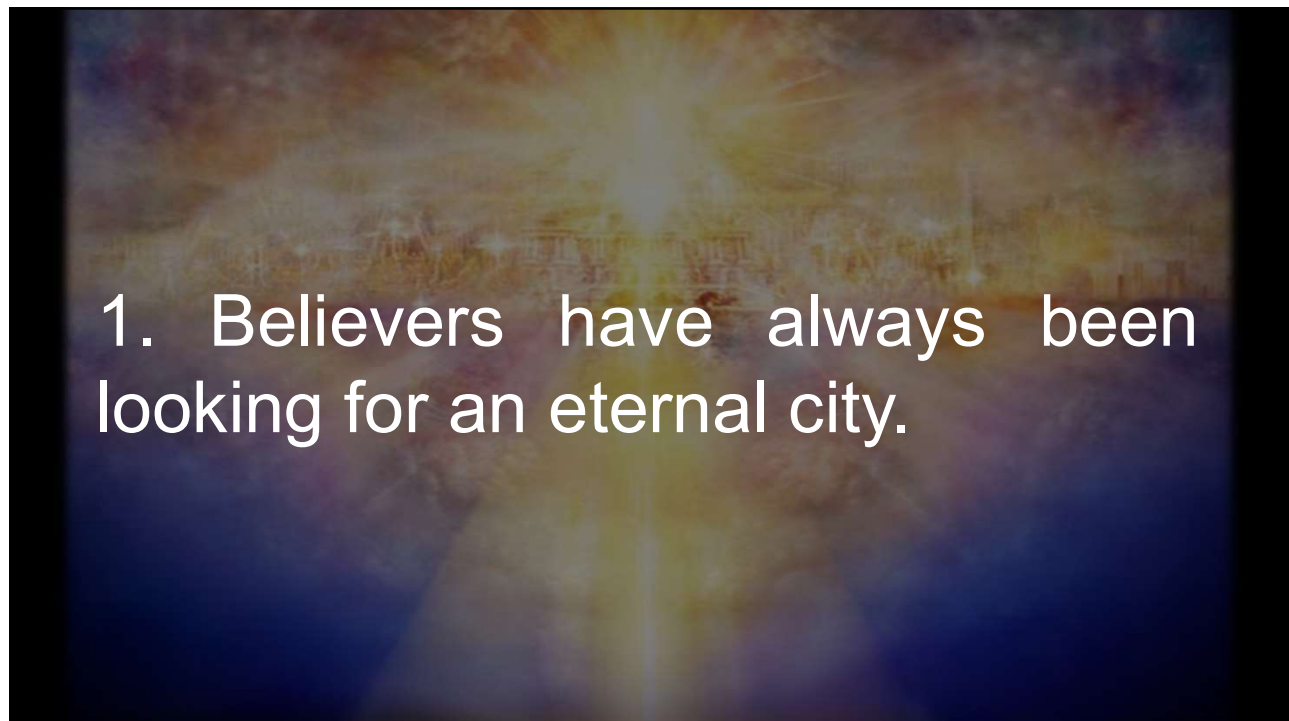




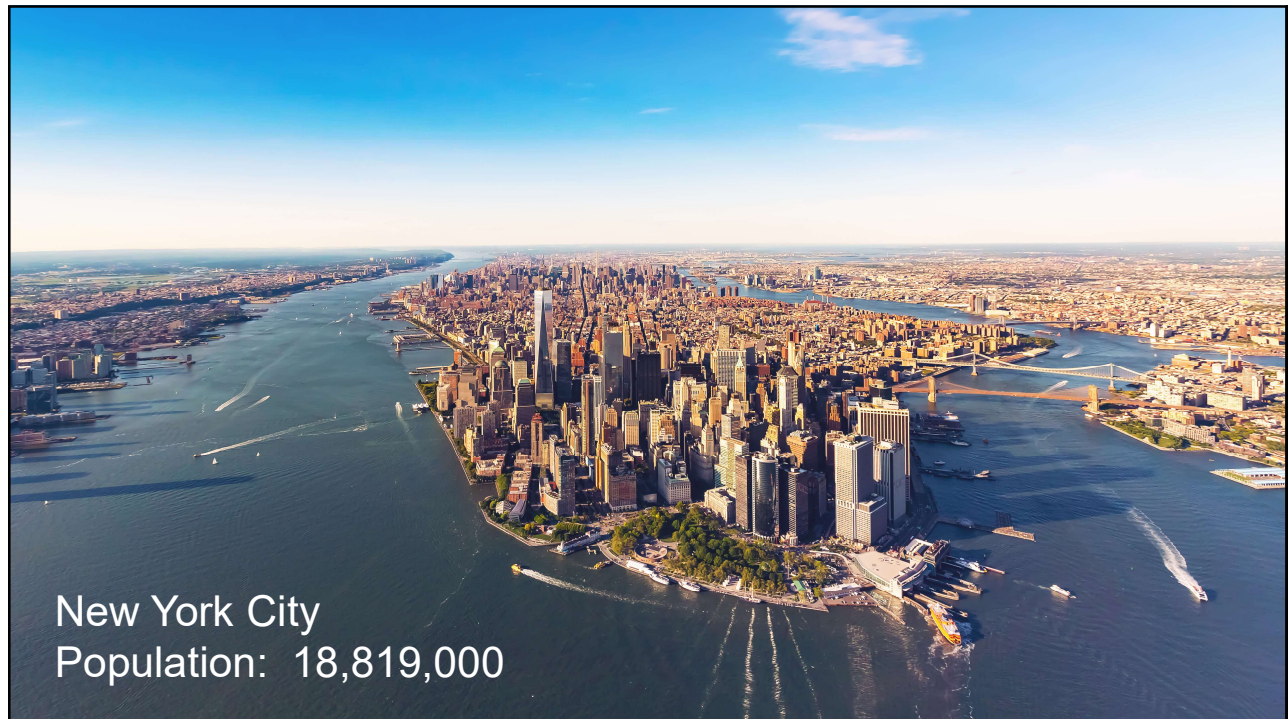
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“Now just as the Gates were opened to let in the men,
I looked in after them; and behold, the City shone like
the Sun, the Streets also were paved with Gold, and in
them walked many men, with Crowns on their heads,
Palms in their hands, and gold Harps to sing praises
withal.” John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*

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New York City
Population: 18,819,000

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Tokyo
Population: 37,468,000

