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κρατέω *kratéō*; Pres Act Imp.; 2s;
The imperative emphasizes
continuous action, the standard
procedure for the Christian life.

Revelation 2:24, “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

Revelation 2:25, “But **hold fast** [*kratei*] what you have till I come.”

Revelation 2:13, “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you **hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.**

Revelation 2:14, “But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who **hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.**

Revelation 2:15, “So you also have some who in the same way **hold** the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

1. **The crown of righteousness**, for the believer who advances to maturity, 2 Tim. 4:7–8; 2 Pet 3:13.

2. **The crown of life** to those who perseveres to
spiritual maturity,
James 1:12, Rev. 2:10

3. **The crown of glory** for pastors and missionaries who are faithful in their communication of the Word of God,
1 Pet 5:2–4

2 John 1:8, “Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.”

1 Corinthians 9:26, “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.”

1 Corinthians 9:24, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.”

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στέφανος, *stephanos*; a wreath made of foliage and worn by one of high status or held in high regard, wreath, crown; that which serves as adornment or source of pride, adornment, pride; award or prize for exceptional service or conduct, prize, reward.

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← ἀδόκιμος, *adokimos*;
“not standing the test,
then unqualified,
worthless,
disqualified from an
athletic competition.”

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Figuratively, any firm support, persons of authority and influence in the church (Gal. 2:9; Rev. 3:12); of the church as that which upholds the truth (1 Tim. 3:15).

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ναός *naós*; meaning a dwelling or temple. A synonym of ἱερός *hierós*, the entire area of a temple. *Naos* indicates the inner sanctum or the holy of holies where the Lord’s presence resided.

The victorious believer has inscribed upon him, three things:

The name of My God

The name of the city of My God

My new name

Exodus 28:36, “You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, *like* the engraving of a signet: **HOLINESS TO THE LORD.**

Exodus 28:37, “And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.



Exodus 28:38, “So it shall be on Aaron’s forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.”

Ezekiel 48:35, “All the way around *shall be* eighteen thousand cubits; and the name of the city from *that day shall be*: THE LORD *Is* THERE (*YHWH Shammah*).”



THE NEW JERUSALEM

**καινός *kainós*; qualitatively new, not new in
time or recent**

Isaiah 65:17, “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.”

A vibrant blue and white cosmic scene. A bright, glowing star or nebula is the central focus, emitting a strong light that illuminates the surrounding space. In the foreground, a large, dark planet with a thin atmosphere is visible. Several smaller celestial bodies, including moons and planets, are scattered throughout the scene, some appearing as bright points of light against the dark background. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and wonder, suggesting a new beginning or a new world.



