

The Eternal State

Part 5

“Heaven”

Rev. 21:11-21

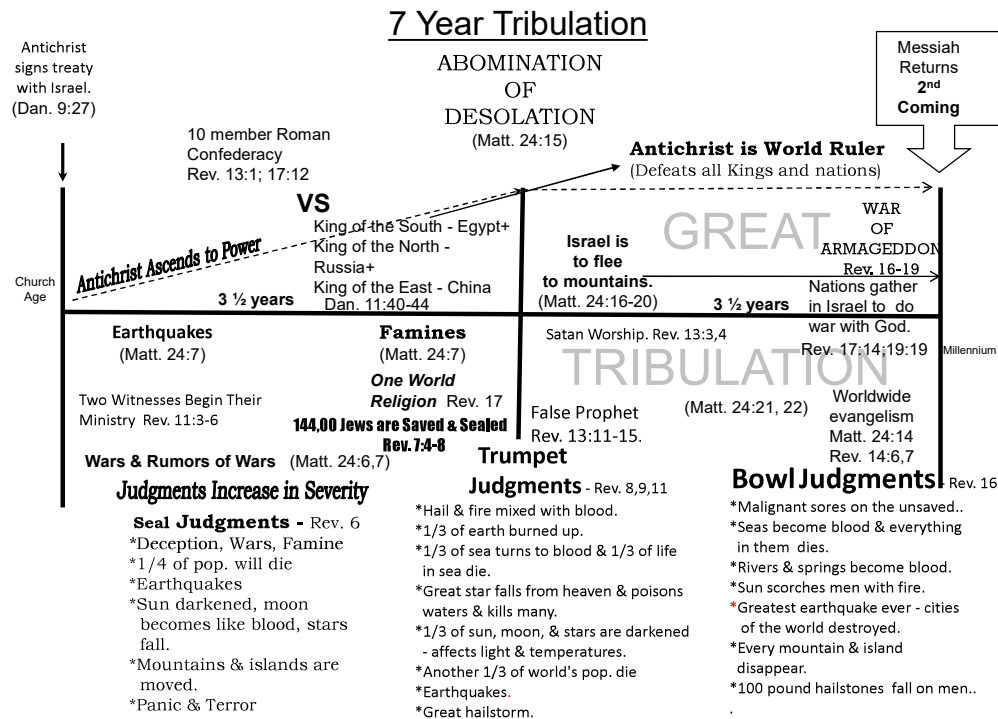
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Quiz

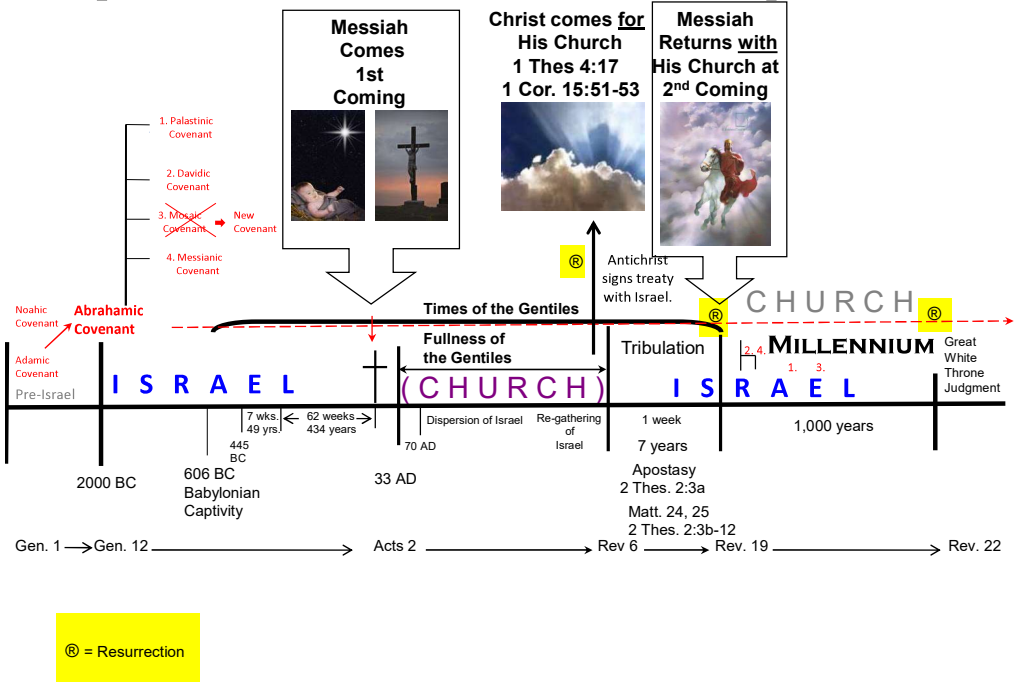
1. Put the following 22 events in chronological order as they occur in the book of Revelation:

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22. Great White Throne Judgment



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Rev 21:9-10

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

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“having the glory of God.”

- This city has one gigantic purpose and that is to radiate the glory of God to radiate the glory of God.
- This purpose is no different than His plan from eternity past, and that is to display His glory.
- Whether it is His plan or His city, it is all about Him.
- As you look at the structure of this city and its materials and components, remember what it is designed to do – radically display the brilliance of God’s glory.
- Therefore the design and materials must not impede or stifle in any way that brilliance.

“Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.”

- “brilliance” – φωσῆρ – light that is highly concentrated.
- Jasper is all that John knew so he uses the comparative “as a . . .”
- This is a gem. It is crystal-clear. It is flawless.
- What John is seeing here is like a diamond.
- Diamonds were not discovered until 1,200 AD.
- It does not have light shining on it, but light shining from it. It is a ginormous diamond shooting out rays of light everywhere.
- The whole city is one big stone, reflecting and refracting its light everywhere throughout the new heavens and the new earth.

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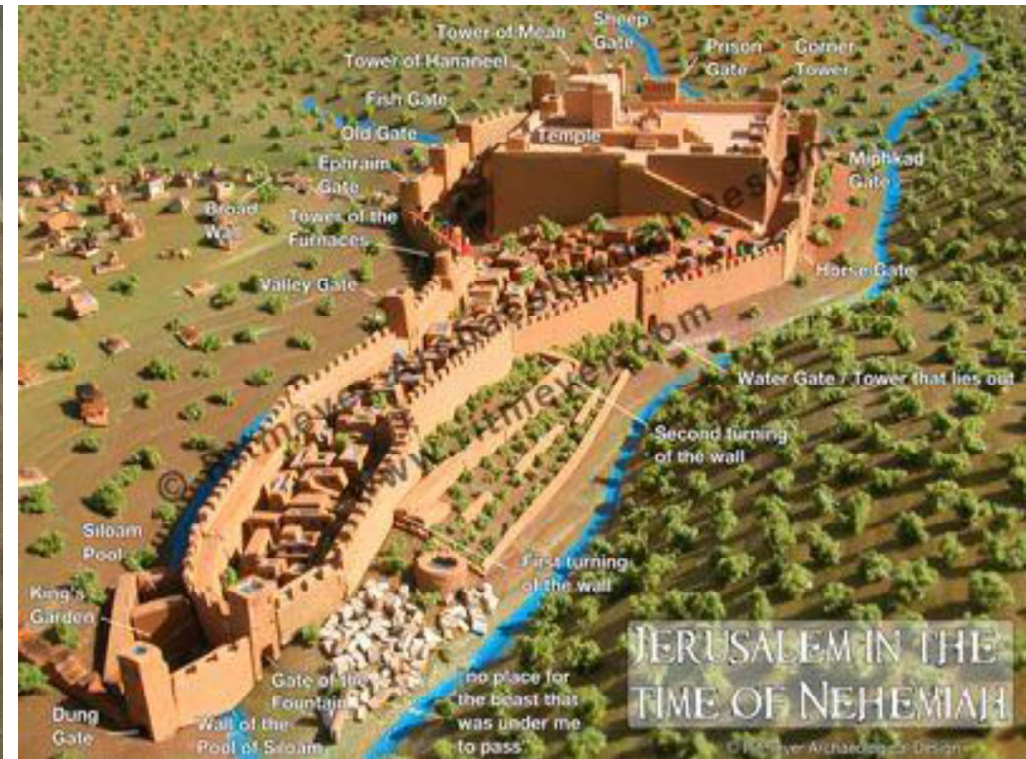
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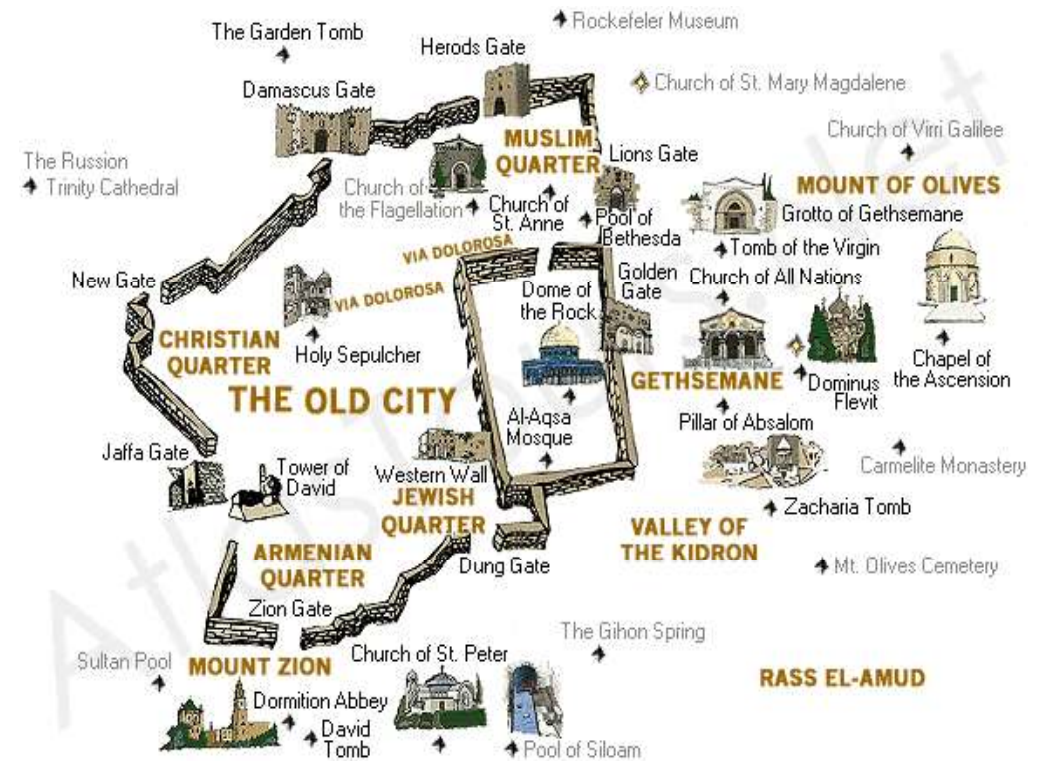
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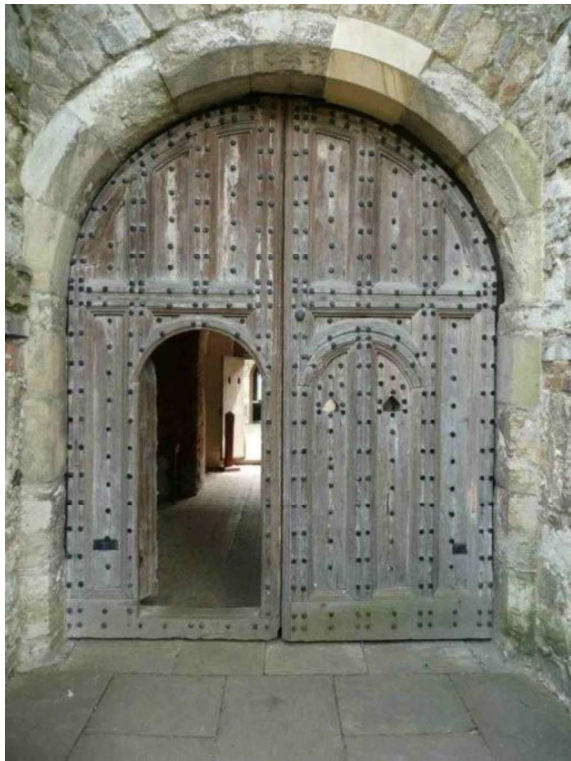
- Walls around a city, in Bible times, were important for the protection of a city. Average: 40 ft. high, 8 feet thick. Nineveh’s walls were 50 feet thick.
- However the New Jerusalem will not need protection.
- So what is the purpose of the walls around the New Jerusalem?
 1. To reflect and refract the light of the glory of God.
 2. To remind the saints of life in a city which needs no protection.



