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INTRODUCTION:

Joshua had spoken by an adjuration (that means he seavened himself or affirm the statement by repeating it 7 times (like Namaan who prayed: calling upon the Name or appellation of the Lord; and did not know when he went down into the Jordan water 7 times that he was calling on Him who is Sheh-bah, 7, Perfect, or the Holy One), saying: Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest (last) *son* shall he set up the gates of it, **Joshua 6: 26**. Certainly, this man who does this act is the Alpha & Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last! Two sons for One City!

‘Joshua’ (Yehoshua) had spoken in behalf of the Y’hovah who saves; ‘the son of Nun’, had spoken as the Son of Perpetuity or the Eternal One and so in the fullness of time what he had said came to past: in his days did Hiel (**Living of God**) the Bethelite (**House of God**) build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram (**Father of Height or Lofty**) his **firstborn**, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest (**Last**) *son* Segub (Aloft: safe, too strong, high, excellent), according to **the word of the LORD**, which he spake by ‘Joshua the son of Nun’, **1 Kings 16: 34**. But there was yet another application fulfilled by the **Son of God**, who is the First and the Last, **Revelation 1:11**.

God who had sundry times and in divers manners spoken to fathers in times past (or at **first**) by the Prophets hath in these **last** days spoken unto us (children) by His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He had appointed heir, **at the last**, of all things, by whom He made all things, **at the start or beginning**, **Hebrews 1: first and second verses**.

Jesus proclaims: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End in the **first chapter** of Revelation, **Chapter 1: 11** and in this penultimate chapter **21: 6**, the Father, He that sits on the Throne, said the same of Himself, and again Jesus repeats the same in the **final and last Chapter 22: 13**.

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Yeshua (He will save His people), called Jesus, is the only begotten of the Father, and is the **First and Last Son** to whom Joshua (Y'hovah saves) referred to as the one along with His Father, who is also **the First and Last**, as 'cursed' in the eschatology, but for our sakes. As it is written cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree, **Galations 3: 13**. But His death was for our redemption and a propitiation for our sins that He might rebuild and make again all things new as the Rebuilder of Jericho.

Thus He is the eschatological antitype who fulfills the type in the account of the adjuration of rebuilding Jericho which symbolizes the earth made new. Truly He is **the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, First and the Last, of all things**.

Israel had laid hold on to eternity and its habitation when the Jordan's waters stacked up as a heap depicting the lower territory or region of hades that were smitten or dried up to allow them to enter into its depths and to come out or up over on the other side of Canaan's land beside Jericho. This also spoke to their baptism: if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, behold old (or first) things have passed away all things have become new (or second, last), **2 Corinthians 5: 17**. And, know ye not that so many of you that are baptized in Christ are joined into His death that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so should we walk in the newness of life, **Romans 6: 4**.

Therefore by faith in Yeshua, the Promised Messiah, we take possession and lay hold on to eternity and its possessions (New Jerusalem and the Earth made new) and so then, they by faith consumed the Passover on the 14th of the First Month, **1 Timothy 6: 12**. They pass over the Jordan waters: the laver, (**the second step in the sanctuary**) was only made possible by the Passover Lamb's sacrifice upon the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice, (**the first step in the sanctuary**).

Now they must take the **continuous or perfect steps** understood as 'the 7 (complete, whole or perfect Holy One which never ends) days' **Feast of unleavened Bread**' of following on to know the Lord by celebrating the Feast not

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with leaven, but with the unleavened bread of truth and sincerity, **1 Corinthians 5: 7-8**, which was typified or dramatized in the march around Jericho: Month or scent or aroma, with the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord and 7 Priests with 7 ram horns going on ahead of them. They did prove that His going forth was as prepared as the Morning and He did come upon them as the early and later rain comes upon the earth, **Hosea 6: 3**. This was evident in the long blast and the shout that brought down the Wall of Jericho to the ground. Oh, that we would lay hold on and take possession of eternity and its habitations dispossessing all aliens!

