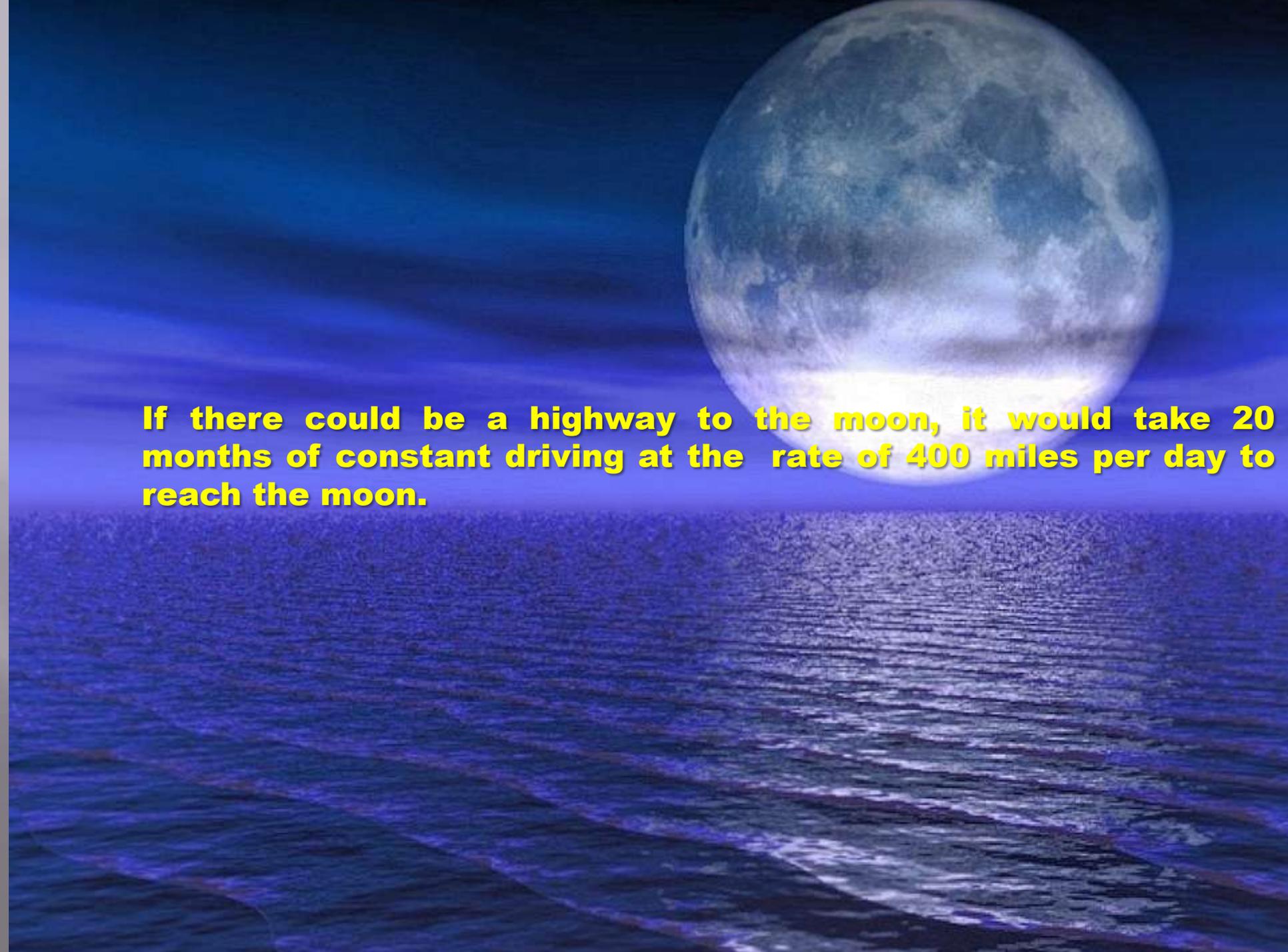


PILLARS OF FAITH VI

Back to the Original Plan



If there could be a highway to the moon, it would take 20 months of constant driving at the rate of 400 miles per day to reach the moon.



