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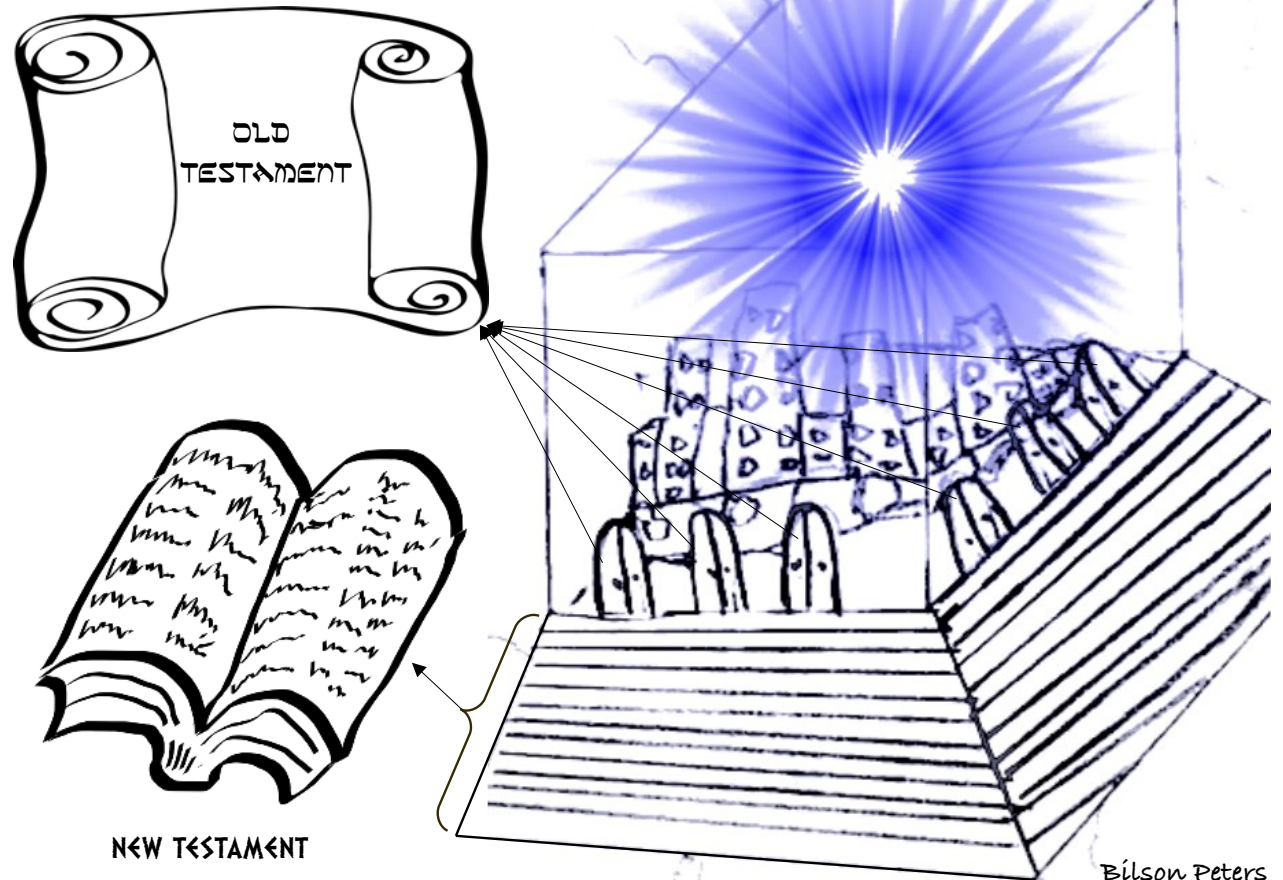
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# The New Jerusalem



