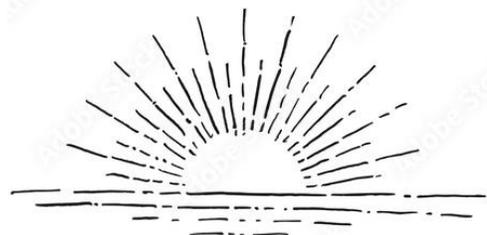




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...which God gave Him  
to show to  
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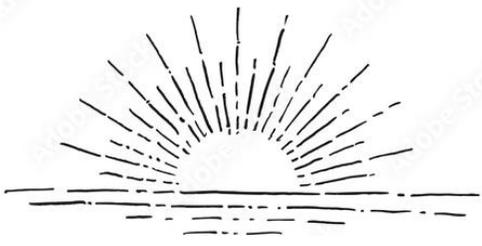
**19. The new creation and new Jerusalem**



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<b>The woman, the dragon and the two beasts,</b> the Lamb on Mt Zion, proclamations by three angels, two harvests.	The song of victors over the beast. <b>Seven bowls of the wrath of God.</b>	The woman and <b>the fall of Babylon, Christ returns,</b> the beasts are defeated, Satan is bound, <b>the saints reign,</b> Satan is damned.	<b>The new creation,</b> God with mankind, <b>the New Jerusalem,</b> the bride of Christ, <b>The final call.</b>



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The creation waits with eager longing  
for the revealing of the sons of God.

(Romans 8:19)

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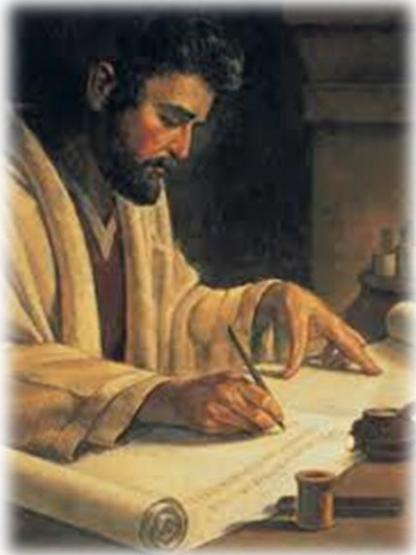
“For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**,  
and the former things  
shall not be remembered or come into mind.”  
(Isaiah 65:17)

See also  
Isaiah 66:22

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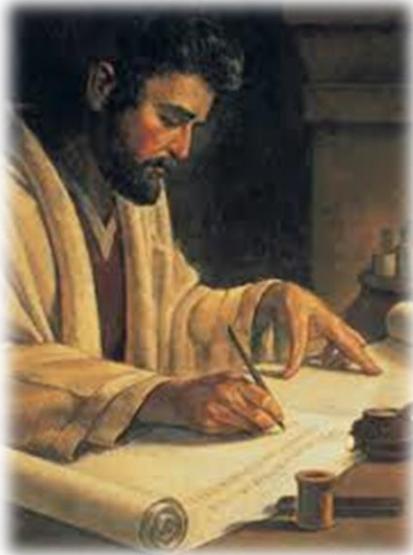
...we, according to His promise,  
look for **new heavens and a new earth**  
in which **righteousness** dwells.

(2 Peter 3:13)

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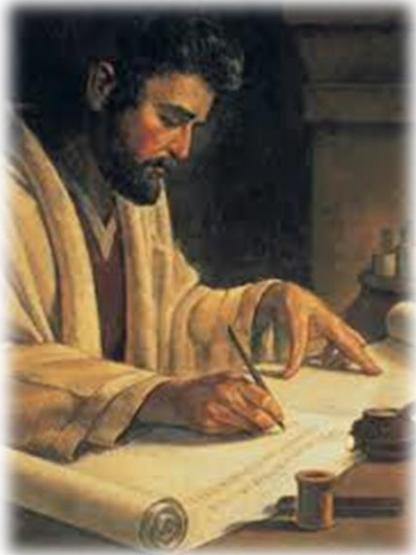
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then **the heavens will pass away with a roar,**  
and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved,  
and the earth and the works that are done on it will be **exposed.**  
(2 Peter 3:10)

