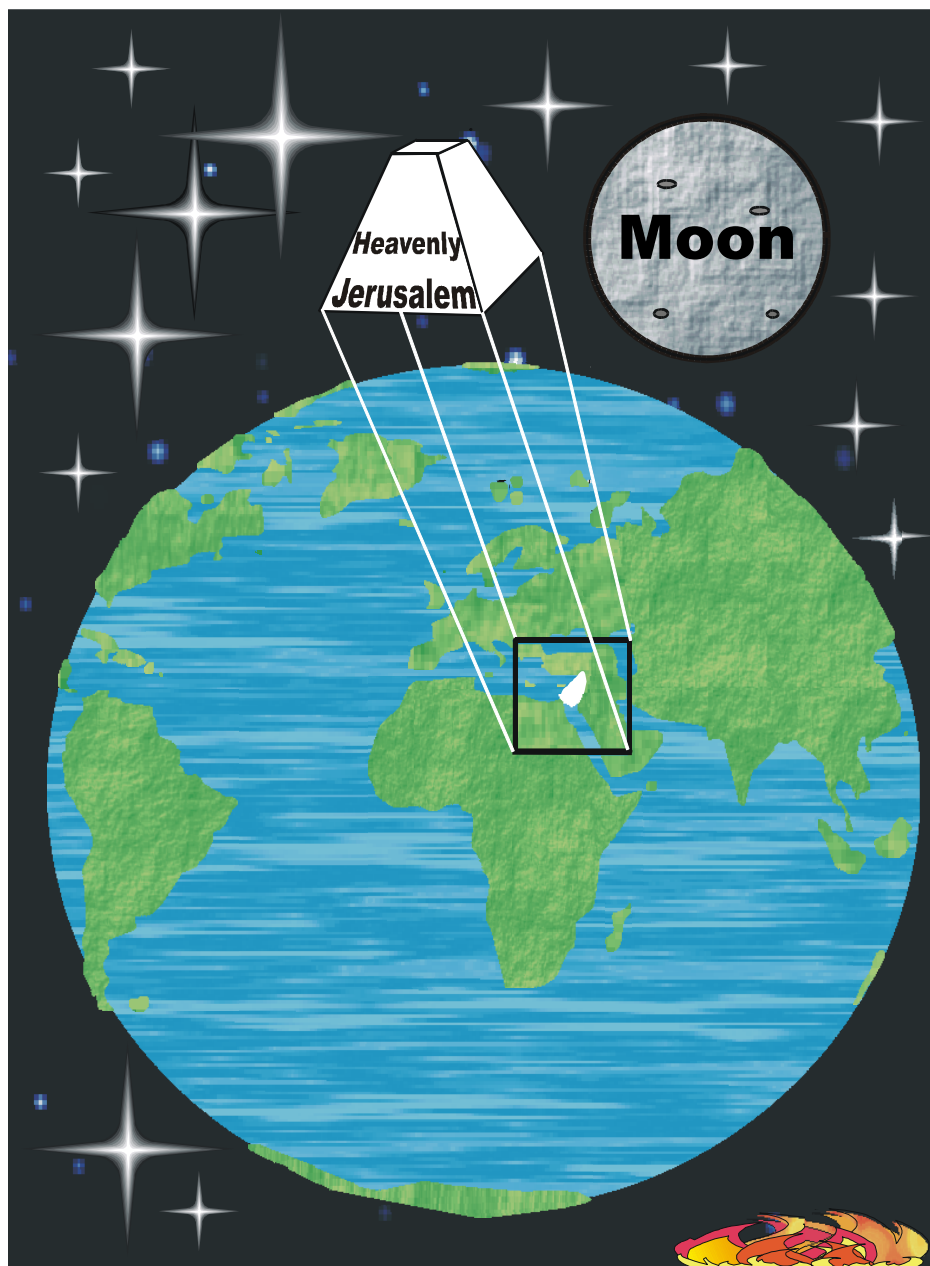


Illustration 177. Heavenly Jerusalem

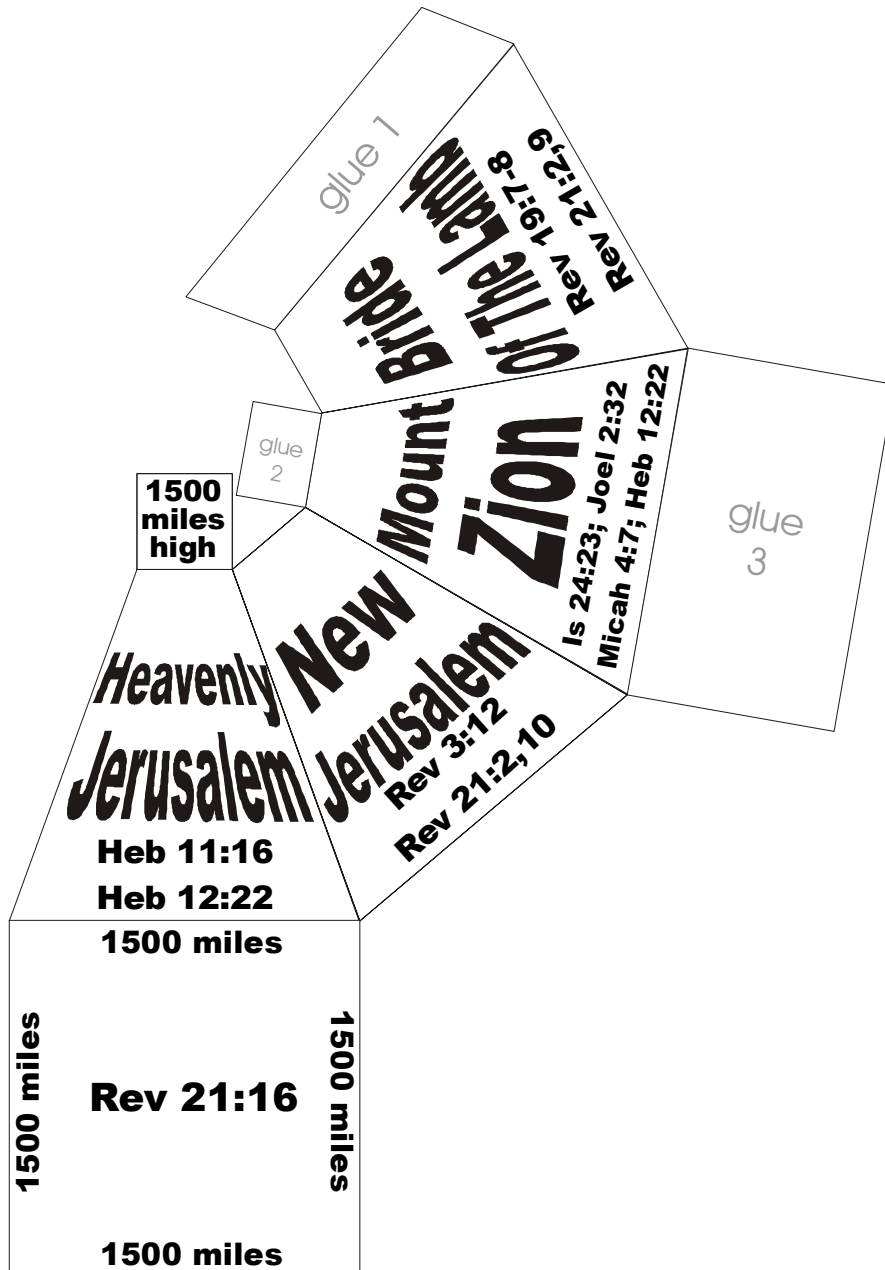


The dispensational understanding of the basic nature of the city is herein adopted. The speculative nature of parts of this presentation is readily admitted. The picture presented above of the Heavenly Jerusalem is an adaptation of one found in *The Kingdom of God Visualized* by Ray Baughman.<sup>985</sup> In contradistinction to Baughman's cubical preference, the illustration used herein has been modified to represent the more likely pyramidal shape of the Heavenly City. As in Baughman's picture, the city is drawn to scale: the breadth and width of its base are equal to its height (cf. Rev 21:16). The surface area of its top is speculative. Presently, the Heavenly Jerusalem is a satellite city located in space, perhaps to the far north of this planet. During the millennium, this satellite city will come to this planet and be stationed in orbit above the Earthly Jerusalem.\* At the conclusion of the millennium, some dispensationalists believe that the *Heavenly Jerusalem* will descend to the New Earth and engulf the previous location of the earthly Jerusalem. After this time, it will be known as the *New Jerusalem* and will rest on the New Earth throughout the eternal state. This working hypothesis is adopted in the first volume of

\* Or, more likely, the city will come at the rapture and be hidden in orbit around this planet until the millennium, at which time it will be enclosed.

the present book. The second volume will adopt the more probable view held by other dispensationalists in which New Jerusalem will remain suspended above the earth in the eternal state also.\*

Illustration 178. Labeled Cutout City



While I was preaching through this material, I developed three-dimensional representations to share with the congregation. Printing it on paper has the advantage of being easier to cut and fold, easy enough in fact for the children of the church to undertake. It also has the advantage of being very visible if you wish to add labels. The above cutout has been drawn to scale to use in conjunction with a basketball to represent the size of the earth. In such comparisons, a tennis ball would correspond to the size of the moon. So one could simply pass out copies of the above illustration to children of the church, and they could make their own scaled models that could be compared to their basketballs and tennis balls at home.

\* See *Where is the Heavenly City*, 906. Also see “Migration of Jerusalem” in *Predestination and the Open View*.