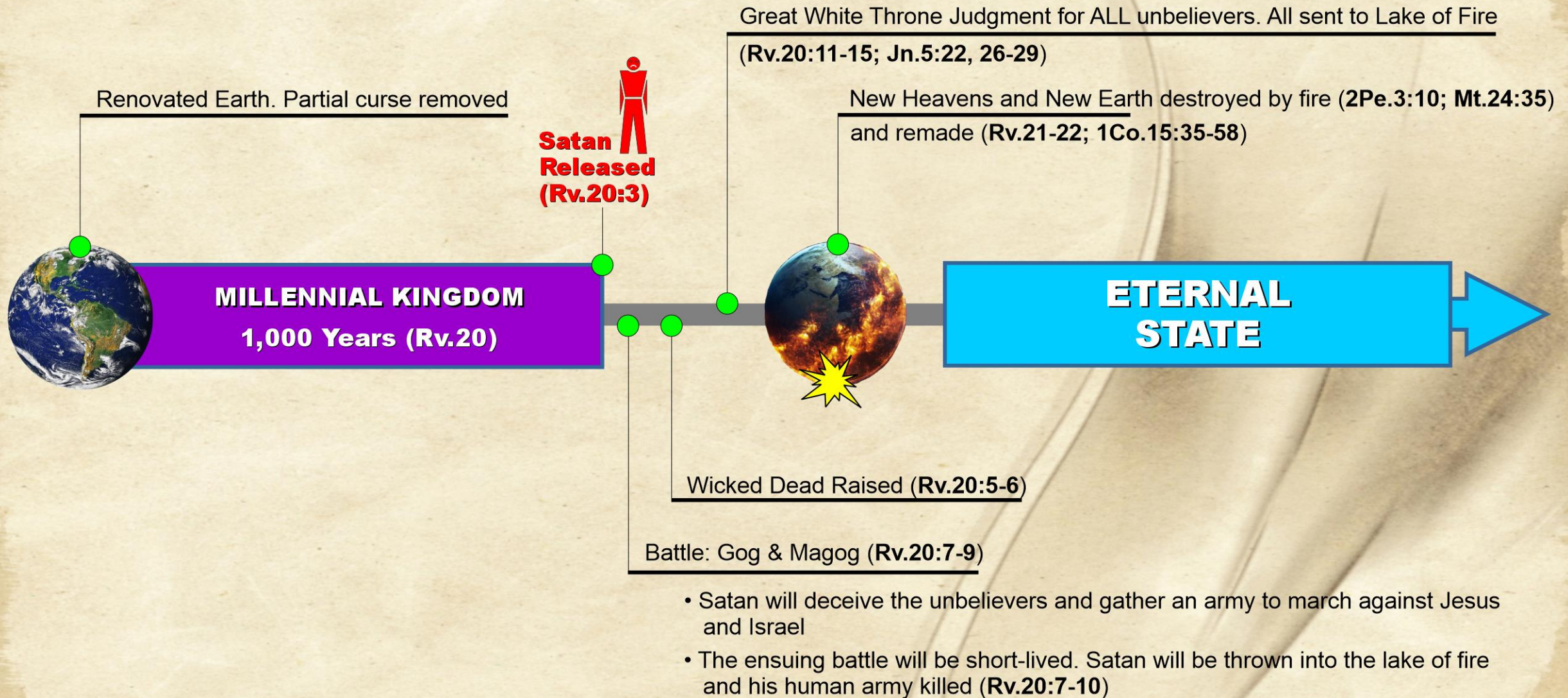


MILLENNIAL KINGDOM



- **Christ will rule as king (Is.9:3–7; 11:1–10).**
- **Nobles and governors will also rule (Is.32:1; Mt.19:28)**
- **Jerusalem will be the political center of the world (Zc.8:3)**
- **God will fulfill His promises to Israel, the Church, the Nations, Creation, and His Son.**

END OF MILLENNIAL KINGDOM



**having the glory of God. Her
light was like a most precious
stone, like a jasper stone,
clear as crystal.**

REVELATION 21:11



**Also she had a great and high
wall with twelve gates, and
twelve angels at the gates, and
names written on them, which
are the names of the twelve
tribes of the children of Israel:**

REVELATION 21:12



“high wall with twelve gates” (Rv.21:12)



“twelve gates”

- ☘ The “gates” had 12 angels at each of the 12 gates.
- ☘ The 12 gates had the names of the 12 tribes of Israel.
- ☘ Each tribe has access to the city. Israel will have her promised restoration.