Laid bare before God  
for judgement

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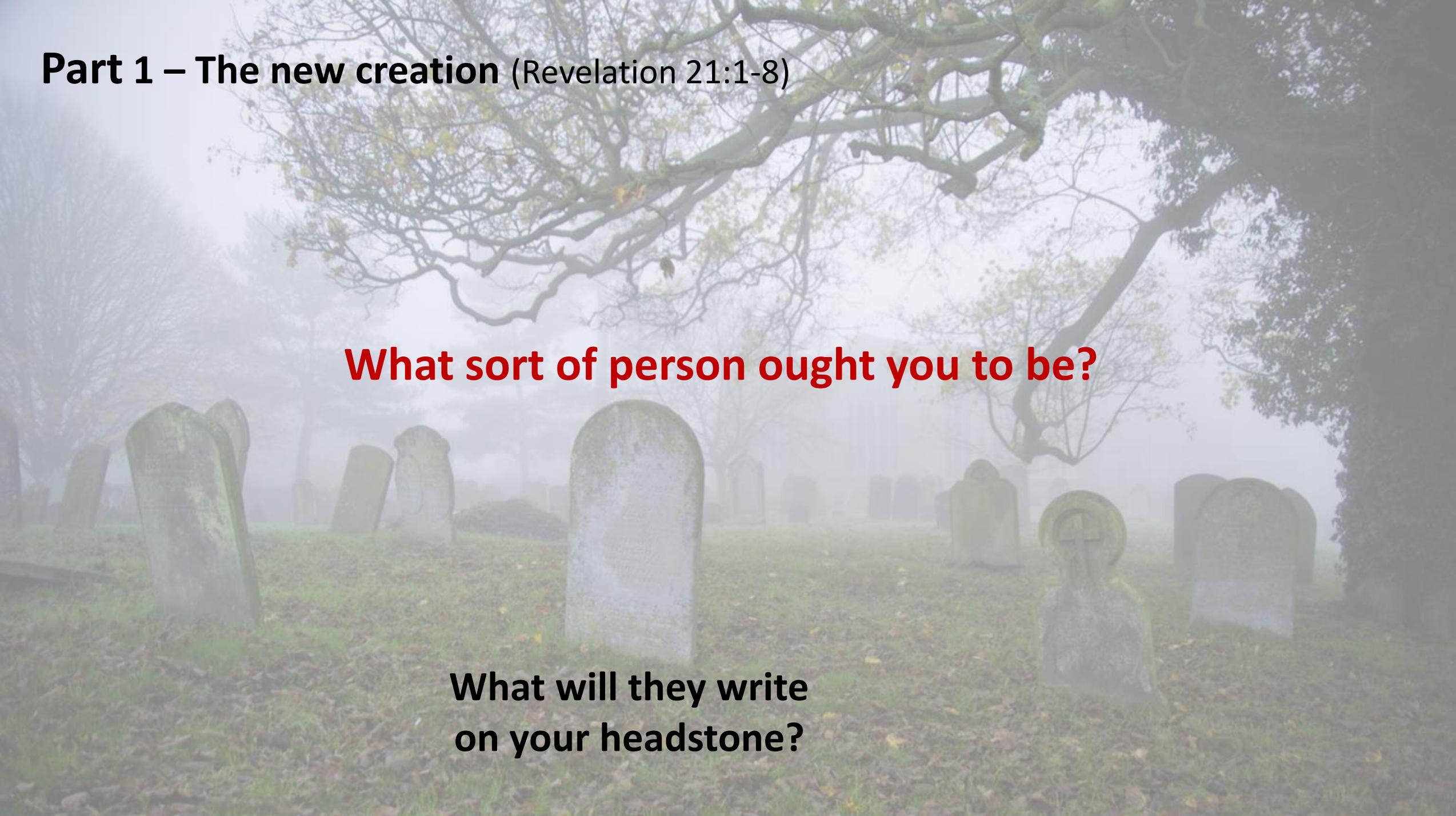
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Since all these things are thus to be dissolved,  
**what sort of people ought you to be**  
**in lives of holiness and godliness...?**

(2 Peter 3:11)

A foggy cemetery with several headstones and a large tree in the background. The scene is misty and overcast, with a large, gnarled tree in the upper right. The ground is covered in fallen leaves and grass. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

**Part 1 – The new creation** (Revelation 21:1-8)

**What sort of person ought you to be?**

**What will they write  
on your headstone?**

## Part 1 – The new creation (Revelation 21:1-8)



And I saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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.”*

(Revelation 21:2-3)

## Part 1 – The new creation (Revelation 21:1-8)

“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.**”

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.”***

(Revelation 21:4-5)

## Part 1 – The new creation (Revelation 21:1-8)

And He said to me,

**“It is done!**

...in the days of the sounding  
of the seventh angel...

