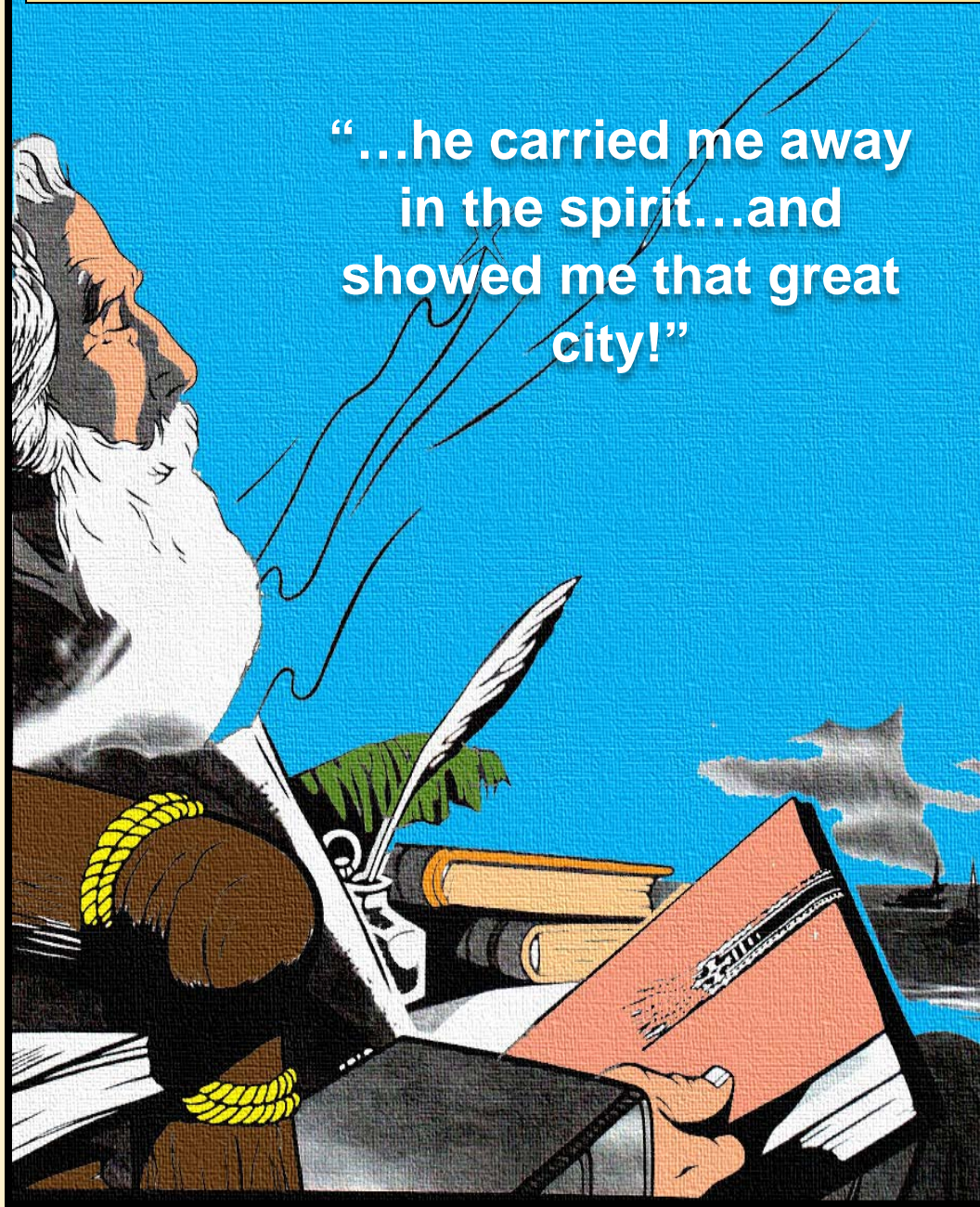


Revelation Chapter 21 part 1 – The New Heaven and the New Earth, verses 1 to 14



“...he carried me away
in the spirit...and
showed me that great
city!”

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But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

