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“The 12 Gems”

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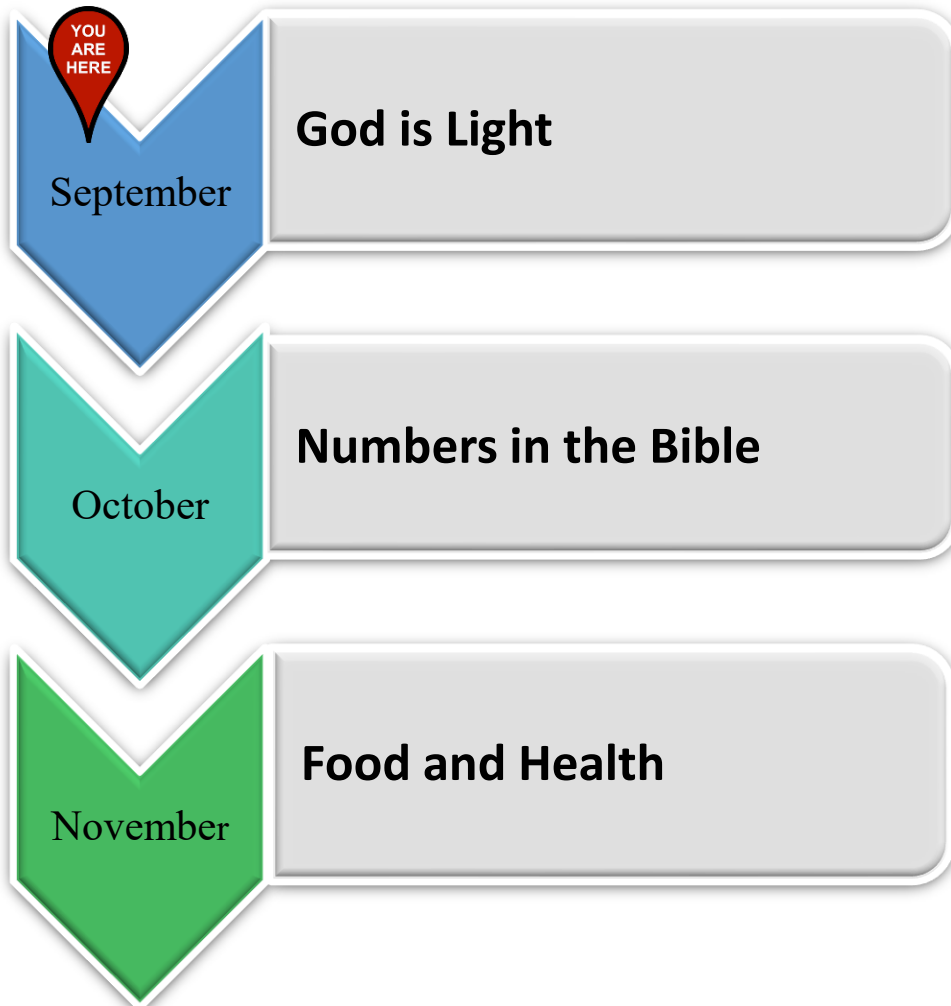
Welcome to Church

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Hallelujah to the King of Kings Revelation 19:1-9

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Maker of the
heavens and
earth Exalted by
the roar of a
multitude:
“Salvation and
glory and power
Belong to our
God”.

The cry of hallelujah resounds
The fullness of
time shows his
victory Justice

and truth are
revealed
His wisdom adored.

Chorus:

*Hallelujah to
the King of
Kings
Hallelujah
the Almighty
reigns*

*Let us all rejoice and give him
all our praise, our praise.*

Praise the Lord you servants of
God

All who fear him come,
whether small or great:

Fall before his throne in
awe

And worship him.

Blessed are those who will feast
At the glorious
banquet of God
himself; The
wedding of the
Lamb has come,
His bride is now
here.

