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on streets of gold.

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We're headed for the heavenly city, New Jerusalem, which will come down from God out of Heaven and dwell with men. This is the hope of all ages—that wonderful crystal-golden city where we shall dwell with God forever. That will be the thunderous climax of the symphony of God, and is described in the grand finale of the Bible, the book of Revelation, chapters 21 and 22. Our eternal home will be a place of such resplendent beauty that it is completely beyond the imagination of man.

"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come" (Heb.13:14), "whose builder and maker is God" (Heb.11:10).



The most stupendous things that you have never even dreamed of are already in existence right now, in that wonderful heavenly city, and our departed friends and loved ones are already there, enjoying Heaven and all its thrills. So, keep your eyes ahead on the goal, like those in Hebrews 11, the faith chapter. They were willing to go through all the trials and tribulations and to be strangers and pilgrims here—people without a city or country—because they knew they had a heavenly one coming.

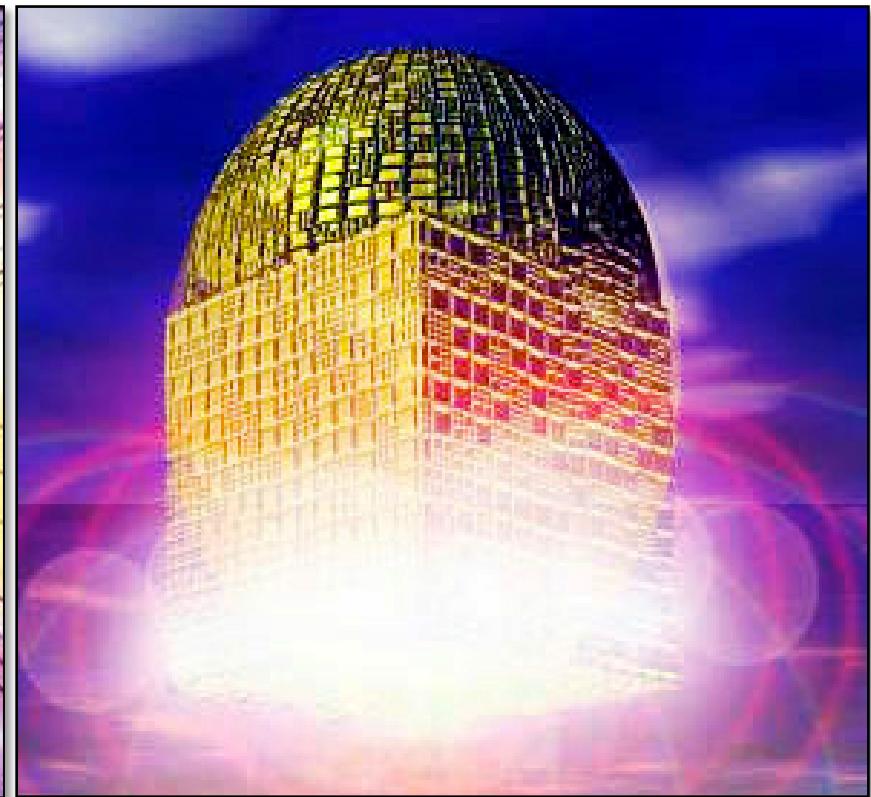
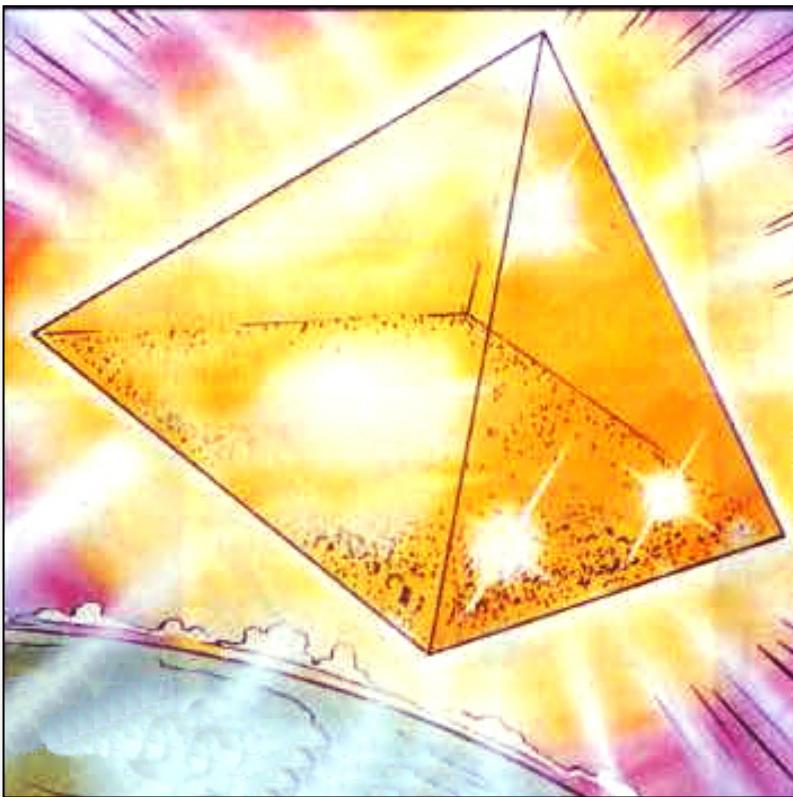
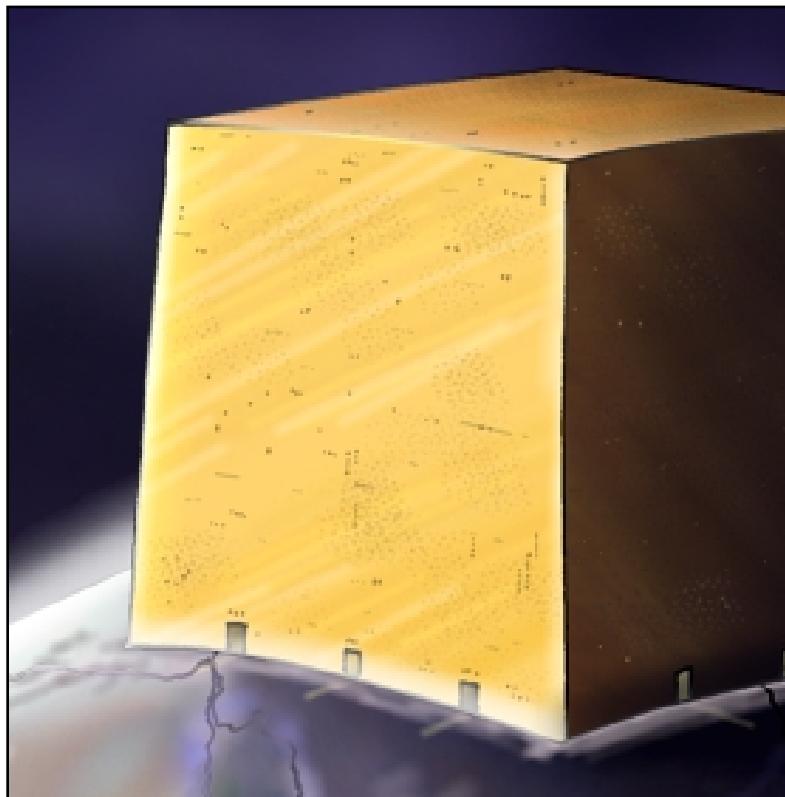