By prayer at the Door of the Tabernacle or the Tent of Meeting, **the third step in the sanctuary**, we take continuous steps as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We like Him pray not our will, but Thy will be done in our lives, that we might accomplish or obey the Word of God, the living bread which we are fed from the Table of Shewbread by the Holy Ghost, **the fourth and fifth steps in the sanctuary**. We pray without ceasing as advised by Paul, **1 Thessalonians 5: 17**, and our Advocate intercedes with our Heavenly Father, via the golden altar, **the sixth step in the sanctuary**, before the Ark of the Covenant, The Throne of God, our Father, Who is at the **7th and final step** which we purpose to reach.

Rahab, the Harlot, unlike the Mother of Harlots and all the abomination of the earth was spared in the destruction of Jericho. Once we obey and follow these steps we will take possession that we can dispossess The Harlot and those with the Mark of the Beast who refuse to heed the Gospel Summon that was served, they either absent themselves and will eventual run and hide in the mountains and the dens of the earth as fugitives and criminals, saying to the mountains to fall upon us for the great day of the wrath of God has come, **Revelation 6**.

As the walls of Jericho came tumbling down at the 7th blast of the Ram's Horn on the 7th Day and the Army of the Living God entered in and destroyed its inhabitants, both man and beast, even so, after the 7th Seal is opened and the 7th Trumpet Voice is sounded the 7 last plagues will come down through the gaping

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hole to destroy the earth and those with the Mark of the Beast so that all things are made New as at The Beginning.

Yea, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last (Second): The Beginning and the End, The Father and Son, have power to bring forth glory: order and fullness **DEPICTED BY THE OBJECTS CREATED ON DAY 3: SEA, DRY LAND, HERB BEARING SEED & TREES BEARING FRUIT.** He has also the power to destroy as will be seen from the seven last plagues that are poured out in this third set of 7 Chapters and Jericho's destruction.

Chapter 21 is the last, final, second, recount or Deuteros of this the third set of Seven Chapters hence the combined measures of Deuteros and Genesis. Genesis because it falls in the third Set of Seven Chapters which accords to that precept on the **Measuring Reed or Rod from Revelation 11**; this precept speaks to beginning, age, period, generation, nature, nativity or birth, pre-eminence or first and the Deuteros precept speaks to review, recount, memorial or remember, second, rest, final or last. Hence we have the **combined Title of First and Last or Alpha and Omega: Beginning and the End.**

John was told in **Revelation 11** to arise and measure the Temple, Altar and Worshippers and now we see that these are 'the components' used by **the Alpha and Omega** to build a **New City, The Holy and New Jerusalem, the Great City.** We have been examining the component parts of the New Jerusalem now they are put together as they truly are: **a City, a defense dwelling place where the Lord God Almighty, The Father, and the Lamb, Yeshua, called Jesus the Christ are the Temple thereof.** The Tabernacle of God has once again become one with man; therefore, man is also a part of that Temple. This is the depiction that Joshua had spoken, saying: Cursed *be* the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest (last) *son* shall he set up the gates of it, **Joshua 6: 26. God, the Alpha and Omega,** builds the New Jerusalem, by laying the foundation and setting up the gates thereof by the sacrifice of His **First and Last Son,** Yeshua, the Christ.

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Now the application of precious stones: ye as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Yea, little children, little children who love their Redeemer are the jewels, precious jewels, His loved and his own.

We will begin this Recount Chapter as such:

DEUTEROS: THE FIRST AND THE LAST SON: THE ALTAR AND WORSHIPPERS

And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my **firstborn (or Alpha Son)**: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn, **Exodus 4: 22-23**.

Remember, God who had sundry times and in divers manners spoken to the fathers in times past (or at **first**) by the Prophets hath in these **last** days spoken unto us (children) by His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He had appointed heir, **at the last**, of all things, by whom He made the worlds, **at the start or beginning**, **Hebrews 1: first and second verse**.

V7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Yeshua, qualifies as the **Omega Son** as He said: These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world, **John 16: 33**. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith, **1 John 5: 4**. All Nations that overcomes the world shall be like Jesus, heir of all things and be as He is: the **First and the Last Son** of God. These are the **True Worshippers** of God.