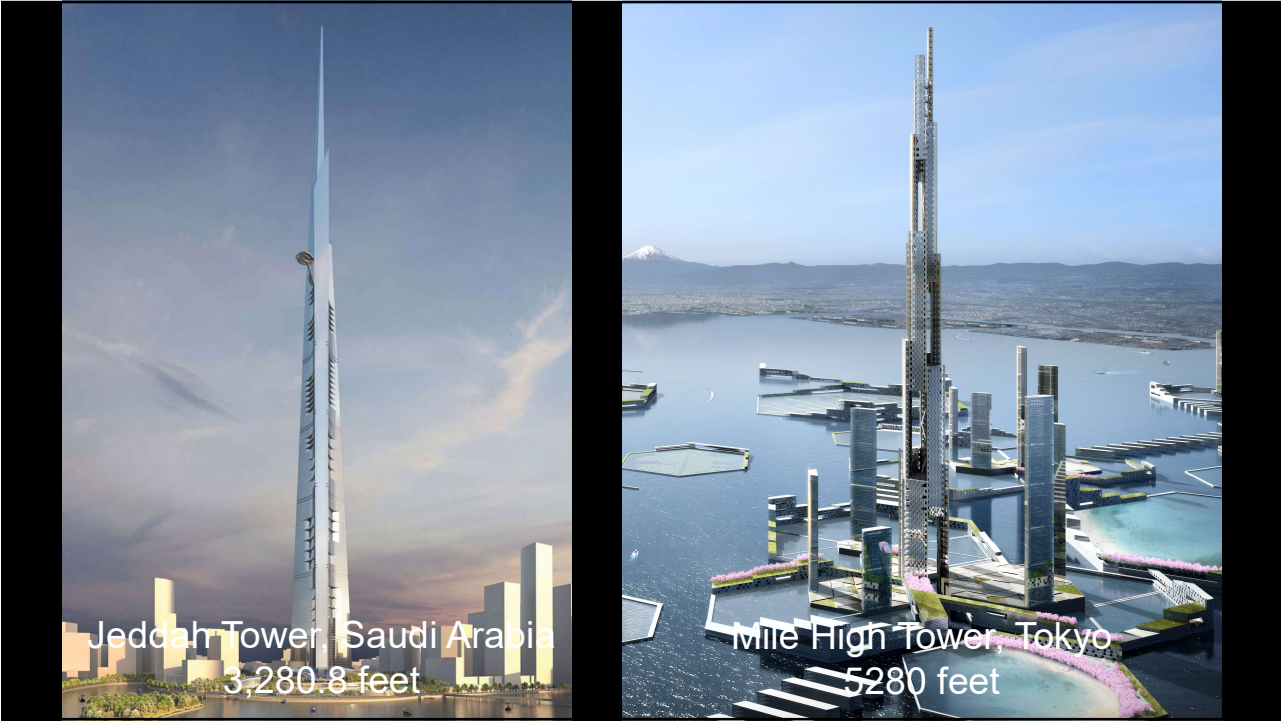
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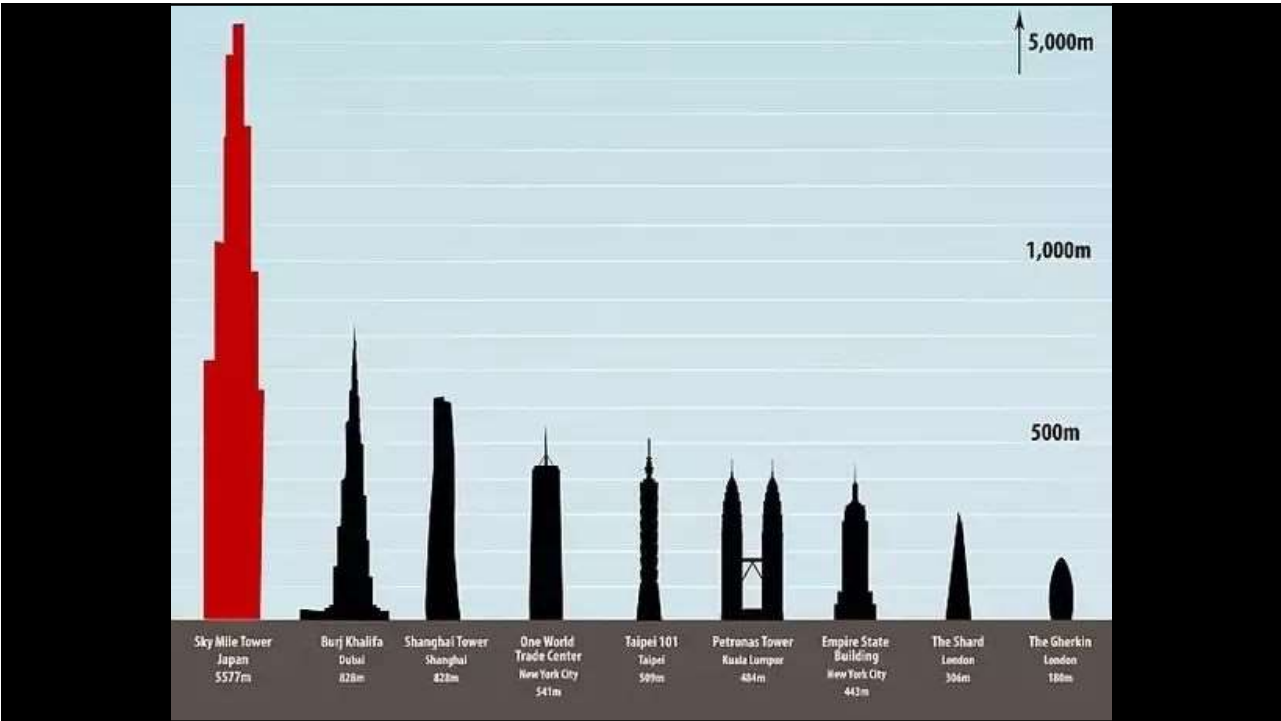
Empire State Building
1,250 feet

