

## Order of Service

Worship in Fellowship

Worship in Music

Worship in the Lord's Supper

Worship in Message

Worship in Giving

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### The Eternal Kingdom

Revelation 21-22

*"As We See the Day  
Approaching" Series*

Life Change: We say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### Restoration miracles...

#### All is made new

21:1-8

The dwelling is intimate

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Rev. 21-22

The language is specific

Evil is eliminated

### The New Jerusalem is unveiled

21:9-22:5

The eternal city is unique

The citizenry is perfected

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#### It is all coming soon

22:6-25

God blesses via words and worship

Jesus blesses with rewards

They know that they are eternally secure. Sin is shut out, and they are shut in. They dwell within a city which shall never be stormed; they bask in a sun which shall never set; they drink of a river which shall never dry; they pluck fruit from a tree which shall never wither. Countless cycles may revolve, but eternity shall not be exhausted, and while eternity endures, their immortality and blessedness shall co-exist with it. They are forever with the Lord. – Charles Haddon Spurgeon, "The Eternal State"

The Spirit and the church bless in calling



AS WE SEE  
**THE DAY**  
APPROACHING

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**Before**

**After**



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Before



After



**Before**



**After**

**<sup>1</sup> 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> I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and he will live with them. They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.**

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**<sup>5</sup> Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new.” He also said, “Write, because these words are faithful and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be my son. <sup>8</sup> But the cowards, faithless, detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars—their share will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”**

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**In this sense, all of time and all of the Bible have been a story of place – God making a place; that place being defaced; and then God sacrificing, preparing, and recreating to establish His place with redeemed community forever.**

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**These are loaded terms Jesus had employed to describe salvation by faith in Him during His first coming.**

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**<sup>17</sup> “For I will create new heavens and a new earth;  
the past events will not be remembered or come to mind.”**

**<sup>18</sup> Then be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a joy  
and its people to be a delight.”**

**Isaiah 65 CSB**



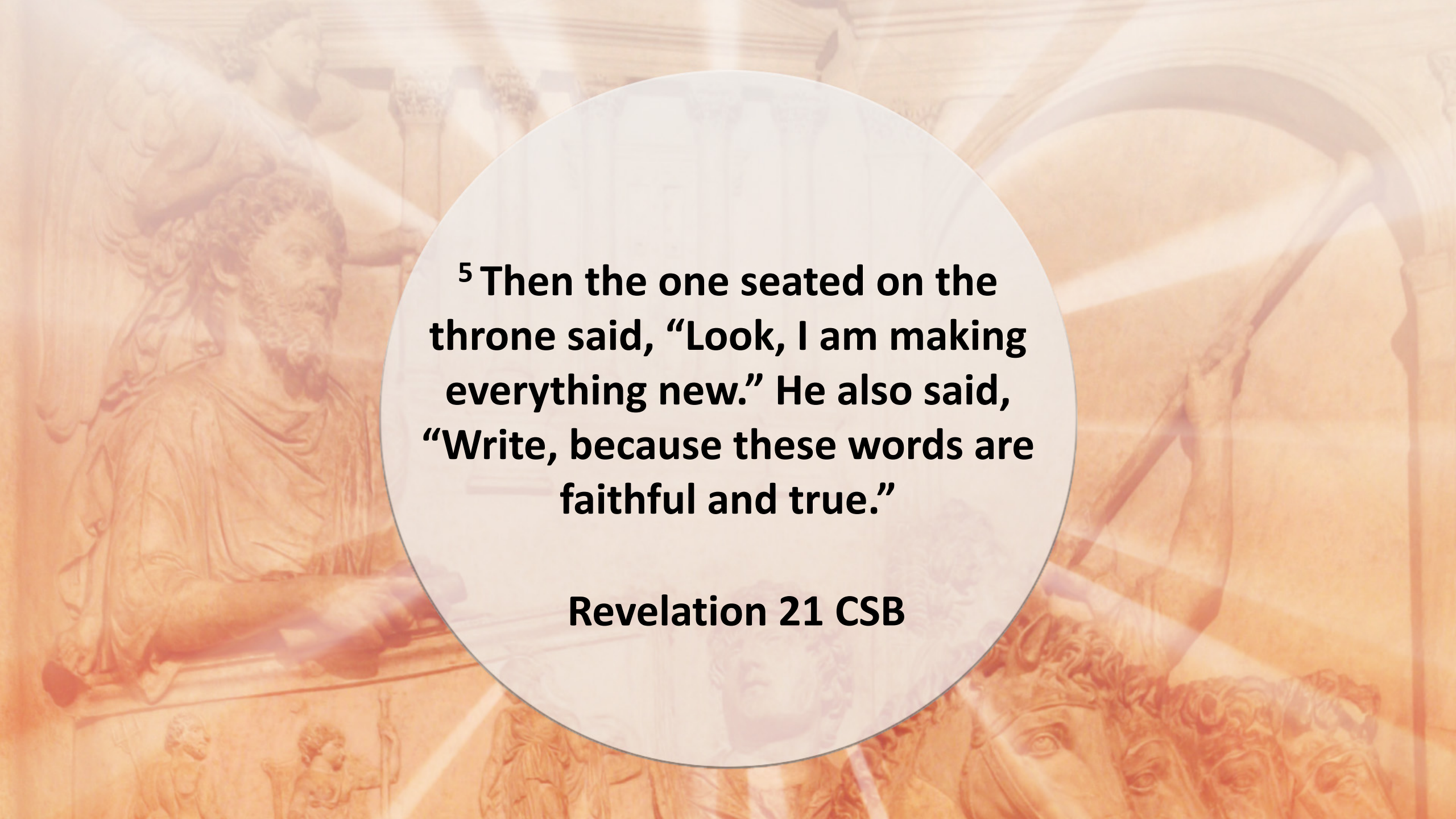
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The background features a warm, orange-toned photograph of a classical architectural interior. On the left, a large, seated stone sculpture of a bearded man, likely a deity or philosopher, is visible. To the right, a person's arm is seen holding a long, thin object, possibly a scroll or a staff, against a large archway. The overall scene is bathed in a soft, golden light.