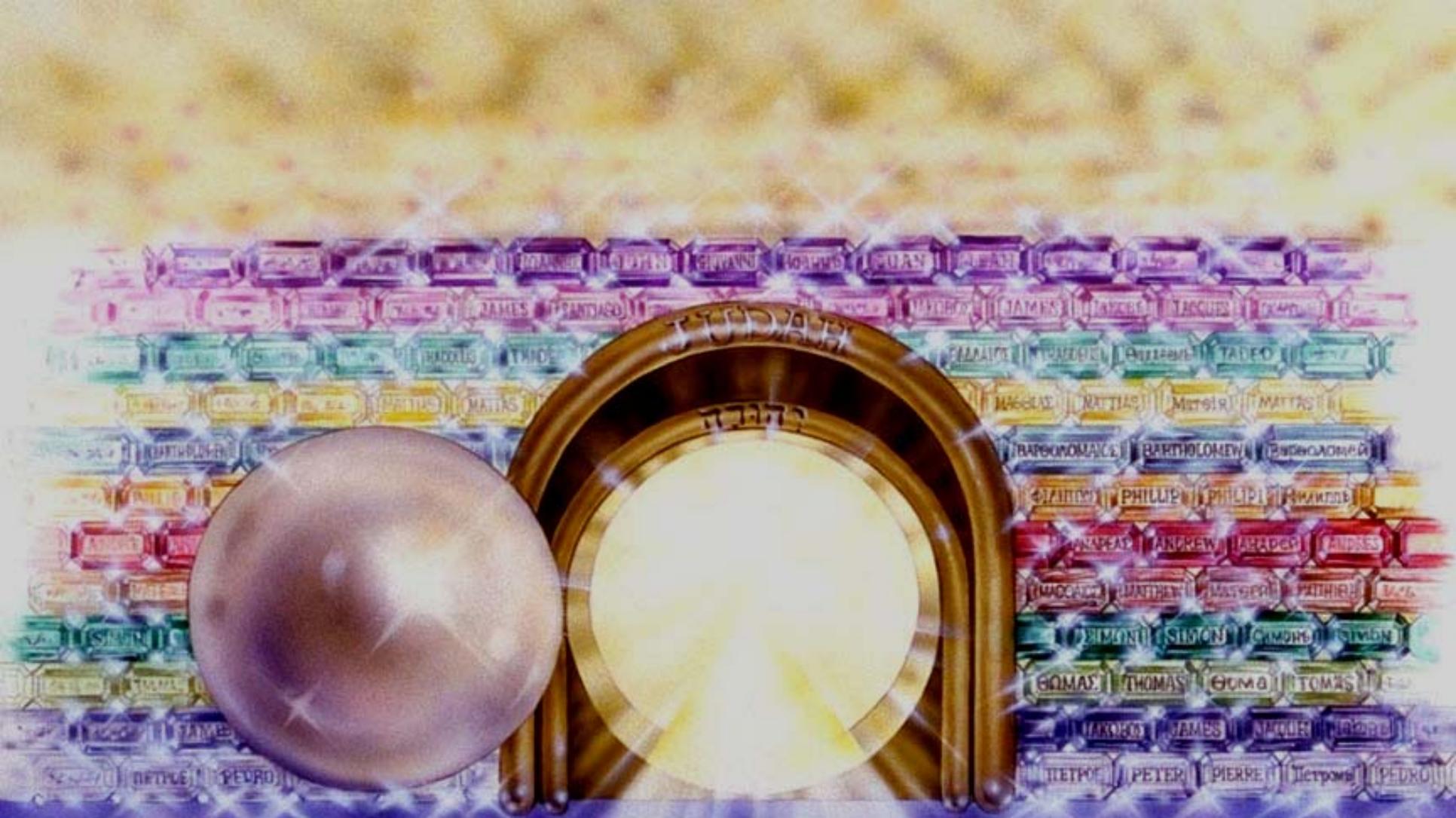
Isaiah 66:20, ““Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the LORD, ‘as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.’”



Isaiah 66:21, “‘And I will also take some of them for priests *and* Levites,’ says the LORD. Isaiah 66:22, “‘For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,’ says the LORD, ‘So shall your descendants and your name remain.’”

