

# Revelation

Chapter 20:4-21:27

Lesson 21

# Revelation 20:4

- ◆ <sup>4</sup> And I saw thrones and those seated upon them and they were given authority to judge; they were souls of the ones having been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God and the ones who had not worshipped the beast nor his image and did not receive the mark upon the forehead and upon their hands. And they came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

# Revelation 20:5-6

- ◆ <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one having a part in the first resurrection. Over this one, the second death will not have authority, but they will be priests of God and Christ and they will reign with him a thousand years.

# The Millennial Reign

- ◆ An interim kingdom is found in at least three Jewish writings— 2 Esdras 7:26-44; 12:31-34; 1 Enoch 91:11-17; 2 Baruch 29:1-30:5; 40:1-4; 72:2-74:3.

# 2 Esdras 7:26-44

- ◆ “For indeed the time will come, when the signs that I have foretold to you will come to pass, that the city that now is not seen shall appear, and the land that now is hidden shall be disclosed. <sup>27</sup> Everyone who has been delivered from the evils that I have foretold shall see my wonders. <sup>28</sup> For my son the Messiah shall be revealed with those who are with him, and those who remain shall rejoice four hundred years. <sup>29</sup> After those years my son the Messiah shall die, and all who draw human breath. <sup>30</sup> Then the world shall be turned back to primeval silence for seven days, as it was at the first beginnings, so that no one shall be left. <sup>31</sup> After seven days the world that is not yet awake shall be roused, and that which is corruptible shall perish. <sup>32</sup> The earth shall give up those who are asleep in it, and the dust those who rest there in silence; and the chambers shall give up the souls that have been committed to them. <sup>33</sup> The Most High shall be revealed on the seat of judgment, and compassion shall pass away, and patience shall be withdrawn. <sup>34</sup>

# 2 Esdras 7:26-44

- ◆ Only judgment shall remain, truth shall stand, and faithfulness shall grow strong. <sup>35</sup> Recompense shall follow, and the reward shall be manifested; righteous deeds shall awake, and unrighteous deeds shall not sleep. <sup>36</sup> The pit of torment shall appear, and opposite it shall be the place of rest; and the furnace of hell shall be disclosed, and opposite it the paradise of delight. <sup>37</sup> Then the Most High will say to the nations that have been raised from the dead, 'Look now, and understand whom you have denied, whom you have not served, whose commandments you have despised. <sup>38</sup> Look on this side and on that; here are delight and rest, and there are fire and torments.' Thus he will speak to them on the day of judgment— <sup>39</sup> a day that has no sun or moon or stars, <sup>40</sup> or cloud or thunder or lightning, or wind or water or air, or darkness or evening or morning, <sup>41</sup> or summer or spring or heat or winter or frost or cold, or hail or rain or dew, <sup>42</sup> or noon or night, or dawn or shining or brightness or light, but only the splendor of the glory of the Most High, by which all shall see what has been destined. <sup>43</sup> It will last as though for a week of years. <sup>44</sup> This is my judgment and its prescribed order; and to you alone I have shown these things."

# Revelation 20:7-8

- ◆ <sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are finished, the Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and he will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, the Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle, the number of them being as the sand of the sea.



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# Revelation 20:9-10

- ◆ <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the holy ones and beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil, the one deceiving them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false-prophet (were), and they will be tortured day and night forever and ever.



# Revelation 20:11-12

- ◆ <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne and the one seated upon it, the earth and the heaven fled from his face, and a place was not found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small standing before the throne and a scroll was opened, and another scroll was opened, which is of life, and the dead were judged from their deeds written in the scrolls.





# Revelation 20:13-14

- ◆ <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead in it and Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and each one was judged according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.





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# Revelation 20:15

- ◆ <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's (name) was not found being written in the scroll of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

# Revelation 21:1-2

- ◆ <sup>1</sup> And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth ceased to exist, and the sea is no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, being prepared as a bride having been adorned for her husband.

# Revelation 21:3-4

- ◆ <sup>3</sup> And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold the tabernacle of God is among mankind, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and he will be God with them [their God], <sup>4</sup> and he will wipe out every tear out of their eyes, and death will not exist anymore, nor mourning nor crying nor pain will exist anymore [because] the first things have departed."

# Revelation 21:5-6

- ◆ <sup>5</sup> And the one being seated upon the throne said, "behold I am making all things new" and he said, "write it down, because these words are faithful and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It has happened, I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the one who is thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life freely."

