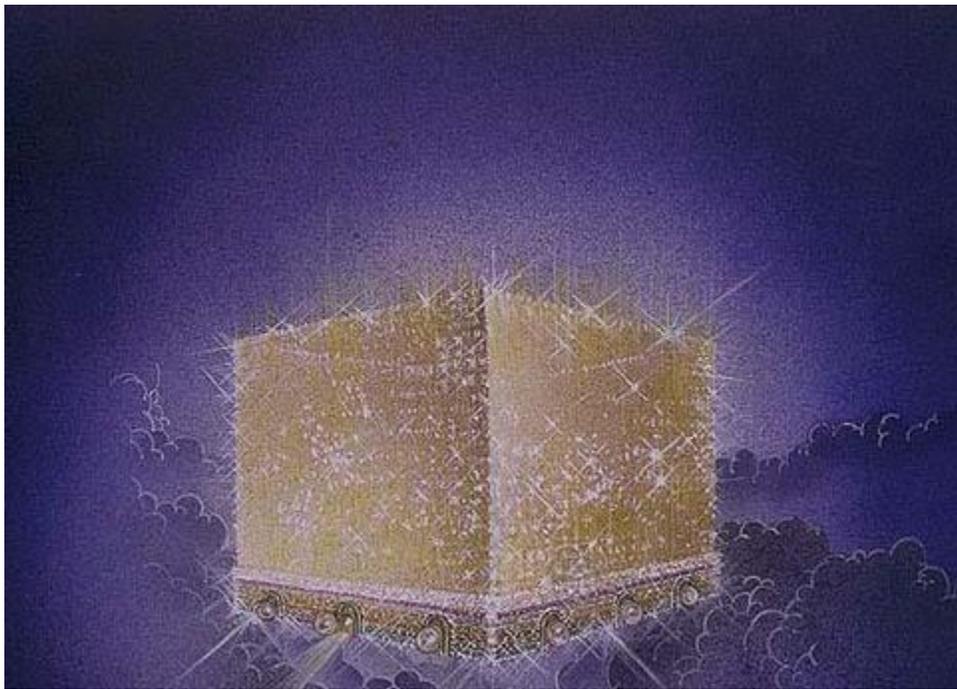


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## The New Jerusalem The Bride of Christ – The Body of Christ

One of the 7 angels who had the 7 bowls full of the 7 last plagues came to me and said, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of Jesus.”

And he carried me away in the spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It is the Bride of Christ, prepared as a Bride, beautifully dressed for her husband.



### **Bride of Christ**

It shines with the glory of God, and its brilliance is like that of a very precious jewel, like a diamond, clear as crystal.

Men, don't be uneasy about the idea of being a "Bride of Christ". It just means we will be ruling alongside Him, sharing His Throne, living in close association with Him in a huge, glorious 1500\* mile cubed city.

\*[The Bible says **12,000 stadia**: Itinerary Stadia=157 meters; Olympic Stadia=176 meters; Attic or Italic Stadia=185 meters; Babylonian/Persian Stadia=196 meters; Phoenician/Egyptian Stadia=209 meters.] {The City could be anywhere from 1170 miles to 1558 miles cubed.}

It has a great high wall with twelve gates. Twelve angels guard the gates; one at each gate. On the gates are written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There are 3 gates on the East, 3 gates on the North, 3 on the South and 3 on the West.

The wall of the city has 12 foundations, and on the foundations are the names of the 12 apostles of Jesus. The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 1500 miles in length, 1500 miles wide and 1500 miles high. He measured its walls and they were 216 feet thick.

The wall was made of diamond, and the city was made of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The 1<sup>st</sup> foundation was diamond, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sapphire, 3<sup>rd</sup> chalcedony, 4<sup>th</sup> emerald, 5<sup>th</sup> sardonyx, 6<sup>th</sup> carnelian, 7<sup>th</sup> chrysolite, 8<sup>th</sup> beryl, 9<sup>th</sup> topaz, 10<sup>th</sup> chrysoprase, 11<sup>th</sup> jacinth, 12<sup>th</sup> amethyst.