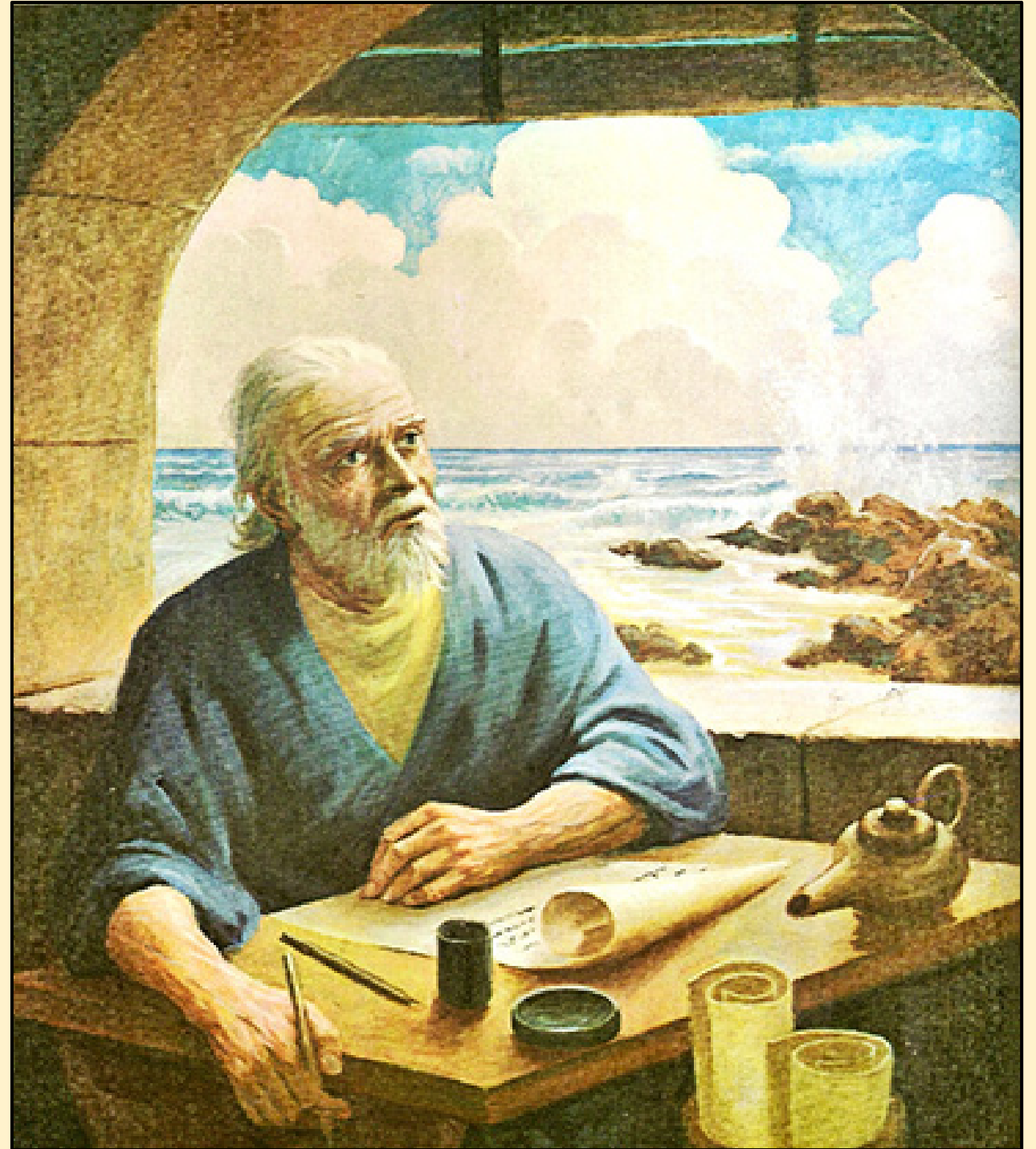
1CO.2:9

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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:2-3

Did you know that when we talk about heaven, what we're really talking about most of the time is a gigantic, amazing “space city” that is going to come down to Earth, where God will live with us and we with Him? That's the Truth because the Bible says so! Things that are more wonderful than anything you ever dreamed of or imagined are already there in our amazing heavenly home, the great Heavenly City whose Builder and Maker is God!

The very last chapters of the very last book of the Bible, *Revelation chapters 21 and 22*, give us the clearest and best picture in the whole Bible of just what the heavenly City, or "*Heaven*" as we call it for short, is like. It is the Apostle John's story of what he saw when the Lord took him there in the spirit. So, we are now going to look at some of the wonders in these chapters. Are you ready? Here we go!

REV.21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.



**** ISA.65:17-19** For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.** But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold,



I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

**** ISA.66:22** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. **ISA.40:4**

**** 2PE.3:12-13** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

The Earth is a great big round ball and it is clothed with a covering called its surface, which is surrounded or covered by air, clouds and the sky, which the Bible calls "*the heavens.*" Maybe you'd be surprised to know that the Bible uses this word "*heaven*" or "*heavens*" to talk about quite a few different places! --There are the "*heavens*" of the sky, the air, the clouds, and there's also the "*heavens*" of space where the stars, planets, sun and moon are. But the main "*Heaven*" that we're talking about in this study is the Heavenly City, which will come down from space through the sky and land on the Earth!



A New Heaven and a New Earth!



God is going to have to clean up and get rid of all this pollution and all this junk flying around in orbit around the Earth--spent cartridges, and spent rockets flying around up in space.

But first, God is going to have to clean up the earth and the sky! After the 1,000-year rule and reign of Jesus and His children on the Earth during the Millennium, God is going to completely burn up the surface of the Earth and the "*heavens*" of the air and sky and He is going to recreate a beautiful New Earth with a New Heaven!