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Matthew 7:24-27

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

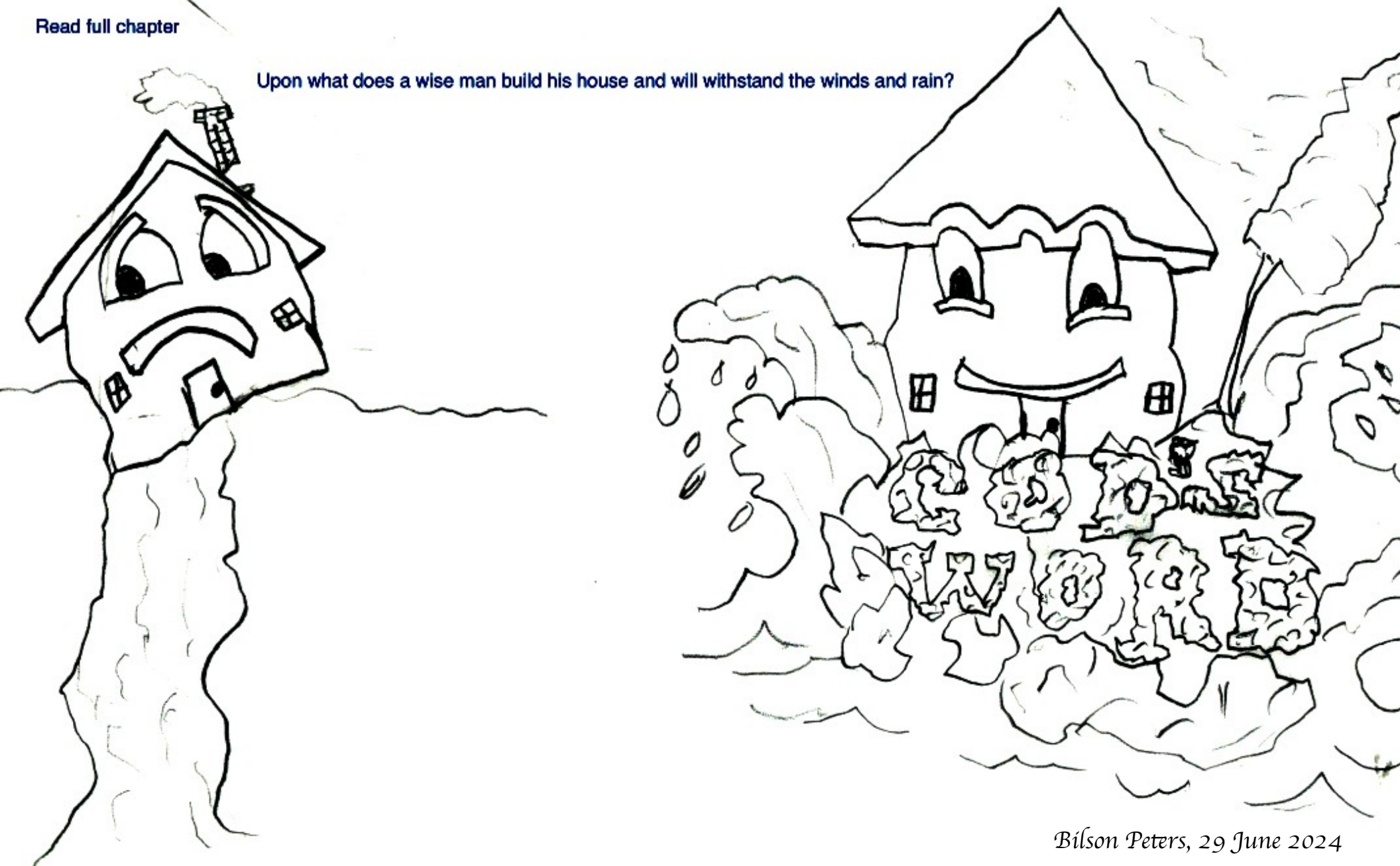
25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

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Upon what does a wise man build his house and will withstand the winds and rain?



## Israelite Gates and the Old Testament

Rom 3:1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? 2 Much every way: chiefly, because that **unto them were committed the oracles of God.**

Rom 9:4 Who are Israelites; **to whom pertaineth** the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and **the giving of the law**, and the service of God, and **the promises;**

Gal 3:24 Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster** to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