Heb.11:13, 16 *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.*

The Bible doesn't specifically say what shape it is, but it definitely says it is foursquare! The base is a square 2,400 kilometers wide. (**Rev.21:16**) Well, what kind of a building are you going to build on a square unless it's either a cube or a pyramid or some very odd-shaped thing like a poly-dome, if it's going to be just as high as it is wide? And although we can't prove from the Bible that it is pyramidal, there are some scriptures about Heaven which seem to indicate that it could be so.

Heb.12:22 says, "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem!"--So it could be mountain-shaped! And several other Scriptures speak of "the Mountain of the Lord's House." (**Isa.2:2; Mic.4:1.**) And if there's anything that would look like a mountain, imagine a 2,400-kms-high pyramid!

In this study, we are using the pyramid shape.



WE'RE NOT GOING TO HEAVEN! --HEAVEN IS COMING DOWN TO US!

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 is going to come down from God, out of Heaven, to a New Earth, and



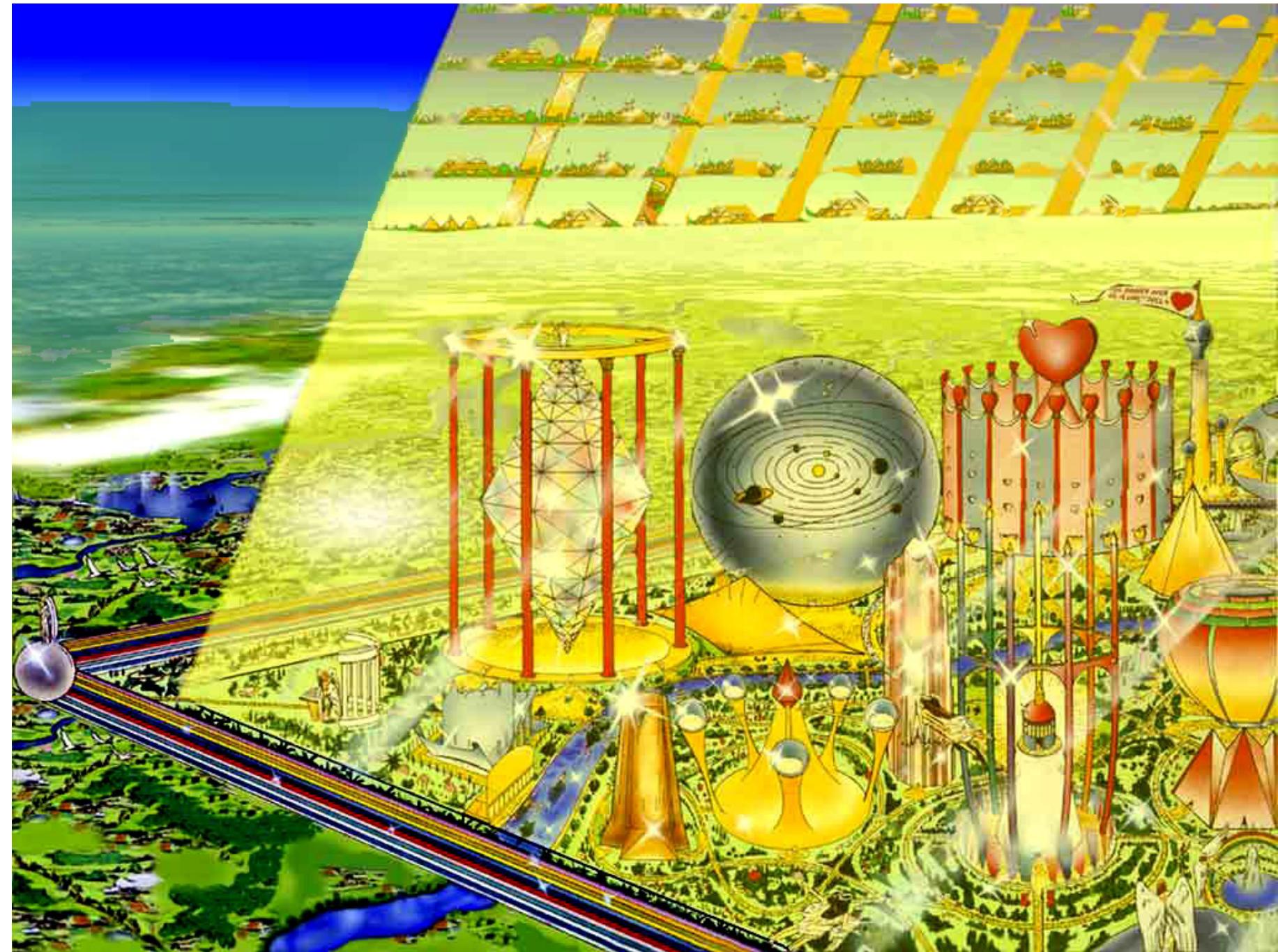
God's going to come down and live with us, and us with Him! Think of that! The Dwelling Place of God is going to be with men!

Rev.21:2, 3 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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.

But first the Lord is going to purge, purify and renew the whole Earth, so that it will be perfect, beautiful like the Garden of Eden, a New Heaven and a New Earth, and then the Holy Heavenly City is going to come down and the Lord will be restored forever as the King of kings and His Kingdom will be established as the New World order! It will be beautiful, gorgeous, incomparable, almost indescribable, the most gorgeous sight you'll ever want to see! --Full of precious stones and jewels, and best of all full of precious souls!