The gates of a city were also very significant.

- The vulnerability and strength of a fortress or stronghold always rested in its gates. Whoever controlled the gates controlled the city.
- The gates of ancient cities were important as a means of providing access to the city while maintaining security.
- The gates were shut at nightfall (Joshua 2:5).
- They were the chief point at which an enemy would attack (Judges 5:8).
- Idolatrous acts were performed at the gates (Acts 14:13).
- Battering rams were set against the gates (Ezekiel 21:22)
- Gates were broken down and burned with fire (Nehemiah 1:3).
- The gates were seats of authority (Ruth 4:11).
- At the gates wisdom was spoken (Proverbs 1:21).
- Judges and officers served at the gates administering justice. (Deuteronomy 16:18)
- City councils were held at the gates (2 Chronicles 18:9).
- God's Word was read at the gates (Nehemiah 8:2-3).
- The prophets proclaimed God's message from the gates. (Jeremiah 17:19-20)
- The people also had to enter through the gates to worship the Lord. (Ps. 100:4)





“and at the gates twelve angels;”

- Angels are there not to protect the city but to serve the saints.

Heb 1:13-14

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES

A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

- They are at the gates probably to welcome the saints as they come into the city and are there as well to send them off.

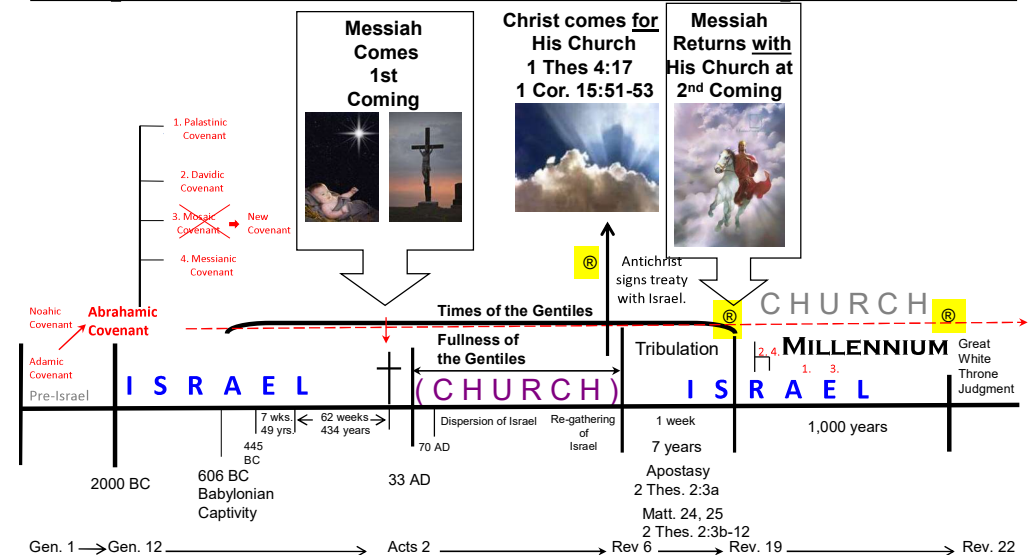
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- The names of the 12 tribes of Israel are written on the gates.
- All 12 of them are there. None of the tribes are lost.
- God will perpetuate the memory of His unique covenant with Israel throughout all of eternity.
- Each gate-tower bears a name of one of Israel’s tribes and indicates that Israel will have a distinctive identity and role in this city.
- And they are a reminder that entrance into the city is because of Israel –