**3. The NJ descends from heaven
and is a heavenly city.**





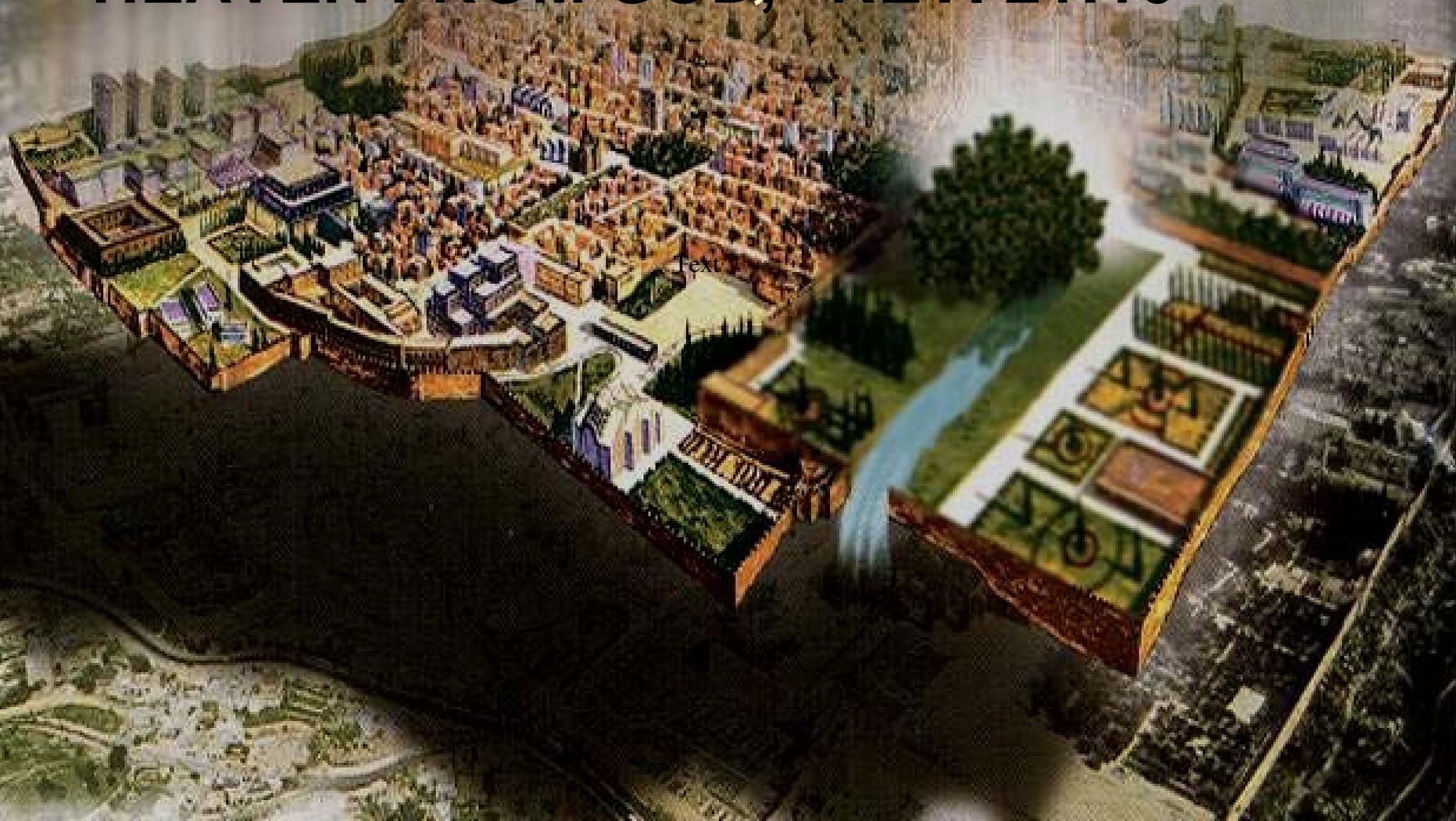
**4. The description of the NJ is in Rev
21:10–22:5**