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## **Non-evil eliminations/removals in Revelation 21-22**

**The sea – 21:1**

**The temple – 21:22**

**Night – 21:25, 22:5**



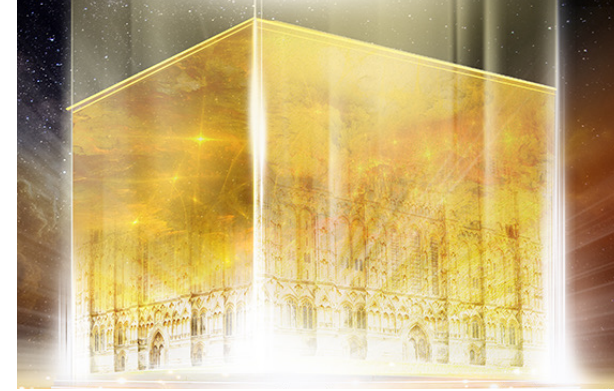
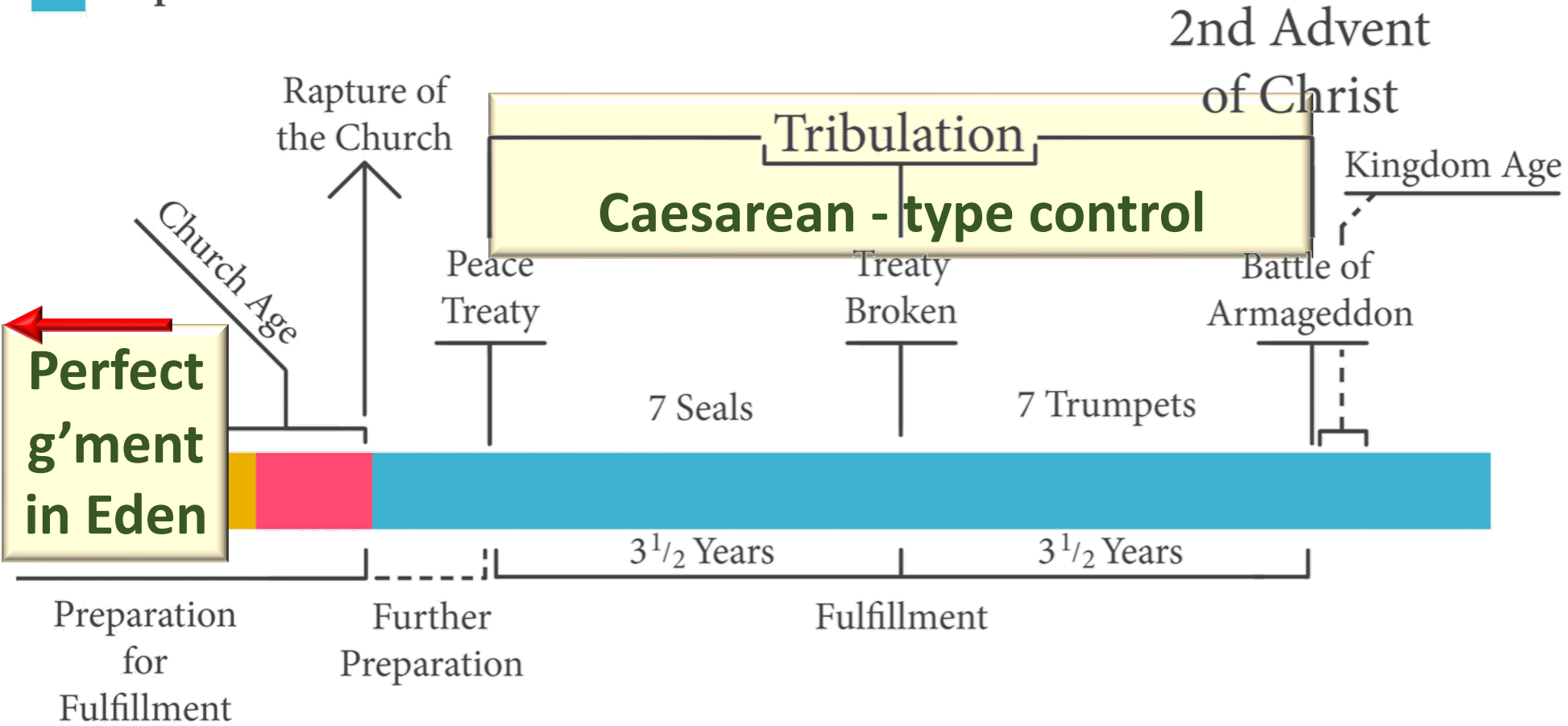
**Footprint of the New Jerusalem**

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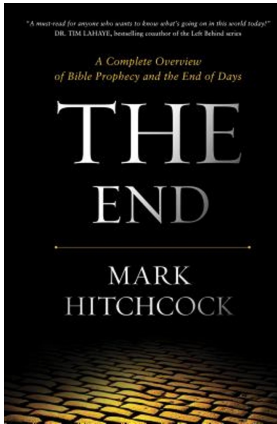


# Order of Events

- Past
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**Perfect government in New Jerusalem**



# Story Time





## **Anton Chekhov “The Pipe”**

**[An old shepherd] “For forty years I have been observing the works of God from year to year, and it is my opinion that everything is going the same way.”**

**[Meliton the hunter] “What way?”**

**“To the bad, young man. To ruin...The time has come for God’s world to perish.”**

## Anton Chekhov "The Pipe"

The shepherd leaned against the birch-tree, looked up at the sky, without haste took his pipe from his bosom and began playing...He played mechanically [using] no more than five or six notes; as though the pipe had come into his hands for the first time, the sounds floated from it uncertainly, with no regularity, not blending into a tune...The highest, shrillest notes, which quivered and broke, seemed to be weeping disconsolately, as though the pipe were sick and frightened, while the lowest notes for some reason reminded him of the mist, the dejected trees, the grey sky. Such music seemed in keeping with the weather, the old man and his sayings.

