

# John's Vision of the New Church

Revelation 21 & 22



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## The Vision of the Holy City

Long ago, there were powerful people who didn't want to hear the disciple John tell about the Lord. So John was sent away to an island to live by himself. But the Lord took care of him. John saw amazing visions of the spiritual world because the Lord opened his spiritual eyes. John wrote them down and they are in the Word. Here are some of these visions.



John saw a new heaven formed in the spiritual world. It was made of good people who believed in the Lord.

He saw a great city called the Holy City New Jerusalem coming down out of this new heaven. It was so beautiful that John said it looked like a bride.

He saw that the Lord was in this city. The Lord blessed the people there and made them happy. Everyone there lived forever as young, strong and healthy people. The Lord gave them everything they needed, and no one was sick or in any pain.



John heard the Lord, who was sitting on a throne, say, “Behold, I make all things new” (Revelation 21:5). The Lord promised that everyone who obeys His commandments will come into this Holy City after death. How wonderful this city is, where we may go if we love the Lord!



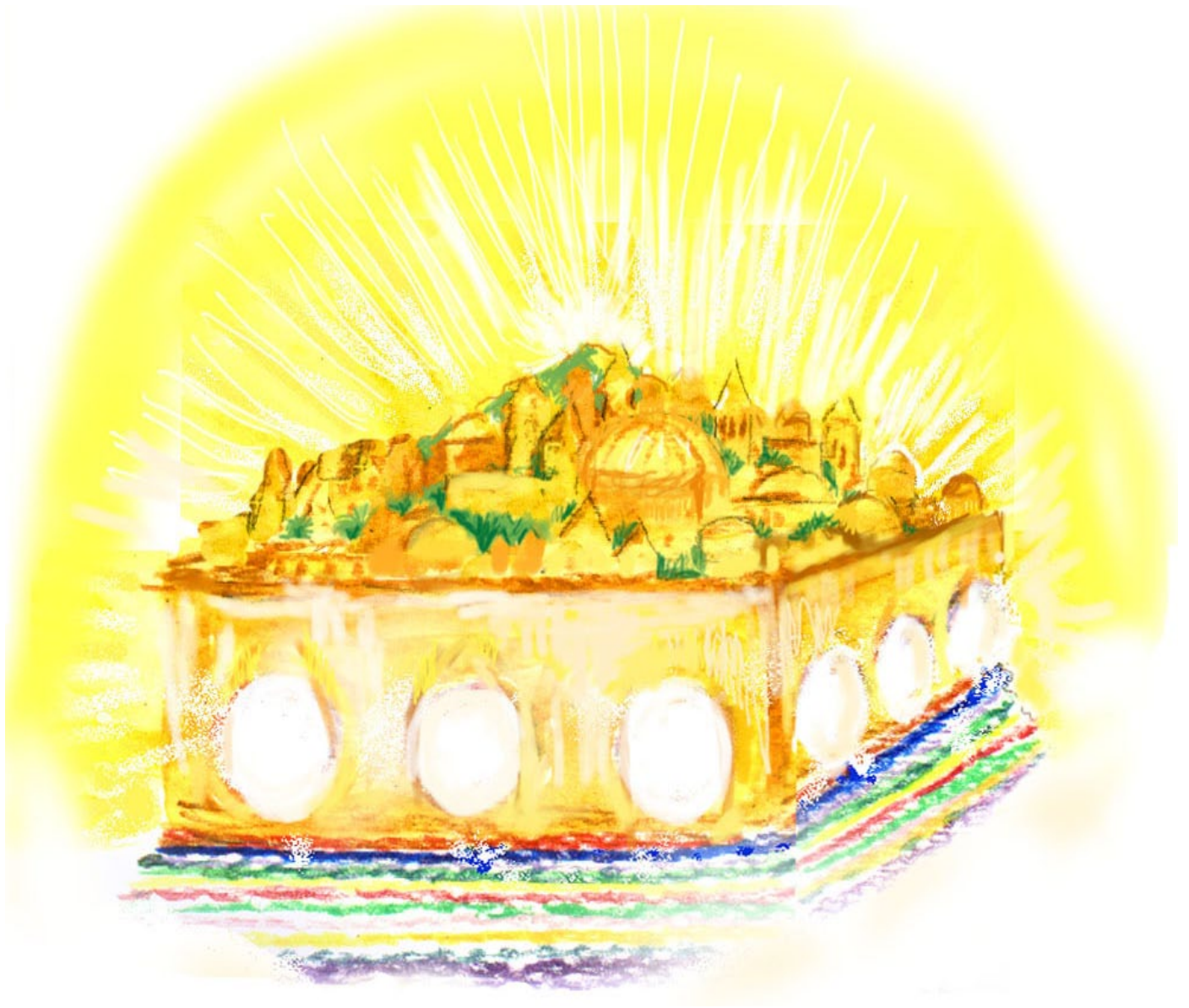
### The Beautiful City of Light

An angel came and took John to a great and high mountain to look at the Holy City, which had come down from God out of heaven.