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.*





**THANK GOD FOR HEAVEN AND
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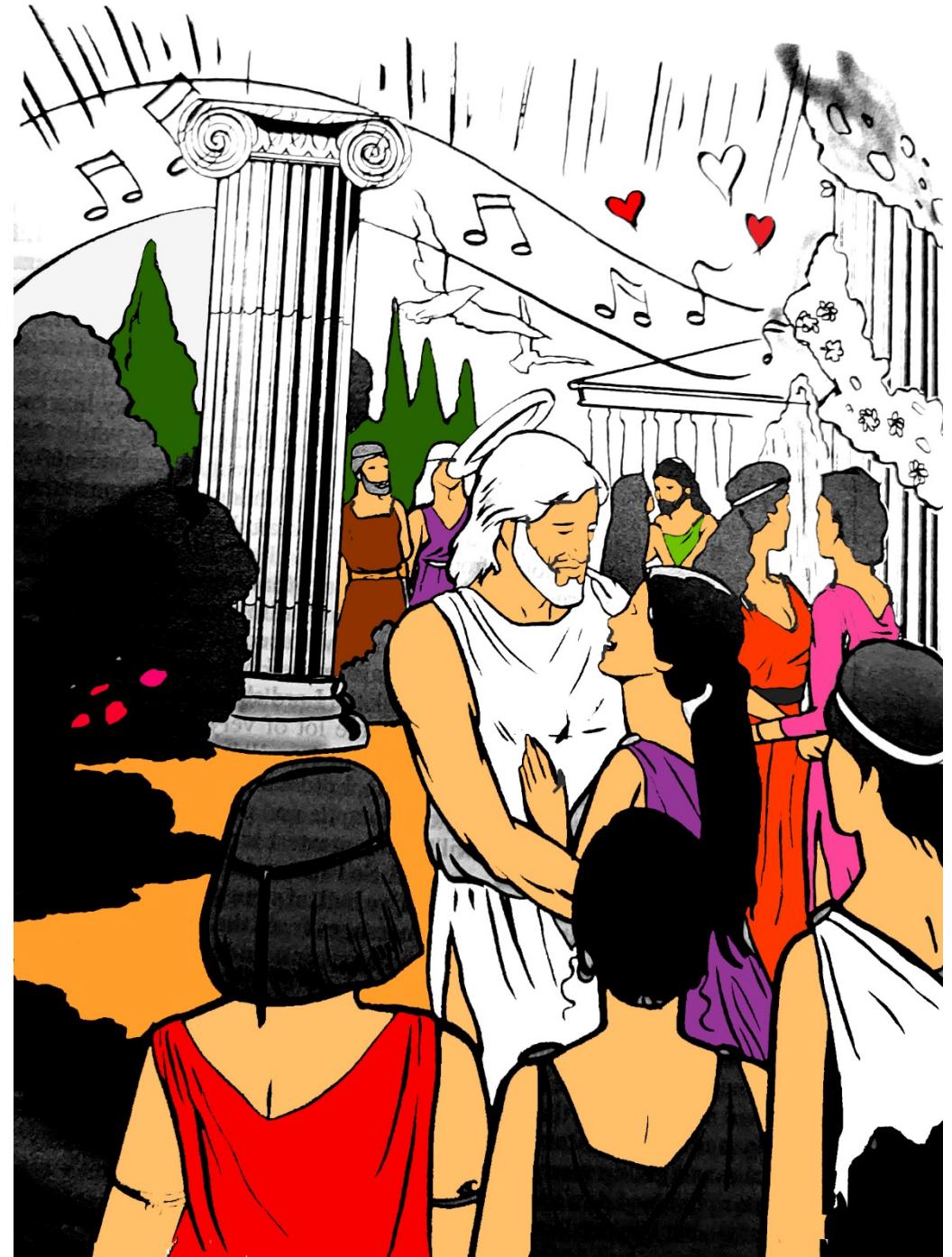
Wouldn't you just love to enjoy all the blessings you have right now without any pain, sickness, death, weariness, or any of the other difficulties of this present life? We will never get to truly enjoy life to the full as long as sin and its results are in the world, but in Heaven there will be none of these. There all of our heart's desires will be fulfilled.

Rev.21:4, 5 ... there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

It's going to be a sinless new world where everything will be a joy and a pleasure and perfect, with peace and harmony and cooperation and love for all. Everything there will be true—the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth! Everybody there will be like Jesus—good and honest and loving and caring and kind. It will be the perfect society, where everyone will be in perfect fellowship with each other and the Lord. Isn't that beautiful?

God's plan is not going to be defeated. He's going to bring us through to final perfection the way He originally intended. We will have eternal, wonderful happiness, joy, and paradise, similar to what we who love the Lord have now, only it will be far better and it will be forever!

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)



"SOWN IN WEAKNESS ... RAISED IN POWER" (1 Cor.15:43).

In Heaven, your new body is going to resemble your present body, only it will be much more beautiful and wonderful. It will be eternal, thrilling, and glorious.

When God created the life cycle of butterflies, it was almost as though He was illustrating resurrection. They hatch from eggs into little wormlike caterpillars. Then, after a short life as an earthbound bug, they wrap themselves up in a cocoon called a chrysalis, almost like a coffin, and it seems they die. But then spring comes and suddenly the coffin splits open and out comes a beautiful butterfly. Once it was just a little crawling insect, the lowliest of all creatures, but

all of a sudden it breaks out of its cocoon in the form of a beautiful butterfly that flies in the heavens—one of the prettiest of all creatures!