## **Anton Chekhov “The Pipe”**

**There was the sound in the wood of heavy rain coming nearer. Meliton looked in the direction of the sound, did up all his buttons, and said, “I am going to the village. Good-bye, grandfather...Thank you for your good words.”**

**Meliton plodded along to the river and heard the sounds of the pipe gradually dying away behind him. He looked dejectedly about him, and he felt insufferably sorry for the sky and the earth and the sun and the woods. The highest drawn-out note of the pipe floated quivering in the air, like a voice weeping...**

**The high note quivered, broke off, and the pipe was silent.**

**– Anton Chekhov “The Pipe”**



Anton Chekhov in 1889, two years after writing The Pipe

# Chekhov's vision of the future in "The Pipe"



**The original Russian woodsmen made beautiful pipe music.**



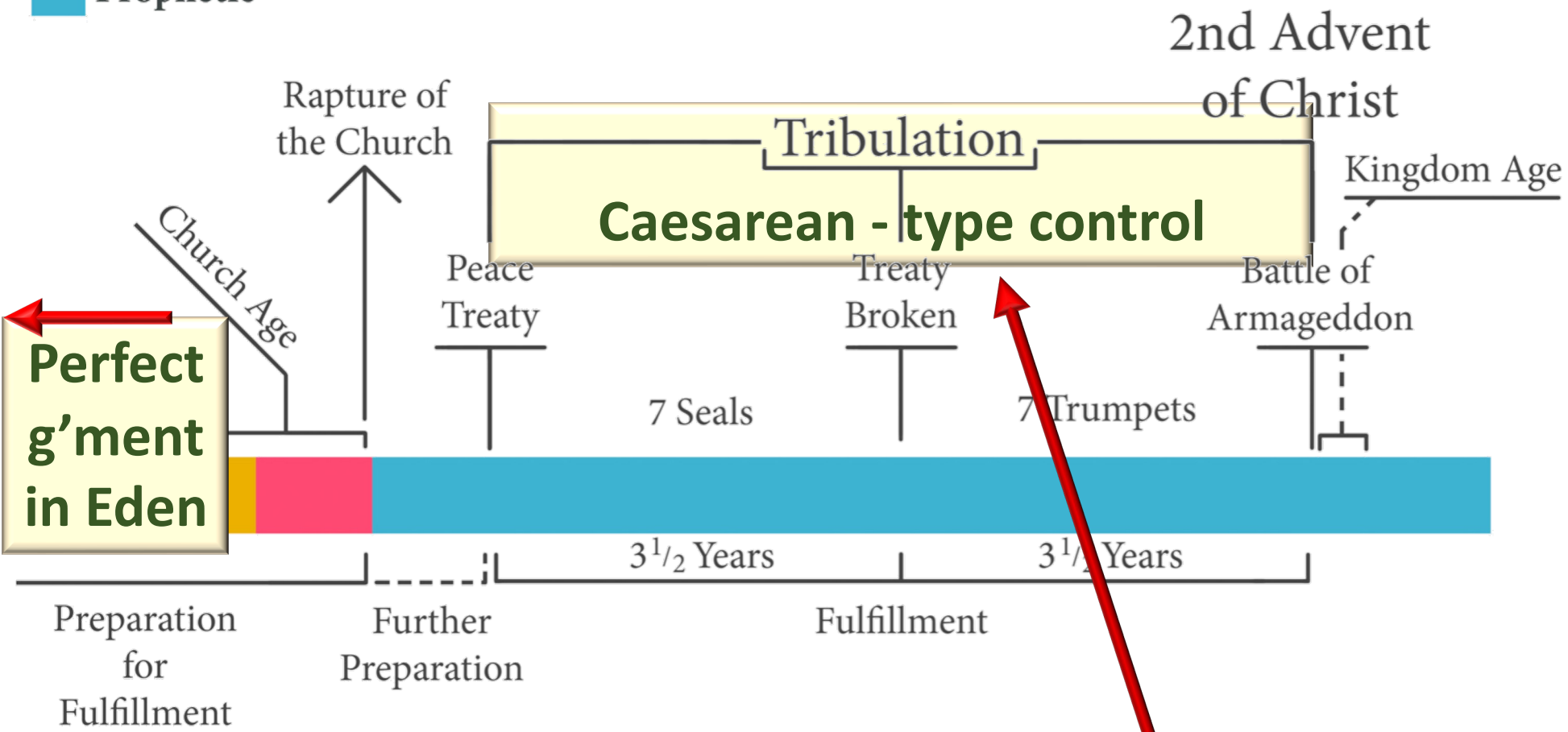
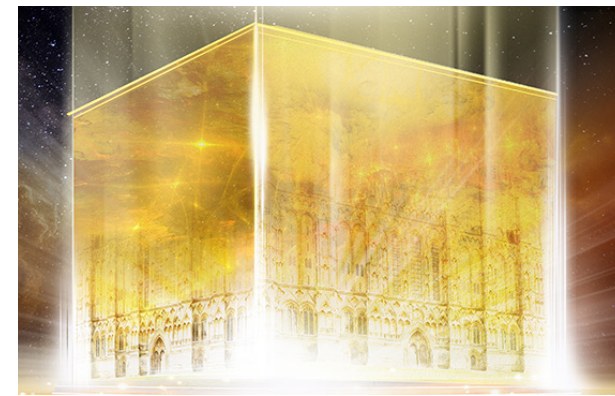
**The music had been turned sour & depressing.**