John 4:22

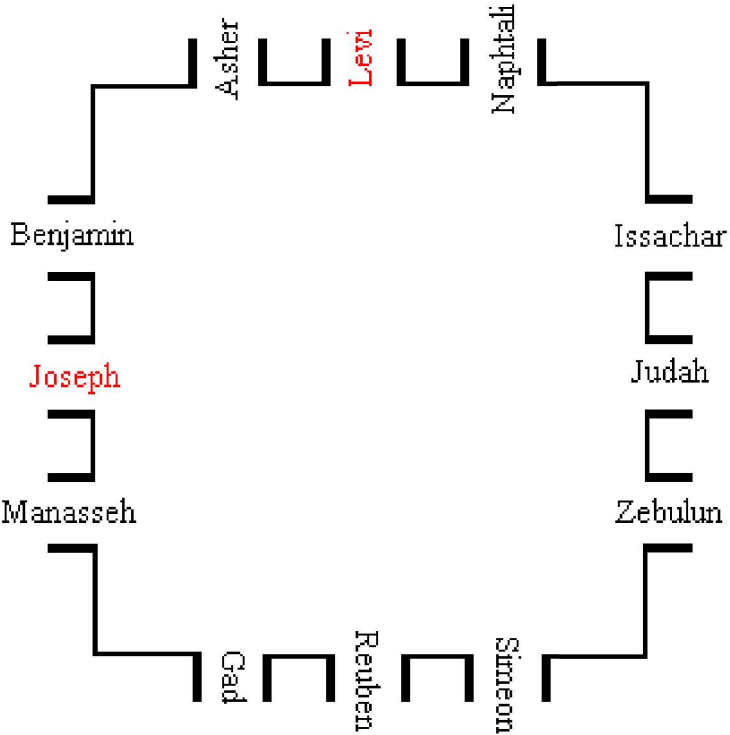
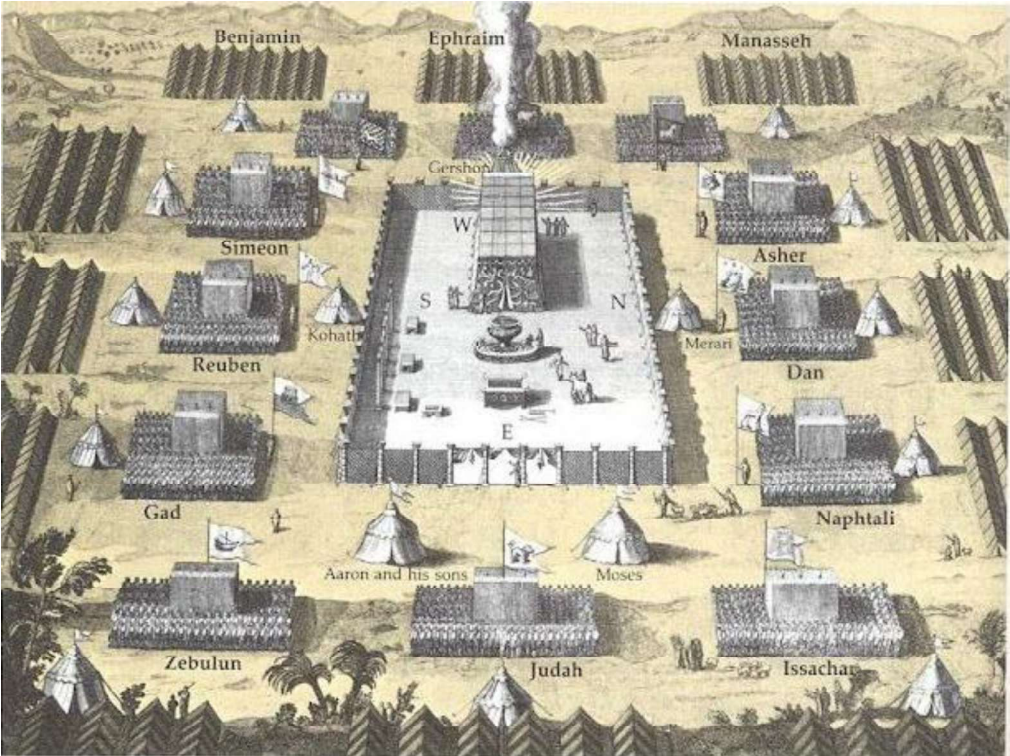
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Which twelve apostles will be represented?

- We know the 11.
- Who will be the 12th?
 - Judas
 - Matthias
 - Paul

Eph 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.



Where is Mary?