As the **Alpha & Omega Son of God** and Joint-heirs with Christ in the recount we shall review our inheritance: dwelling in the Presence of God:

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- 1** A new Heaven and a new Earth, the second, deuterous, Omega or last, for the first or alpha, Heaven and Earth had passed away and there was no more sea.
- 2** The Holy City, New or second Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a Bride adorned for her Husband, the first was Jerusalem in Palestine, the Capital City of Judea.
- 3** Yea, the tabernacle of God shall again the second time be with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Remember at the first time when He had said let them make me a Sanctuary that I might dwell among them, **Exodus 25: 8**, depicting at the start at Creation. That which He had proposed in the wilderness is now fulfilled again at last. As it is said: God is in the generation of the righteous, **Psalms 14: 5**, He will dwell among them.
- 4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, this is accomplished at last; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former or first things are passed away.
- 5** The First Heaven and Earth are now passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new, the second time. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
- 6** And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Now we see that we have received of the legacy and heritage of our God and Father, who, indeed, as Yeshua, His Son, is the Alpha and the Omega. We are numbered and sealed as He is.

V14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Twelve foundations of the Wall of the City represent the Twelve Apostles, Ambassadors of the Gospel, Commissioners, with miraculous powers, Messengers. These are the Apostles of the Lamb of the Altar of burnt sacrifices. As Sons of God and joint-heirs with the Lamb their names are written in the

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twelve foundations of **the Wall of the City**. They are as foundation members and the first defence as **The Wall**, against all opponents and railing accusers, blasphemers of God.

If ye be Christ then are ye Abraham seed and heirs according to the promise, **Galations 3: 29**. In this recount we shall look at the **last Son, the (Twelve) Apostles of the Lamb**, and the **first son, (the Twelve Tribes of) Israel**: The Twelve foundations of the Wall of the City and its Twelve Gates are of One Pearl each. Remember as lively stones we are built up a **Spiritual House**, **1 Peter 2: 5**:

- 8 These (Apostles and Tribes of Israel) all died in faith, **the first death**, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth, **Hebrews 11: 13**. **But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**. But upon those who believe in God and His Christ the second death hath no power upon them, **Revelation 20: 6**.
- 9 As Egypt was plagued at first to let go Israel, God first born, **Exodus 11: 1**, even so Babylon, spiritually, which is Sodom and Egypt, **Revelation 11: 8**, shall be plagued with 7 last plagues: **And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife**. Afterwards, the City, New Jerusalem prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband shall descend.
- 10 Only **by the Spirit** can we be **carried away**, firstly, to a great and high mountain, to see secondly, that great city, the holy Jerusalem, **descending out of heaven from God**, the City as a Son born out of the womb of heaven.
- 11 As we firstly, glory in tribulations knowing that the trial of our faith has great recompense of reward, even so the second City bears **the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;**

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The jasper stone is the **first precious stone in the foundation of the City Wall** which speaks to the Apostle that was most akin to the glory of God, seeing that the foundation stones of the city wall were twelve precious stones each representing one of the twelve Apostles.

12 And had, first, a wall great and high, and, second, had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

The Twelve Apostles and believers in Christ are as **The Great and High Wall** of the City for a defence against the accusers, who rail against and blaspheme God. The Twelve Tribes of Israel are as **The Gates** of the City as to them were committed the Oracles of God which they believed and all who would enter must do likewise.

13 As the Children of Israel were first, numbered on the four quadrants (camps) around the Sanctuary in the Book of Numbers, Chapter 2, Even so now, the second time, On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Plot or trace the imaginary lines from the centre most position on each quadrant in the order of the numbering of the gates above starting at the east, then north, then south and then west and you have the Number 7 mirrored on the right and the left via the midpoint running from north to south when viewed from standing on the eastern or the western quadrants. Others have said that the symbol formed by the two 7s on their side and joint at the middle looks like a lightning bolt when viewed as a whole from the quadrants. Within these Gates is the City where These Two dwell: God Almighty and His Son, The Lamb, who are **Sheh-bah: 7** or the Holy One of Israel and the Holy Ghost who descends upon those who are sealed with Lighting (and fire), **Mathew 3: 16.**

V21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

The Twelve Gates are Twelve Pearls each gate is of One Pearl and **the names** written thereon, which are the **names of the twelve tribes of the children of**

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Israel those who have overcome the world as seen by those of the Twelve Tribes that were sealed in **Revelation 7:5-8**, in this order: Juda, Reuben, Gad, then, Asser, Nephthalim, Manasses, then, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, then, Zabulon, Joseph, and Benjamin. The Twelve Tribes are as **The Gates to the City** as all who will enter therein has to enter by **the Oracles of God** that was committed unto the Children of Israel, **Romans 3: 1-2**.