**three gates on the east,
three gates on the north,
three gates on the south,
and three gates on the
west.**

REVELATION 21:13



**Now the wall of the city had
twelve foundations, and on
them were the names of
the twelve apostles of the
Lamb.**

REVELATION 21:14



“twelve apostles” (Rv.21:14)



“twelve apostles”



Meanwhile on the earth presiding over the those on the earth including the twelve tribes of Israel will be King David (Ek.34:23-24, 37:24-25).



“²³I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. (Ek.34:23-24)

**And he who talked with
me had a gold reed to
measure the city, its
gates, and its wall.**

REVELATION 21:15



**“a gold reed to measure...
city... gates... walls” (Rv.21:15)**



“reed to measure”

- The “reed” was about 10 feet long.
- The capital of heaven belongs to God and He is measuring what is His.
 - Ek.40:3, Ezekiel's temple measured
 - Rv.11:1, Tribulation temple measured

**The city is laid out as a square;
its length is as great as its
breadth. And he measured the
city with the reed: twelve
thousand furlongs. Its length,
breadth, and height are equal.**




REVELATION 21:16



“The city is laid out as a square” (Rv.21:16)



“square”

-  Commentators differ as to whether the city is a cube or a pyramid.
-  Many see it as a pyramid form. And others see it as a perfect cube.
-  Many favor the cube because it was the shape as the Most Holy Place in the Temple (1Ki.6:20).