## Apostolic Foundations and the New Testament

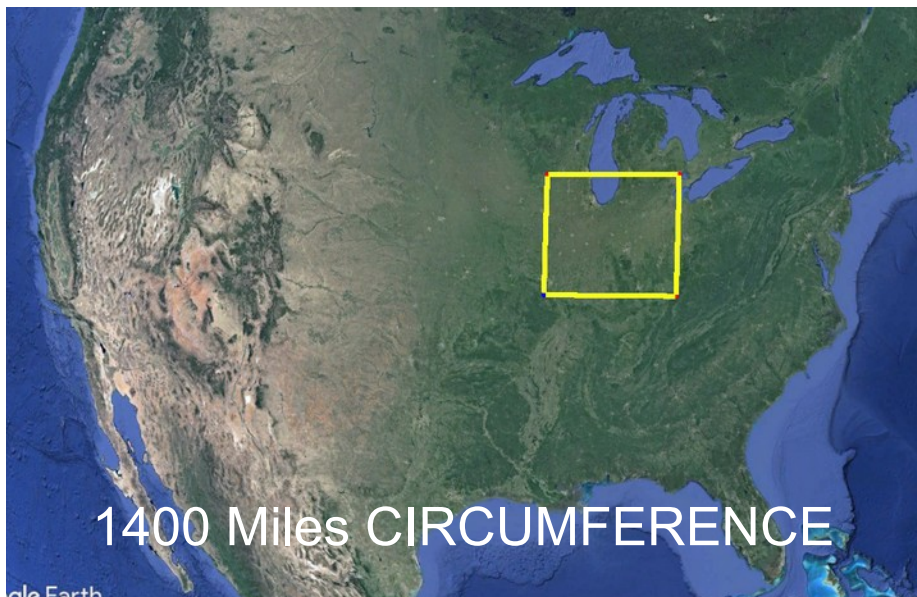
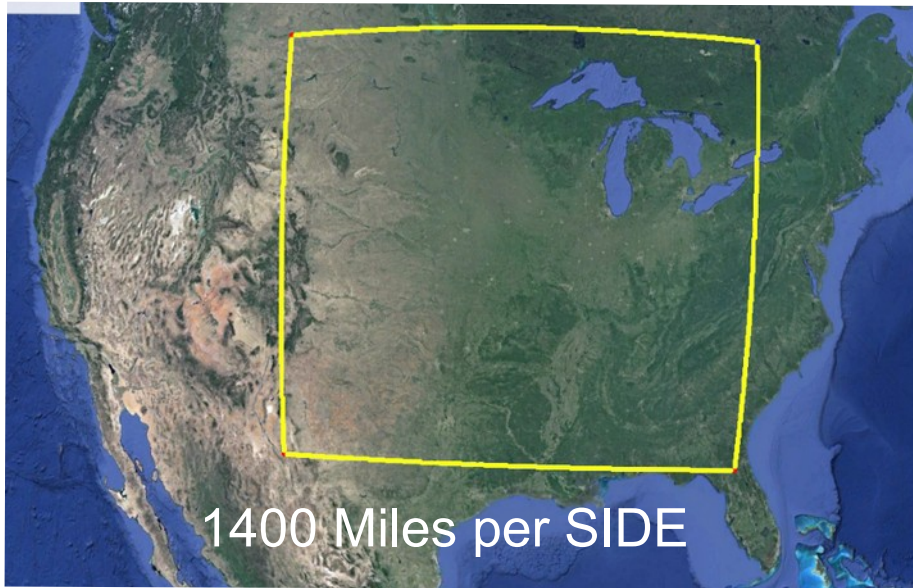
Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth **these sayings [λόγος logos G3056] of mine**, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which **built his house upon a rock:** 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not:** for it was founded upon a rock.

Jhn 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep **my words λόγος:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings [λόγος]: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken unto you, **being yet present with you.** 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance,** whatsoever I have said unto you.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets,** Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;



# 21:16 A Huge City



Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

... BUT ...

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number**, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

1Ki 19:18 **Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel**, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

21:12-21, The City's Architecture

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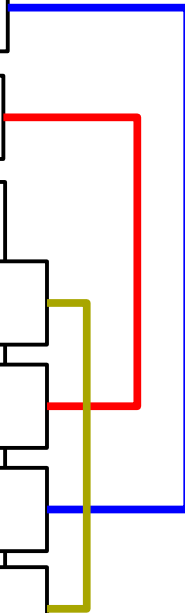
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18b, Glassy gold

19-20, Foundations: Gems

21a, Gates: Pearls

21b, Glassy gold



1Kings 5:17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, **costly stones**, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. [cf. 1 Ki 7:9-11]

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. ... 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and **lay thy foundations with sapphires**. 12 And I will make thy windows of **agates**, and thy gates of **carbuncles** [??], and **all thy borders of pleasant stones**.

## Precious Stones and Foundations

2Sam. 12:29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 30 And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the **precious stones**: and it was set on David's head. [cf. 1 Ki 10:2, 10]

# Who Wears Precious Stones in the OT?

Exo 28:17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle**: this shall be the first row. 18 And the second row shall be **an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond**. 19 And the third row **a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst**. 20 And the fourth row **a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. 21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes. ... 29 And **Aaron** shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the **breastplate** of judgment upon his heart, when **he goeth in unto the holy place**, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

Ezk 28:13 Thou hast been in **Eden the garden of God**; every precious stone was thy covering, **the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold**: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art **the anointed cherub that covereth** (סכך G sakak H5526); and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the **holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ex. 25:20 And the **cherubims** shall stretch forth their wings on high, **covering** (סכך G) **the mercy seat** with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

# A Reflection of the Glory of God

Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And **they saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a **sapphire stone**, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Ezk 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible **crystal**, stretched forth over their heads above. ... 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of **amber**, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 **As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud** in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a **jasper and a sardine stone:** and there was a **rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

## 21 ... Gates ... Twelve Pearls

Mat 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found **one pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or **pearls**, or costly array;

## The Meaning of the Gems

1 Tim 6:16 **dwelling in the light** which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see:

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and **priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be **priests** of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.