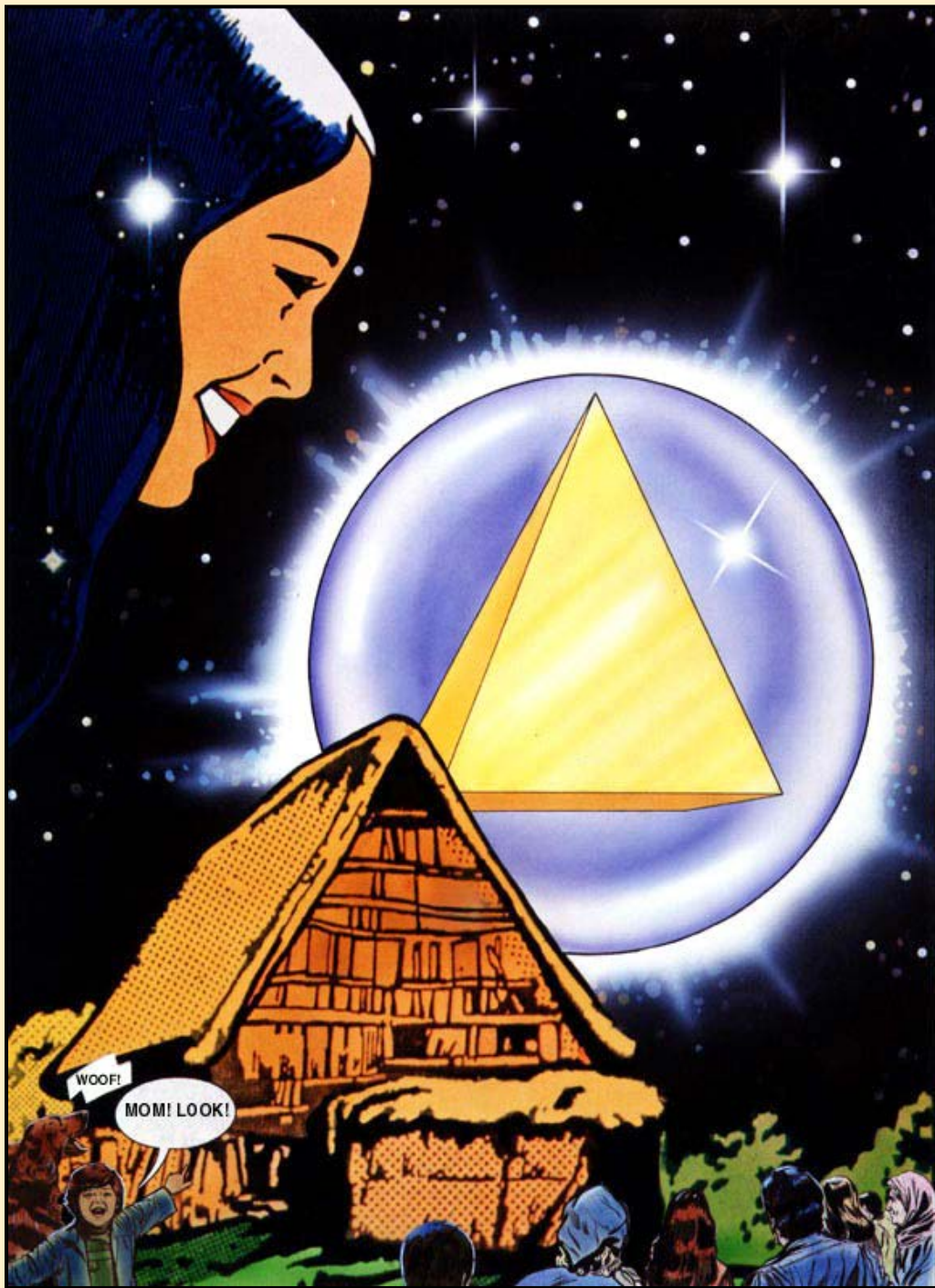
This new earth will be just like the Garden of Eden was, the Paradise of

God! Everything will be just beautiful and there will be no more evil or fighting or hurting and all will be peace and beauty! There will be no more rough, steep mountains--just beautiful, smooth, rolling hills and valleys! There will be no more dry and empty deserts, just beautiful green forests, fields and farms! And there will be "*no more sea!*" --But lots of pretty rivers, streams and lakes!

There will be plenty of room on the New Earth for billions of people to live and enjoy this beautiful place! If men of all ages and boundless generations are going to be revived and resurrected, where is God going to put them all? Well, there will be no more sea, and that's 4/5 of the Earth's surface right now! So, we'll have five times as much land surface then as we do now! Some will be on the surface of the Earth and others, the saved, will be in the City of the Blessed.

This new earth will also be under a *New Heaven*, which will mean lovely, fresh, clean air, with no stinking pollution, no poisonous gases or dirt or smoke or weapons or the horrors of man! And the great Heavenly City will come down through this new clean and pure sky, or "*New Heaven*", to land on the "*New Earth*"!