Those who are obedient or golden are worthy to walk on streets of pure gold as transparent glass; they agree that it is better or golden to obey than to sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams and bullocks, **1 Samuels 15: 22**.

Note that in this set of 7 verses the **Twelve Tribes of Israel as the Gates of the City, the firstborn**, was mentioned at **the last** in the Deuterios verse of **21**, , fulfilling the first shall be last and the last shall be first, **Matthew 20: 16**. And so in this recount we shall look at the **Twelve Apostles as the Twelve foundations of the Wall** first, after we have examined the measurement of the City, in this third set of seven of the generation of the upright in whose midst is God:

15 And he that talked with me, viz.: one of the 7 Angels with the 7 last plagues, according to **verse 9**, had a **golden reed** to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof, this is the last time.

The first time was in **Revelation 11** when John was given a Measuring Reed or Rod and told to rise and measure these three: **the Temple, altar and the worshipper**. Now we realise that the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are now the Temple (including the altar) of the City and **the Gates and Wall** thereof and those that enter the city are the worshippers.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs (1,500 miles and 5.2684 yards). The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

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The city as foursquare is perfect, **first**, the length is as large as, **second**, its breadth which is as the 12 Apostles expressed in thousands, the length times the 12 Tribes of Israel expressed in thousands, the breadth which covers an area of **144** thousand of thousands square furlongs (2,250,008.9945 square miles) of those who are sealed of the twelve tribes of Israel in **Revelation 7**. And what of its height (of the stature of Christ) which is also equal to the length and breadth? This says whatever the height is it is supplied of the Spirit by these (Apostles and Israel) for us to grow up in (Christ) Him in all things, **Ephesians 4:8-15**. This, I believe, are the gifts of the Spirit which will be manifested in the Prophets after the order of Elias which was also seen in Christ.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

So **firstly**, the area of the city is as 144 thousand of thousands (covered on any of its six sides or areas: top, bottom, east, north, south or west, being a square) of those sealed of the 12 Tribes of Israel, then **secondly**, the height of the wall is expressed in terms of these 144K sealed in their foreheads, being 144 cubits (216 feet) according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Where as the foundation of the wall was garnished with 12 precious stones representing the twelve apostles. The building of the wall is **first**, of **jasper**, and the city was of **pure gold**, this **second**, precious stone, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The **first**, four foundations of the wall of the city are of these precious stones: jasper (usually red, yellow, brown or green in colour, rarely blue), sapphire (many shades of blue from light to dark), chalcedony

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(solid, lighter colour, typically ranging from blue to light gray) and emerald (shade of green light and bright). These are like the four leading Tribes of the four quadrants. Who were these Apostles? Perhaps, Peter, James, John and Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

The **second**, eight foundations of the wall of the city are of these precious stones: sardonyx (in quartz family wavy band of colours that can be from purple to black to white), sardius (also called ruby it is deep red in colour), chrysolite (deep olive green colour or yellowish-green in colour), beryl (green, bluish green and yellow), topaz (can be found in any colour), chrysoprasus (colour of leeks juice, greenish golden), jacinth (believed to be orange or red), amethyst (moderate transparent purple, also known as a deep shade of lavender). These are like the rest of the Tribes of Israel.

CONCLUSION: THE TEMPLE: ALMIGHTY GOD AND THE LAMB

V22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

The greatest revelation is now made that the **Alpha & Omega**, The Father: Lord God Almighty, **firstly**, and the Lamb, the Son, **secondly**, is the Temple of the City. And we are his offspring for in him we live and move and have our being, **Acts 17: 28**. What know ye not that ye are the Temple of the Holy Ghost which ye have of God and that ye are not your own? **1 Corinthians 6: 19**. Hence he shall give us the desires of our heart, **Psalms 37: 4**. So as we call he shall answer, while we are yet speaking He shall say here am I, **Isaiah 65: 24**.