If there could be a railroad stretching to the sun, a streamlined train travelling 90 mph non-stop, day and year after year, would require 116 years to reach the sunny land

An airplane flying at 500 mph would have to travel non-stop for 500 years to reach the nearest fixed star.

Millions of people are anticipating, although for different reasons, a time when they can leave this planet and migrate to another happier, less cluttered world in space.

Many believe that time is running out for this overcrowded, polluted planet which has been so misused for over 6000 years.

For survival purposes only, they hope to move into an orbiting satellite, made scientifically secure by fail-proof technology.

There, in an artificially sustained, friendly environment, they hope to become pioneers of a new space world for the restless human beings.

It is easy to empathize with those who are fed up with the distressing problems of planet Earth and who want to immigrate to some more pleasing environment. But will the artificial conditions in a self-contained space colony be greatly superior to our worn-out earth?

Death and disease can be no more avoided in space than they can right here. Crime and injustice would follow human beings wherever they might travel in the universe

Disappointments and heart-wrenching sorrow would continue to mark the brief course of human existence, simply because man's greatest problem is man himself!

**Humans can not elude their own selfish nature by fleeing to another location-even to another planet!
Neither can they escape from their mortality by changing environments!**



Back to the original plan

God gave to our first parents: life, a righteous character, a beautiful home and dominion over the earth.

The first three chapters of the Bible (Gen: 1,2 and 3) present the wonderful story of God's perfect creation, but also the entrance of sin with its horrific consequences.

The last three chapters of the Bible (Revelation 20-22) picture the exact opposite by telling the restoration of all things. The exit of sin and Satan, and the removal of the curse from (Gen: 3:17-19).

We can thank the Lord that He is going to restore this exhausted, polluted, overcrowded, blood-soaked old planet. Isaiah 65:17, Revelation 21: 1.

What is the Biblical picture of heaven?

A perfect place: “Nevertheless we according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, where indwelleth righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13)

A real place: “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” (Hebrews 11: 16)

We are going have real bodies: “Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body” (Philippians 3:21)

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not and bones, as ye see me have” (Luke 24: 39)



We are going to have active lives: “And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy work of their hands.” (Isaiah 65: 21-22)

We will know each other: “For now we see through glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known” (1 Corinthians 13: 12)

If I understand the English language at all, this means that we will know one another better when we get up there than we do here. We see things very dimly here, and we misunderstand each other often. This will never happen in the new earth. We will know each other clearly and plainly.

Jesus said that, “many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven “ (Matthew 8:11)