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

REV.21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven 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**, and be their God.

**** HEB.11:8, 10, 13-16** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went...for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

For they that say such things declare plainly that **they seek a country**. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. **But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: **for he hath prepared for them a city**.

**** HEB.12:22-24** But ye are come **unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant...





HE WHO OVERCOMES

I will make him a **PILLAR** in
the **Temple of My God**

**** REV.3:12** *Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is **new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.***

**** 2CO.5:1** *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon **with our house which is from heaven:***

**** LEV.26:11-12 And I set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.**



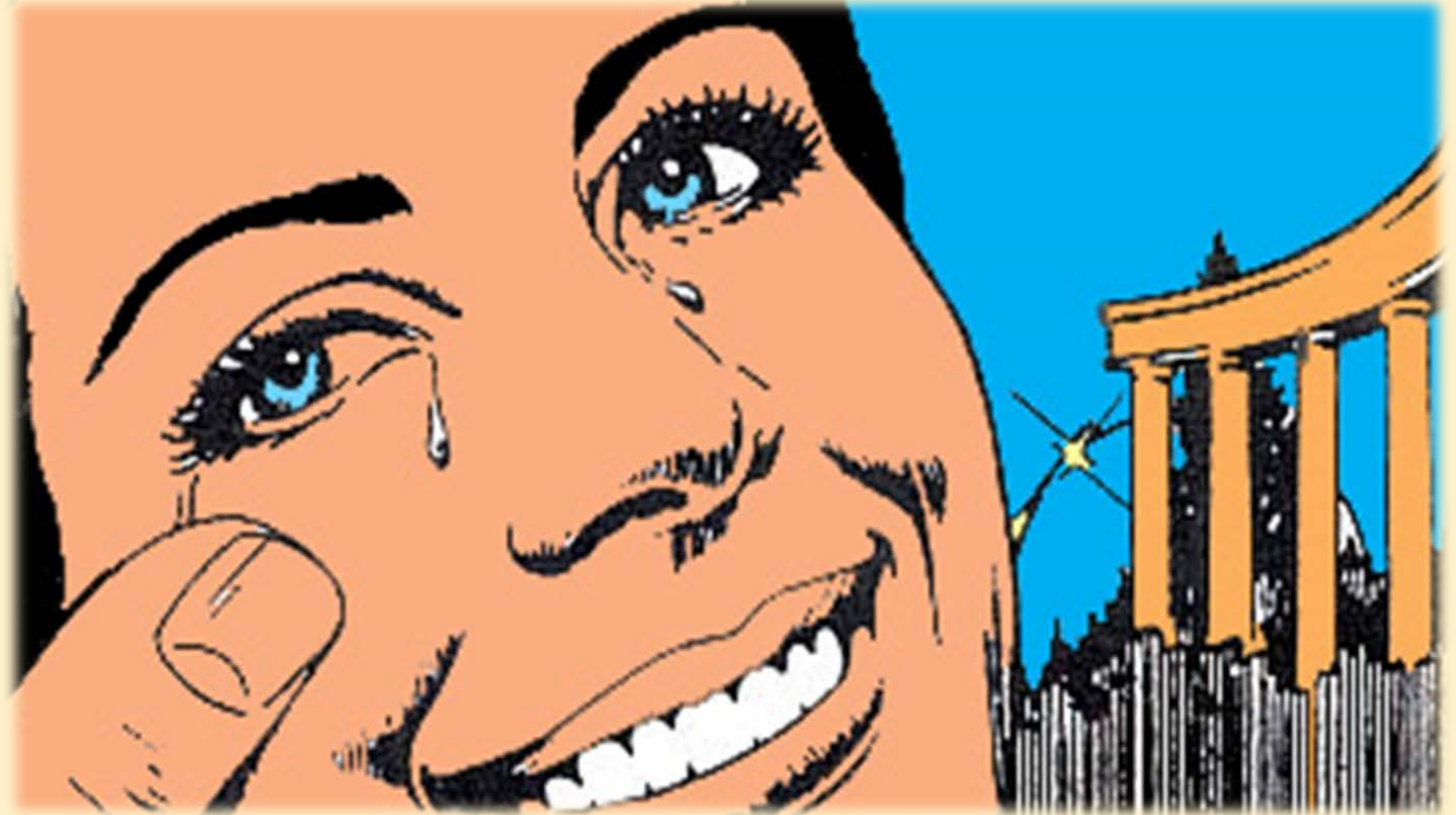
We're not going to go up into the sky to live with God, God is going to come to earth to live with us! It will be like God taking over the world by invading it from Outer Space! The funny space stations and space cities that man makes up and writes books and makes movies about aren't anywhere nearly as big and wonderful as this one! Ours is 1,500 miles long, 1,500 miles wide and 1,500 miles high! --1,500 miles! --2,400 kilometers! --The greatest "space ship" ever made, built by the Lord and on its way now! (Verse 16)

The place we're going to dwell with the Lord forever hereafter is not some fanciful dreamland way off in outer space, but an even more amazing Dream City that's going to come down from God, out of Heaven, to a New Earth, and God's going to come down and live with us in that beautiful Dream Town! We're not going to go off to some far-away place called Heaven where God is supposed to live, but we have a real down-to-Earth God, who's going to come live with us, and make Heaven on Earth!



