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**Twelve  
Precious Jewels  
and the  
Holy City**

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## Twelve Precious Jewels and the Holy City.

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John in his vision saw the Holy City the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The Holy City had:

- Twelve gates with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel inscribed on them.
- Twelve foundations, with the twelve names of the twelve apostles on them. (Rev. 21:2-14).

Then we are told the foundation of the Holy City was adorned with the following twelve jewels:

1. Jasper
2. Sapphire
3. Agate
4. Emerald
5. Onyx
6. Carnelian
7. Chrysolite
8. Beryl
9. Topaz
10. Chrysoprase
11. Jacinth
12. Amethyst (Rev. 21:19-20).

Collectively, these twelve jewels signify the faithful of the Old and New Testament signified by the twelve apostles and twelve apostles, for they are the foundation of the Old and New Testament, and Gentiles are fellow citizens with the saints (i.e., the Jews) and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Eph. 2:19-20). The fact only twelve is mentioned, rather than twenty-four, signifies that in Christ Jews and Gentiles are one body

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- **Ephesians 2:12-22:** remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both (Jews and Gentiles) one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### The colours of the jewels are remarkably mixed.

1. **Jasper:** a precious stone as hard as marble, and of various colours, as of green, yellow, red, violet.
2. **Sapphire:** of a sky-blue, speckled with gold.
3. **Chalcedony:** or carbuncle, an elegant gem, whose colour is deep red, with an admixture of scarlet.

4. **Emerald:** of a bright green.
5. **Sardonyx:** red, streaked with white.
6. **Sardius:** or sardine-stone, of a deep red
7. **Chrysolite:** of a gold colour, as the word signifies.
8. **Beryl:** sea green.
9. **Topaz:** a mixture of green and yellow.
10. **Chrysoprasus:** a beautiful mixture of gold and green.
11. **Jacinth:** of a red purple.
12. **Amethyst:** a violet purple.

The difference of these stone and the variety of colours signify, the Bride of Christ will consist of resurrected believers from all races, nations, and languages. The fact these twelve jewels are rare and most valued, signifies the great value God places on the faithful in Christ.

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