On the gates of New Jerusalem are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel (Rev. 21:12). On its twelve foundations are the names of the twelve apostles (Rev. 21:14). In the city itself are the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb as its temple (Rev 21:22), **but Mary is NOT mentioned at all! Mary's name is not found in any of those locations, nor is she alluded to even in a tertiary way, including as its temple.** All this is shockingly different than the way Catholicism has exalted her and given Mary the status of being sinless, sovereign, the hope of sinners, our refuge, the new ark of the covenant, the way to God and more.

The Mary of Catholicism is a myth and has become, for the misinformed, a DANGEROUS SNARE TO THEIR SOULS!

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“The fact that the angel’s measuring rod was gold reflects the dignity of the task of measuring this city’s gate-towers and walls but even this measuring rod is gold, suggesting the high value of the city.”

- Thomas Constable

“rod” - **καλαμον** – a reed, the (dried) stalk of tall plants. (9 feet)

“measure” - **μετρεω** – to measure with an instrument.

God measures out what is His.

Millennial Temple

Ezek 40:3

3 So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze, with a line of flax and a measuring rod in his hand;

5 And behold, there was a wall on the outside of the temple all around, and in the man's hand was a **measuring rod** of six cubits,

Tribulation Temple

Rev 11:1

1 Then there was given me a **measuring rod** like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

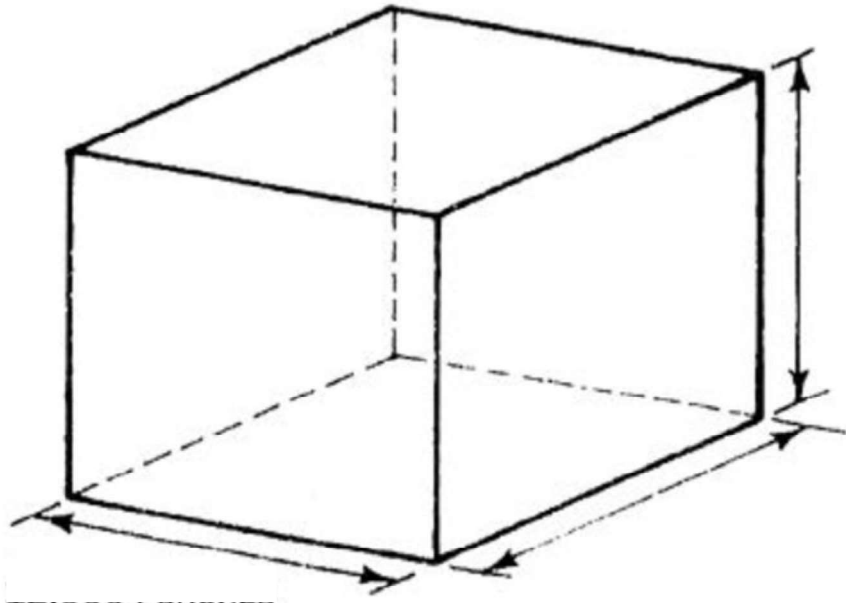
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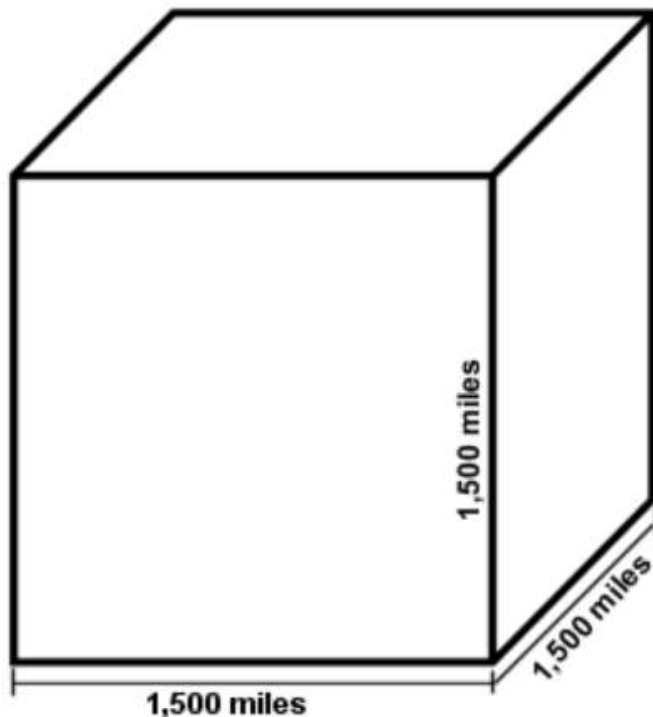
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“miles” – σταδιον - each is equivalent to 400 cubits or 1/8 mile. The dimension is equivalent to 4,800,000 cubits or approximately 1,500 miles.

