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"The things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor. 2:9)

"A New Heaven, A New Earth, No More Sea, The Holy City – New Jerusalem, Wipe Away All Tears, no More Death-Sorrow-Crying-Pain, All Things New, The Water of Life, The Lord God Almighty and The Lamb, The Glory of God, no Night, The Tree of Life, no More Curse, COME – TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY." Rev. 21-22

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The Great Hall of Faith:

"By faith Abraham, when ... called to go out—obeyed ... not knowing whither he went—By faith he sojourned in the land of promise—For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God—(Abraham and all who) died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth—they seek a country—an

heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That, in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him (Isaac) up, even from the dead." (Heb. 11:8–19)

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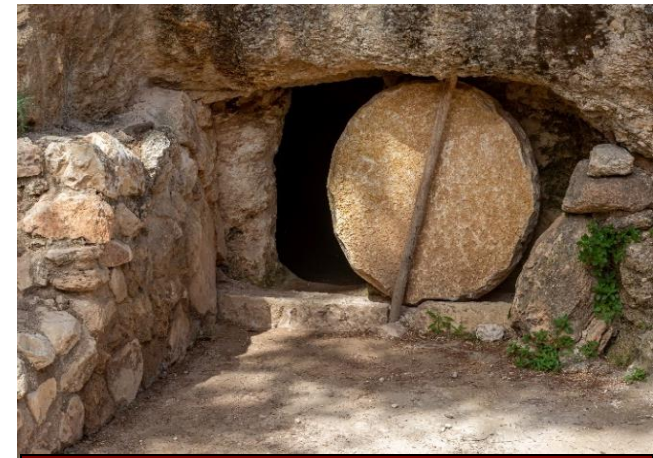
"Come unto me—I will give you rest—learn of me—and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28–30)

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