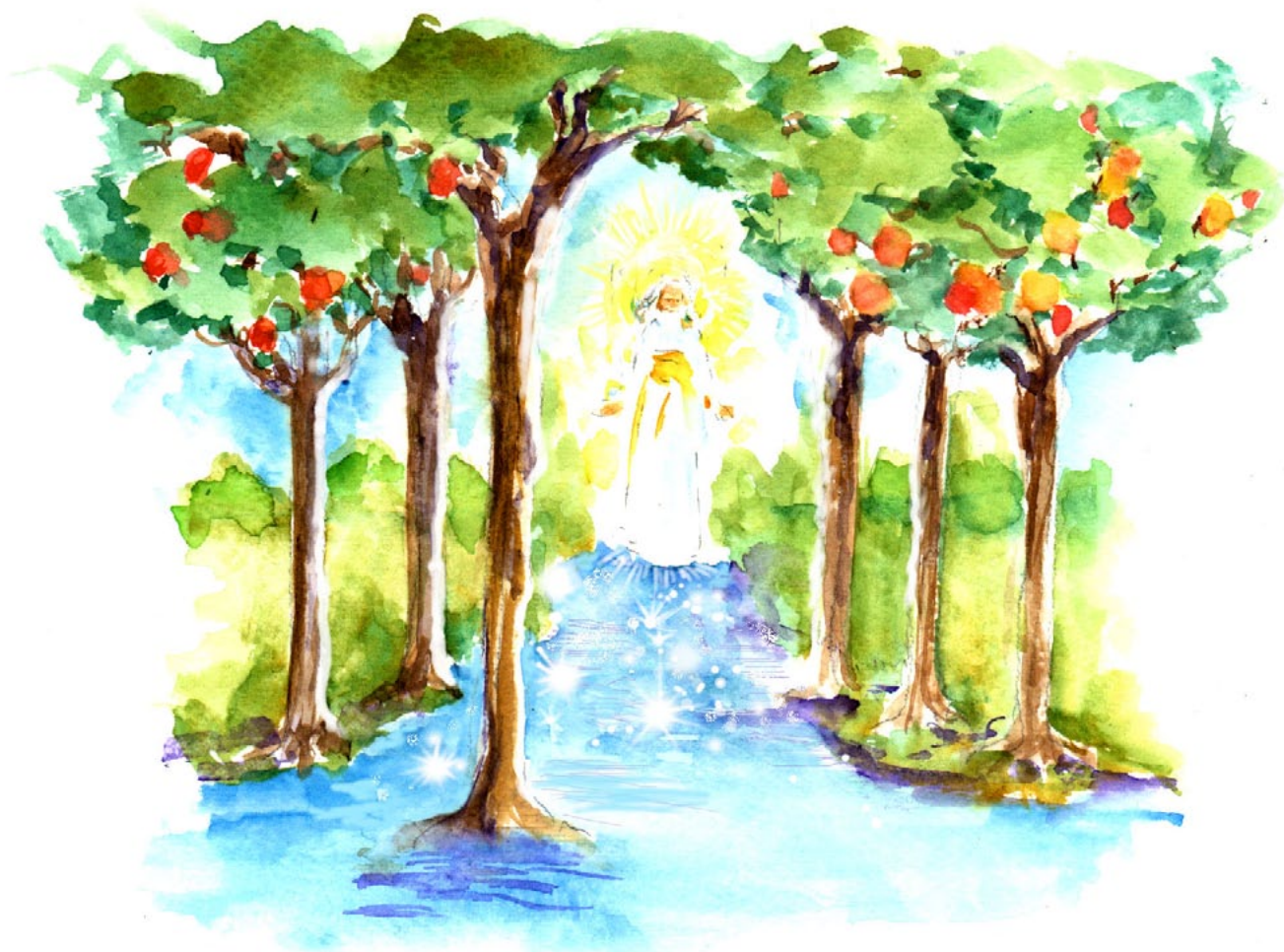
The city had a wall around it. The walls of the Holy City were high and strong, so that evil spirits could never get inside. The foundations were made of many precious stones.



The walls had twelve gates of pearl, three on each side, where people entered the city. The gates were open all the time and at the gates were angels who only allowed those who love the Lord to come in. And above the wall, John could see the buildings of the beautiful golden city.



John saw the city sparkling with a bright light, like a precious jewel in the sunshine. When the sun shines on a diamond, it becomes bright, like a star. It was the Lord's light that made the city shine, though it seemed as though it was the city itself that was shining. John knew it was the light from the Lord, and so he said that the city had "the glory of God."