Burj Khalifa, Dubai
2,716 feet

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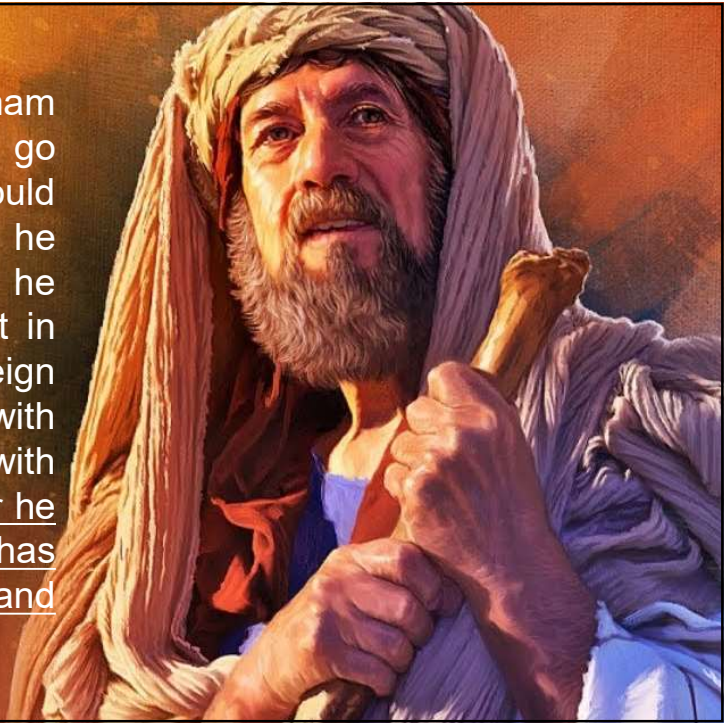


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Heb 11:8-10 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.



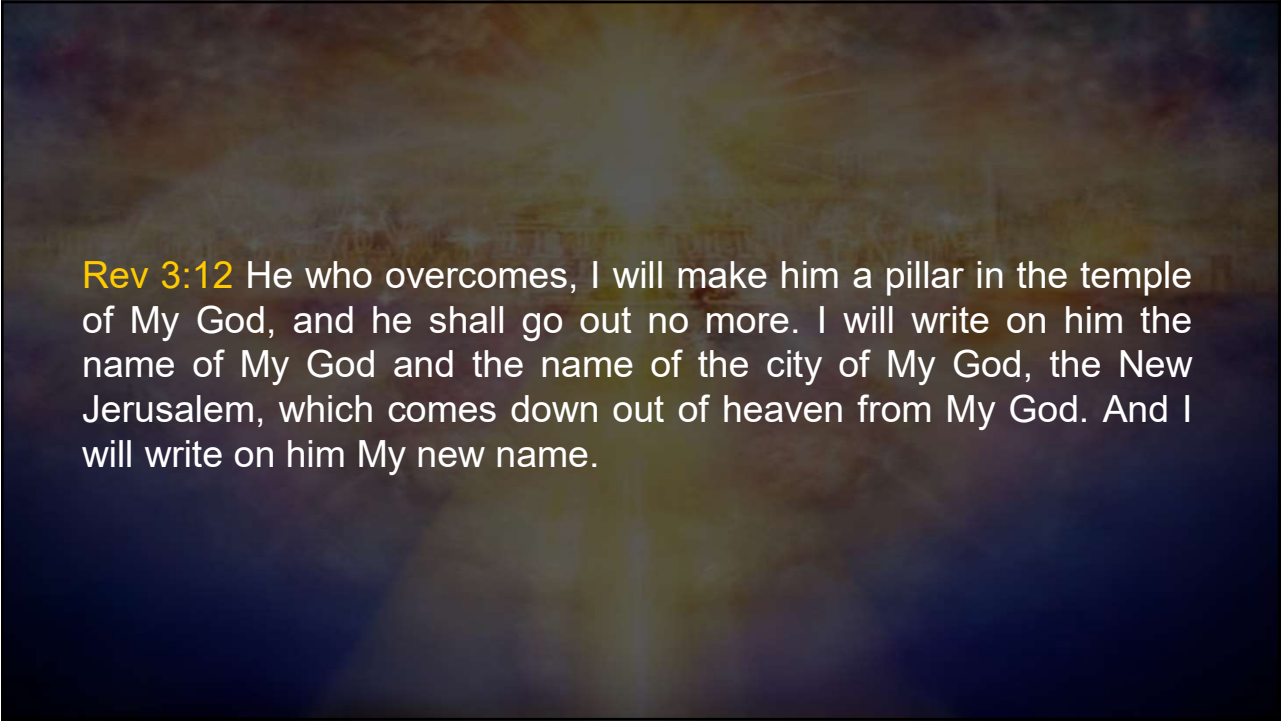
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Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

12:22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

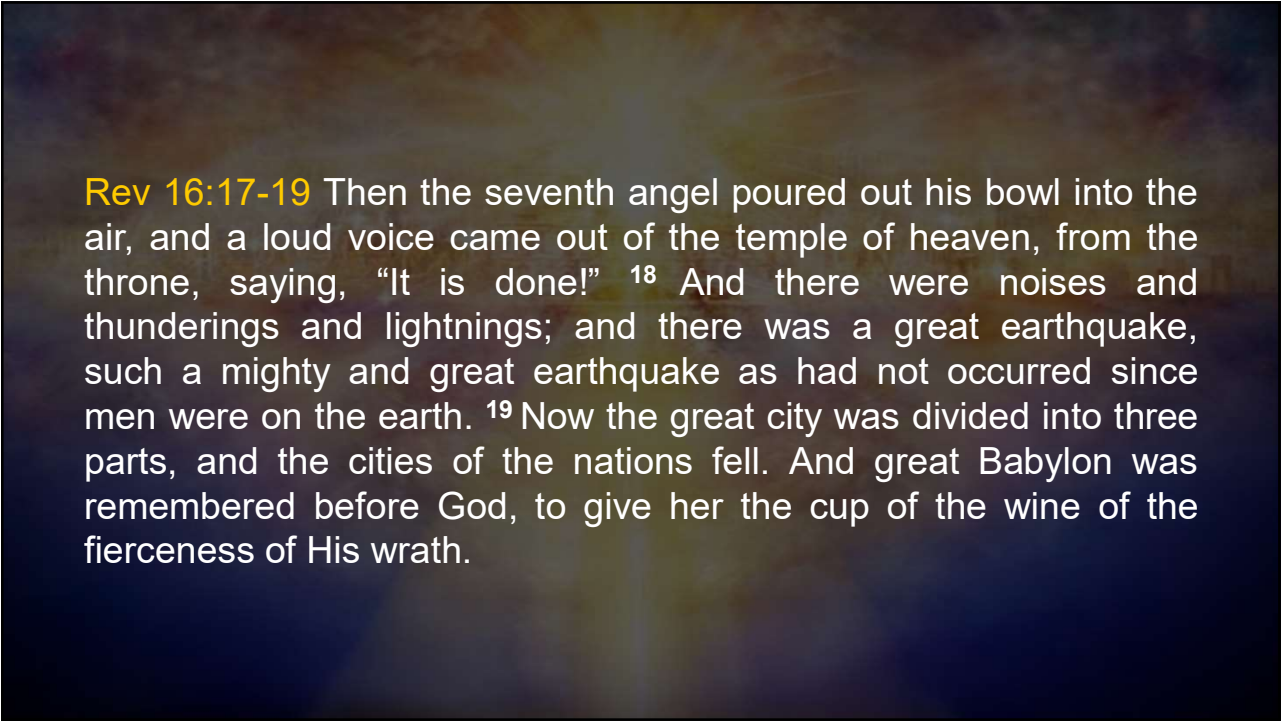
13:14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