"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

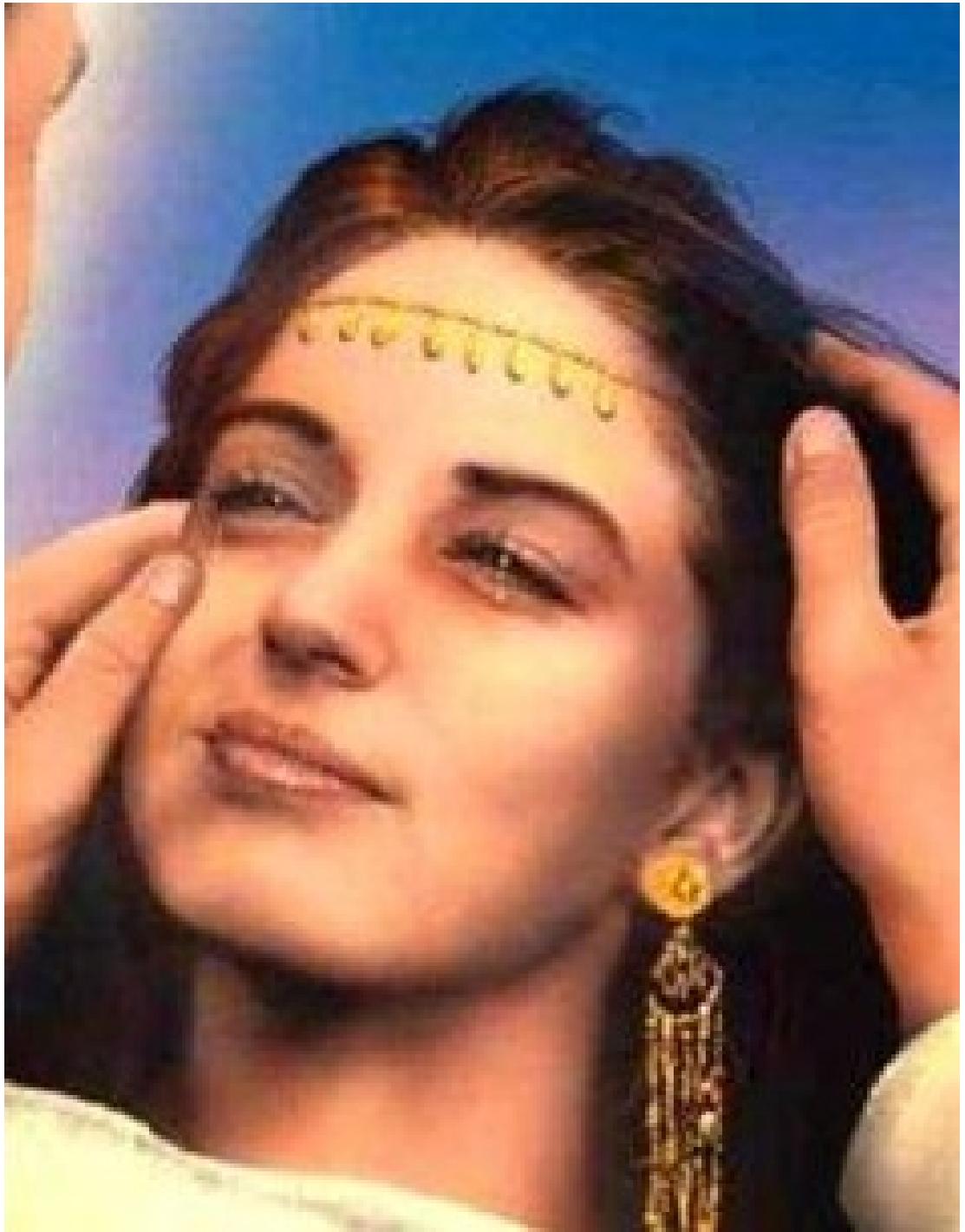
(Phi.3:21).

"Beloved, 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..." (1 John 3:2)

Like the difference between a grain of wheat and the full-grown, full-blown stalk and head that comes from that grain, or the flower that comes from one tiny seed, that's how much better your new heavenly body is going to be (**1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-58**). You're going to be like the angels of God (**Luke 20:36**).

*“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption... it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body... And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” (**1 Cor. 15:42, 44, 49**)*





***"GOD WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES"
(Rev. 21:4).***

The Bible doesn't say there aren't going to be any tears in Heaven. When we get to Heaven and face God, we will no doubt all have a few tears to shed for mistakes we made and opportunities we missed. We'll have a few tears when we think about all that we could have done but failed to do—all the unfinished work we left behind and loved ones that we'll wish we'd loved more and been kinder to. We will all have something to be sorry about and ashamed of then.

But isn't God wonderfully loving and merciful? He says He's going to wipe away all those tears. He's going to wipe away all memory of those evil years and then there will be no more pain, death, sorrow, or tears—only wonderful eternal happiness, joy, and paradise forever and ever. He'll make up for all of our mistakes and lacks somehow.