Now put the design obtained from the naming of the three gates, east, north, south and west, **verse 13**, together with the City being foursquare, whose length, and breadth and height are equal being 12, 000 furlongs each, **verse 16**, so we

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understand that the area covered by **the six sides** of the City: top, bottom, east, north, south and west are equal, being 144 thousand of thousands furlongs.

Now these **six areas** speaks to the measure of a man: his mark, name and number of the Twelve Apostles, The Twelve Tribes of Israel, and all those of the great multitude from every nations, kindred, tongues and peoples who will enter the City, but being six, we are made whole, perfect, Sheh-bah or 7 by these Three, who are One: the Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost, in whose Name we were baptized as depicted by the Two 7s that mirror each other at the midpoint running from north to south and the Holy Ghost Lighting bolt who dwell in the midst of the City as Temple. Glory, hallelujah to our God! Know ye not that we are the Temple of the Holy Ghost!

V23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all, so that the Shekinah glory which shun for the first 3 ½ times in the first week of creation shall lighten the City that there is no need for firstly, the sun, or secondly, the moon.

V24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

The Nations of them that are saved, the generation of the upright including the great multitude which no man could number from every nation, kindred, tongue and people in **Revelation 7: 9**, the 153 Big Fishes of **John 21** of the 17 Nations and people groups of **Acts 2** shall walk in the light of it as He is in the light, therefore, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of the Lamb cleanses all of us from all unrighteousness. Being obedient to His will our kings, **firstly**, bring their glory, and **secondly**, their honour into the City of God.

V25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

There is no more two divisions firstly, evening and secondly, morning for a day but there is continuous day there, evil as depicted by the darkness of 3 ½ times of

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the creation week is eradicated from our memories and knowledge, therefore, the gates are not shut at all by day as there is no night.

V26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Now the nations bring first, their glory, and second, also their honour into the city of God.

V27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Remember the two groups that were spiritually sealed only those of the group that are written in the Lamb's Book of Life can enter into the City, those who have the mark of the beast: that defiles, abomination workers, and liars can not enter therein.

Now we shall measure the Chapter by the other 6 precepts:

NAME OF THE LORD: THE NEW (SECOND OR LAST) HEAVEN AND NEW (SECOND) EARTH

The place where God has chosen to put His Name where He now dwells is the New Heaven and the New Earth. God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all, **1 John 1: 5**. Where there is Light darkness flees!

V1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The knowledge of the glory of the Lord now fills the earth as the water once filled the sea, **Isaiah 11:9 and Habakkuk 2: 14**. What was written in the Heaven's scroll of glory of the Lord: the heavens declare the glory of the Lord and firmament shows is handiwork; now fills the whole earth. None therefore shall hurt nor destroy in all of His Holy Mountain as the Law of God is no longer weak in the flesh but mighty in works and deeds. God reigns in righteousness in every being that lives.

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The first heaven and the first earth were passed away; therefore, John now saw the second, or a new heaven and a new earth.

V8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Therefore the fearful, unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars (all blasphemers), shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **second death** as the **first death** passed with the first heaven and first earth: it is appointed unto man once (first) to die afterwards comes the judgement (second death), **Hebrews 9: 27**.

V15 And he that talked with me had a **golden reed** to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

A new (second) reed is needed this time, **golden**, typifying obedience that is better than sacrifice to measure these three: the City, the Gates and the Wall thereof which symbolizes those, the generation of the righteous, who are a Holy Habitation of the Spirit as the Temple, Altar and the Worshippers, these three, which John at first was told to rise and measure in **Revelation 11**.

V22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

These Two: Father and Son, the Alpha & Omega, Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, **Revelation 21:6, 1:8 & 11 and 22: 13**, the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the second or new Temple (and the altar and we as their offspring (out of them), in them we live and move and have our being). The first Temple was passed away.