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Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on 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 I will write on him My new name.

11



Rev 16:17-19 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

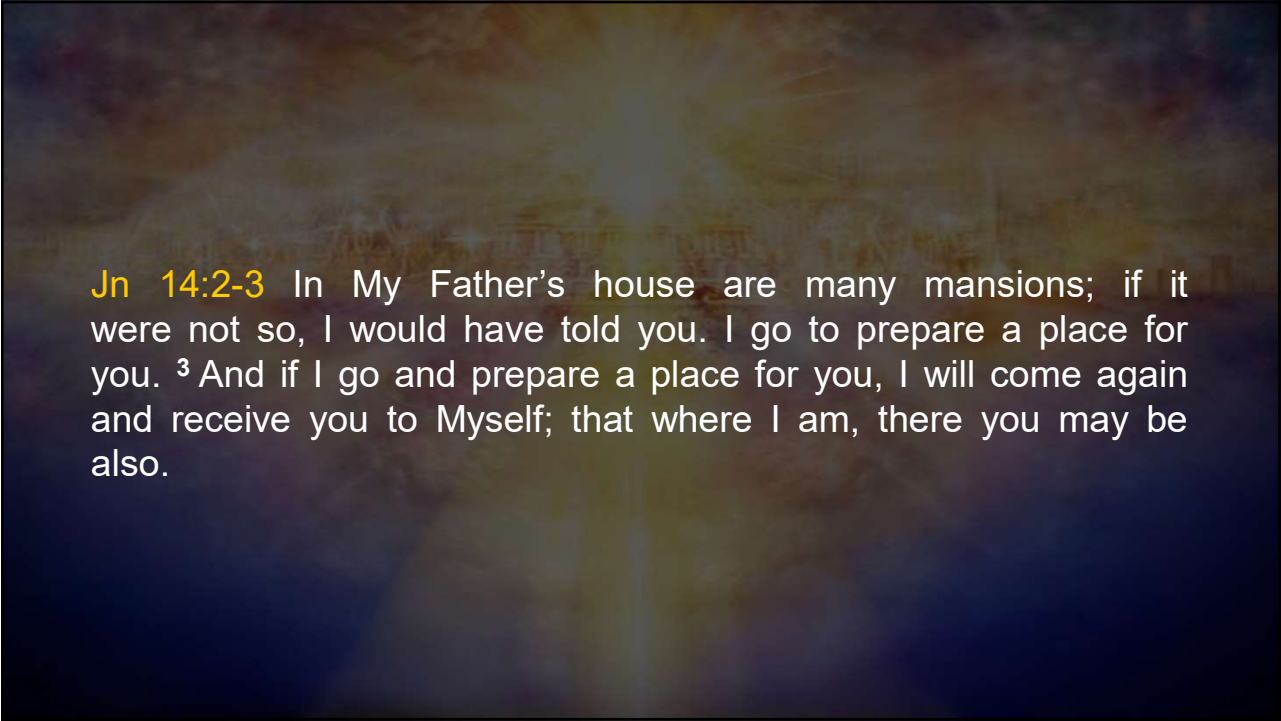
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2 Pet 3:7-13 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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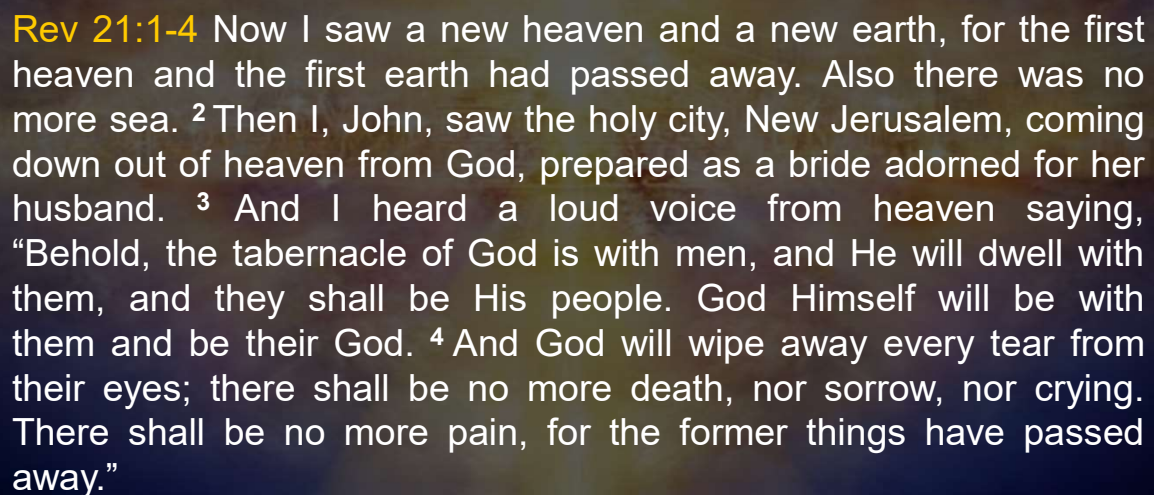
2. God has prepared an eternal city for those who love Him

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Jn 14:2-3 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.