**the mystery of God**

would be finished...

(Revelation 10:7)

“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** freely.

“The one who conquers will inherit all things,  
and I will be his God and he will be My son.”

(Revelation 21:6-7)

## Part 1 – The new creation (Revelation 21:1-8)

“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.**”

(Revelation 21:8)

## Part 1 – The new creation (Revelation 21:1-8)

### SOME OBSERVATIONS...

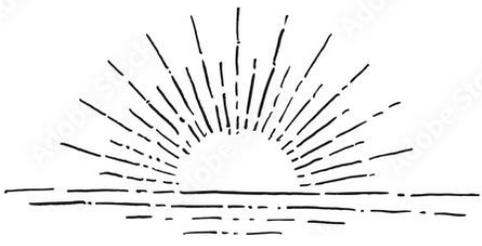
1. The Lord Jesus went to the cross for this (Ephesians 1:10)
2. Very little detail is revealed of the ages to come
3. A physical creation remains God's purpose (1 Corinthians 15:44)



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Then came one of the seven angels...  
and spoke to me, saying,

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,  
the wife of the Lamb.”**

(Revelation 21:9)

The **incarnate Son**,  
**sacrificed** for our sin

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride,  
the wife of the Lamb.”**

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,**  
**having the glory of God,**  
its radiance like a most rare jewel,  
like a jasper, clear as crystal.

(Revelation 21:10-11)

Isaiah 42:8

A precious stone, various colors.  
**An opaque precious stone.**

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

# But what is **Jerusalem** to you?

### The city of the great King

(Psalm 48:2)

For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
He has desired it for His dwelling place:  
*“This is My resting place forever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.”*

(Psalm 132:13-14)

If I forget you, **O Jerusalem**,  
Let my right hand forget its skill!  
Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
If I do not remember you,  
If I do not set **Jerusalem** above **my highest joy!**

(Psalm 137:5-6)

**Glorious things  
are spoken of you,  
O City of God!**

(Psalm 87:3)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

**“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”**

- *Simon Peter*
- *Andrew*
- *James*
- *John*
- *Philip*
- *Bartholomew*
- *Thomas*
- *Matthew*
- *James*
- *Thaddaeus*
- *Simon*
- *Matthias*

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— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had **twelve foundations**, and on them were the **twelve names** of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb.

(Revelation 21:12-14)

- *Reuben*
- *Simeon*
- *Levi*
- *Judah*
- *Dan*
- *Naphtali*
- *Gad*
- *Asher*
- *Issachar*
- *Zebulun*
- *Joseph*
- *Benjamin*

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

And the one who spoke with me had a **measuring rod of gold**...

The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, **12,000 stadia**.

About 2,200 km !

1 Kings 6:20

Its **length** and **width** and **height** are equal.