**The pipes would be broken, and bad music ended.**

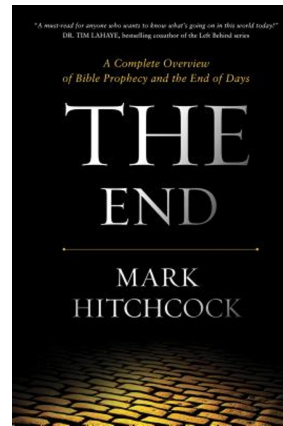
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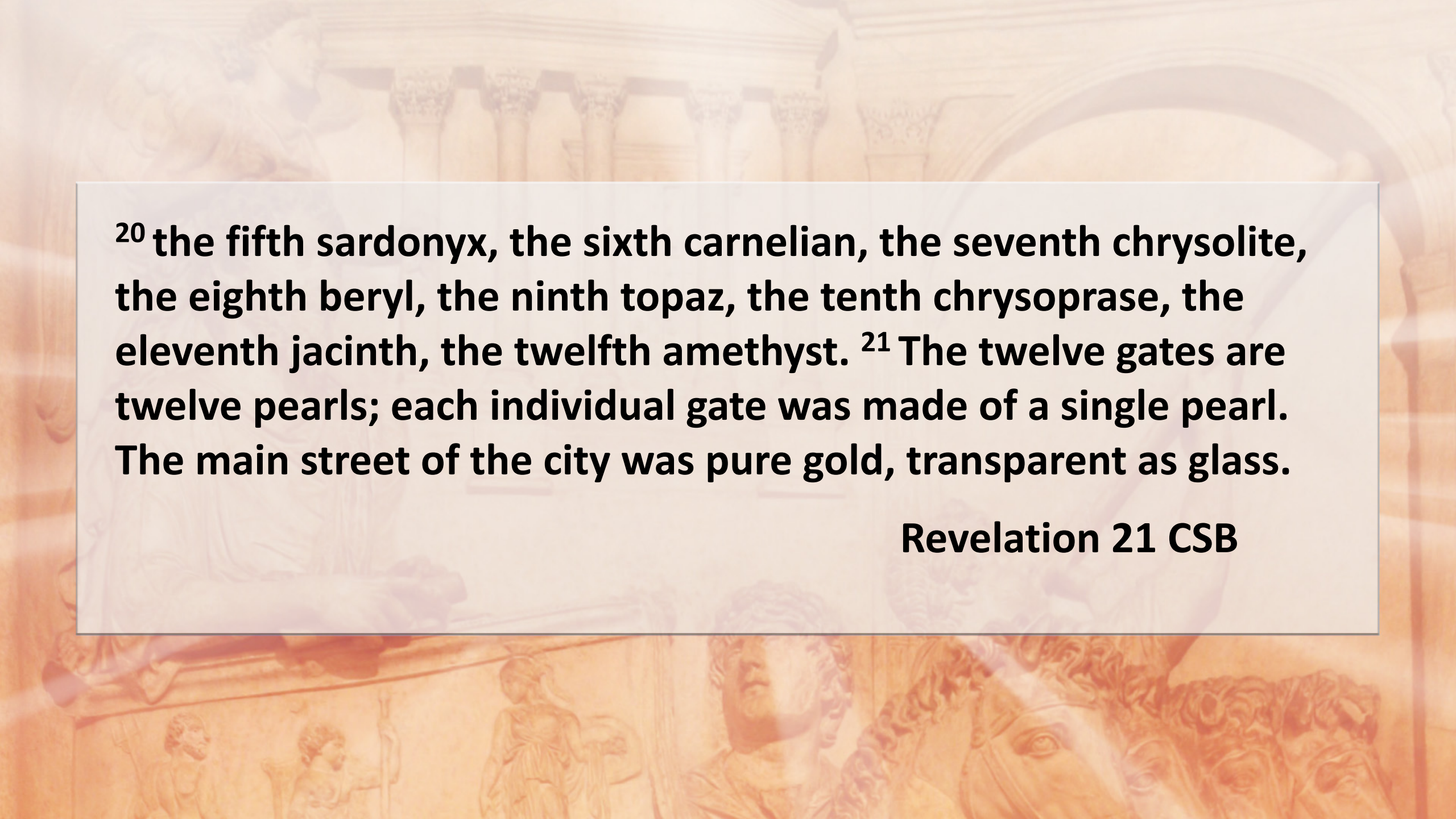
**<sup>9</sup> Then one of the seven angels, who had held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues, came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup> He then carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> arrayed with God’s glory. Her radiance was like a precious jewel, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> The city had a massive high wall, with twelve gates. Twelve angels were at the gates; the names of the twelve tribes of Israel’s sons were inscribed on the gates. <sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.**

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**14 The city wall had twelve foundations, and the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were on the foundations. 15 The one who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 The city is laid out in a square; its length and width are the same. He measured the city with the rod at 12,000 *stadia*. Its length, width, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall, 144 cubits according to human measurement, which the angel used. 18 The building material of its wall was jasper, and the city was pure gold clear as glass. 19 The foundations of the city wall were adorned with every kind of jewel: the first foundation is jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,**

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**<sup>20</sup> the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. <sup>21</sup> The twelve gates are twelve pearls; each individual gate was made of a single pearl. The main street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.**

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**<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God illuminates it, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never close by day because it will never be night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life.**

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**Revelation 22 CSB**

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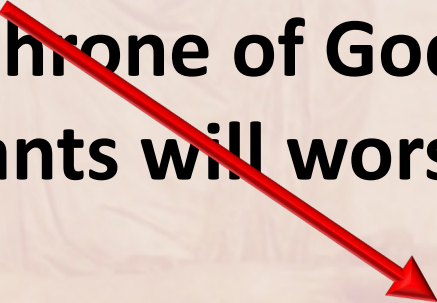




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**Greek: θεραπεία *therapeia* = can mean medical intervention; in this usage indicates development, a healthy workout**

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# ***Tower of Babel***

**Lucas van Valckenborch**

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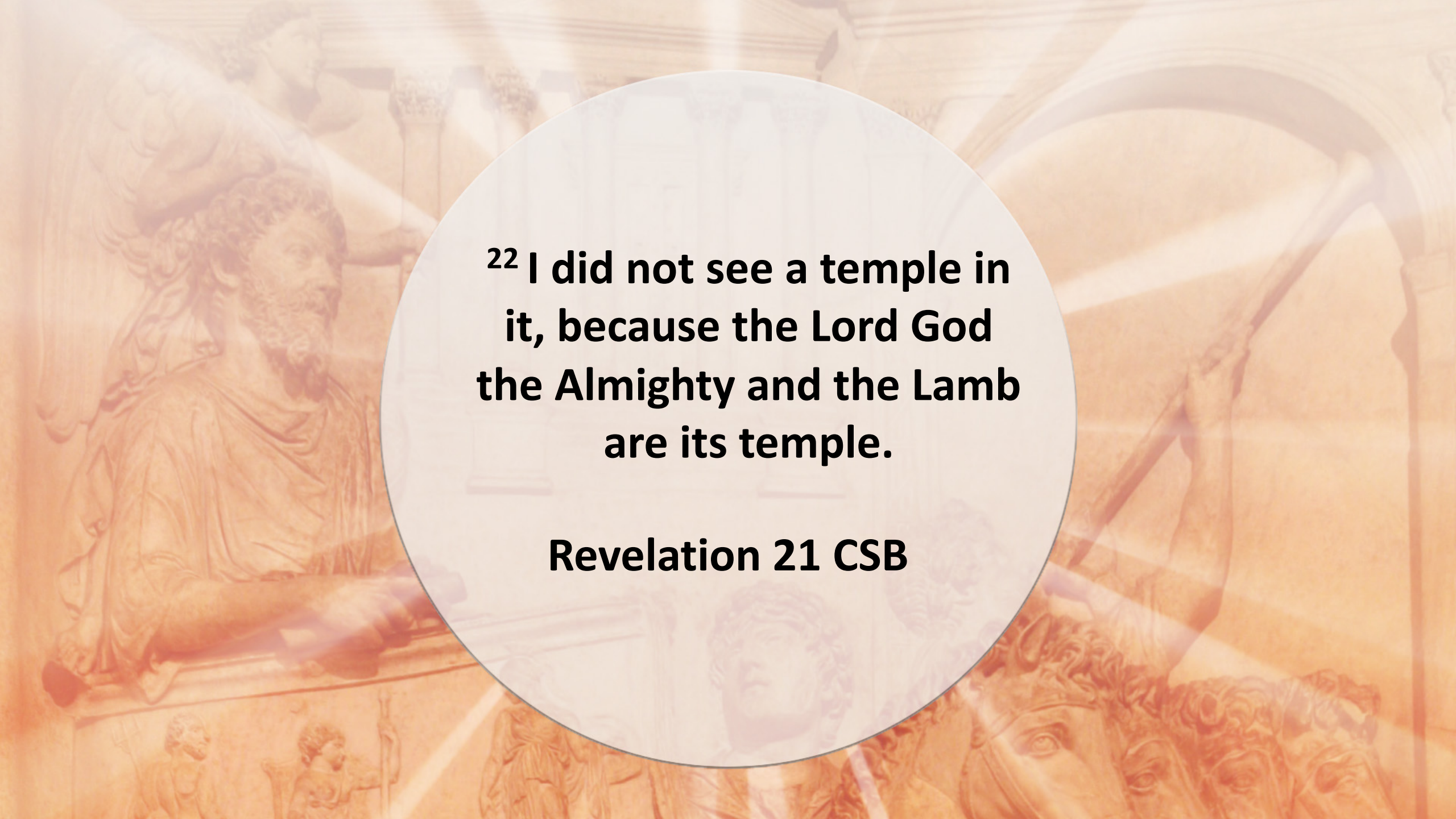
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***Expulsion from the Garden***  
**Thomas Cole, 1820**



