

The Glorious Church

The Holy City, New Jerusalem

The Light of the Holy City

- **Rev 21:11** – Having the glory of God. Her **light** was like a most precious stone, like a **jasper** stone, as clear as crystal.
 - The meaning of jasper is **God seen**, God made visible.
 - When the New Jerusalem descends to earth we will be able to **see God Himself**.

The Inhabitants of the Holy City

- The names of the **twelve tribes of Israel** are written upon the gates, and the names of the **twelve apostles** are written upon the foundations of holy city.
 - This shows us that the city includes the saints from **both** the Old and the New Testament.
 - The kingdom of God includes Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who represent the **Old Testament saints**.
 - Those who come from the east, west, north, and south represent the **New Testament saints**.
- At the time of the new heaven and new earth, **all** those who have the **life of God** will be included in the New Jerusalem.

The City, the Gates, and the Wall

- In the beginning God made a garden in Eden, and the serpent was able to come into this garden to speak to Eve.
 - This shows us that there was **no wall surrounding the garden**.
 - God's intention was that **Adam would be the wall of the garden**. However, Adam did not guard it, and Satan entered.
- The New Jerusalem has a wall.
 - On one hand, a wall **includes**, and on the other hand, it **excludes**.
 - It **includes and keeps** everything that is **within the city**, and it **excludes and rejects** everything that is **outside the city**.
- The **New Jerusalem** is the **new man** whom God has desired to obtain.
 - The new man is in God's presence and **separated** from all that is outside.

- When describing the New Jerusalem, the first thing that is mentioned other than God's glory is the **wall**.
 - Separation, therefore, is one of the most important **principles** in a Christian's living.
 - **If there is no separation, the Christian is of no value.**
- The **gates** are for **going in and out**, but why are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written upon them?
 - We have learned everything related to God from Israel.
 - The **law** was given to Israel, **redemption** is known through Israel, and **salvation** has come from Israel.
- The fact that the city has gates on all four sides indicates that it is located in a very **central** position and that it is the **center of everything**.
- At the gates are twelve **angels** to keep the entrance.
 - Formerly **cherubim** guarded the way of the tree of life, but now the tree of life in the city is guarded by angels at the gates.
- The city being **measured with gold** means that the city can be measured by **God's standard** and corresponds with God's standard.
 - We need to **seek God's glory**, hoping that we will be able to meet God's standard when we are measured in that day.
- In the new heaven and new earth, the New Jerusalem **becomes** the Holy of Holies to God.
- Twelve is the number used in eternity.
 - In the first part of Revelation, there are many sevens.
 - **Seven means perfection.**
 - In the latter part, there are many twelves.
 - **Twelve also means perfection.**
 - In the New Jerusalem, the **union** of God and man is no longer seven, but twelve.
 - It is no longer three plus four, but three **multiplied** by four.
 - In the new heaven and new earth, God and man will become one, and God and man can no longer be separated.

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