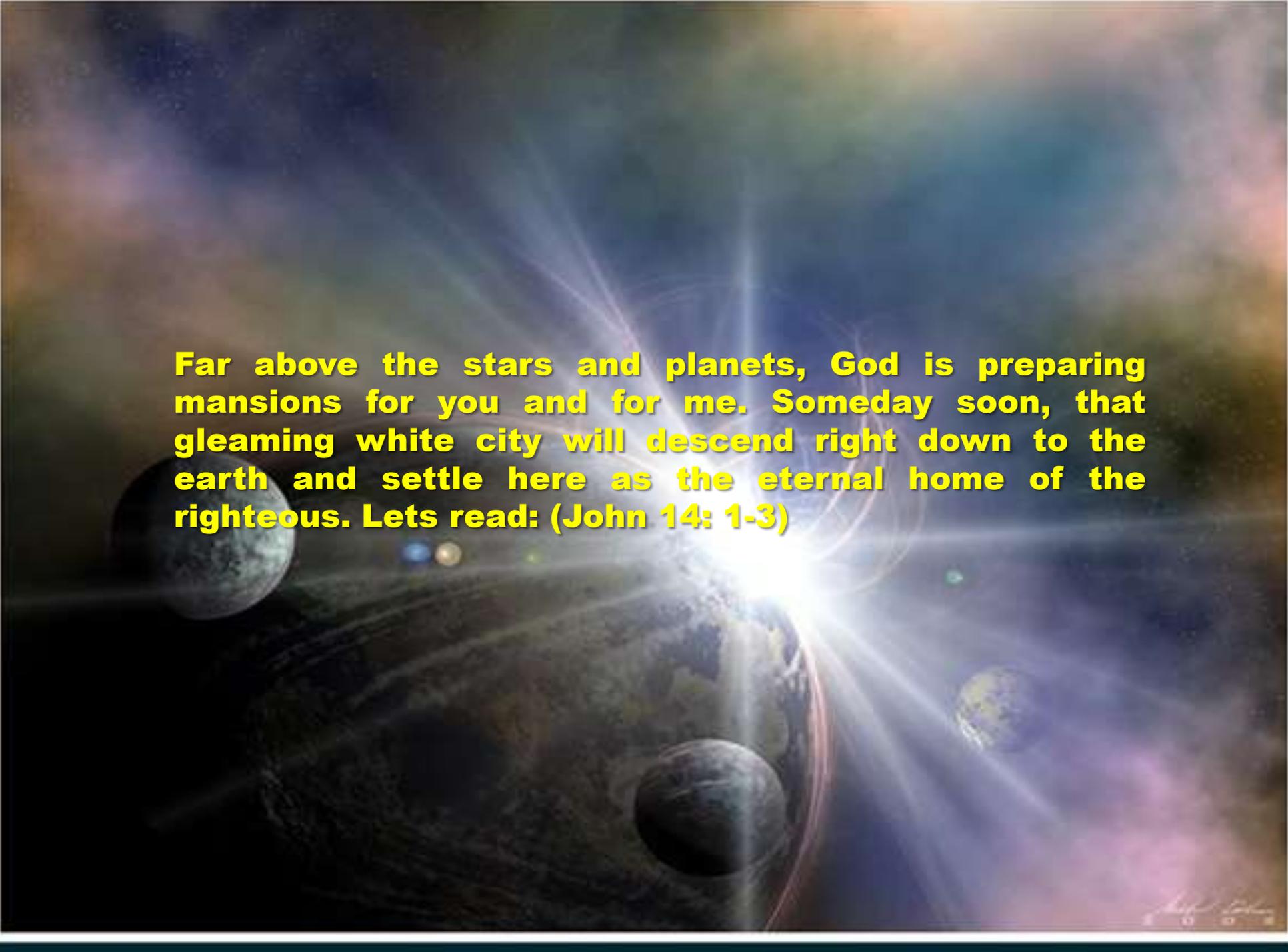
Heaven is the most exciting imaginable place!

The capital city of the future glory land is called the New Jerusalem, and it is currently under construction according to the testimony of Jesus.

