We will now begin the seventeenth lecture on the book of Revelation. /We will begin at Revelation 20:7.

/Read verse 7. When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

/It says that Satan will be released from his prison when the thousand years are over. /We will review verse 5. /Read verse 5. /(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

/Here it says "did not come to life until the thousand years were ended." /This means: "did not resurrect until the thousand years were ended." /The unchosen will not be resurrected until the Millennial Kingdom comes to an end.

/The unchosen cannot be resurrected until the Millennial Kingdom comes to an end. /The unchosen will resurrect when the Millennial Kingdom comes to an end. /Thus, the resurrection of the unchosen is referred to as the "second resurrection."

/The resurrection of us believers is the "first resurrection." /At the end of verse 5 it says, "This is the first resurrection." /At the end of verse 4 it says, "They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

/This means that believers will be resurrected and reign with Christ for a thousand years. / As verse 5 says, this is the "first resurrection." /All of us believers will participate in the first resurrection.

/However, the unchosen will participate in the second resurrection. /The unchosen will be resurrected after the end of the Millennial Kingdom. /When will believers be resurrected? /Jesus will come in the air in the middle of the seven years great tribulation.

/Then we believers will be transformed into spiritual bodies, resurrect, and go up to the air. /When will believers be resurrected? /Believers will be resurrected during the seven years great tribulation.

/When will the unchosen be resurrected? /They will be resurrected at the end of the Millennial Kingdom. /The unchosen will experience the "second death." /The "first resurrection" in verse 6 is the resurrection of believers.

/The "second death" is the death of the spirit. /The death that the unchosen will experience is the "second death." /The death that the unchosen will experience is the second death. /The "second death" is death that leads to hell.

/Read verses 7 and 8. /When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth-- Gog and Magog-- to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

/God will release the devil when the thousand years are over. /The devil will deceive the

nations of Gog and Magog. /Gog and Magog will stand against the believers. /They will deceive the people of the Millennial Kingdom. /At that time, God will destroy Gog and Magog with fire.

/Verse 10. /And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

/Gog and Magog attacked God's people. /Genesis 10:2. /Ezekiel 38:1. /Ezekiel 39:1. /They symbolize the Antichrist.

/The believers here protect their faith until the end. /However, the unchosen are deceived. /The "city he loves" is the New Jerusalem.

/The "city he loves" in verse 9 is the New Jerusalem. /21:2. /Eventually, in verse 10, Gog and Magog are destroyed. /God judges the devil. /The "lake of burning sulfur" is the place of punishment. /It is hell.

/The beast and the false prophets are also thrown into hell. /God judges these Antichrists. /God judges the false prophets. /God judges the devil. /God sends them all to hell.

/Verse 11. /Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

/There is a great white throne. /Jesus is the judge of the place. /Matthew 25:31. /This is the final judgment. /There are sheep on the right side of the throne. /There are goats on the left.

/At the right are the chosen. /At the left are the unchosen. /Those on the right will enter eternal heaven, /and those on the left will enter eternal hell.

/The earth and sky will disappear from His presence. /All of creation will see change. /21:1. /2 Peter 3:10-13.

/Verse 12. /And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

/At the Great White Throne Judgment, all will be judged as is written in the book. /There are two books. /There were "books" there. /Then there is "another book." /The "another book" is the book of life.

/The book of life is also known as the "scroll of remembrance." /Malachi 3:16. /What are the "books" here? /This is where the names and acts of the unchosen are recorded. /The sins and acts of the unchosen are written in this book.

/Then there is "another book." /This is also known as the book of life. /This is also the scroll of remembrance. /Malachi 3:16. /Here are the names and acts of the believers. /Thus, all the names of everyone in the world is written in these books, and they will be judged according to it.

/The names of all believers are written in the book of life. /Ephesians 1:4. /Psalm 139:16. /Acts 13:48. /Romans 8:30. /Moses prayed to God in Exodus 32:32. /The names of people in the book of life cannot be written then erased, then written and erased again.

