

A vibrant, futuristic cityscape with a central golden sunburst, a blue waterfall, and various planets in the sky. The scene is filled with golden structures, blue waterfalls, and a variety of planets and moons in the sky. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder.

All Things New  
Revelation 21:1-  
22:5

# I. God Created Everyone so that He Could Enjoy a Relationship With Us v. 1-8.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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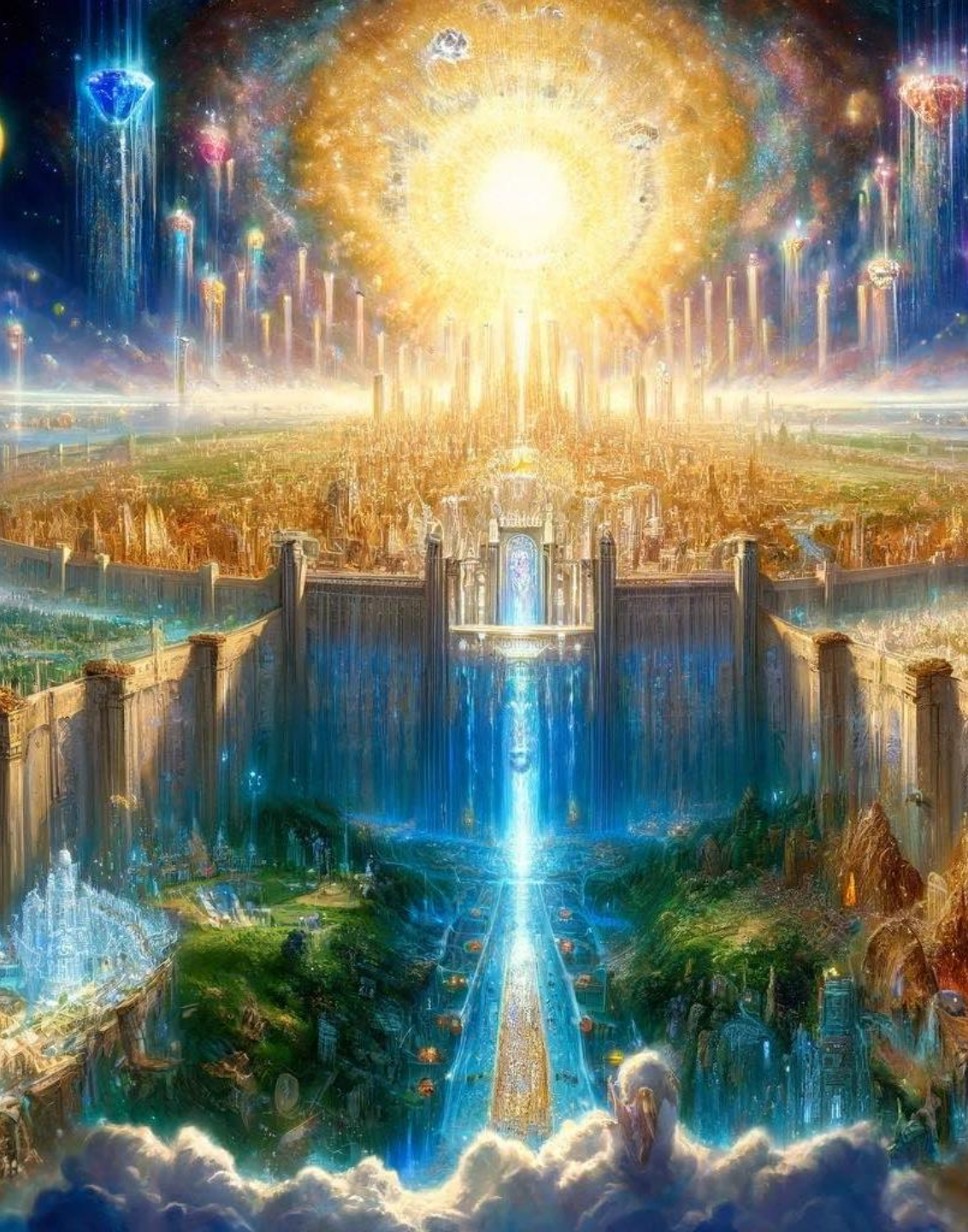
<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also, He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

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<sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

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- A. In the new earth God will dwell with man as He did in the Garden of Eden.
- B. Because sin entered the world everything God created has been defiled and our relationship with Him is broken (Gen. 3:1-16; Rom. 5:12).
- C. God will re-create everything so that His redeemed people can enjoy a relationship with Him & He with us (2 Peter 3:10-13).



## 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness & godliness,



## 2 Peter 3:10-13

<sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

<sup>13</sup> But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



## II. God Created Everything We Need to Enjoy life and a Relationship With Him vv. 9-27.

<sup>9</sup> Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

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<sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—

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<sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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<sup>15</sup> And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement.