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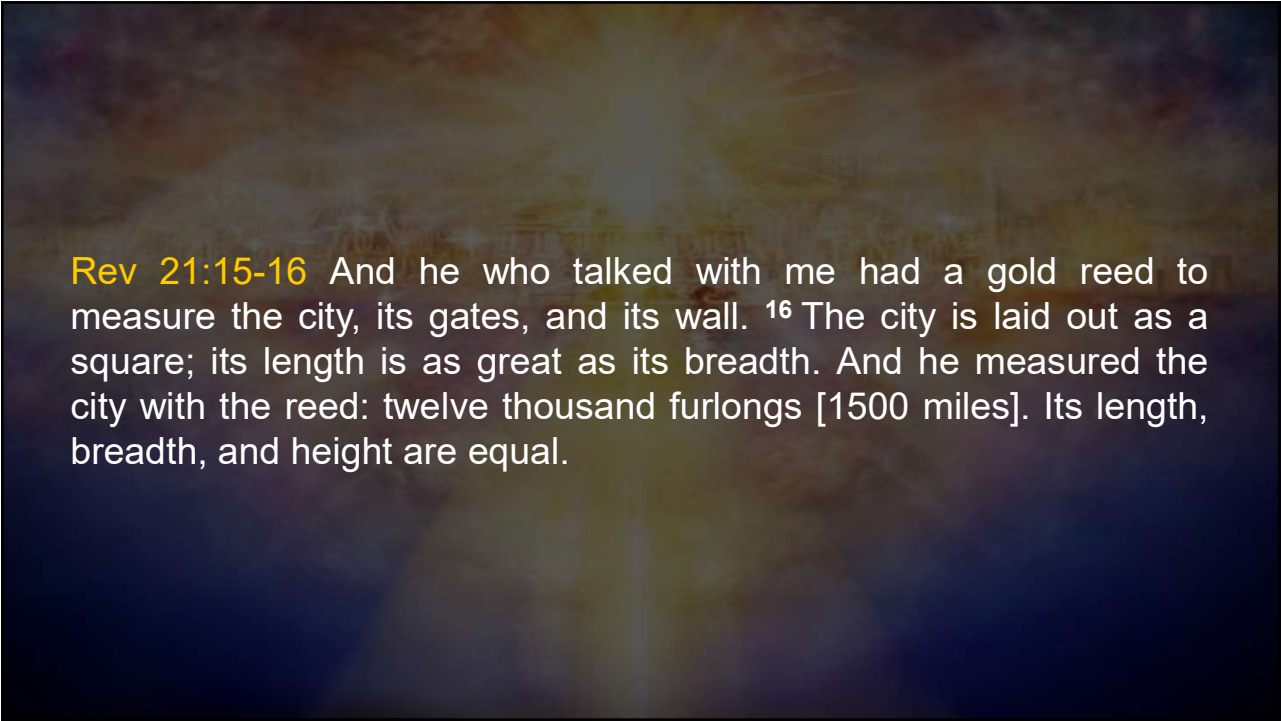
Rev 21:1-4 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven 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."

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3. The dimensions of the city

17



Rev 21:15-16 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ 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 [1500 miles]. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

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- God's capitol city is 1500 miles x 1500 miles x 1500 miles
- It is in the shape of a cube – just like the Holy of Holies

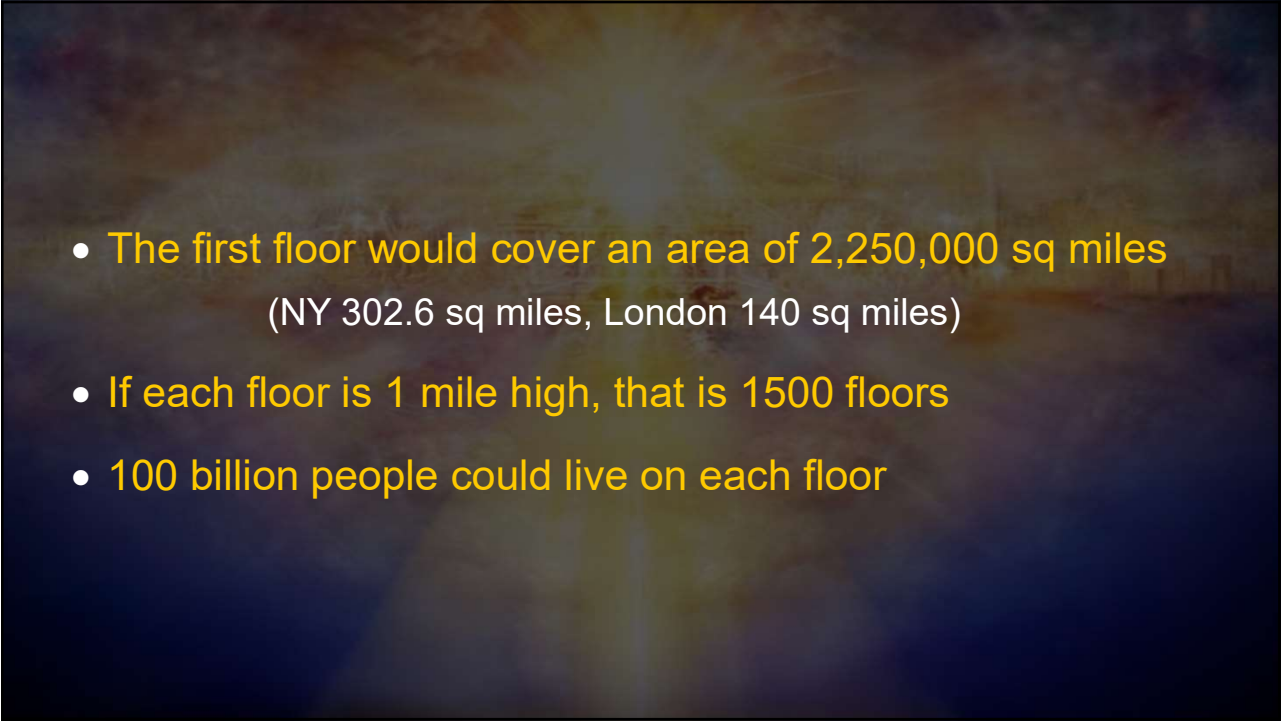
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- Laid on the United States, it would stretch from the east coast to CO and from ME to FL



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- The first floor would cover an area of 2,250,000 sq miles
(NY 302.6 sq miles, London 140 sq miles)
 - If each floor is 1 mile high, that is 1500 floors
 - 100 billion people could live on each floor

21



4. It is a holy city

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Rev 22:3 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.