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*Let us all rejoice and give him
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*Hallelujah to
the Lord of
Lords
Hallelujah to
the God of
power*

*The people of the Lord are
ready to see their king, Jesus.*

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Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled
with His praises

One day when sin was as black
as could be

Jesus came forth to be born of a
Virgin

Dwelt among men, my example is
He

Word became flesh and the light
shined among us

His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He
saved me

And buried He carried my sins far
away

Rising He justified freely forever

One day He's coming, oh, glorious
day, oh,
glorious day

One day they led Him up
Calvary's mountain

One day they nailed Him to die on
a tree

Suffering anguish, despised and
rejected

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is
He

Hands that healed nations,
stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

'Cause living He loved me, dying
He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far
away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious
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Have Faith in God

Oh Lord, you lead me
By the still waters,
Quietly restoring my soul.
You speak words of wisdom,
The promise of glory,
The power of the presence of
God.

Have Faith in God,
Let your hope rest on the
faith he has placed in your heart.
Never give up,
Never let go of the
faith he has placed in your heart.

Oh Lord, you guide me
Through all the darkness,
Turning my night into day.
You'll never leave me,
Never forsake me,
The power of the presence of
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7th
September

Light and Darkness

Good and evil; the Rainbow

YOU
ARE
HERE

14th
September

The 12 Gems

Different coloured gems, like the many mansions Jesus spoke about.

21st
September

Colours in the Bible

Specific colours are mentioned – each colour is a component of the True Light.

28th
September

Brighter than the Sun

Light of 7 perfect days (Isa.30:26) – more perfect understanding - the Light of Life.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

New Jerusalem's Dimensions (Revelation 21:16)

- The city is described as:
 - 12,000 stadia in length, breadth, and height
 - That equals roughly 2,200 to 2,400 kilometers per side, depending on how one converts a stadion (typically ~185 meters)
- The area is over ½ the size of Australia and about twice the size of Pakistan and reaches upwards to the level of the lowest medium earth orbit satellites.
- The walls alone are 66m high (a 20 storey building)
- That's not just a city—it's a cosmic sanctuary, echoing the cube-shaped Holy of Holies in the Temple (1 Kings 6:20).
- The entire city is a holy place, saturated with God's presence.