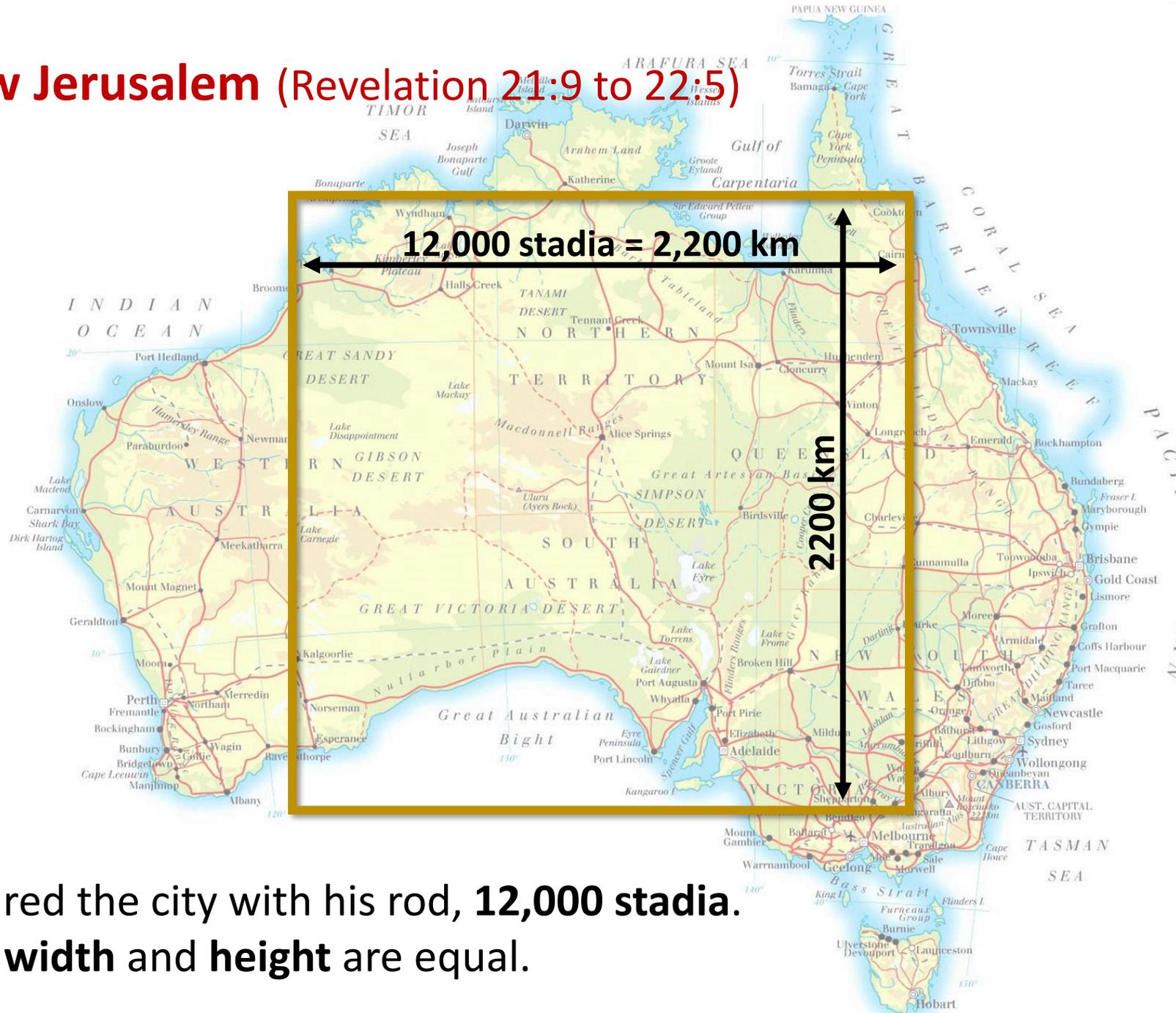
He also measured its wall, **144 cubits**...

About 65m

The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

(Revelation 21:15-18)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)



And he measured the city with his rod, **12,000 stadia**.  
Its **length** and **width** and **height** are equal.

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

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**, the fifth **onyx**, the sixth **carnelian**, the seventh **chrysolite**, the eighth **beryl**, the ninth **topaz**, the tenth **chrysoprase**, the eleventh **jacinth**, the twelfth **amethyst**.

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.

Street (*plateia*) =  
a major (broad) street

(Revelation 21:19-21)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

And I saw **no temple** in the city,  
for its temple is **the Lord God the Almighty** and **the Lamb**.

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**.

(Revelation 21:22-23)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

Or  
Gentiles

By its light will the nations walk,  
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,  
and its gates will never be shut by day—there will be no night there.

They will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.