**NEW
JERUSALEM**



**SIZE
PERSPECTIVE**

**CIRCUMFERENCE:
24,860**



**CIRCUMFERENCE:
24,900**

EARTH



Rv.21:16

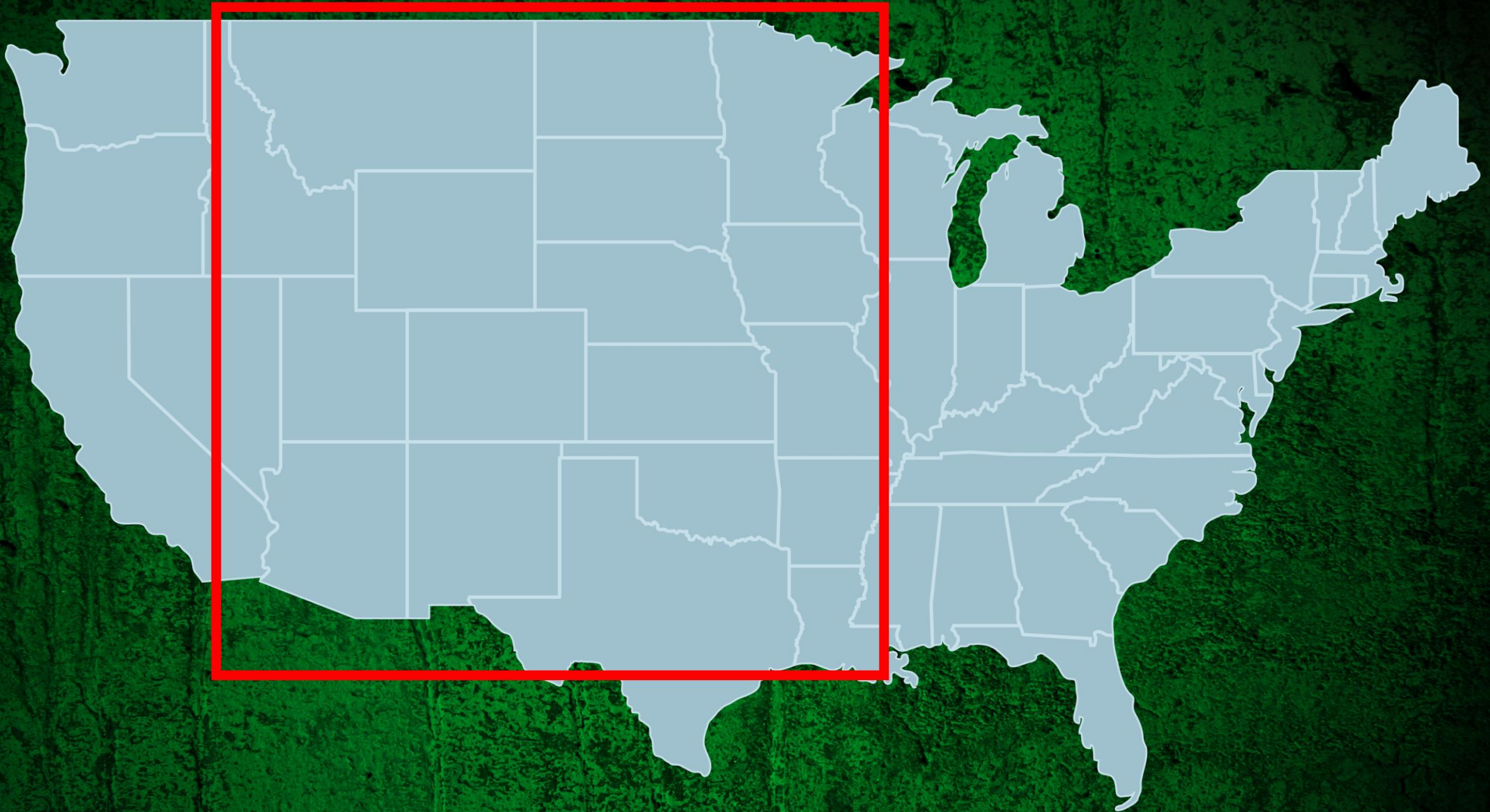
**“twelve
thousand
furlongs”**



1,363 MILES

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**Then he measured its wall:
one hundred and forty-four
cubits, according to the
measure of a man, that is,
of an angel.**



REVELATION 21:17



“wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits” (Rv.21:17)



“wall”

-  **The width or thickness of the wall is 216 feet or 72 yards.**
-  **So going through the gates must be like going through a tunnel.**

**The construction of its
wall was of jasper; and
the city was pure gold,
like clear glass.**

REVELATION 21:18



“city was pure gold, like clear glass” (Rv.21:18)



“like clear glass”

- 🗨️ Unlike earth's gold, this gold will be transparent.
- 🗨️ The overpowering radiance of God's glory can refract and glisten through the entire city.



God's Glory Reflects Throughout the City

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

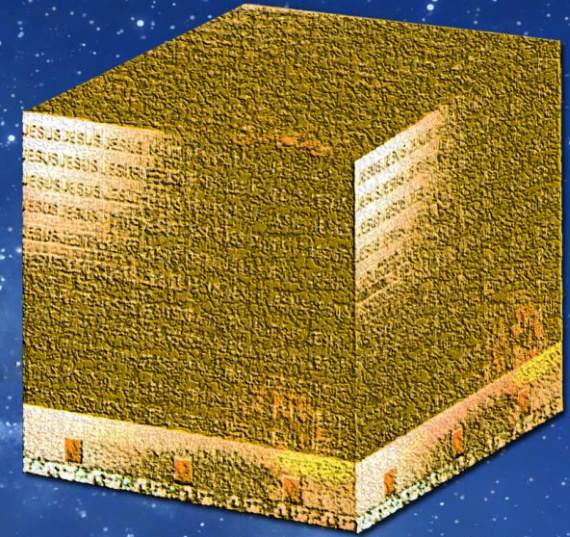
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NEW JERUSALEM

