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- **Revelation 21:1-2:** Then I (John) saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Then in verse fifteen we read:

- **Revelation 21:15–16:** And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶ The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia (furlongs in KJV). Its length and width and height are equal.

Following are the estimated measurements of the following five famous cities:

1. **Jerusalem:** was estimated to be thirty-three furlongs in circumference (6.6 kilometres).
2. **Alexandria:** was estimated to be thirty furlongs in length, (6 kilometres) ten in breadth (2 kilometres).
3. **Nineveh:** was estimated to be four hundred furlongs round. (80 kilometres).
4. **Babylon:** was estimated to be four hundred and eighty furlongs in length and breadth. (96 kilometres).
5. **Rome:** was estimated to be six thousand four-hundred furlongs in length and breadth. (1287 kilometres).
6. **New Jerusalem: is states as being the** length, width, and height is stated as being 12,000 furlongs (stadia), which is approximately 2414 kilometers (1500 miles) in length, width, and height.

Even if these measurements are not exactly accurate it clearly shows that the Holy City New Jerusalem by far surpasses all other famous cities, especially when the height is taken, into account, it is an enormously large city. One of the reasons for the city being stated as being perfectly square and a perfect cube, is perhaps, to signify the Holy City will be perfect in every way. The numbers are also symbolical, since, twelve is the number of the apostles, and of the twelve tribes of Israel, and one hundred and forty-four thousand, (twelve thousand by twelve thousand) is the number that signifies the members of the Christian church.

The specific numbering signifies the Holy City, and the redeemed in Christ who have been resurrected, and who will be its eternal citizens. Collectively these magnificent symbolisms signify, the following glorious eternal truth, the Holy City, New Jerusalem, will have far greater strength and beauty, than the famous cities, ancient Jerusalem, Alexandria, Nineveh, Babylon Rome, and any other great city ever known in this world.

A gigantic city: the city being twelve thousand furlongs makes it a perfect cube. 12,000 furlongs is approximately 2414 kilometers (1500 miles). Due to its exact cube shape and its mammoth appearance many are confused, but there is no need to be confused because John's vision of this Holy City is a symbolic vision, and as such is not designed to be represented by a painting that makes sense to the eye any more than the following visions are expected to make literal sense to human understanding:

- John's vision of the twenty-four heavenly thrones.
- The sea of glass, like crystal.
- Four living creatures, full of eyes in Revelation chapter four.
- Ezekiel's vision of God and living creatures that had a wheel on earth beside them. (Ezekiel chapter one).

Any attempt to paint these visions only ends in grossly distorted pictures. The main idea is that the city is perfect in every way, even in the most minute detail, in the same way that the Holy City New Jerusalem is a perfect cube signifying it is perfect in every way, likewise, its resurrected glorified inhabitants will in every way be made perfect. The very fact that it is an exact cube can be taken to denote there is nothing crooked in its foundation and walls, signifying that the resurrected redeemed church will appear in its fullest state of glory, and be in exact accordance with God's eternal plan, that He planned by His eternal wisdom and eternal foreknowledge in His eternal mind, before time began. The idea is:

- The Holy City will be of the most magnificent scale and its vastness, beauty and splendour will by far surpass all the cities of the world.
- It will contain vast spaces and a countless number of inhabitants.
- On this side of eternity, no one can comprehend the wonder and glory of the Holy City New Jerusalem, because our limited mortal mind cannot comprehend a city of such vast and exact measurements.
- Currently the present church, unlike the Holy City, is unequal in its parts, in that some parts of it are purer than others, but in the New Jerusalem all parts of the Holy City will be equal in unity, perfection, purity, and love, as the measurements of the Holy City are pictured in the vision as being equal.
- The city lies foursquare, denotes the four corners of the world (north, south, east, and west), from where the inhabitants of the Holy City come, and denote that it cannot be moved, signifying, the steadfastness, commitment and non-wavering loyalty, faithfulness, and devotion of its citizens.

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