



The
Gates
of the
Holy City
New Jerusalem

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Topics.

- Twelve gates twelve angels and twelve names
- Three gates on the east, north, south, and west side
- Its gates will never be shut

TWELVE GATES TWELVE ANGELS AND TWELVE NAMES

- **Revelation 21:2-3:** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

The following notes are focused upon the gates of this Holy City and what they signify.

- **Revelation 21:12:** It (the holy city, new Jerusalem) had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed.

There is an angel at each of the twelve gates: signifying the following three things:

1. Angels guarding faithful believers, and the faithful church.
2. The almighty power of God, that guards His people for salvation
3. God defending the city of Jerusalem during Christ’s millennial reign. for at the beginning of this glorious age, the ungodly beast nations will foolishly attempt to destroy Christ, and his government ruling from Jerusalem, and at the end of this age, a fruitless attempt will again be made upon the city of Jerusalem. God set angels (cherubim) over the garden of Eden to guard the tree of life (Gen. 3:24), and here angels are set to guard the gates of the New Holy City against hostile enemies, especially those mentioned in the following verse:
 - When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. (Revelation 20:7-8).

On the gates the names of the twelve tribes: the number of the gates correspond to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, signifying the Holy City, new Jerusalem will be filled with faithful Jews in Christ. However, the following verse clearly shows us that the inhabitants of the Holy City is not limited to Jews only:

- **Revelation 21:14:** And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Here we are told that Jesus twelve apostles are the foundations of the city, signifying the twelve apostles, who first proclaimed the Gospel and that the way of Salvation is through faith in Christ, to people of all nations, which means the Holy City is not limited to Jews only, but will also be filled with redeemed resurrected Gentiles (i.e., people from all nations) in Christ.

The foundations and wall of the city are seen adorned with precious jewels of jasper, sapphire, agate, emerald, onyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, jacinth and amethyst. These are the most valuable and rare stones amongst all the stones of the earth, signifying two things:

1. The numbers of true and faithful believers amongst the populations of the world are small.
2. The enormous value God has for the faithful of the Old and New Testament. (Rev. 21:19-20).

THREE GATES ON THE EAST, NORTH, SOUTH, AND WEST SIDE

- **Revelation 21:13:** on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

This is the same layout as Israel's camp in the wilderness (Num. 2), the twelve tribes were arranged as follows:

- **On the east:** Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.
- **On the south:** Reuben, Simeon and Gad.
- **On the west:** Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin.
- **On the north:** Dan, Asher, and Naphtali.

The fact there is a gate on the north, south, east, and west wall, signifies two things:

- The triumphant church will be a collection of believers of all languages, toques, and races.
- The Holy City Jerusalem will be open to people from all corners of the world, and by its light the nations will walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it (Rev. 21:24).

NOTICE: in the following verse, the words, 'twelve gates were twelve pearls.'

- **Revelation 21:21:** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The fact the 'twelve gates are said to be twelve pearls,' clearly show that this account cannot be taken literally, but symbolically, for no such pearl was ever known to be large enough to make a gate. Rather the pearls denote the purity and the preciousness of Christ and of the Holy City Jerusalem, and signifies the most magnificent beauty, since there is no other jewel that could give a more striking view of the magnificence of the future dwelling place of the redeemed. However, it should be stated, there is only one entrance into the New Eternal Holy City, which is, the Lord Jesus Christ, for he is the only door into the sheepfold, and the only path to eternal life, eternal happiness, and only those who have faith in him will be granted the right to dwell in the New Jerusalem.

Jesus himself said:

- The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matt. 13:45-46).

- I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6).

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said

- This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12).

The apostle Paul said:

- No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11).

The author of Hebrews wrote:

- Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh. (Heb. 10:20).

The pearl was esteemed of the greatest value among the ancients, making it a most appropriate emblem to symbolise the highest truth, and Him who is the Truth as well as the Way of Life.

The streets were of pure gold and transparent glass, signifying two things:

1. The Holy City will be full of truth, and there will be no lie, deception, or deceit.
2. The purity of those who dwell in the city.

All the redeemed who dwell in the city will dwell in it as pure gold as transparent glass, and walk its streets with Christ who is the Truth, the Life, and the Way.

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ITS GATES WILL NEVER BE SHUT

- **Revelation 21:25:** and its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there.

All who dwell in the Holy City will be immortal and have no need of sleep, so there is no need for the gates to be shut. It also signifies the kings of the earth, heads, and representatives of the nations, and people of all languages will be welcome to visit the Holy City 24/7. The words, 'there will be no night there,' also signifies the complete removal of all evil and sorrow, symbolized by darkness, and is an echo of the following prophecy of Isaiah:

- The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. (Isaiah 60:19).

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