***Tree of Life Reunion***  
**Eilee George, 2017**



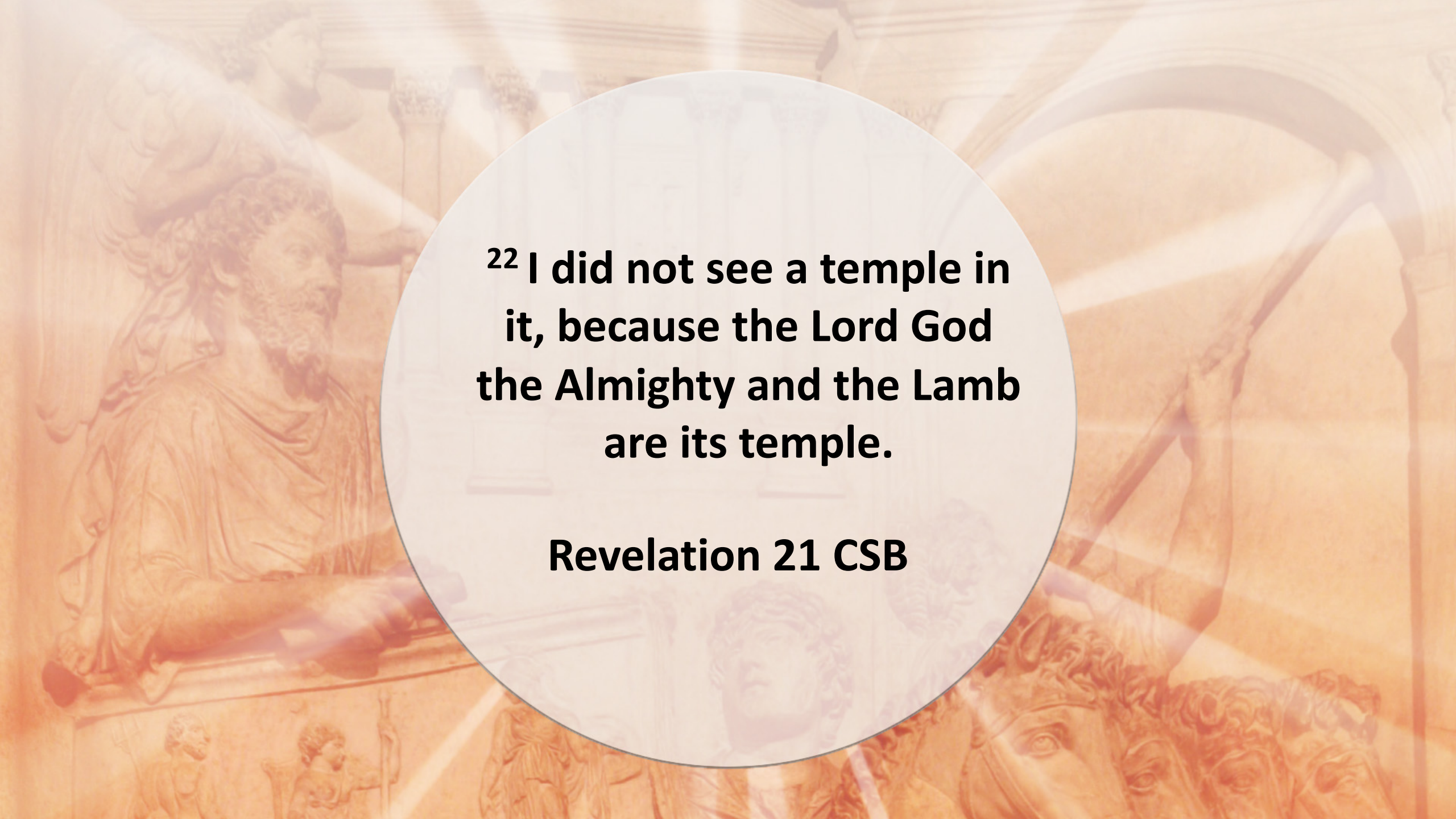
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**This city will serve as the eternal abode of several groups. It will be inhabited by the Triune God, the entire angelic host, the church saints, and [what Hebrews 12 calls] “the spirits of just men made perfect” – who are the Old Testament saints. They were *just* in their day because they were justified by their faith, but they were *made perfect* at the death of Christ. Not mentioned here but obviously included will be the tribulation saints and the millennial saints.**