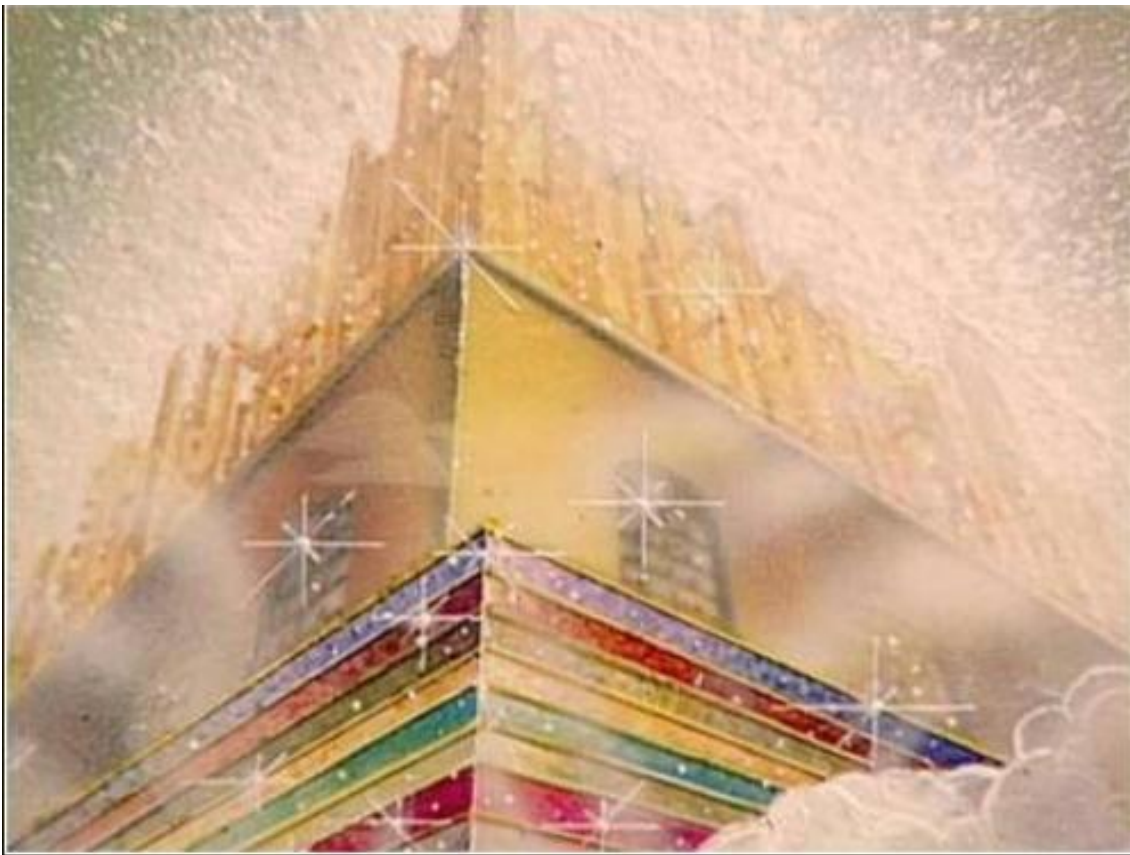
Symbolism of the Numbers and City

- The Number 12,000
 - 12 is the number of divine government—12 tribes, 12 apostles.
 - 1,000 often symbolizes completeness or vastness in apocalyptic literature.
 - So $12 \times 1,000 = 12,000$ implies totality of divine order—a perfected, expansive kingdom.
- The Holy City
 - The cube shape suggests perfection, symmetry, and divine order
 - The vast scale implies abundant space for all redeemed humanity.

The Structure of the City

The foundations are made of precious stones.