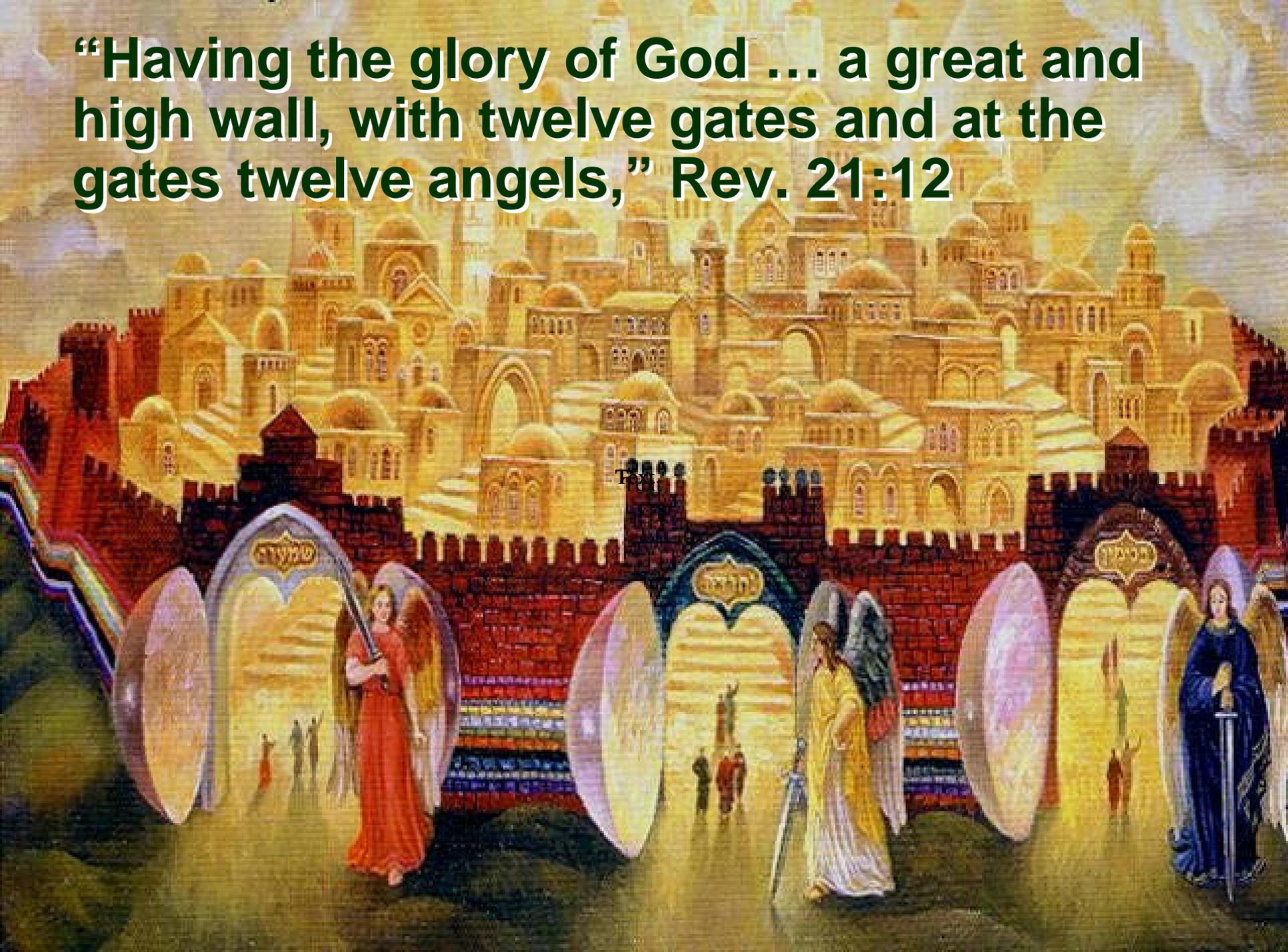
“And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the Tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them ...’”

Revelation 21:2–3

**“AND HE SHOWED ME THE HOLY CITY,
JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF
HEAVEN FROM GOD,” REV. 21:10**



“Having the glory of God ... a great and high wall, with twelve gates and at the gates twelve angels,” Rev. 21:12



**“And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God,
the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its temple,”
Rev. 21:22**



- 1. The theme of Jesus coming and then being crowned King is reflected in hymns.**