THE HOLY CITY: NEW (SECOND) JERUSALEM, THE LAMB'S BRIDE

V2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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Anyone or anything filled with the Spirit of God is nothing but fresh, new or second: deuterios. So is the Holy City, New Jerusalem which is as prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband. Yea, she bears the Name of Her Husband even as the first, Jerusalem, a city set upon the 7 hills.

V9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

The concept of the City as the Tabernacle of God where He dwells with man has been expressed in this chapter now we shall explore this concept from the perspective of the institution of marriage. The Holy City as expressed before or at **first** in the preceding progressive **verse 2** is prepared as bride adorned for her husband, now, **second** time, one of the 7 Angels with the vial of the 7 last plagues invites John to see **The Bride, the Lamb's wife**. Now remember the component parts of the City, the Wall and the Gates are the people of God and given the City is referred to as the Lamb's wife that means the City also depicts the perfect Character of Christ. Remember, so shall a man leave father and mother and cleave unto his wife and they being two shall become one, **Genesis 2: 24**. This is made possible as He dwells by His Spirit in our hearts by faith, **1 John 3: 24 & Romans 8: 11**.

V16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

The Spirit imparts His Gifts (12 Gifts?) for us to attain unto the height or measure of the stature of Christ by those, firstly, of Israel (12 Tribes) unto whom were committed the Oracles of God, and secondly, the workers of the Gospel, Commissioners, Messengers, with miraculous powers (12 Apostles and others after who build upon their foundation as the wall). Hence the length, breadth and height are equal but to One who is Christ of the generation of the upright.

V23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

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First, the glory of God did lighten the City and, second, the Lamb is the light thereof and the component parts, His people do reflect also their glory as the precious stones that shine in the light that streams. They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever, **Daniel 12: 3.**

THE TABERNACLE OF GOD AGAIN WITH MAN:

V3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

As it was at first at the beginning, now again the second time the Tabernacle of God is with men as He now dwells among us and we are His people and He is our God. The announcement of this new beginning was done by a great voice out of heaven.

V10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

As the great voice came out of heaven even so now, the second time, the Great City, the Holy Jerusalem is delivered as a child is delivered of her mother out of the womb of Heaven from God. Only by the work and revelation of the Spirit was John **firstly** carried away to a great and high mountain to be able to see the Great and Holy Jerusalem. Except ye be born of the water and of the Spirit you cannot enter nor see the kingdom of God, **John 3: 3 & 5.**

V17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

The height of the wall is measured as 144 cubits as the 144K of the generation of the Tribes of Israel that were sealed in **Revelation 7**. These of course are the Watchmen on the Walls of Zion who will usher in this new age. The measurement of one, man, is what two the angel uses. This function of watchman on the walls of Zion is committed unto man; will you rise to the occasion?

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V24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

The nations of them which are saved are those who are described as many that received (believed) Him to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to those who believed on His Name, **John 1: 12**. You must be born again **first**, to **secondly** walk in the light of the City. Yea, the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

FORMER (FIRST) THINGS PASSED AWAY ALL THINGS (SECOND) NEW: THE PERFECT DAY

V4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

The experience of the born again is what is captured in the construct and design of the new city, (and the new heaven and the new earth): if any man be in Christ Jesus old or **first** things are passed away, behold all (**second**) things are become new, **2 Corinthians 5: 17**. These have taken on the name of the Lord they have begun the walk (and fight) of faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God for those who come to him must believe that He is and that He reward those who diligently seek Him, **Hebrews 11: 6**. In this former or first life many have proven the value of faith to wipe away tears, sorrows, crying, and pain as God comforted them when they cried unto Him in faith He answered their prayers. O for a heart that believes in Thee, My God.

V11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, **Romans 10: 17**. Do what He (Lord) says, **John 2: 5**. This is the First Miracle that Jesus did and showed forth His Glory and His disciples believed on Him, **John 2: 11**. We receive the Spirit by the hearing of faith, **Galations 3: 2-3**. And the just shall live by faith, **Romans 1: 17**. The path of the just is like a shining Light which shines more and more unto the perfect day.