**– Arnold Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah***



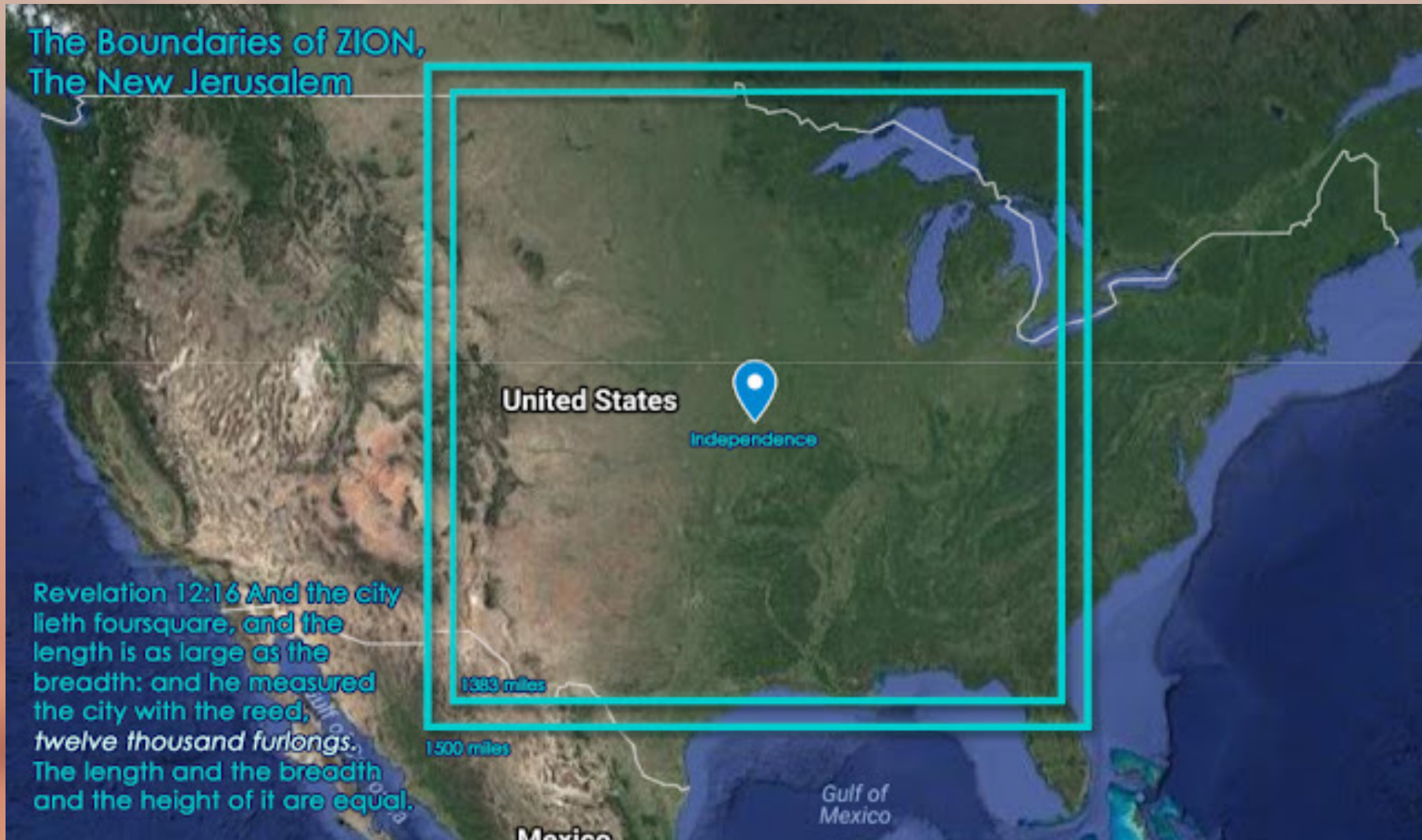




# ROME

THE ETERNAL CITY

The Boundaries of ZION,  
The New Jerusalem



Revelation 12:16 And the city  
lieth foursquare, and the  
length is as large as the  
breadth: and he measured  
the city with the reed,  
twelve thousand furlongs.  
The length and the breadth  
and the height of it are equal.

**Moscow is  
the New  
Jerusalem**



**The emphasis in the first century of the Good News was on eternal life. This was revolutionary news to a pagan culture that had no definite view of an after-life; and [what they had] was not positive. The central appeal of the Gospel in this first-century culture was the certainty of an eternal life that was going to be indescribably wonderful...Today, much of our church message emphasizes only how you can have a wonderful life on this present earth.**

**– Doug Greenwold,  
*Paul Engages the Roman World***



**I believe that nothing is more often misdiagnosed than our homesickness for the Eternal City. We think that what we want is sex, drugs, alcohol, a new job, a raise, a doctorate, a spouse, a large-screen television, a new car, a cabin in the woods, a condo in Hawaii. What we really want is the person we were made for, Jesus, and the place we were made for.**

**– Randy Alcorn, *Heaven***



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**<sup>10</sup> Then he said to me, “Don’t seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup> Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy.” <sup>12</sup> “Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. <sup>14</sup> “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

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**<sup>17</sup> Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely. <sup>18</sup> I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. <sup>19</sup> And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book.**

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**<sup>20</sup> He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”**