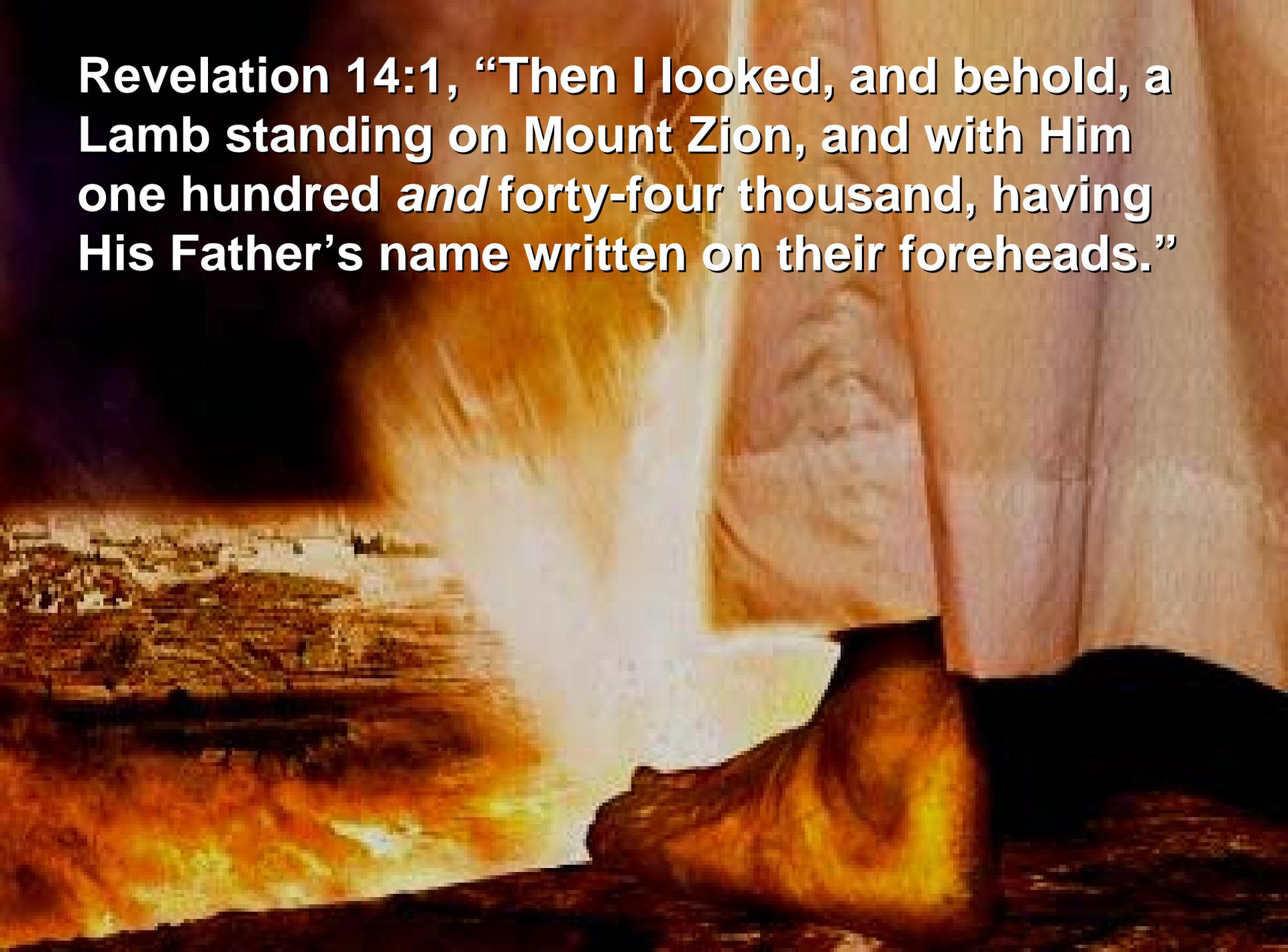
Matthew 25:31, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.”