### The River and the Tree of Life

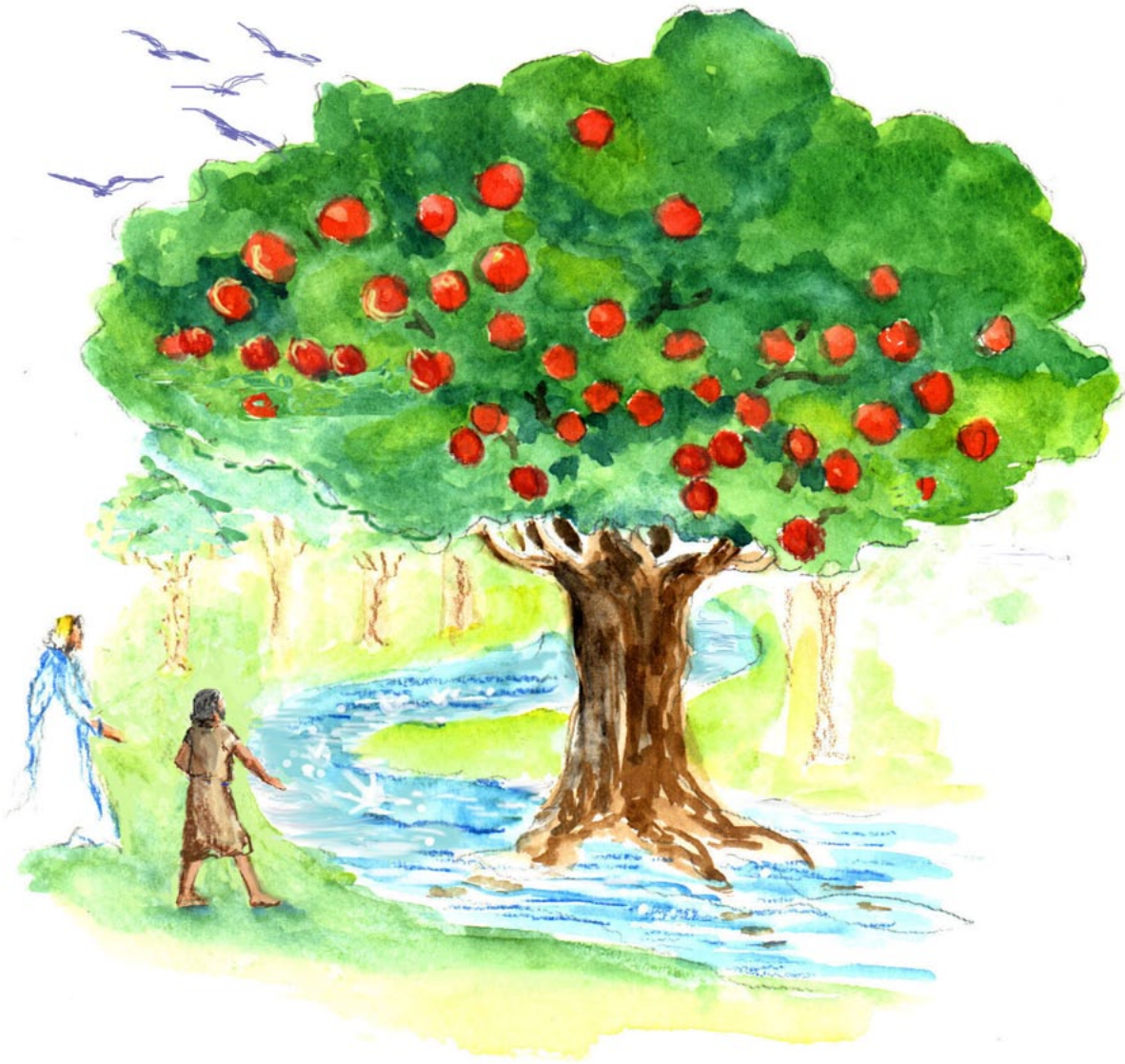
A river, clear as crystal, flows through the middle of the beautiful city New Jerusalem. This river is able to make everyone who drinks of it live forever.

In the middle of the streets of the city and on either side of the river grows the beautiful Tree of Life. It grows a different kind of fruit every month. Everyone who eats it is filled with happiness from the Lord.

Not only fruit grows on this tree, but also leaves, which give angels power to fight against evil spirits and to follow the Lord's commandments.

If you wish to be able to taste the fruit of that wonderful tree in the spiritual world, you must keep the Lord's commandments here on earth.





Remember that when you obey your parents, you are following the Lord's commandments. Then when you go to heaven, you can enter the Holy City of the New Jerusalem, and walk by the beautiful river and eat the fruit of the Tree of Life.