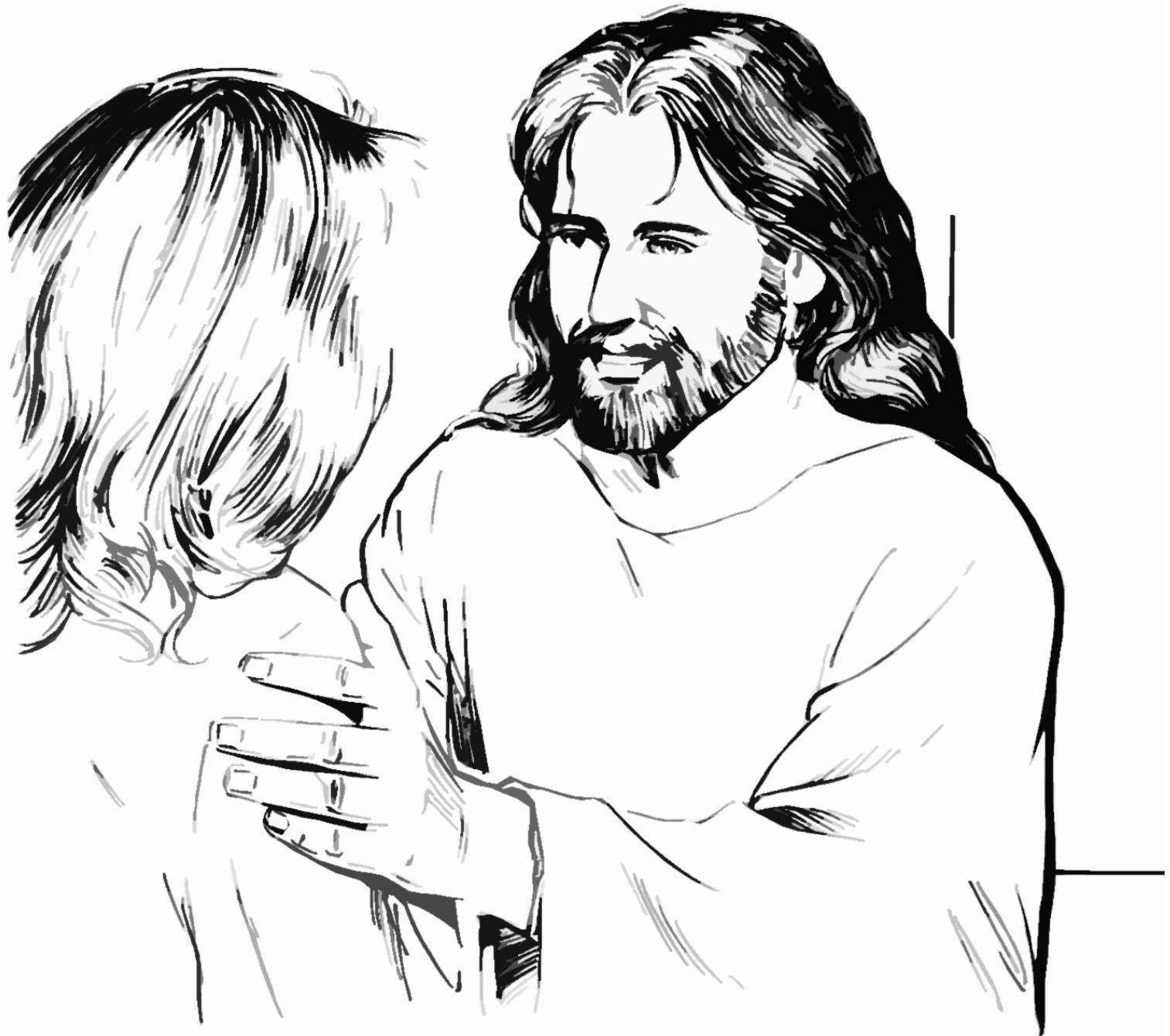
Just a little more sorrow and a little more crying, just a little more pain, and then these things of time shall be no more. We shall forget the sorrows of the past for the glories of the future.

God's tomorrow is a beautiful place. We'll be with Jesus and all our loved ones.

ISA.25:8, 9 *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces... 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.*

He will wipe away our tears, and the former things shall be forgotten in the glories of the ecstasies of the Kingdom to come.





"EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CANNOT HEAL"

—Thomas Moore (1779-1852).

God's Word is always a comfort and the voice of His Spirit is always an encouragement in the hour of greatest trial. The Bible says, *"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us"* (Rom. 8:18).

When we think about that, it helps us bear some of the things we have to go through now.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and the end of life's road.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor.4:17).