2. At the end of the Tribulation the Antichrist is destroyed and replaced by Jesus the perfect King.

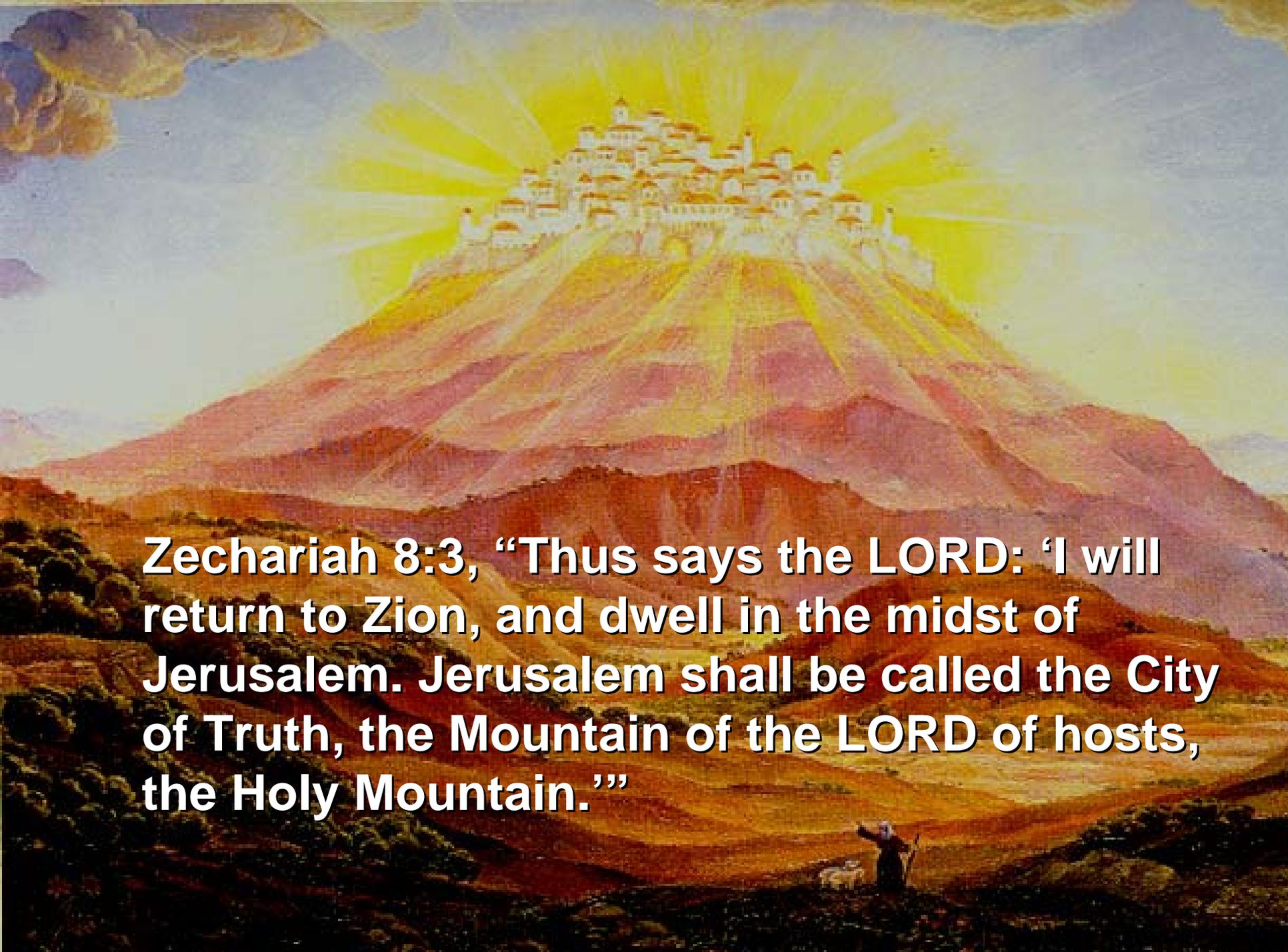


Revelation 14:1, “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred *and* forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.”