/This means that disobedience will cancel out one's faith and merits. /Again, this does not mean that one's name will be written then erased in the book of life.

/To blot out a name in the book of life means that one's merits and efforts in keeping one's faith will be gone. /Once the believers' names are written in the book of life, they will receive eternal salvation.

/Verse 13. /The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

/The sea gave up the dead that were in it. /Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them. /It won't matter how one died because all will come back to life. /All the believers from the creation of the world will stand to the right.

/Those who did not believe from the creation of the world will stand to the left. /Those who believe will enter into eternal heaven. /Those who do not believe will enter into eternal hell.

/Verse 14. /Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

/Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. /At the final judgment, death and Hades will all go to hell. /They will receive the final judgment. /Here, "Hades" refers to hell.

/Hades is like hell. /It is the lake of fire. /Matthew 13:42, 50. /"Hades" is mentioned in Luke 16:23. /Hades is mentioned there. /"Prison" is mentioned in 1 Peter 3:19. /Revelation 20:7. /It refers to hell.

/It is also referred to as the Abyss. /Revelation 20:3. /"Hell" is also referred to in Matthew 5:22. /The phrase "lake of fire" is referred to in Revelation 19:20, /20:10, /and 21:8. /In this way, they will perish in eternal hell.

/The "second death" means to go to hell. /The "first death" describes the death of physical bodies. /The "second death" is the death of the spirit. /All who experience the second death will go to eternal hell.

/Verse 15. /If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

/Those whose names are not written in the book of life will forever perish. /The names of all believers will be recorded in the book of life. /The unchosen will go to eternal hell. /Thus, they will be thrown into the lake of fire.

/We will continue the lecture with Revelation chapter 21.

The title is "A New Heaven and a New Earth."

/First, a new world. /Verses 1-6. /Second, the evil cannot enter the New Jerusalem. /Verses 7-8. /Third, the bride and the Holy City. /Verses 9-27.

/Read verse 1. /Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

/There was a new heaven and a new earth. /This is the spiritual world. /This also symbolizes the Millennial Kingdom. /This symbolizes the Millennial Kingdom. /This symbolizes the eternal heaven. /The first heaven and the new earth have not disappeared.

/The foundation of creation remains. /It means that the sinful heaven and the sinful earth are made new. /Verse 3 says, "the dwelling of God is with men." /Verse 5 says, "I am making everything new!" /2 Peter 3:10-13.

/The heaven and earth that was cursed with sins will receive judgment. /Then it will be changed into a new world that does not have sin. /All of creation will be newly restored. / Acts 3:21. /Isaiah 65:17-19. /Isaiah 11:6.

/There will be harvesting in the new heaven and new earth. /There will be lions and snakes. /However, lions will eat grass. /Snakes will not be poisonous. /All of creation will be made new. /Matthew 25:34.

/It is a beautiful and glorious world. /It is adorned with gold, pearls, and jewels. /God is there and God reigns over the world. /It is heaven and a paradise.

/All believers will be there. /We believers will have been changed into spiritual bodies.

/Then outside the New Jerusalem City will be those who survived the Armageddon. /Those who survive the Armageddon will be there. /We believers will already be kings. / We will be transformed into spiritual bodies.

/Verse 2. /I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

/Here the Holy City, the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven. /It is beautifully dressed. /The length, width, and height of the New Jerusalem are the same. /There are twelve gates.

/All of us believers will also come down out of heaven. /Jesus and the believers will be in the New Jerusalem and return again in the air. /Let's take a look here. /Here in the tribulation, we have been raptured.

/Jesus came again in the air. /Then before the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom, a New Jerusalem came down. /Jesus and all of us believers will come down in the New Jerusalem.

/Then we will be kings during the Millennial Kingdom. /There are those who survived the Armageddon. /These people will become the people of the Millennial Kingdom.

/Verses 3-4. /And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

/God is with us. /Here, "the dwelling of God" symbolizes the New Jerusalem City. /This is the place where God and the believers will live together. /There will be no more death. /There will be no more sadness. /There will be no more pain.