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<sup>18</sup> The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. <sup>19</sup> 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,

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<sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

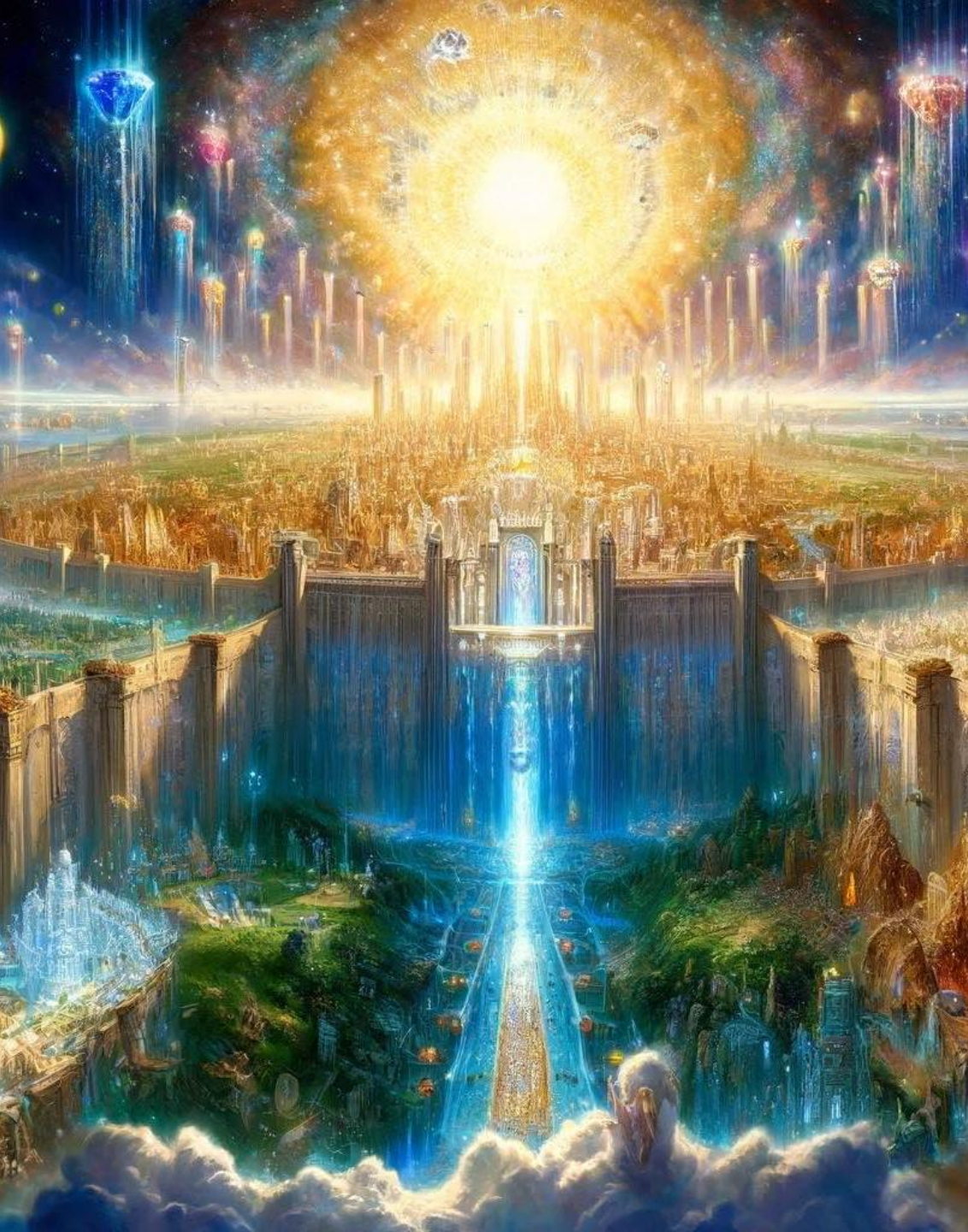
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<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—  
and there will be no night there.

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<sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.





II. God Created Everything We Need to Enjoy Life and a Relationship With Him vv. 9-27.

- A. The entrance of sin into the world defiled everything in it, including us!
- B. The new heaven & earth will combine form & function.



## John 14:1-4

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> 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? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.”

### III. God Created Everyone so that We Would Glorify and Enjoy Him Forever 22:1-5.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> 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.

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<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God & of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

III. God created everyone so that we would glorify and enjoy Him forever 22:1-6.

A. Through sin we fall short of the glory of God and are separated from Him.

B. When Adam & Eve sinned, they were kicked out of Eden & kept from the tree of life.

C. The tree of life is in the new heaven and ensures that we will be with Him forever.



Because Jesus Has Made Such a Wonderful Promise to Us, Let's Stay Faithful to Him.

# Note on the A.I. Generated Image

- We asked an A.I. Program to create an image based on Revelation 21:1-22:5. We asked it to create an image several different times.
- While in some ways the images are helpful, none of them gives a fully accurate portrayal of what the Bible describes.
- The one used in this Power Point is in my view the most helpful one that our software created. However, it inaccurately made the city walls round when it is clearly described in the text as a square.
- **Takeaway:** Imagine being John, he is attempting to describe in human language a city the likes of which have never been seen before. What he saw goes beyond human ability to fully comprehend. Even Artificial Intelligence, as impressive as it is, struggles to grasp the grandeur of the new heavens and the new earth. The inability to accurately represent the things of God is one of the reasons why God's people are not to create a graven image of Him.