REV.21:4 And **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall **there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

This is one of the most beautiful verses in the entire Bible! But if you'll read carefully, you'll see that it doesn't say there are not going to be any tears! Probably a lot of people, when they get to Heaven and face the Lord, are going to be ashamed and cry and weep over their sins and their failures.



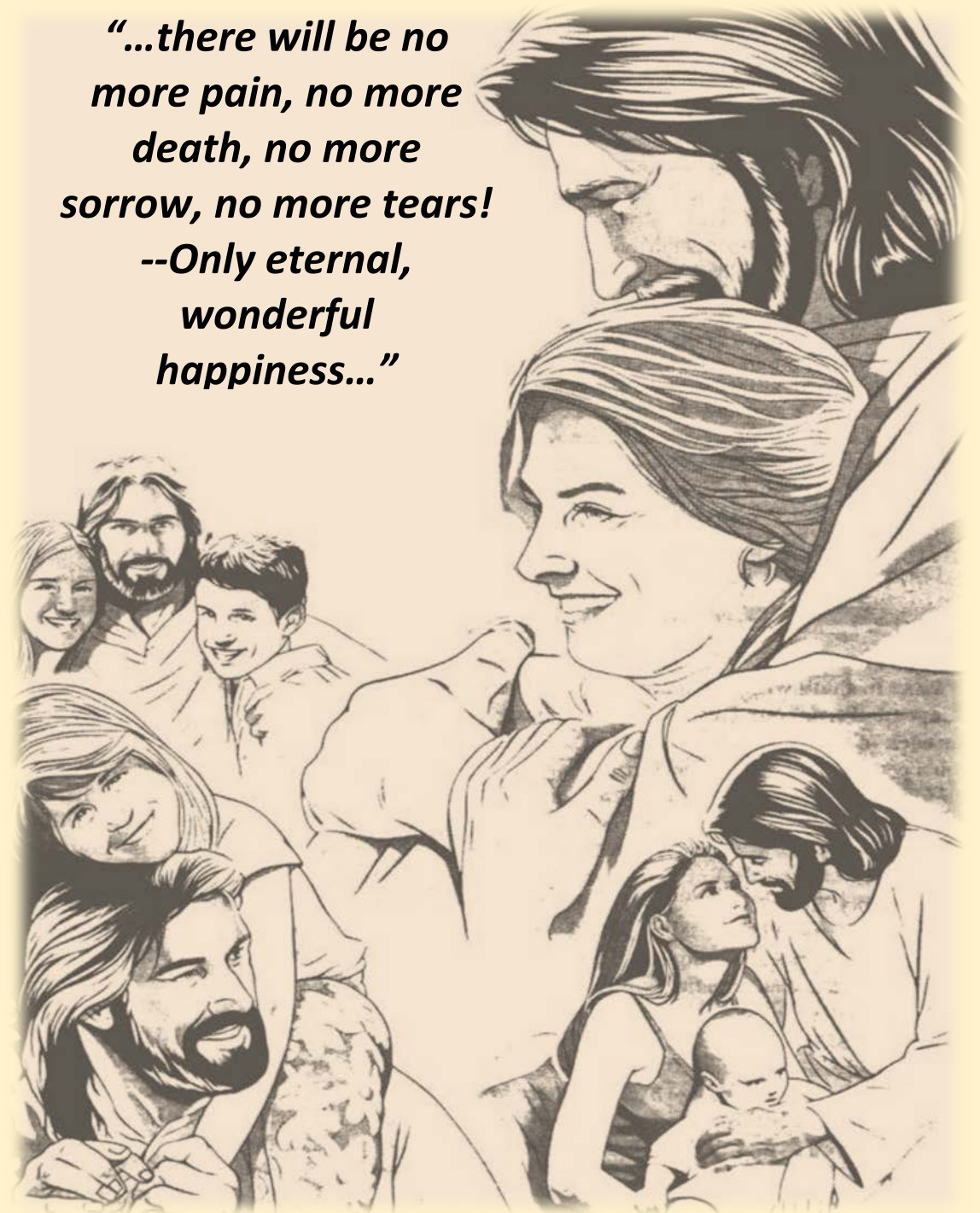
But isn't the Lord wonderful, loving and merciful? He says He's going to wipe away all those tears, and He's going to wipe away all that memory of those evil years, and there will be no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears!

