The New Jerusalem

1 Then I saw a new sky and a new earth. The first sky and the first earth were gone. The ocean didn’t exist anymore, either. 2 And, I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It was like a bride prepared for her husband-to-be; she was beautiful. 3 And, I heard a loud voice coming from the throne. It said: “Look! God’s sanctuary is among human beings. God will live with them. THEY will be His people. God Himself will be with them and He will be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. None of these things will exist anymore: death; sorrow; crying; pain. (Previous things have passed away.)”

5 The One who was sitting on the throne said, “Listen, I am making everything new. Write this down, because these words are dependable and true.” 6 God said to me, “It is done! I am the A and the Z, the Beginning and the End. From the Spring of Life I will freely give water to the thirsty person. 7 The person who is victorious will receive all these things. I will be his God. And, HE will be My son. 8 However, people who are cowards, unbelievers, perverts, murderers, sexual sinners, those who follow occult practices, idol-worshipers, and all liars will be in the lake which burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death.”