/It is truly a beautiful and glorious place. /All of man's sins and miseries will be gone. /There will be joy and peace that comes from God. /It will be a place filled with joy.

/The old things will have passed away. /The old sinful world, the despondent world will all have passed. /There will now be eternal happiness and comfort.

/Verse 5. /He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

/Jesus said, "I am making everything new!" /He will make the existing earth completely new.

/Verse 6. /He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

/God is the Alpha and the Omega. /"Alpha" is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. /"Omega" is the last letter of the Greek alphabet. /Our God is the beginning and the end. /He is the first and the last. /God completes the beginning of salvation to the end.

/Our Lord leads us to the spring of the water of life. /He gives water to the thirsty. /John 4:13-14. /In hell, there will not be a single drop of water. /There will be no true happiness

or joy.

/However, in heaven, life will be revived through the water of life that God provides. /We will never again be thirsty in heaven. /There will be God's everlasting comfort, happiness, and peace.

/Verse 7. /He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

/It says, "He who overcomes will inherit all this." /Those who fight the good fight and win will inherit God's blessings. /22:15. /However, "those outside the City" refer to the unchosen.

/Verse 8. /But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-- their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

/"Those outside the City" refer to the unchosen. /22:15. /They are those who did not believe in Jesus, the murderers, the sexually immoral, and those who practice magic arts. /Those who do not believe in Jesus, worship idols, and lie, will all go to hell.

/The "second death" is the death of those who will go to hell. /However, God will make those who believe in Jesus repent of such sins. /God will discipline and make them repent, and save them.

/Verse 9. /One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

/Here it says, "I will show you the bride." /There will be a wedding banquet in the Millennial Kingdom. /The "bride" symbolizes us believers. /We are the bride of Jesus Christ.

/Verses 10-12. /And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

/God showed John the Holy City, Jerusalem, through the Holy Spirit. /There was a fullness of the glory of God. /This New Jerusalem came down from heaven. /Its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel.

/There was a great, high wall. /There were twelve gates and twelve angels guarding the gates. /There were names written on the gates. /The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. /As kings, we are able to enter and leave the New Jerusalem.

/Verse 13. /There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.

/There were three gates at each of the cardinal points.

/Verse 14. /The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

/The wall of the city had twelve foundations. /The names of the twelve apostles were recorded there. /The apostles and prophets are the foundations of the City. /Ephesians 2:20.

/We received the Word of God through the apostles and the prophets. /The Word of God is the foundation of the kingdom of God.

/Verse 15. /The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.

The angel measured the city, its gates and its walls.

/Verse 16. /The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.

/The angel measured the city and it was 12,000 stadia. /The length, width, and height were all the same. /Here, 12,000 stadia is approximately 2,130 kilometers. /The length, width, and height are all 2,130 kilometers. /Psalm 84:10. /Psalm 90:4.

/The number 1,000 signifies "many" numbers. /It means that the length, width, and height are all equal and upright. /The kingdom of God is equal and harmonious.

/Verse 17. /He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.

/The wall was 144 cubits thick. /This is twelve multiplied by twelve. /This is a complete number. /Yet, we cannot know what it really is. /God protects the City, and makes a distinction between the holy and the vulgar.

/Verse 18. /The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.

/The "wall" was made of jasper. /The floor of the City was made of pure gold. /The New Jerusalem City is truly a beautiful place. /This symbolizes and illustrates the beauty of heaven.

/Verse 19. /The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the

fourth emerald,

/Verse 20. /the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

/The New Jerusalem City is much more beautiful than what we can describe. /It is glorious. /It is the heaven that God personally built. /The New Jerusalem City is beautiful.

/The Millennial Kingdom is this beautiful. /This means that the eternal heaven is beautiful as well. /It is a place that God personally built. /Hebrews 11:10.

/Verse 21. /The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

/The gates were twelve pearl gates. /This also symbolizes beauty. /The "gold" symbolizes faith. /We go to heaven through faith. /The great street of the city was made of pure gold that was like transparent glass. /It is clear, clean, and bright.