**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

**<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.**

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COMMENTARY

# REVELATION

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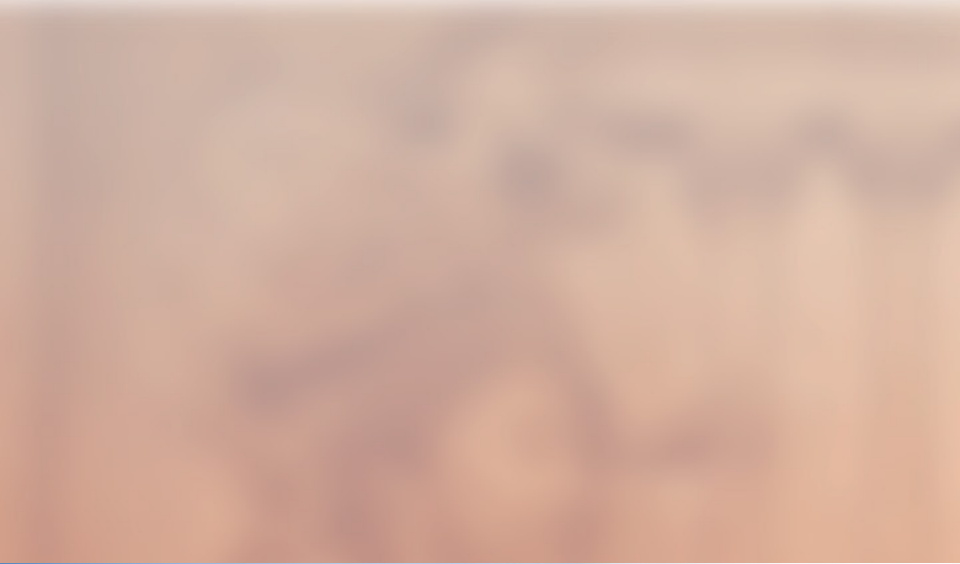
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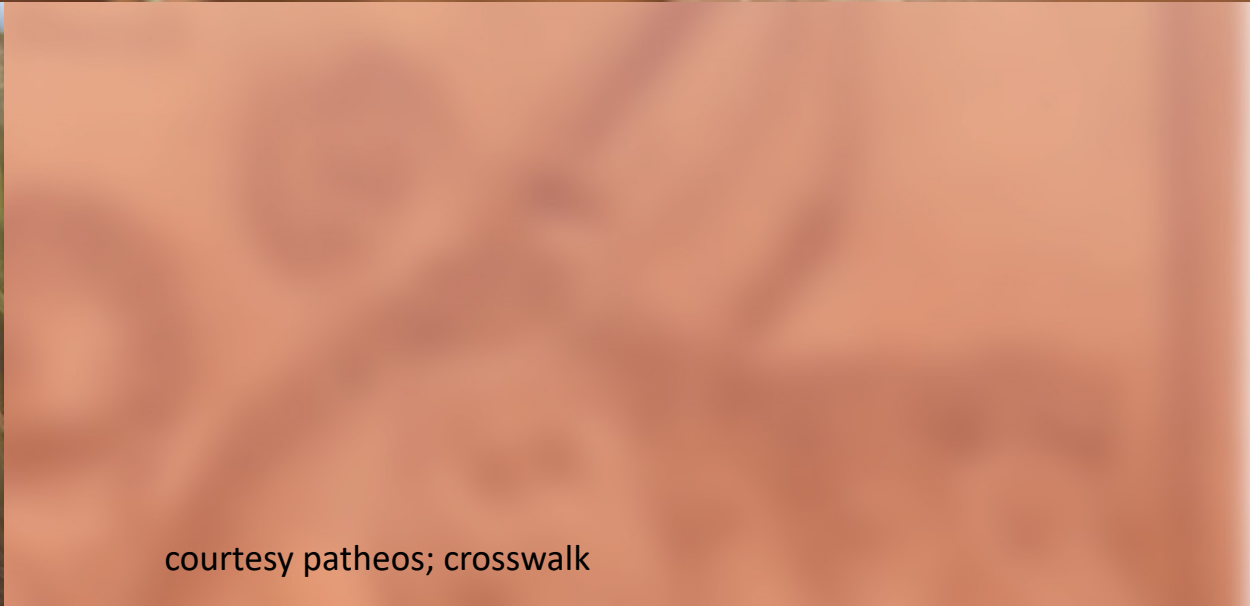
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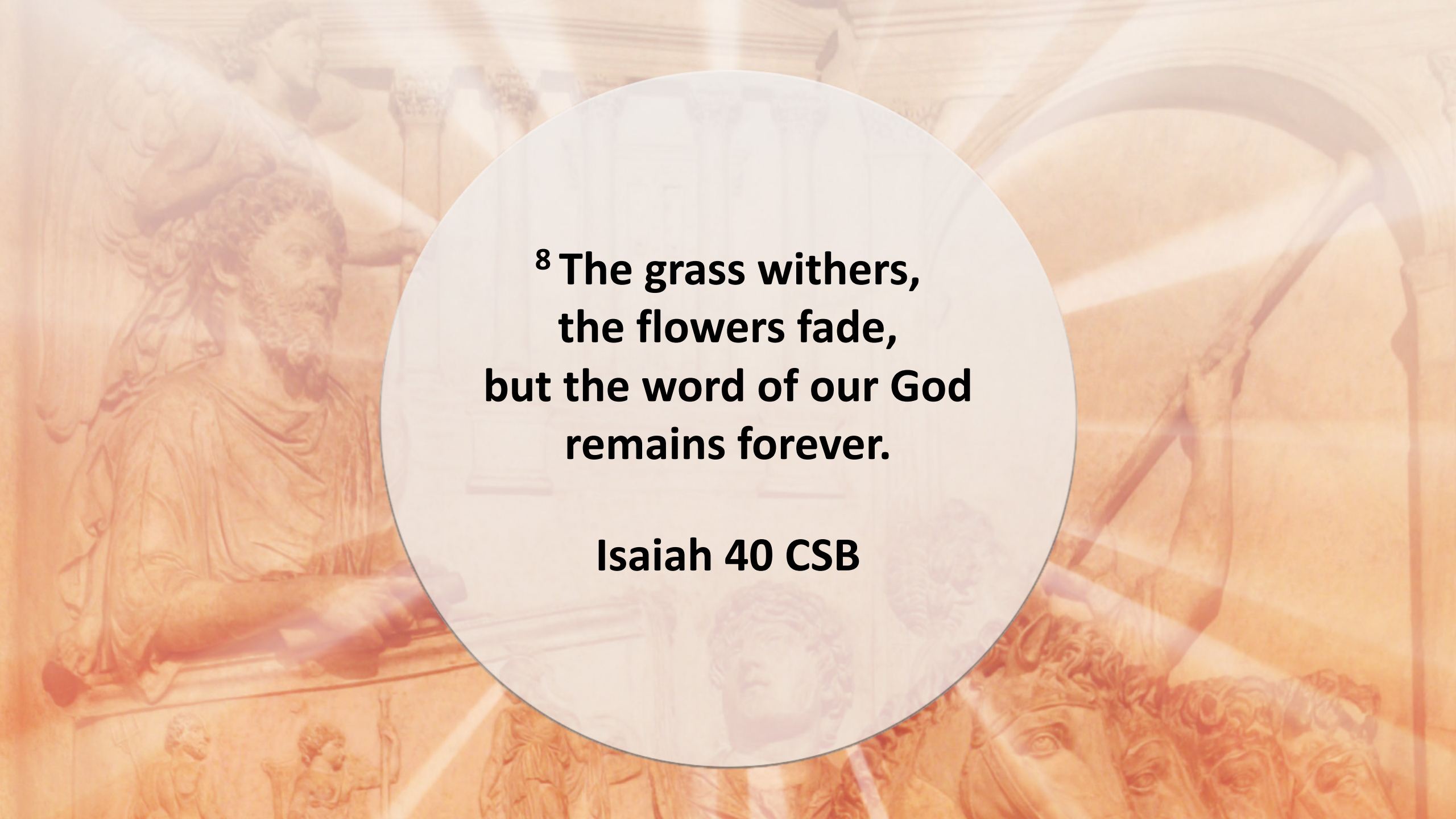
**From this**



**To this**



courtesy patheos; crosswalk



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Idolatry comes easily.