12

FOUNDATION COLORS

REVELATION
21:12-20



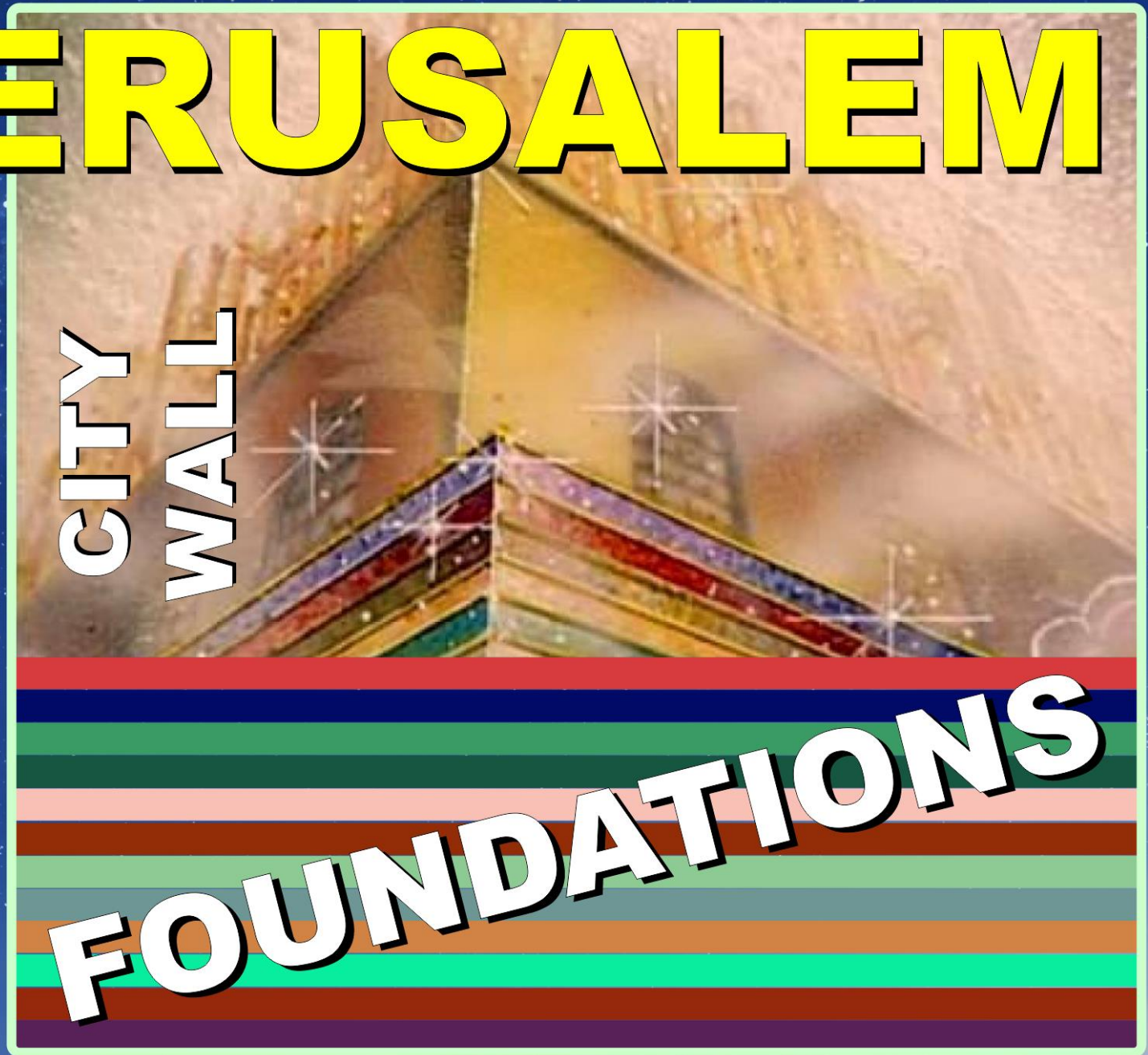
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04-EMERALD	— JOHN
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06-SARDIUS	— BARTHOLOMEW
07-CHRYSOLITE	— THOMAS
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11-JACINTH	— SIMON THE ZEALOT
12-AMETHYST	— PAUL

NEW JERUSALEM

REVELATION
21:12-20

12

FOUNDATIONS
OF THE WALL





the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

REVELATION 21:20

The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.