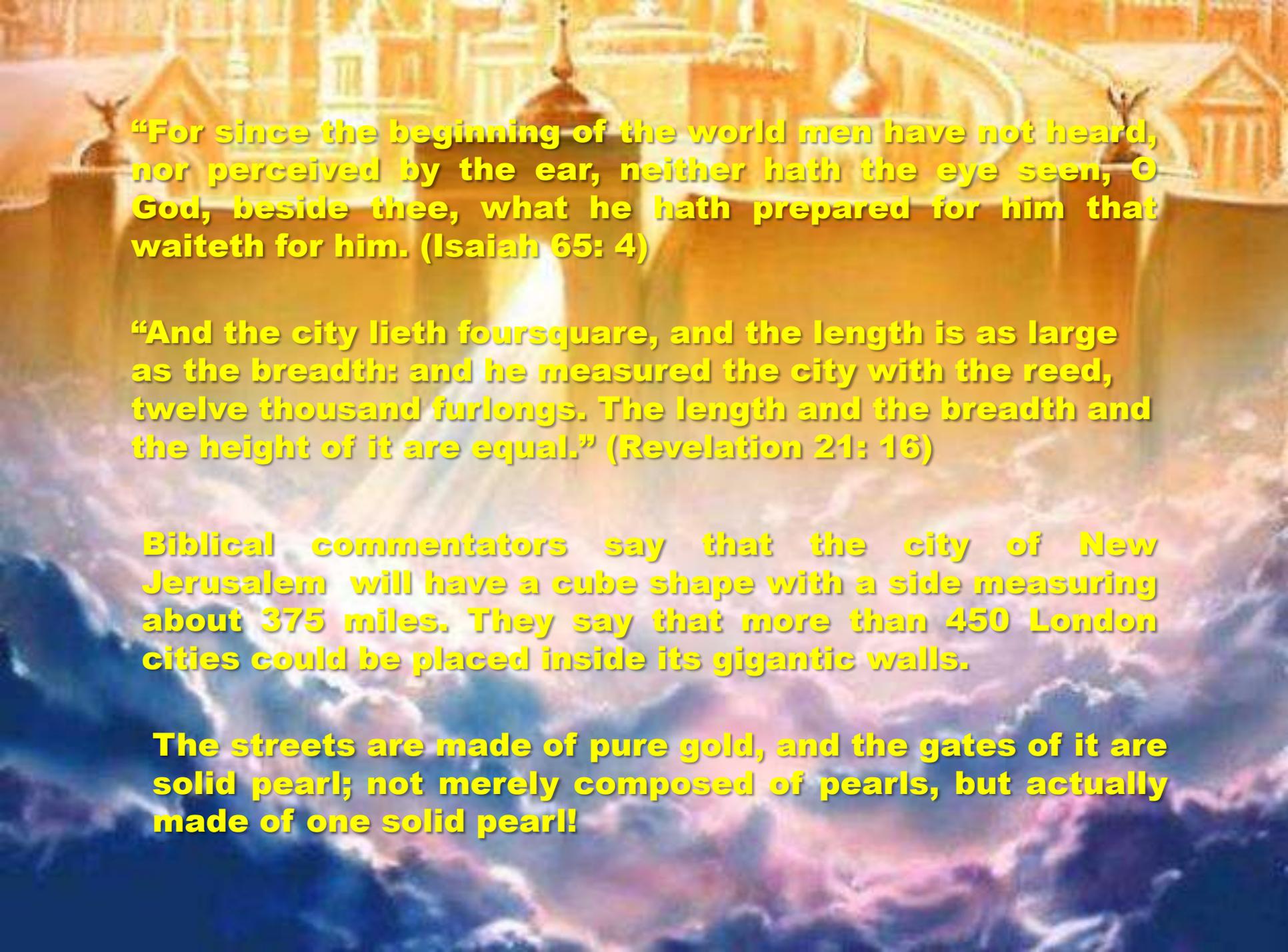
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John the disciple of Jesus saw it in a vision: “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” (Revelation 21: 2)

Moreover, “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.” (Revelation 21: 16)

A cosmic scene featuring a bright light source, possibly a star or galaxy core, emitting rays of light. The light illuminates several planets and moons, including a large Earth-like planet in the foreground. The background is a vast, colorful galaxy with purple and blue hues. The overall atmosphere is ethereal and divine.

Far above the stars and planets, God is preparing mansions for you and for me. Someday soon, that gleaming white city will descend right down to the earth and settle here as the eternal home of the righteous. Lets read: (John 14: 1-3)



“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him. (Isaiah 65: 4)

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Biblical commentators say that the city of New Jerusalem will have a cube shape with a side measuring about 375 miles. They say that more than 450 London cities could be placed inside its gigantic walls.

The streets are made of pure gold, and the gates of it are solid pearl; not merely composed of pearls, but actually made of one solid pearl!

City Mansion and Country Estate

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 14:1-3)

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**“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”
(Isaiah 11: 6-9)**

This is how the new earth will be like:

There will be no limit to what you can learn. We will have the whole eternity before us to learn and understand.

If you don't know anything about music, take a music course. Join the heavenly choir.

You can learn architecture. You can learn to build.