Rev 21:2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:10 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,

22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

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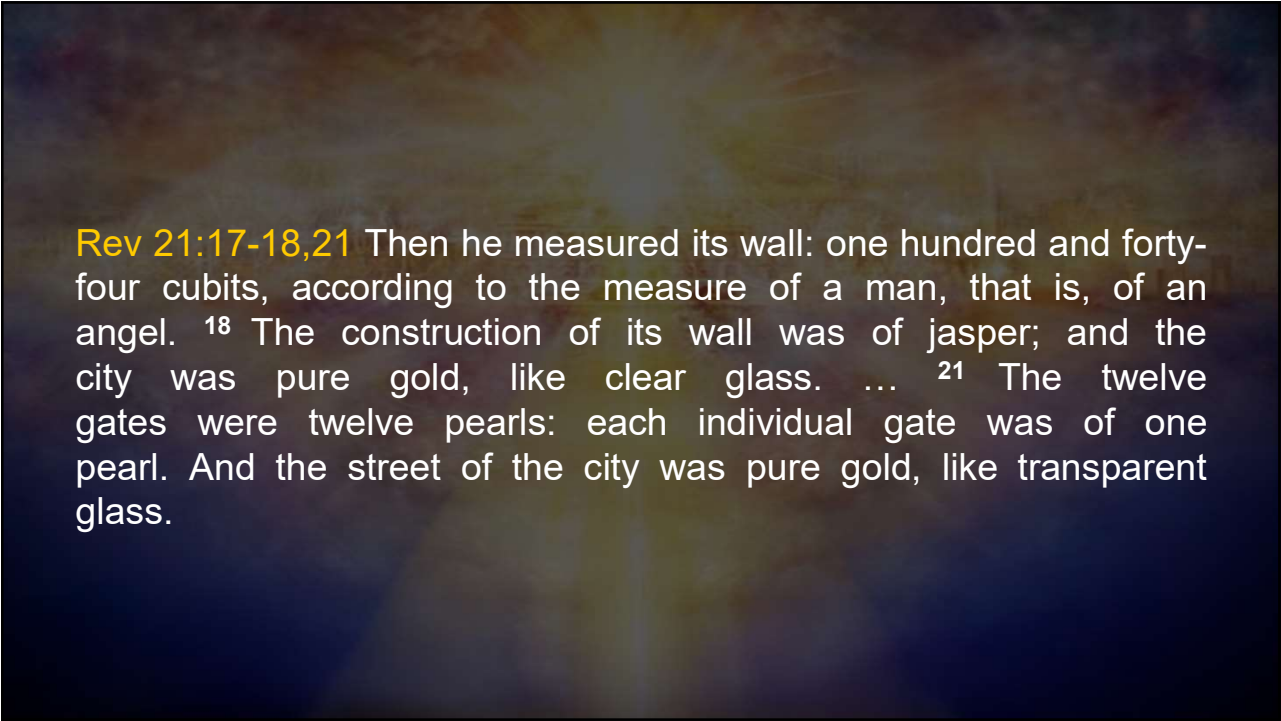
Wycliffe Bible Commentary: "A holy city will be one in which no lie will be uttered in one hundred million years, no evil word discussed, no unclean picture will ever be seen, no corruption of life will ever be manifest. It will be holy because everyone in it will be holy."

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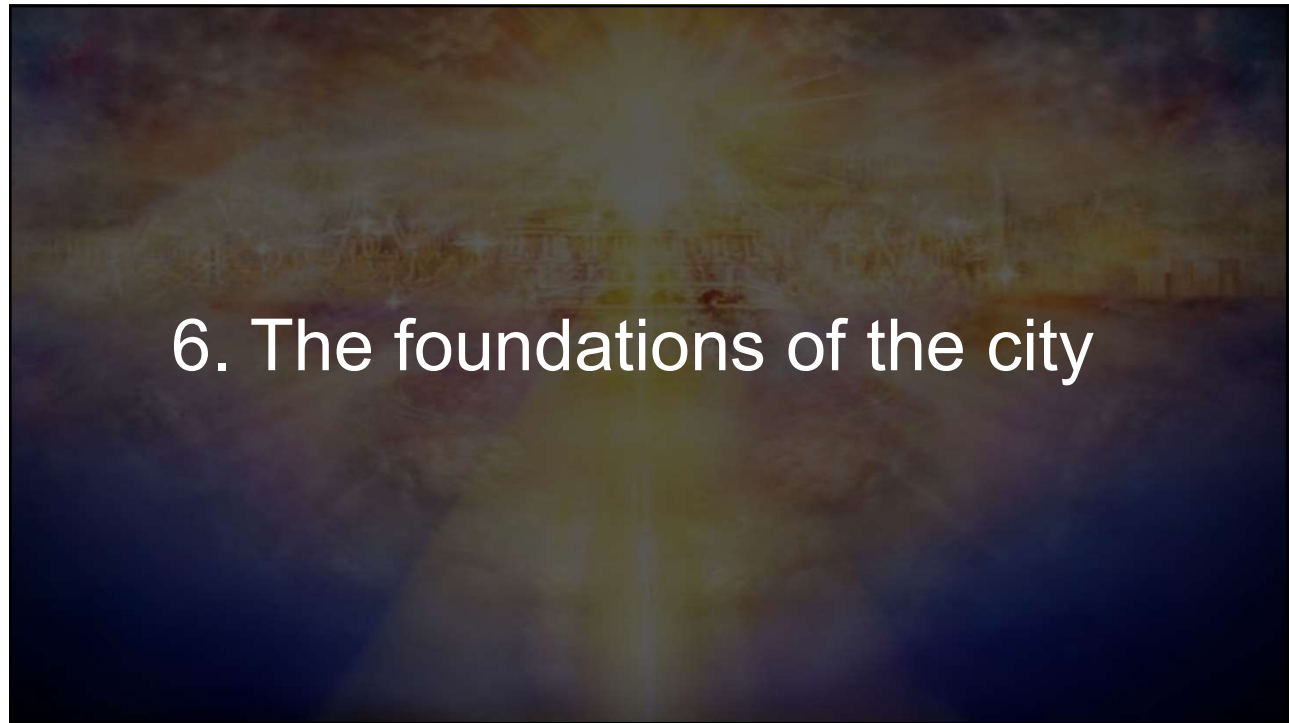
5. The gates of the city