# Revelation 21:7-8

- ◆ 7 “The ones conquering will inherit these things and I will be his God and he will be my son. But for the cowardly and unbelieving and the loathsome and the murderers and the sexually immoral and the sorcerers and the idolaters and all the liars their place will be in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

# Revelation 21:9-10

- ◆ <sup>9</sup> And one out of the seven angels, the ones having the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues spoke with me saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me off in the spirit upon a great and high mountain, and he showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God

# Revelation 21:11-12

- ◆ <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance is like a precious stone, as a jasper stone, being as clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> Having a great high wall, having twelve gates and upon the gates twelve angels and having a name written upon them, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel;

# Revelation 21:13-14

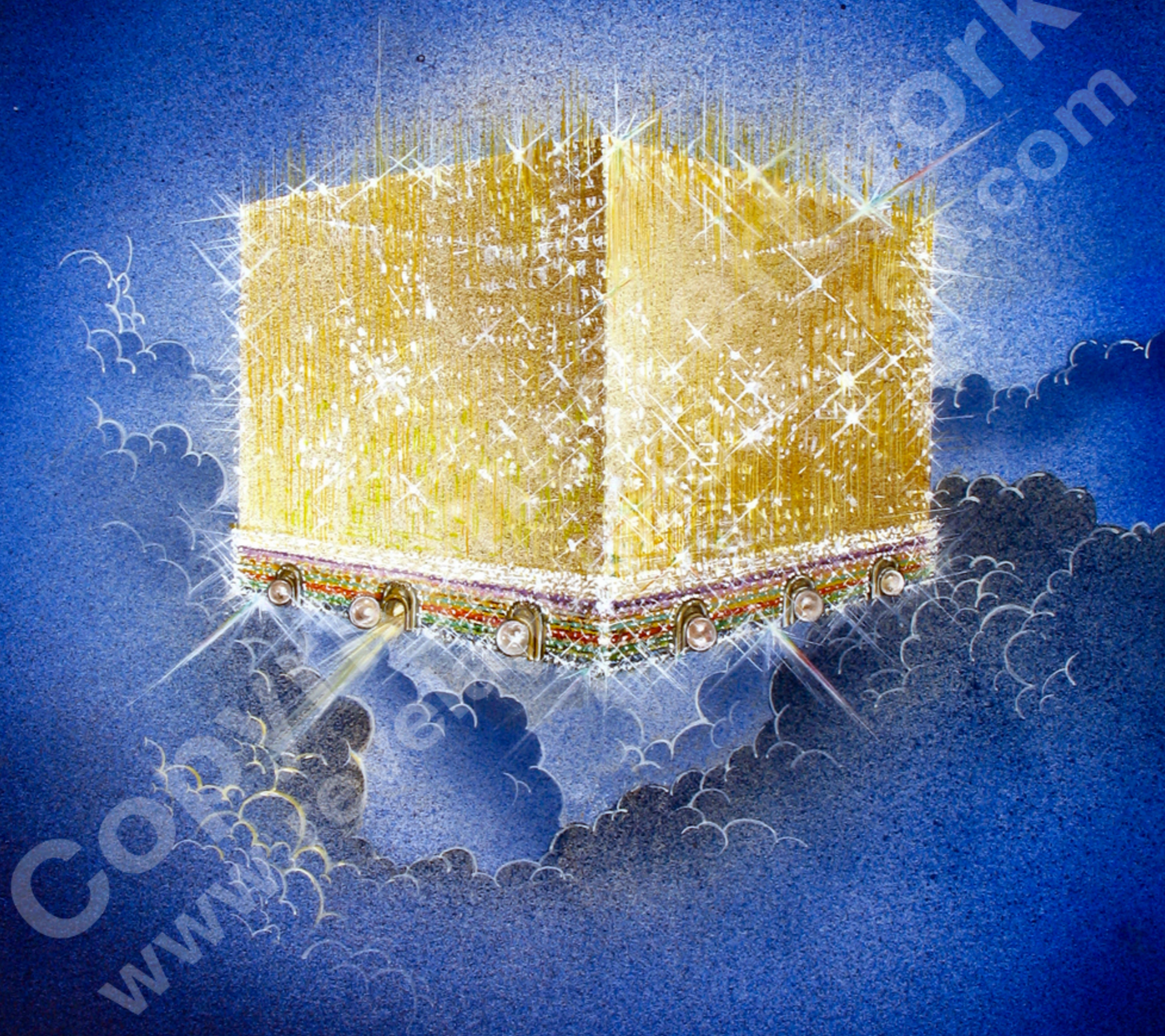
- ◆ <sup>13</sup> upon the east three gates and upon the north three gates and upon the south three gates and upon the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city having twelve foundations and upon them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.



# Revelation 21:15-16

- ◆ <sup>15</sup> And the one speaking with me had a measuring rod of gold, in order to measure the city and its gates and its walls. <sup>16</sup> And the city is laid out as a square and its length and width are the same. And he measured the city with his rod at twelve thousand stadia, the length and the width and its height are equal.





# Revelation 21:17-18

- ◆ <sup>17</sup> And he measured its wall, one hundred forty-four cubits of human measurement, which is the angel's. <sup>18</sup> And its inner wall is made of jasper and the city is pure gold like transparent glass.