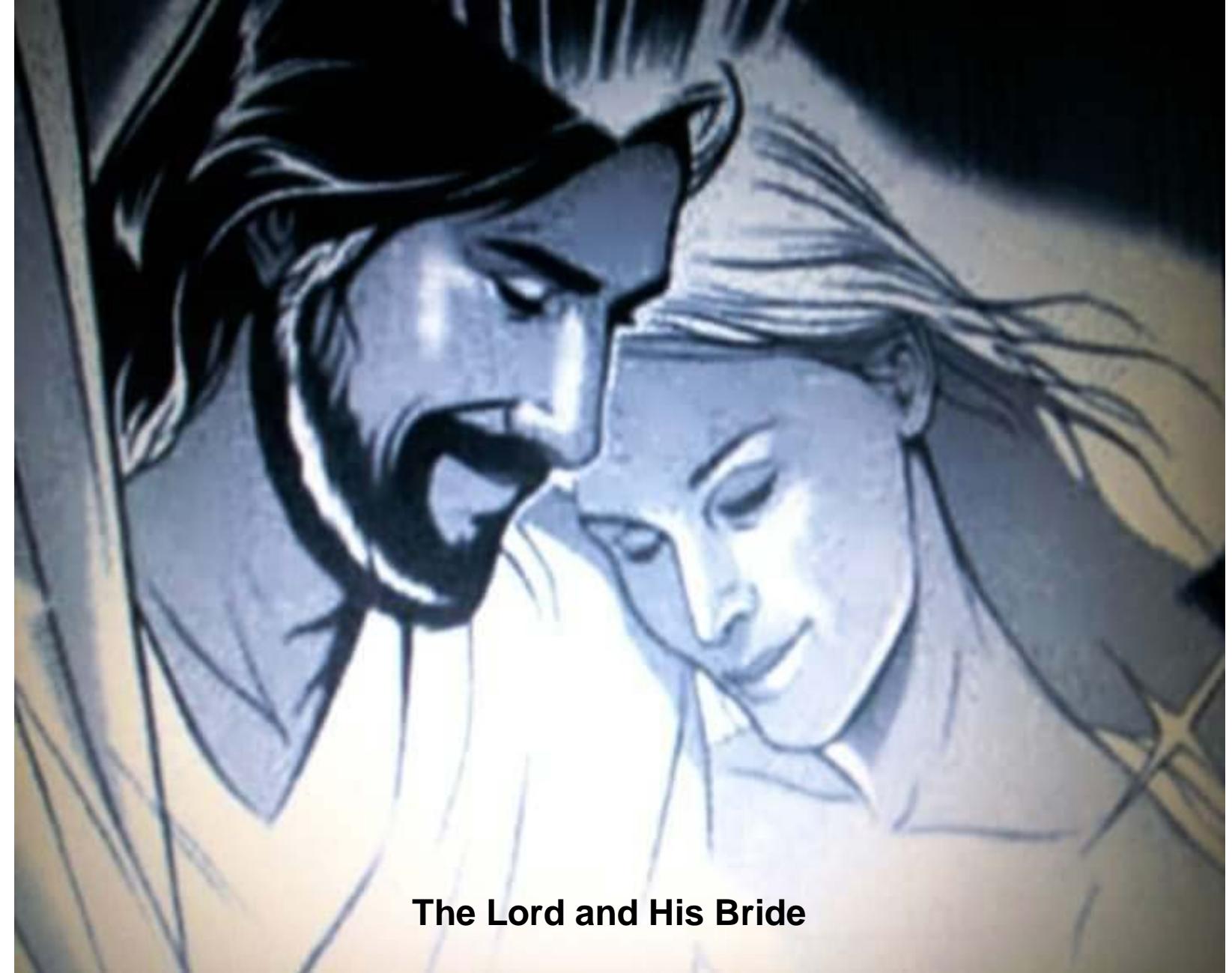
MAJESTIC DESTINY!

Prophecy: *"If thou could see that which is in store for thee, the things I have prepared for thee, if thou could feel that which I feel for thee, the joy thou should know in time to come, thou should be overjoyed for that which is to come!"*

-- For thou shalt experience joys which thou hast never known! This shall be a compensation unto thee and a recompense, and thou shalt be rewarded.