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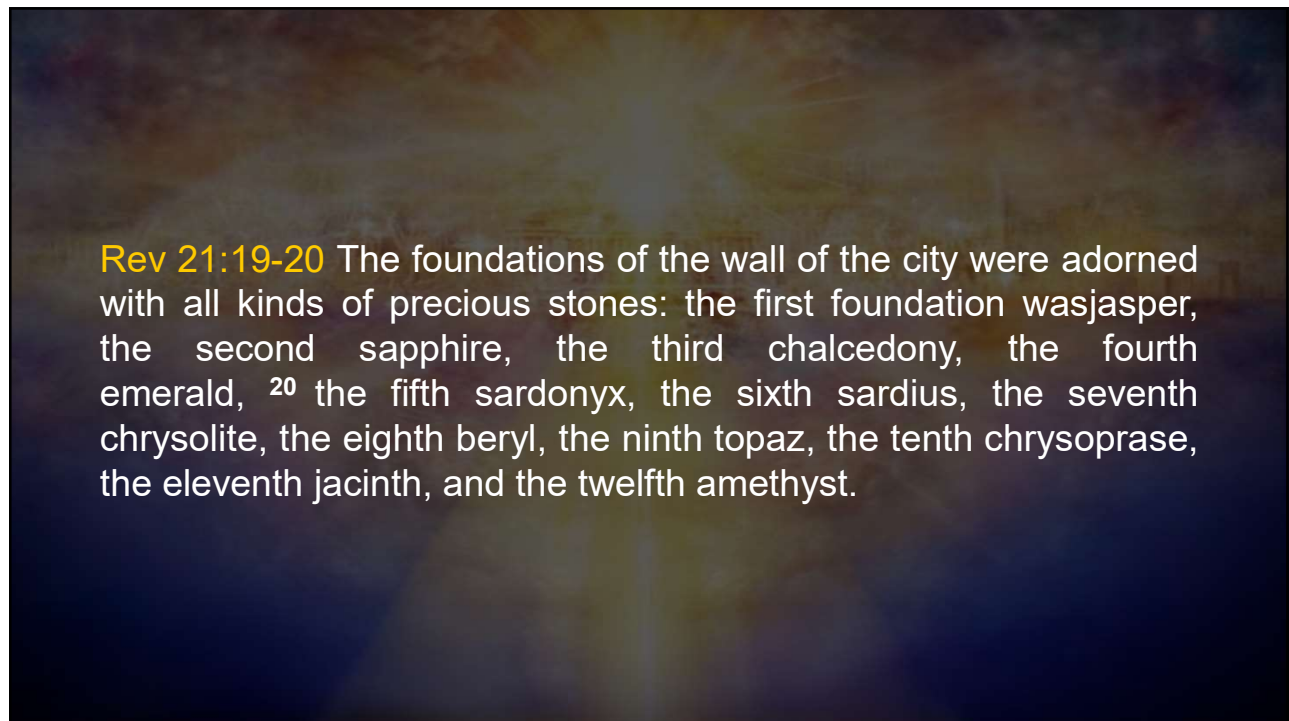


Rev 21:17-18,21 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ... ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

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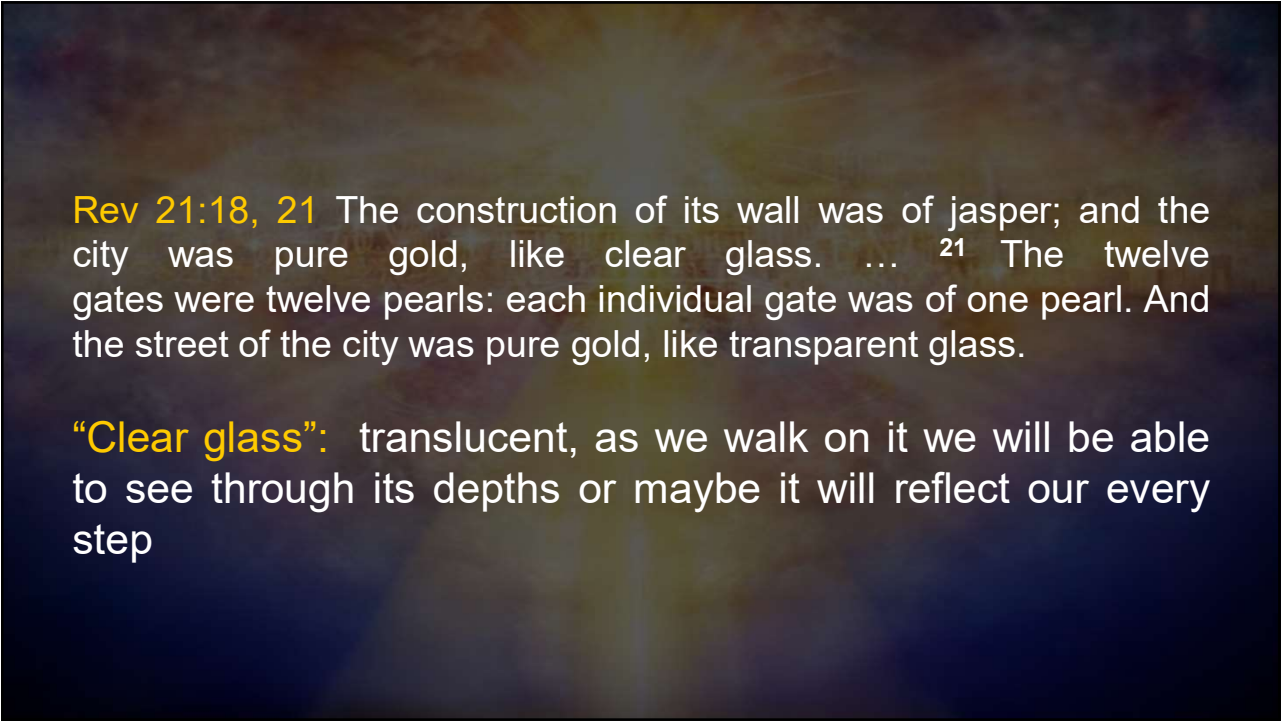