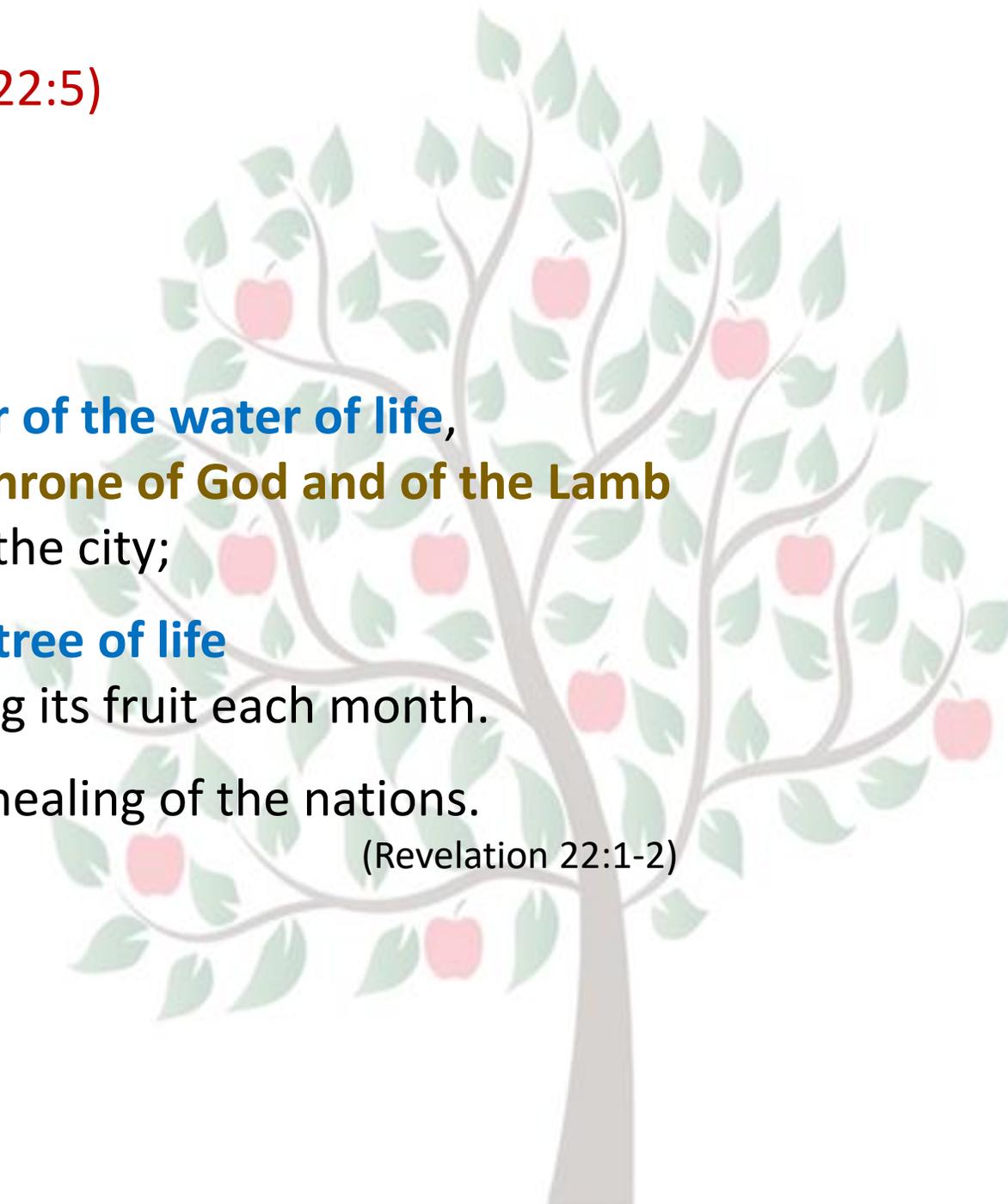
**But nothing unclean will ever enter it,  
nor anyone who does what is detestable or false,  
but only those who are written in **the Lamb's book of life.****

(Revelation 21:24-27)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

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**  
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.

(Revelation 22:1-2)



## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

No longer will there be anything **accursed**,  
but **the throne of God and of the Lamb**  
will be in it, and **His servants will serve Him**.

**They will see His face,**  
**and His name will be on their foreheads.**

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.**

(Revelation 22:3-5)

## Part 2 – New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9 to 22:5)

So, what did John see?

- ✓ Not redeemed **people**, but a massive **city**, coming down from heaven
- ✓ Not any city, but **Jerusalem**, the city of **the great King**
- ✓ Its gates bear the names of Israel's tribes, the ancient people of God
- ✓ The foundations of the wall bear the names of the twelve apostles
- ✓ It is the dwelling place of Almighty God and of the Lamb – Jesus Christ
- ✓ Christ is its light, and His light illuminates the world
- ✓ It is the centre and the glory of the new earth and the new creation
- ✓ From the Throne of God there, **Life** flows out to the whole earth