Only eternal, wonderful happiness, joy and paradise on Earth, like what we who love the Lord have now, only better, forever and ever and ever! Hallelujah! All the evil and sad things will be forgotten, blotted out like a bad dream, like a nightmare, and He'll wipe away all the tears from our eyes. There'll be no more pain or sorrow or death or crying, everything will be happiness from then on! --Isn't that wonderful?

**** ISA.25:8-9 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

**** 1CO.15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

"...there will be no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears! --Only eternal, wonderful happiness..."



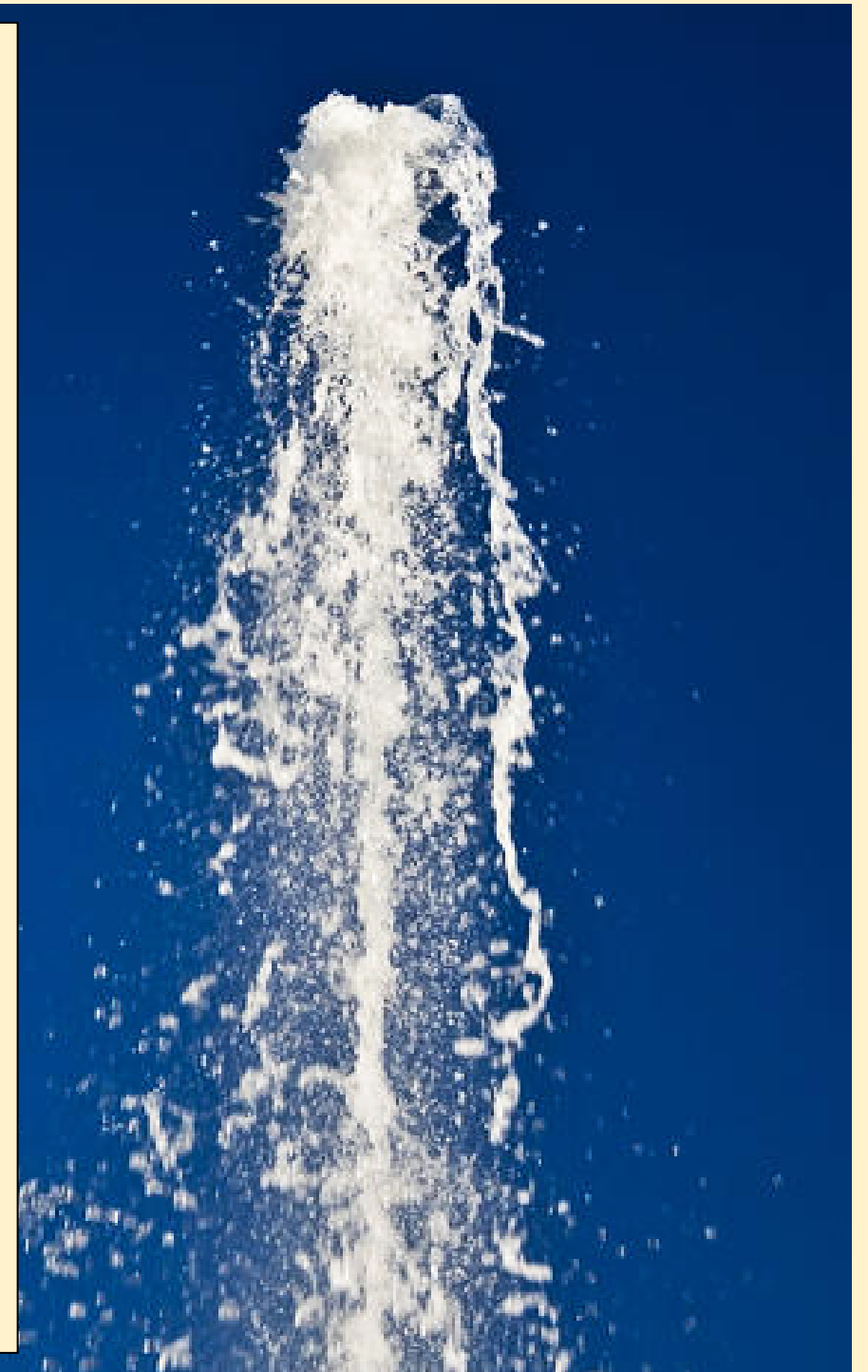
**** REV.7:17** *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

REV.21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things new**. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful.

**** ISA.42:9** *Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*

REV.21:6 And he said unto me, **It is done**. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst **of the fountain of the water of life freely**.