/Verse 22. /I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

/There is no separate temple in the New Jerusalem City. /The entire City is a temple. /God's presence fills the City. /Jesus Christ is also present there.

/Other temples are not necessary. /God is in that place. /It is a place filled with our God's glory.

/Verse 23. /The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

/The New Jerusalem City does not need sunlight. /It does not need the moon. /God's glory is too bright, /and God's glory shines brighter than the sun, therefore, we won't need the sun.

/God will give light to the City. /There will be absolutely no darkness. /There will be no sins or sorrows. /It will be filled with glory and happiness. /There will be eternal happiness and comfort.

/We will rejoice in God's glory, which is brighter than the sun. /We will worship and praise the glorious God.

/Verse 24. /The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

/"The nations will walk by its light." /The kings of the earth refer to believers. /Believers

will rule over the nations. /The kings refer to believers. /Luke 19:11.

/Believers will be kings alongside Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom. /Each believer will take his or her glory and exit and enter the City. /The glory of the believers will be great. /20:4. /Luke 19:11.

/"Outside the City" are those who survived the Armageddon. /We will rule over them. /We will have already been transformed into our spiritual bodies.

/We are resurrected bodies. /We will go outside the City with Jesus in our resurrected bodies, and rule over the people.

/Verse 25. /On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

/The gates will never be shut. /This is because there will be no night there. /There is no darkness. /There are no powers of the evil. /It will full only of goodness. /It is always daytime. /It is always a beautiful and precious world.

/We believers will enter and leave the City as kings. /However, although the people live in the Millennial Kingdom, they will not be able to enter the New Jerusalem City. /They are only allowed to live outside the City.

/We are their kings. /We will lead them to the truth and will teach them. /We believers will guide the people. /We will also worship God with the people.

/Verse 26. /The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.

/These are believers who have received redemption. /These people will enter and leave Jerusalem. /As kings, we will enter and leave with glory and honor.

/Verse 27. /Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

/There are no lies and there is nothing impure in the New Jerusalem. /Verse 8. /It is filled with the truth and goodness. /There is nothing mundane there. /There is nothing deceitful there. /Only those who have repented and those who washed their clothes in the blood of Jesus can enter the City.

/Only those who believe in Jesus can enter the New Jerusalem. /Only those whose names are written in the book of life can enter the New Jerusalem. /All the names of us believers are recorded in the book of life.

/The names of all the chosen believers are written in the book of life. /Therefore, we can enter the New Jerusalem. /Then we can rule over the people outside the City.

/Again, /the New Jerusalem City symbolizes the Millennial Kingdom. /It is the place that

the believers in the Millennial Kingdom will go. /Believers will enter and leave the City in their spiritual bodies.

/This place is made of beautiful jewels. /This also symbolizes the eternal heaven. /The eternal heaven symbolizes beauty that is more beautiful than what words can describe.

/However, those who do not believe in Jesus will experience the Great White Throne Judgment following the Millennial Kingdom, and will go to eternal hell. /This is written in verse 8. /In verse 8, the unchosen will enter eternal hell.

/They will enter the lake of burning sulfur in hell. /Unbelievers will partake in the Great White Throne Judgment following the Millennial Kingdom, and then go to eternal hell.

/However, we believers will enter the Millennial Kingdom and rule as kings. /Then after the Millennial Kingdom will be the Great White Throne Judgment. /We will stand on the right side of the throne during the Great White Throne Judgment. /The right is designated for the chosen people. /Then we will enter the eternal heaven.

/However, to the left of the throne are the goats, the unchosen. /They will forever be in the lake of fire in hell.

/We must be thankful that we are able to enter the beautiful heaven. /In heaven, God's glory will shine brighter than the sun. /There will be no darkness or sadness, sins or death.

/There will be a stream of life that flows through. /There, we will enjoy eternal happiness and comfort with God. /We will worship God for eternity.

/Here we will conclude the seventeenth lecture on the book of Revelation. /Thank you.