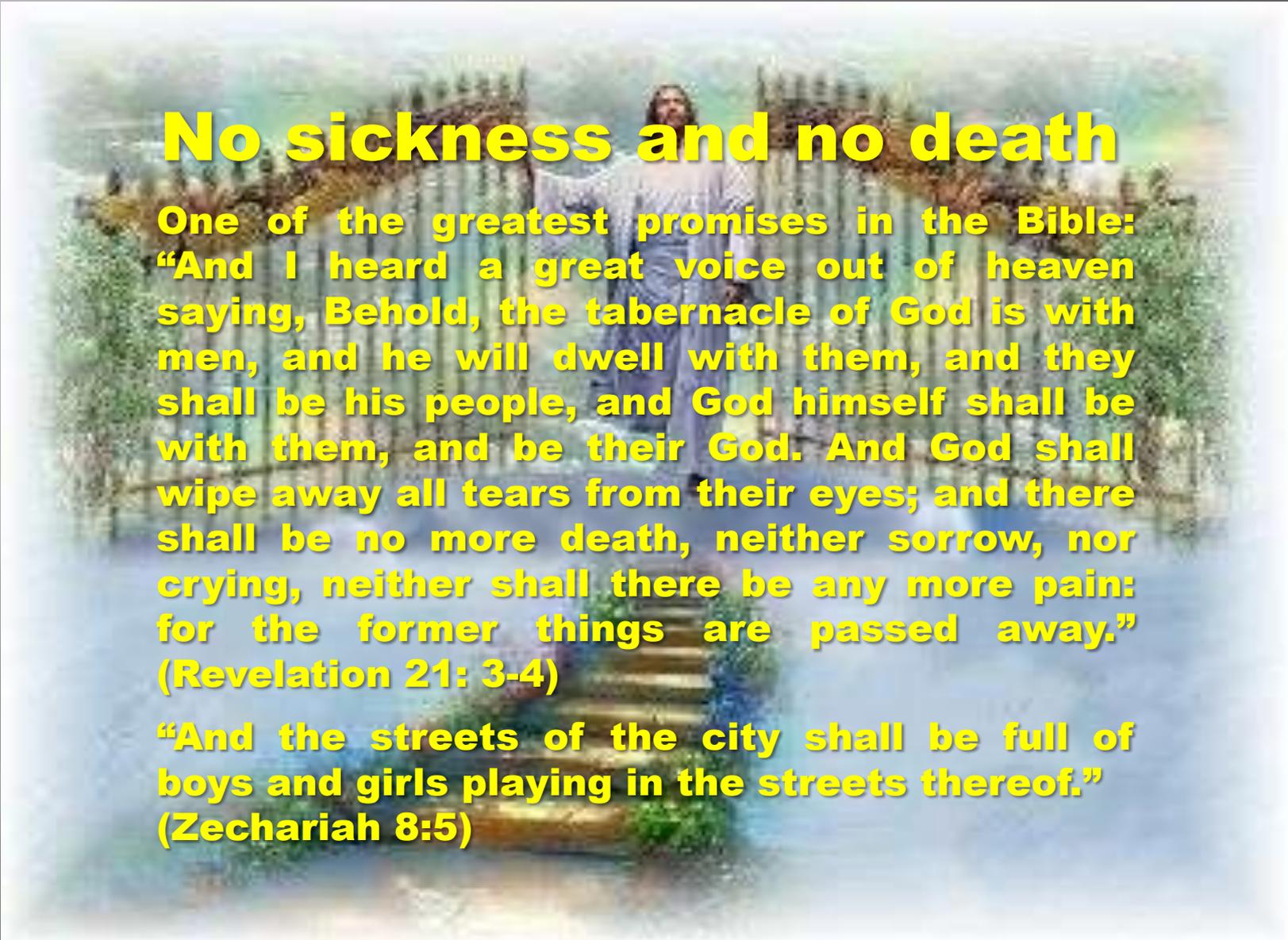
You can learn about nature.

Or maybe astronomy.

Or maybe you like traveling. We will be able to visit billions of exciting planets, solar systems and galaxies that were never spoiled by the touch of sin.

We will be able to travel with a speed faster than the speed of light. Like the Angels can do it now.