- One artist's impression is



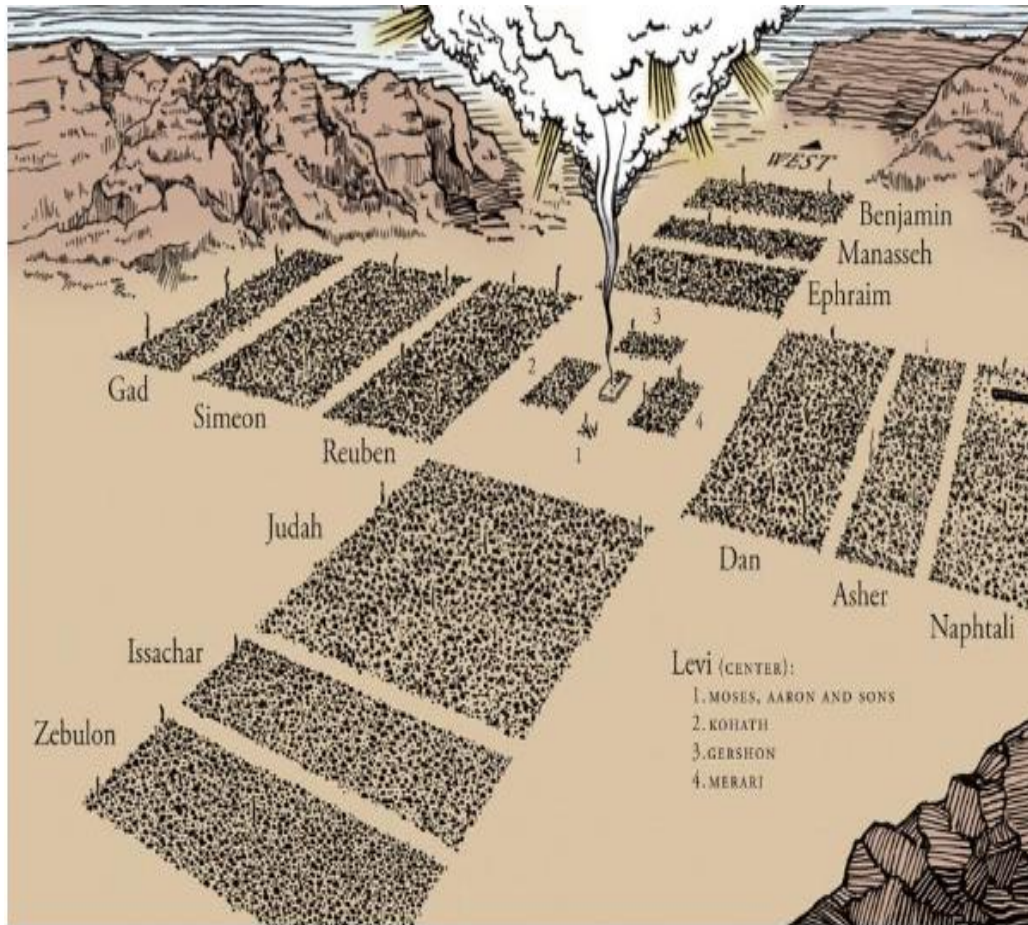
- Foundations the apostles – Gospel

- Gates the tribes of Israel – Law

- Foundations also imply principles or ways to live

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The Tribes of Israel arranged around the Tabernacle



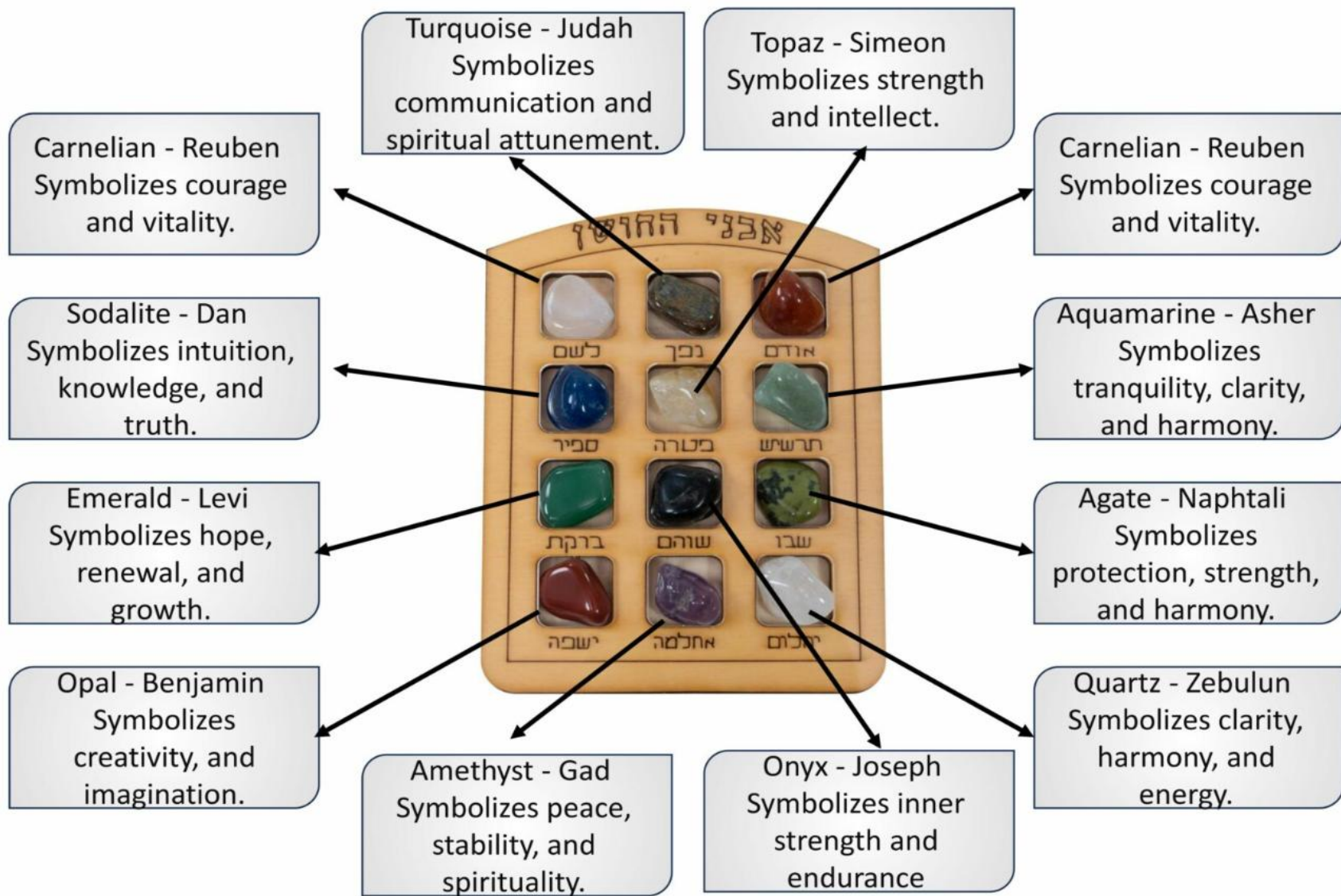
- Each Tribe had a special stone and standard.