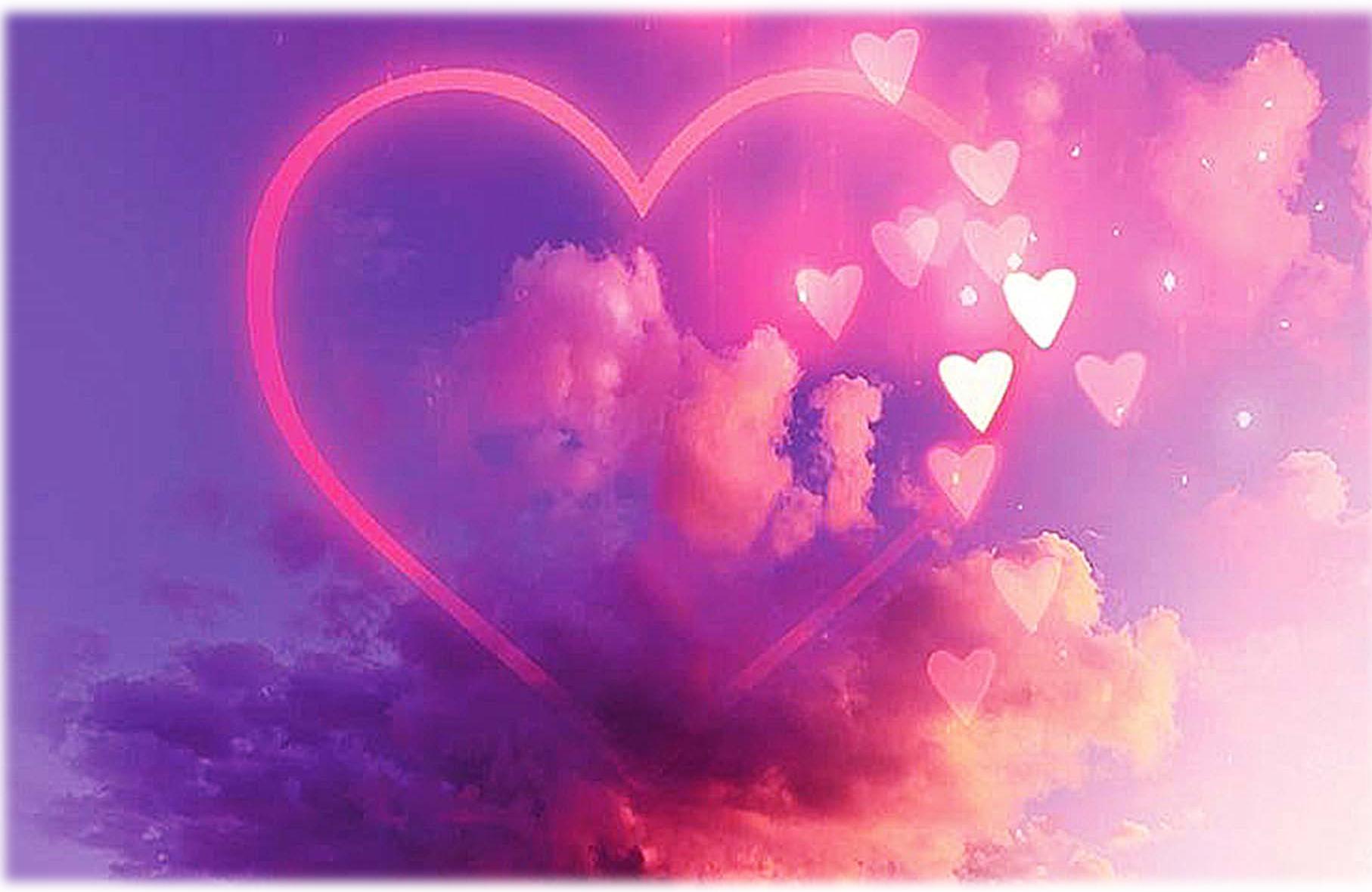
--For it hath not entered into thy mind, neither hath thine eye seen, nor hath thine ear heard, the glories that shall be, that I have laid up for thee, My own, My beloved, My beloved one!

--For this time is but for a moment, and afterwards there is exceeding great reward! Have I not said unto thee that if thou canst believe, thou should see the glory of God?"



The Lord and His Bride

We're going to go on to the light of a brighter day, in a new day, a new land and a new Kingdom! Praise the Lord!



HEAVEN IS HERE!

Even now, God's invisible heavenly Kingdom is already in existence and operation. It not only surrounds us, but is *within* us. Jesus said, "*The Kingdom of God is within you*" (**Luke 17:21**). If you have Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit, it's already entered you. If you live in the continual heaven of His love, peace, and joy, you're already in Heaven in spirit. So if you are looking for the Kingdom of God on earth, at this time you will only find it within your own heart and in the fellowship of God's children.

We who have found Jesus and faith in God have found heaven on earth, the promised land of His Kingdom within. He's made a heaven of our hearts. But those who don't know God and have no faith have nothing but fear, and some have hell on earth.

Have you got a little bit of Heaven in your heart? If not, take Jesus into your heart and you'll have Heaven here and now!

Heaven is here, is here right now.
Heaven is here and I'll tell you how!
Jesus to know is Heaven below,
Heaven is here, is here and how!

—Author unknown

Are you going to be able to walk in that City? The Bible says, "*Only the saved shall walk therein*" (**Rev.21:24**). You don't want to miss that, do you? --Then receive Jesus as your Savior now! Please pray the following:

"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 to come 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."