**** JOH.4:10, 14** *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water...But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*



REV.21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

**** 1JN.3:1-2** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called**

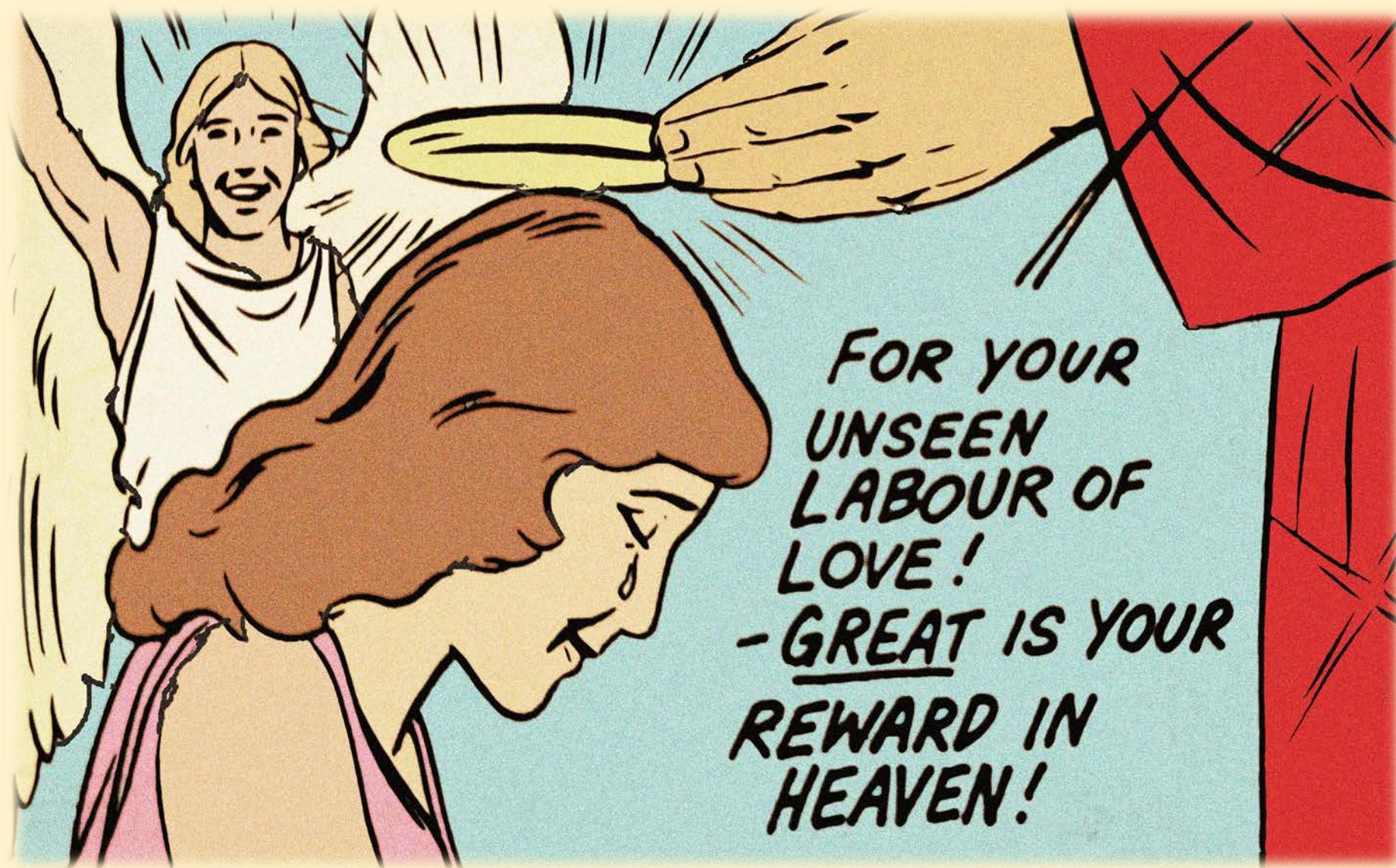


the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not... **now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**** ROM.8:15-17** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And **if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

In this wonderful heavenly city, His overcomers shall "inherit all things!"--And "who is he that overcometh the World? He that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the World: and this is the victory that overcometh the World, even our faith." (1Jn.5:5, 4.) The Lord loves faith and He loves His faithful children and He is going to reward them greatly!

You'll inherit all things, anything you ever wanted or ever desired! --For it is God's delight to give us the desires of our own hearts, if we love Him and delight ourselves in Him! He says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Ps.37:4.) And Jesus told us to "fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom!" (Lk.12:32.)





REV.21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**

REV.21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, come hither, **I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

REV.21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

REV.21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. In other words, the City is like one big diamond!

Earlier in verse 2, John said that he saw the Holy City descending "*as a bride adorned for her Husband,*" so we know this reference to the City as "*the Bride*" is symbolic, as it's obvious that this marvellous City which He has prepared for His true Bride, His Church, (this "*bride*" is really the people of God, of all nations and all time), is a very literal, down-to-Earth, Heavenly Home with literal walls, mansions and a river, trees, gates and exact physical measurements and dimensions.





So, when it says that this great city is ***"prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband"***, it simply means that it's as beautiful as a bride! -- And why not? --It's the Bride's House, her new Home!