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## **Inside**

**Believers listed in the Lamb's Book of Life**

**Justified by faith in Messiah**

**Receive rewards at the bema (1 Cor 3, 2 Cor 5)**

**based on works done in God's grace**

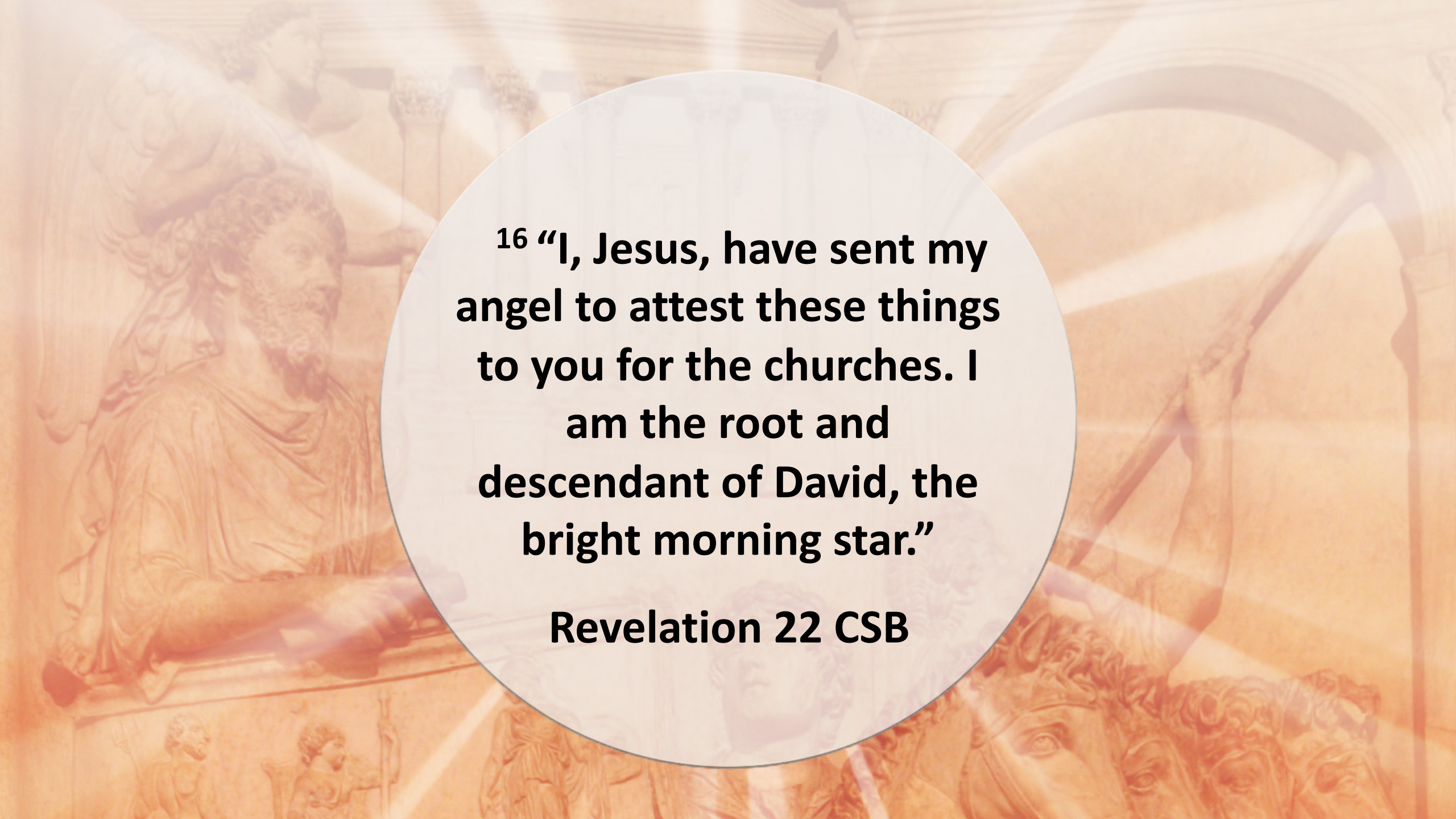
## **Outside**

**Rejecters erased from the Book of Life**

**Condemned by lack of trust in Jesus**

**Receive punishments (Rev 20) based on works**

**done in the flesh**



**<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the root and descendant of David, the bright morning star.”**

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## Inside

**Believers listed in the Lamb's  
Book of Life**

**Justified by faith in Messiah**

**Receive rewards at the bema  
based on works done in grace**

## Outside

**Rejecters erased from the  
Book of Life**

**Condemned by lack of trust in Jesus**

**Receive punishments (Rev 20)  
based on works done in the flesh**

**They know that they are eternally secure. Sin is shut out, and they are shut in. They dwell within a city which shall never be stormed; they bask in a sun which shall never set; they drink of a river which shall never dry; they pluck fruit from a tree which shall never wither.**

**Countless cycles may revolve, but eternity shall not be exhausted, and while eternity endures, their immortality and blessedness shall co-exist with it. They are forever with the Lord.**

**– Charles Haddon Spurgeon, “The Eternal State”**



**17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let anyone who hears, say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely. 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. 19 And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book. 20 He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

**21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with everyone. Amen.**

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**I hear the train a comin'  
And I smell smoky air  
Some day I'll be on that train  
Travelling home soon sitting right there  
  
The letters are nice but they are not the same  
  
Train is comin' though every day  
And I wait here alone  
One day you will be on the train  
And I'll finally be home  
– Andrea von Kampen, "Trainsong"**





AS WE SEE  
**THE DAY**  
APPROACHING