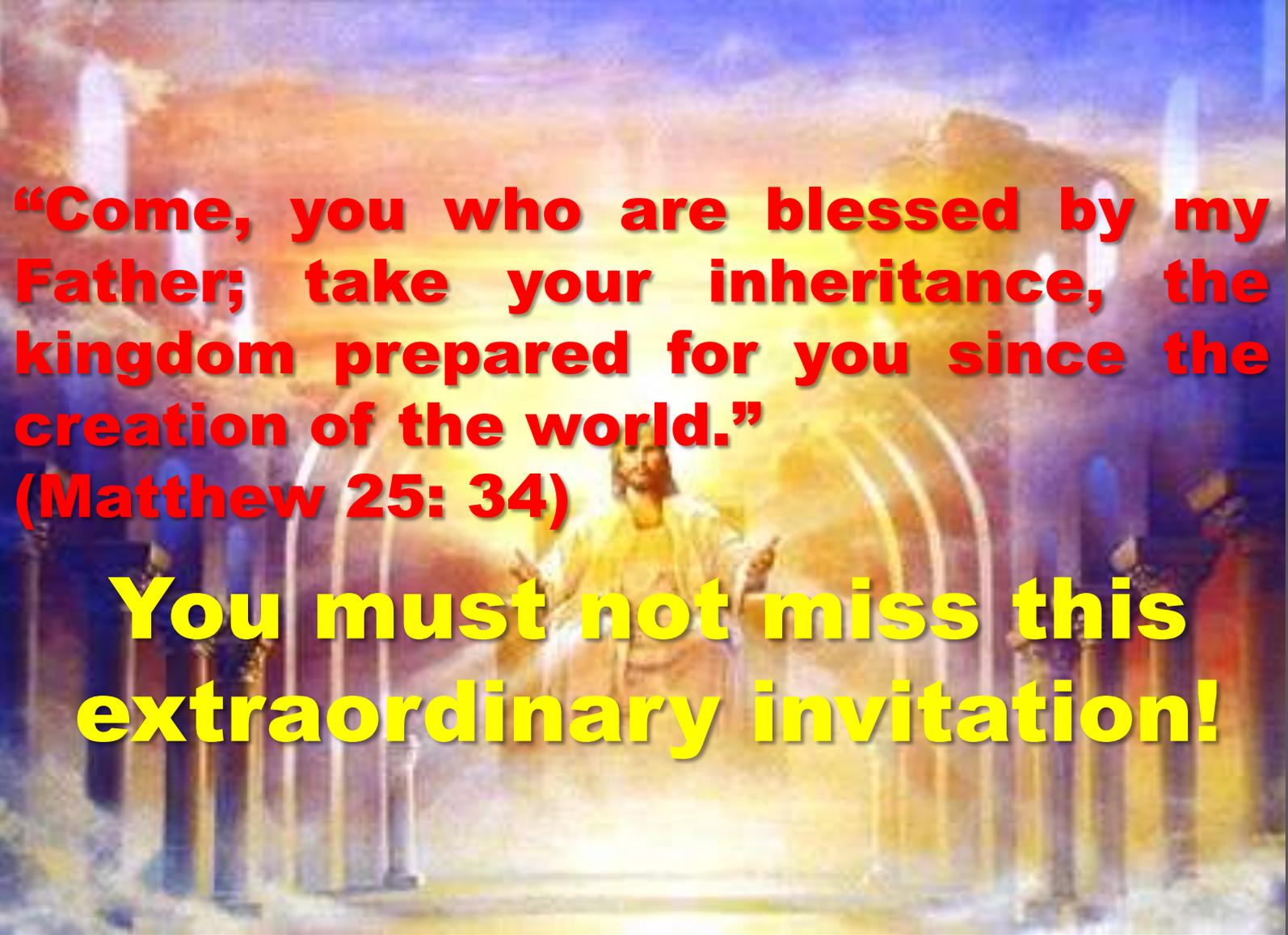
Maybe you are interested in people. We will be able to ask Noah for example about the flood story, Abraham about his experience with Isaac on Mt. Moriah or Daniel about lion's den, etc.



No sickness and no death

**One of the greatest promises in the Bible:
“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. 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.”
(Revelation 21: 3-4)**

**“And the streets of the city shall be full of
boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.”
(Zechariah 8:5)**



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

(Matthew 25: 34)

You must not miss this extraordinary invitation!