- This same formation/ pattern is described in the gates into New Jerusalem in Revelation 21.

- The precious stones match fairly well considering O/T nomenclature was not standardized.

- The stones were in the High Priests breast plate.

<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/30866/what-were-the-four-standards-around-which-the-tribes-of-israel-were-camped-numb>



<https://matielgifts.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/12-tribes-2048x1152.jpg>

The Effect of 'Pure' Light



- Gems can be classified as isotropic or anisotropic.

- When cross-polarised light is passed through anisotropic gems they light up with rainbow colours.

- Other more 'precious' gems are dull (below).

- Is that why these gems are chosen in Revelation?

- When God 'lights us up' we can become beautiful like these gems



Revelation 21:1-22

The New Jerusalem

¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth....⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. ...

⁶ I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

⁷ He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

⁸ But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

⁹ ... I will [now] shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; ¹² And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

¹³ On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

¹⁶ And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

¹⁷ And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

¹⁸ And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

¹⁹ And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; ²⁰ The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Hymn 73 Describes the New Jerusalem

73.

Rather slow, in exact time. ARIEL—6 lines 8s. & 6s.

73.—6 lines 8s and 6s.

(Rev. 21/10-15; 1 Cor. 3/11; Luke 21/28)

THE precious stones are wond'rous fair,
 Which in Jerus'lem's ground-work glare;
 Their variegated hue
 Of blue, green, yellow, red and white,
 Emitting beaut'ous rays of light,
 A sight most beaut'ous show. Repeat

These twelve incomparable gems,
 Point out the patriarchal names,
 Or apostolic band.
 The walls, which are of gold so fine,
 The twelve twelve thousand in them shine,
 Which on the twelve gems stand. Repeat

But Jesus Christ, and He alone,
 Can be the true foundation-stone,
 The rock for ever sure;
 On Him the twelve pure stones are plac'd,
 On them the golden walls are rais'd,
 Eternally secure. Repeat

He comes in glory; hear! behold!
 He claims His well-refined gold,
 They eye to eye do see;
 In body, spirit, soul like Him,
 When thus He doth their flesh redeem,
 To immortality. Repeat

Ezekiel 28:12-19

Symbolic of The Fall of Satan

¹² Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 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; 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.

¹⁶ By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

¹⁷ Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

¹⁸ Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹ All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

John 14:1-4 Jesus' Promise of Many Mansions

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

⁴ And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Matthew 13:24-30 and 44-50

Ways to Understand God's Kingdom

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: ²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

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.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸ Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Message;

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Revelation 21:19&22

Maestoso.

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God from Mount Zion sends His law,
His Word doth from Jerus'lem go,
With accents beauteously sublime,
To ev'ry near and distant clime;

From which He gathers Isr'el's bones,
And changes them to living stones,
Whereof He builds an earthly house,
Which is His Bridegroom and His Spouse.

Jehovah doth a city rear,
Of stones of hue supremely fair;
Its walls consist of gold the best,
The fining-pot can this attest.

Its length, and breadth, and height are one
The meas'ring reed this truth hath shown,
'Tis not too small, not yet too great,
In size and quality complete.