3. The future dwelling of Christ is upon the earth in the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem.



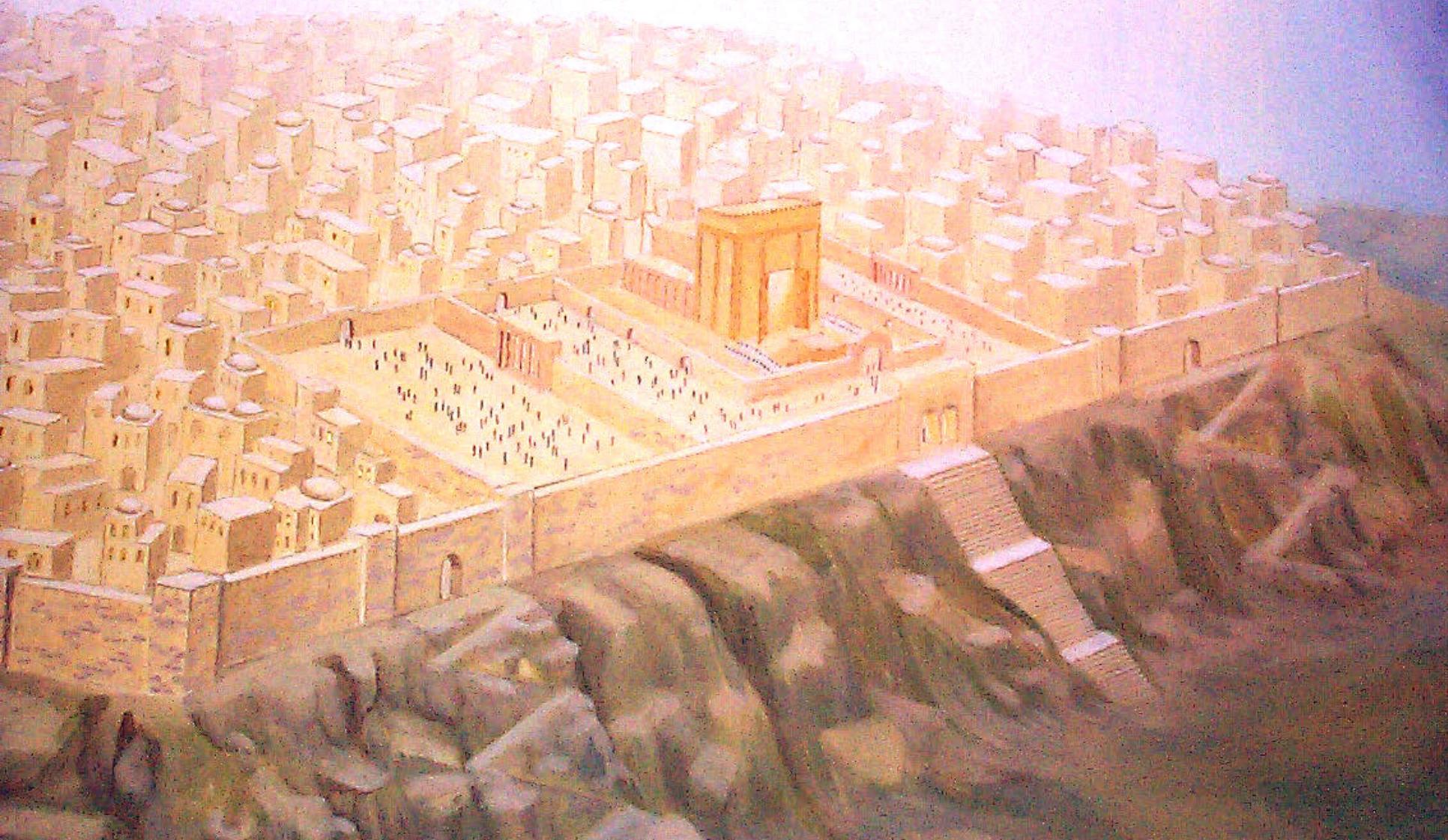
A painting depicting a city built on a mountain peak. The city is illuminated by a bright, golden light that radiates outwards, creating a halo effect around the buildings. The mountain slopes are rendered in shades of pink, purple, and red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, a lone figure stands on a dark, rocky outcrop, looking towards the city. The overall scene is one of divine glory and hope.

Zechariah 8:3, “Thus says the LORD: ‘I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain.’”

Zechariah 8:13, “And it shall come to pass *that* just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, let your hands be strong.”



4. Jerusalem will be the worldwide center for Spirituality.



An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the Temple Mount in the foreground and the city's walls and buildings extending into the distance. The image is used as a background for the text.

Zechariah 13:1, “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

Zechariah 13:2, “‘It shall be in that day,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘*that* I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.’”

Ezekiel 43:12, “This *is* the law of the temple: the whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the temple.”

Zechariah 14:20, “In that day ‘HOLINESS TO THE LORD’ shall be *engraved* on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Zechariah 14:21, “Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.”

5. The worship is centered on the Messiah and on the Millennial Temple.

Zechariah 14:9, “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be – ‘The LORD *is* one,’ and His name one.”

Zechariah 14:16, “And it shall come to pass *that* everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

“Now it will come about in the last days, the mountain of the house of the Lord will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it .” — Isaiah 2:2–3a



“And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways, and that we may walk in His paths.’” – **Isaiah 2:3b**



And my new name.

Rev. 3:13, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”