One furlong is 582 feet. Multiply 582 by 12,000, then divide by 5,280 feet in one mile, and you will get the exact size of the city - 1,500 miles long, 1,500 miles wide, 1,500 miles high.



- The New Jerusalem will be unlike any city ever built. It is a city so large that only God could construct it.

Heb 11:8,10

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out,

10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

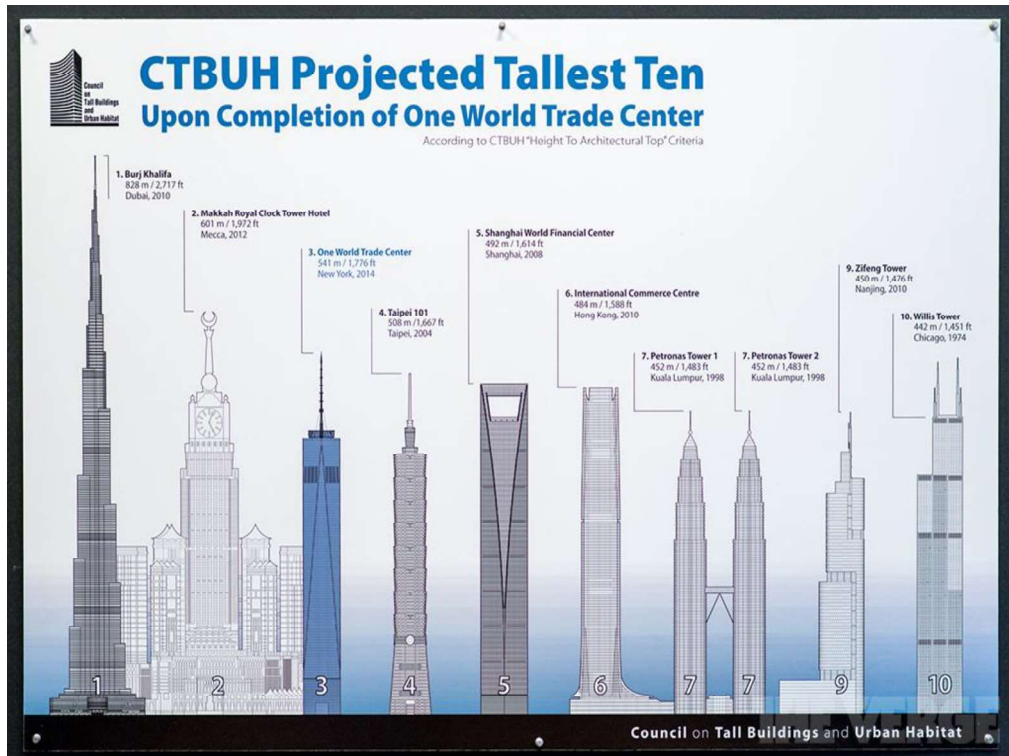
- A cube-shaped city rather than a pyramid would make the most sense as the Holy of Holies in Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:20) was shaped like a cube.

1 Kings 6:20

20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold.

At 1,500 miles square:

- The New Jerusalem is larger than India with nearly 2 million square miles.
- It would have a diameter larger than the moon.
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- If you are 1 mile away from the city, you would not see the top but might if you are 10 miles away.
- Henry Morris calculated that each believer would have a "block" with about 75 acres to call their own.

"To grasp something of the enormity of the city, consider that this figure is 40 times the area of England, 20 times that of New Zealand, and 10 times the area of Germany or France. The ground floor alone would provide enough living space for far more people than have ever lived in the history of the world. And this is just the first floor." "Never of course was there a city like this! If it were to be superimposed upon the United States, its area would cover all the way from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Atlantic Ocean to Colorado."

- David Jeremiah