REVELATION 21:21



“The twelve gates were twelve pearls” (Rv.21:21)



“twelve gates... twelve pearls”

-  **The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl.**
-  **The street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.**
-  **The streets cry out praises to God as God's glory shines upon its translucent gold element.**



PEARLY GATES

**But I saw no temple in
it, for the Lord God
Almighty and the Lamb
are its temple.**





REVELATION 21:22



“the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple” (Rv.21:22)



“no temple”

-  In the New Jerusalem there will not be a temple. But there will be Ezekiel's temple on the earth in old Jerusalem.
-  Jewish life without a temple will certainly be different.
-  The shadows of the temple is replaced with reality.
-  Instead of God being housed in a building, the building is housed in God.

**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.**




REVELATION 21:23



“no need of the sun...glory of God” (Rv.21:23)



“no need of the sun”

-  **The New Jerusalem will not need natural light sources such as the sun or moon.**
-  **This is not referring to the eternal state. In the eternal state there will be a sun and moon.**
-  **The glory of God illumines the New Jerusalem.**

**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.**




REVELATION 21:24



“nations of those who are saved” (Rv.21:24)



“walk in its light”

-  **“The Lamb is its light”. This dwelling place remains in the air, to cast its light, which is the shining of the brilliance of the Son.**
-  **The glory and honor of the nations will be in the city.**
-  **The light from the New Jerusalem will shine upon the earth so the “kings of the earth” can be guided.**

**Its gates shall not be
shut at all by day
(there shall be no
night there).**

REVELATION 21:25



“there shall be no night there” (Rv.21:25)



“gates shall not be shut”

- ☞ Because God's glory will be present continually there will be no night there.
- ☞ The absence of night would also mean no need for sleep.
- ☞ The gates are never close indicating complete safety.

**And they shall bring
the glory and the
honor of the nations
into it.**

REVELATION 21:26



“honor of the nations” (Rv.21:26)



“nations”

- 🗨️ Only believers are permitted into the New Jerusalem.
- 🗨️ So these people “of the nations” are saved.

**But there shall by no means enter
it anything that defiles, or causes
an abomination or a lie, but only
those who are written in the
Lamb's Book of Life.**

REVELATION 21:27



“there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles” (Rv.21:27)



“anything that defiles”

- 🗨️ This description will only make sense when there will be mortals on the earth.
- 🗨️ There will be sinners during the Millennium. They will not be able to enter the New Jerusalem.
- 🗨️ This verse would not make sense during the eternal state. During the eternal state, there are no sinners.

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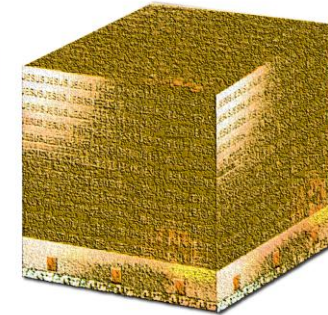
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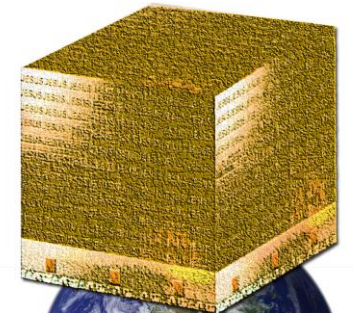


**2Pe.3:10
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**2ND
DESCENT
(Rv.21:2)**



**ETERNITY
FUTURE**