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7. The streets of the city

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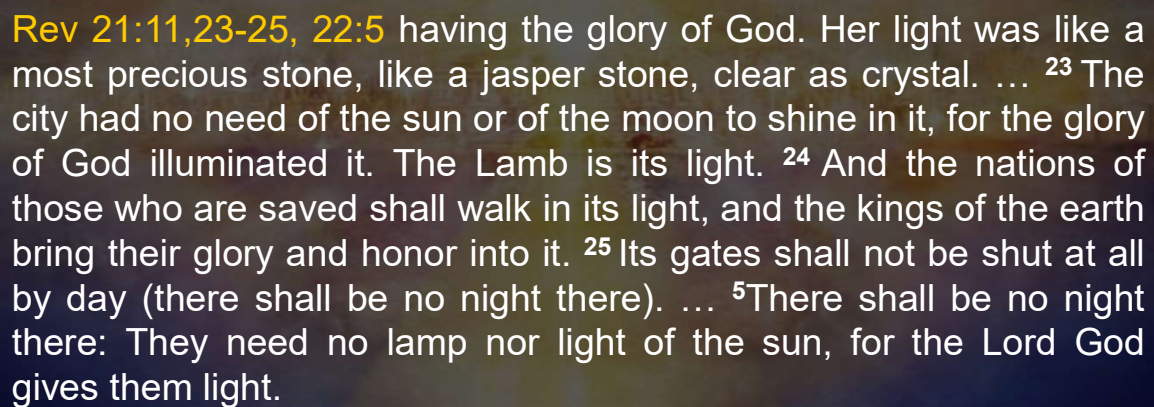
“Clear glass”: translucent, as we walk on it we will be able to see through its depths or maybe it will reflect our every step

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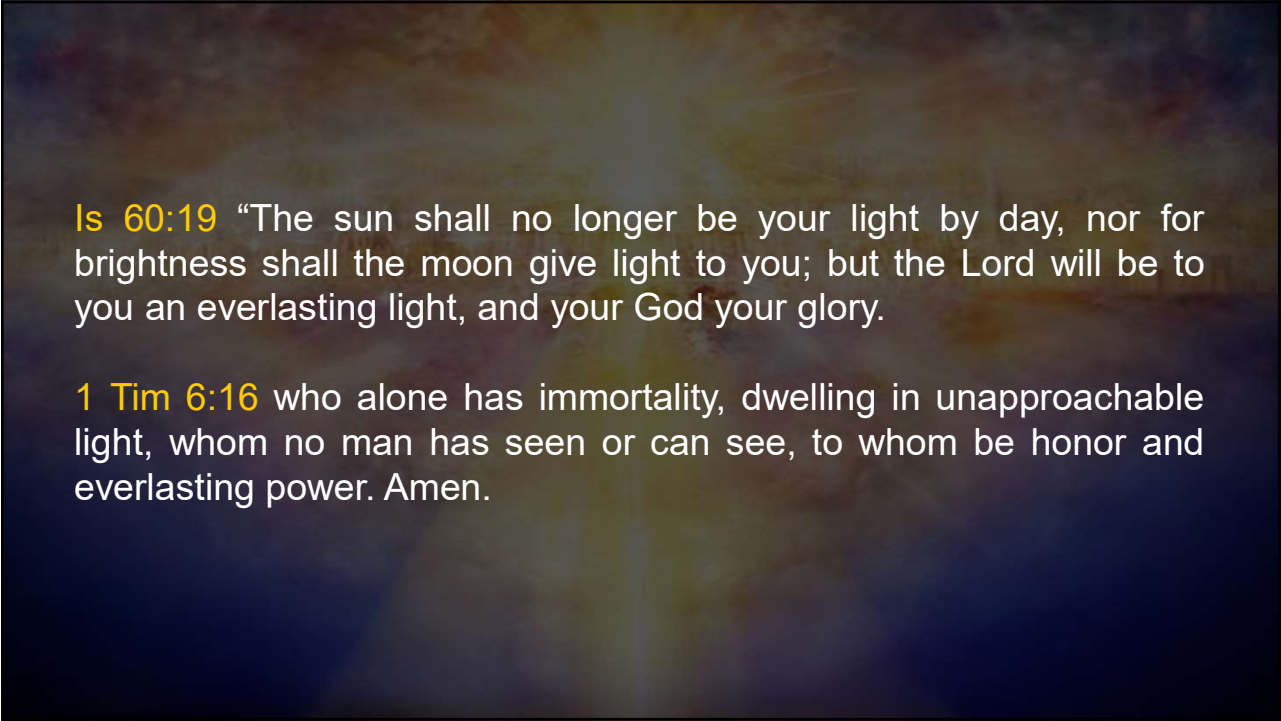
8. The light of the city

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Rev 21:11,23-25, 22:5 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ... 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). ... ⁵ There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light.

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Is 60:19 “The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the Lord will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory.

1 Tim 6:16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

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9. The landscaping of the city

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- Tree of life

Rev 22:1-3 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.

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“each tree” – more than one tree

“healing” – therapeia (therapeutic)

David Jeremiah: “We’ll be able to eat the leaves of the tree, and those leaves will somehow give us a greater sense of our lives and our presence in heaven. This ‘therapy’ will not enhance our holiness, because we will be perfectly holy; but somehow it will give us a greater sense of enjoyment and fulfillment. It will be heaven’s therapy for our ever-increasing well-being.”

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Ps 46:4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

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Jn 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

7:38-39 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

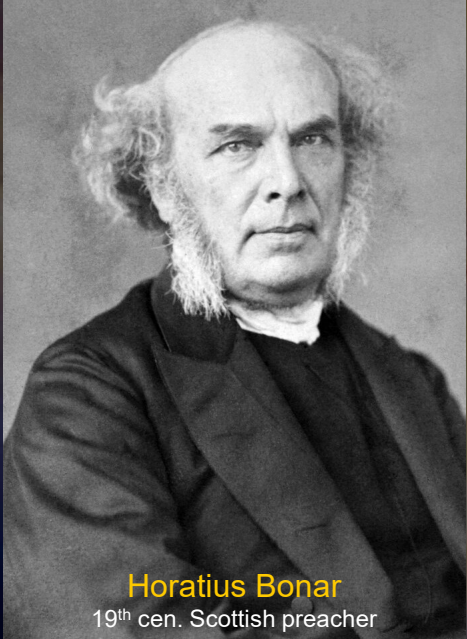
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10. Those denied this city

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Rev 21:7-8, 25-27; 22:14-15 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ 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." ... 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. ²⁷ 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. ... ¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

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Horatius Bonar
19th cen. Scottish preacher

“Blessed city! City of peace,
and love, and song! Fit
accompaniment of the new
heavens; fit metropolis of the
new earth, wherein dwelleth
righteousness! How eagerly
should we look for it! How
worthy of it should we live.”