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Jerusalem
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Jerusalem and a Bride Adorned for Her Husband.

In the book of Revelation, we read:

- **Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Then an angel with one of the seven vials full of the seven last plagues talked with John, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." (Rev. 21:9), and he shows him that the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Rev. 21:9), and then we read:

- **Revelation 21:19-20:** The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate (chalcedony in KJV), the fourth emerald,²⁰ the fifth onyx (sardonyx in KJV), the sixth carnelian (sardius in KJV), the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

NOTE: the stones are not arranged in the order of the high priest's breastplate. Beginning from the foundation their colours are:

1. **Jasper:** dark opaque green.
2. **Sapphire:** opaque blue.
3. **Agate:** (chalcedony), an emerald of a greenish hue.
4. **Emerald:** bright transparent green.
5. **Onyx:** (sardonyx) white and red.
6. **Carnelian:** (sardius) bright red.
7. **Chrysolite:** bright yellow.
8. **Beryl:** bluish green.
9. **Topaz:** (topazion) or peridot, yellowish green.
10. **Chrysoprase:** is probably an error for chrysopaston, a dark blue stone, with flickers of gold, after which follow all the various shades of blue.
11. **Jacinth:** (hyacinthus) sapphire, sky blue.
12. **Amethyst:** (amethystus) the traditional colour for amethyst is violet and purple it is placed between red and blue with purple being closer to red, and violet being closer to blue and usually less intense and less bright than purple.

With this vast variety of colour, the foundation in John's view would appear around the heavenly city as a rainbow belt. The twelve foundation-stones signify that the many citizens of the New and Holy City will be from a vast variety of nations and countries, but though different in many aspects will all be in unity with the One Spirit, which of course will be love. Here in this vision, the Bride, the Lamb's wife, is pictured adorned with the rarest and most precious and valued stones on earth. All in Christ who have not given over to the love and dazzling attractions of the world, and the enticing riches of Babylon, will win the true spiritual heavenly riches.

THE APOSTLES, JESUS, AND THE FOUNDATION

These most beautiful and precious foundational stones may also be taken to signify the glory and honour of the founders of the church, the prophets, and apostles, and especially the Lord Jesus Christ the most precious corner stone.

- So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, (Ephes. 2:19-20).
- Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' (Isaiah 28:16).
- It stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." (1 Peter 2:6).

The apostles, built upon the Lord Jesus Christ the sure foundation, by his word, they laid the beginnings of the Gospel of grace and salvation for Jews and Gentiles alike, which afterwards was multiplied throughout all nations with others continually building upon their work until Christ returns to gather the faithful church to himself, and it is perfected.

ALL IN THE HEAVENLY CITY WILL BE FOUNDED UPON LOVE

There is no one who has turned away from the attractions of the world or suffered loss for Christ's sake and the Gospel, who will receive manifoldly much more.

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- Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first." (Mark 10:29-31).

The jewels and true celestial riches belong to those who put the love of Christ far above the deceitful riches and sinful pleasures of the world. The foundation of the wall is made up of every kind of jewel. Likewise, the foundation of the church is made up of many kinds of gifts and administrations, but they all flow from the same Lord and the same spirit. In the Heavenly City, there will also be a vast variety of characters and personalities all in unity, signified by the variety of precious jewels, but all will be founded on love.

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