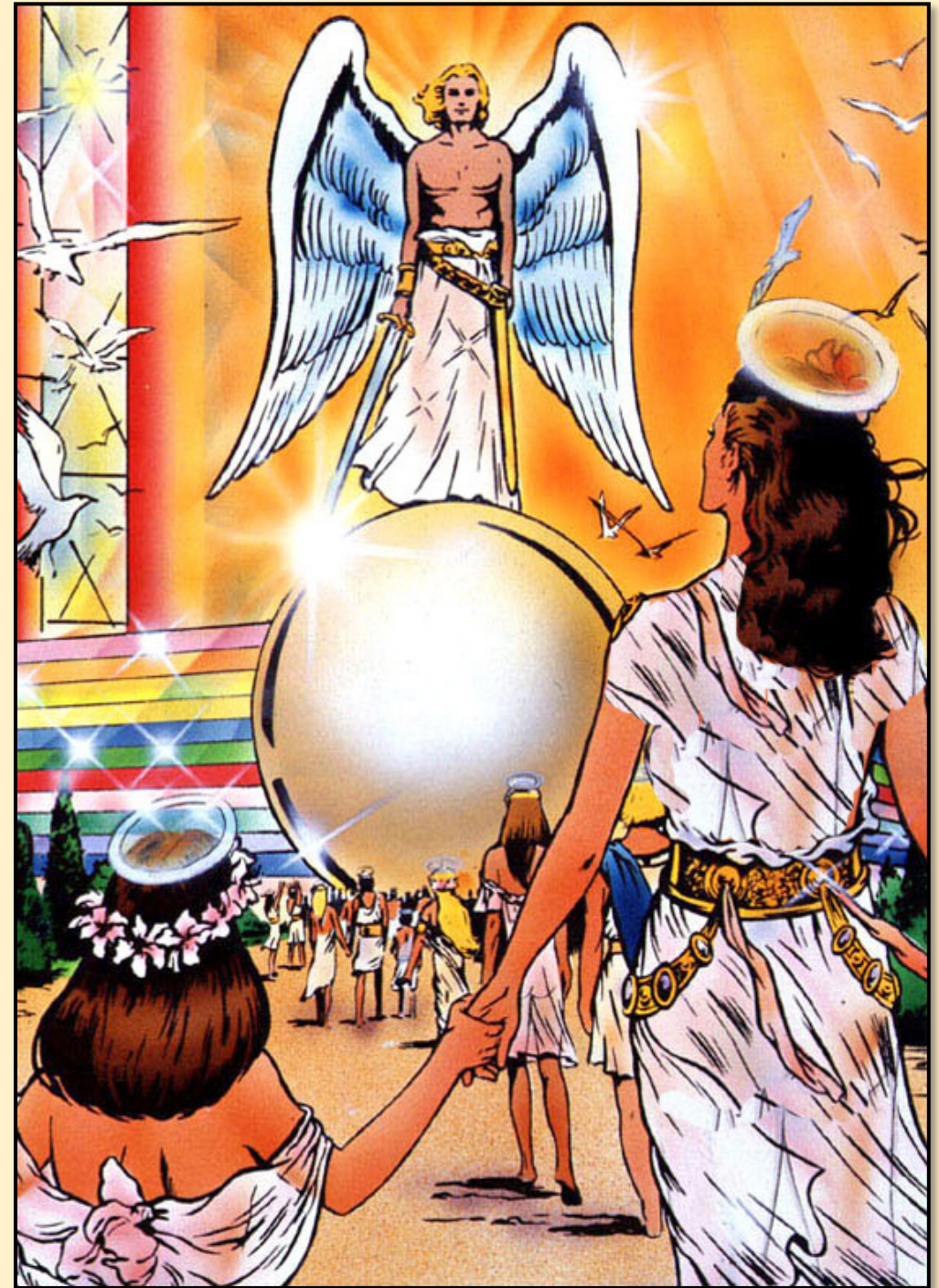
Kings who were rich and wealthy usually built whole palaces in honour of their queens! Well, our King has built His Queen, His Church, the greatest palace that has ever existed! Nothing in this World, nothing man has ever built, would even hold a candle to this City!

REV.21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

REV.21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

REV.21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

There was an angel guarding each gate! Now why would the City have a big tall protective wall like that and each gate guarded by an angel unless there were some people outside whom they didn't want to get in? This is another indication that there will be people outside who are not quite in good enough shape to enter the City! On each of the gates is a name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. God wants to honour the faithful ones throughout the Old Testament who have obeyed and followed the Lord and He also says that the names of the twelve original Apostles are on the wall. "*The Israel of God!*" (Ga.6:16)



Well, what better way could He immortalise and honour them for their great work in laying the foundation and preparation for the whole Church than to put their names on the gates and walls?

Do not miss part 2 of this chapter where we will continue to explore how the Bible describes that Dream City, *“whose builder and maker is God.”*

Would you like to live in this Heavenly City? You can by receiving Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Paul wrote:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom.10:9-10

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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