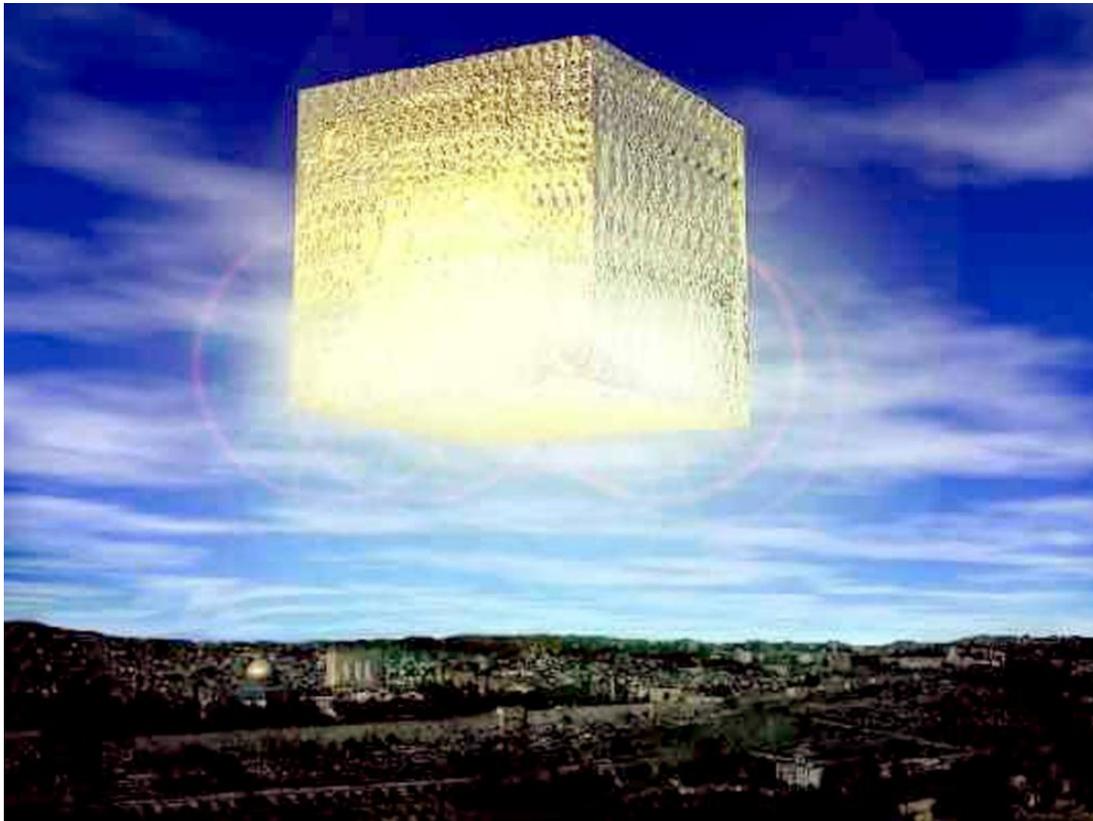
The 12 gates were 12 pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. Imagine how huge these pearls have to be to allow significant traffic to pass through. Each gate has to serve an area of approximately 500 miles. On no day will its gates ever be closed, for there will be no night there.

The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

God has so much wealth we can't begin to understand the sheer volume of it. We are given only this one small peak. Gold and precious stones are so commonplace and of such volume they can be made into building materials.

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light and Jesus is its lamp. The kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it and those nations will walk by its light.

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in Jesus' Book of Life.



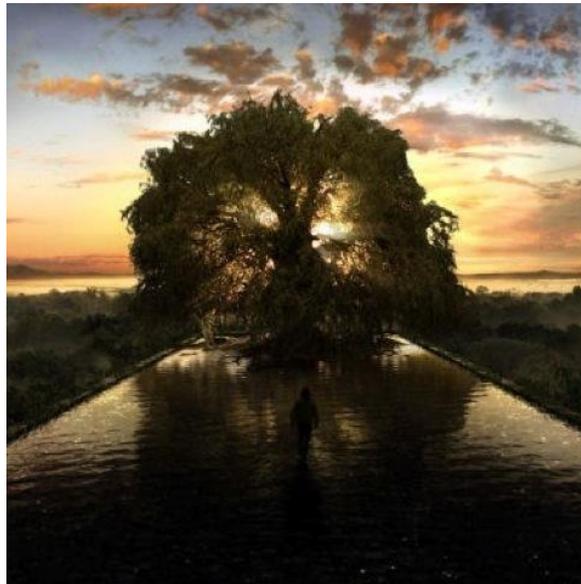
I wonder if it will hover above Jerusalem.

Then the angel showed me the River of the Water of Life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of Jesus down the middle of the great street of the city.

The Tree of Life stood on each side of the river. **Longings** fulfilled are a Tree of Life. That is such a precious verse and concept. **Longings** fulfilled!



Leaves - For Healing Nations



River and Tree of Life



Leaves - For Healing Nations

And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse on the earth.



The throne of God and of Jesus will be in the City, and his servants will serve Him. The duties of these servants will be ever new, interesting, challenging, rewarding, thrilling and exciting. You won't have time or interest in strumming a harp on a cloud.

There will be such overwhelming pleasure in being near Jesus. We will need our glorified bodies to be able to endure the intensity of the pleasure.

You will see His face and His name will be on our foreheads.

Did you know that **YOU** are mentioned in the Bible? Sharing Christ's reign! **YOU** issued a Royal Invitation 2000 years ago. It's been sitting there in writing for 2000 years just waiting for you! Now **THAT IS HONOR!**

Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the **Bride** say, "**Come!**"



The Spirit **and the Bride** say, "**Come!**"

And they will reign **TOGETHER** forever and ever.