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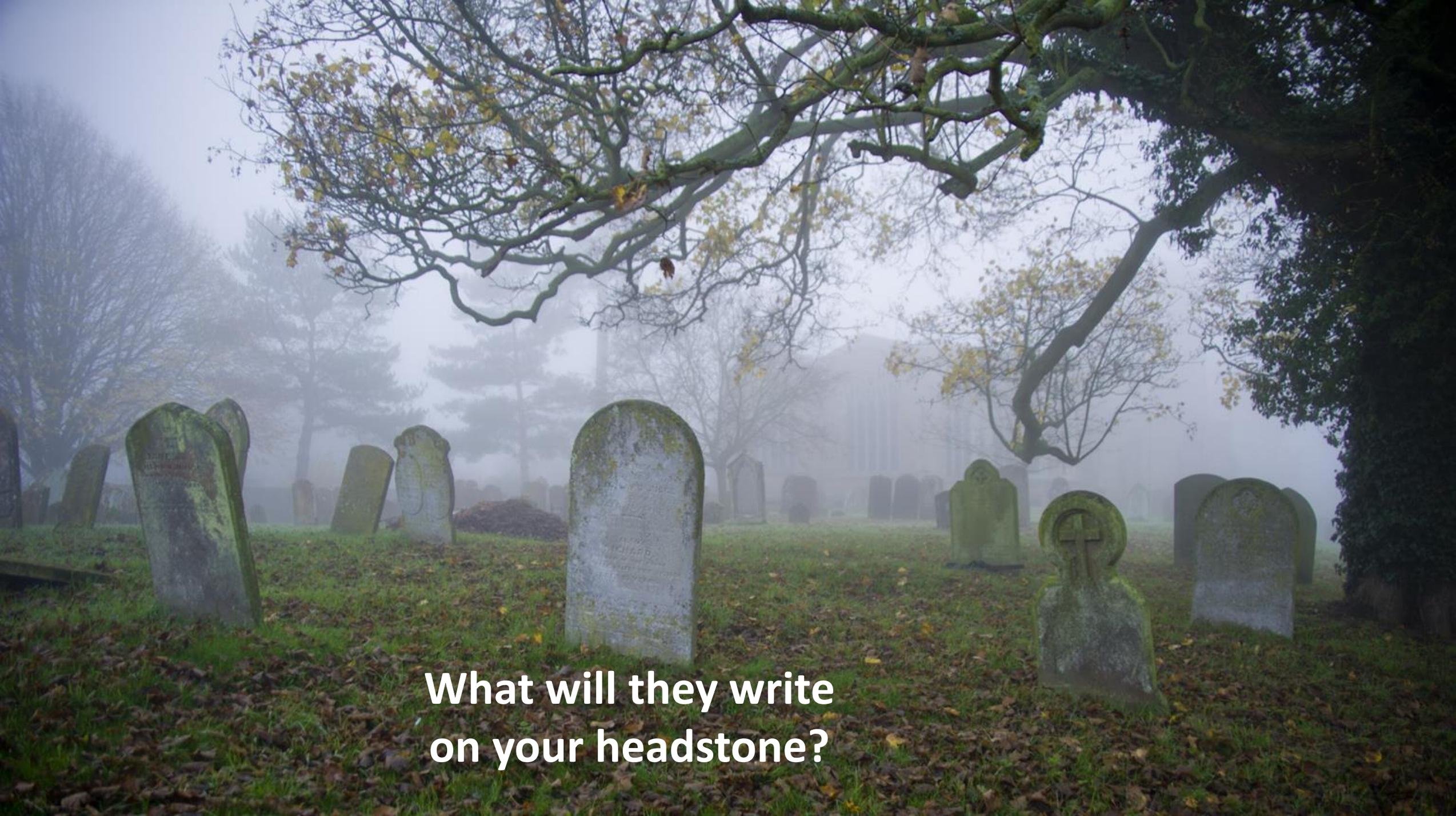
**John saw a great mystery.**

**He saw what God's people are to God.**

He saw the dawning of the eternal ages  
and **the glory of the salvation**  
accomplished through the death of our **Lord Jesus.**

***Glorious things are spoken of you, O City of God!***

(Psalm 87:3)



**What will they write  
on your headstone?**

# The dwelling place of God is with man.

(Revelation 21:3)

“Here lies  
a sinner’s body,  
but a sinner  
**saved by grace,**  
through faith in  
**Jesus Christ**”