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The perfect day has now come as the New Jerusalem, **first**, has the glory of God and, **secondly**, her light is likened unto a stone most precious, yeah, like that of the first foundation member of the Apostle, John's and James' mother desired that position for them next to Christ, **Matthew 20: 20-21**, to sit on His right and on His left in the kingdom, a jasper stone, clear as crystal. In the glory and light of the New Jerusalem we shall see what the Prophet meant when he said: whose going forth is as prepared as the Morning, **Hosea 6: 3**. The sun also shall shine 7, sheh-bah (perfect) times brighter, **Isaiah 30: 26**, and by extension the moon in the new Heaven and the new earth when the perfect day has dawn.

V18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

First the Wall is of Jasper, the first of the twelve foundation stones which is understood to represent the chief or first foundation member of The Twelve Apostles, each represented by a precious stone in the foundation of the wall; the Twelve Tribes of Israel, represented by the three gates on each of the four quadrants: east, north, south and west, that hung from the wall; and the 144K represented by the height of the wall being 144 cubits. These all spoke the truth in love and grew up in Christ, unto the measure of the stature and the fullness of Christ unto a perfect man. This is the message of the Wall of the City, that we should possess the nature of Christ. For, Christ Jesus, dwelt in their hearts by faith, that, they were rooted and grounded in love, **Ephesians 3: 17**.

Yea, these along with others **secondly**, went through and thought it not strange of the fiery trials which tried their faith they came forth as pure gold, **1 Peter 1: 7 & 4: 12**. So now God hath prepared for them a city which is of pure gold and clear as glass.

V25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And so now these two, first: evening, and second morning, becomes as the perfect day as there is no night there so the Gates shall not be shut at all, yea, the path of the just is as a shining light that shines more and more unto this perfect day!

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THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE:

V5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

I and my Father are One, **John 10:30**, Two: that are One! And He that sat on the white horse is called: Faithful and True and all the armies of Heaven followed Him upon white horses, **Revelation 19: 11 & 14**. The Father and the Son are both True and Faithful and by extension they that are with him *are* called, and chosen, and faithful, **Revelation 17: 14**. Remember, him whom He calls He also justifies, and he that is justified, He also sanctifies, and he who is sanctified He also glorifies, **Romans 8: 30**. Yea, but many are called but few are chosen, **Matthew 22: 14**.

V12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God, **Hebrews 11: 10**. Those that are like Abraham all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country, **Hebrews 11: 13-14**.

Now the promise is realised: the City which God had prepared as these two, **first** a Wall, great and High, **second**, Twelve Gates with Twelve Angels and the Names of the Twelve Tribes of Children of Israel written thereon. Those that are chosen and true of the Twelve Tribes of Israel have their names written upon the gates of the City, see **Revelation 7** for the Names of the Children of Israel written on the Gates.

V19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

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The precious, chosen and faithful of the Twelve Apostles are represented by the Twelve precious stones which garnish the foundations of the Wall. This verse speaks of the **first** four foundations like the four leading families on each of the quadrant: east, north, south, and west. The verse that follows speaks of the **second** set of eight precious stones. Note the enemy at first had some of these precious stone for covering too: ten are listed in **Ezekiel 28: 13**.

V26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

They that are chosen and the faithful of 17 nations and people groups shall bring, first their glory, and second, their honour into the City. Oh, what a glory that'll be when my Lord with my eyes I'll see, when we reach Beulah Land and with thousands we'll sing, Oh, what a glory that'll be!

NUMBERED AS ALPHA & OMEGA:

V6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Both, **first or alpha**: the Father and, **second or deuterios**: the Son, are numbered as **Alpha & Omega**. We know these numbers according to the ranking of the days in the week to be numbers: **1, first and number 7 last**; in the Hebrew alphabet it is: **alpha, the first letter and omega, the last letter**. In **Chapter 1 verses 8 and 11** Jesus introduces Himself as such and now He that sits on the Throne repeats the same of Himself.

Those who are athirst he promises at **last** to seal or give of the Water of Life: The Spirit, freely.

V13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

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The order of the numbering or listing of the gates of the city when connected by an imaginary line from the midpoints of the quadrants or coordinates of east then north then south then west and when dissected in half from North to South and viewed from the **first**, quadrant east and the **last** quadrant, west forms the number: **'7'** for these **Two: Father and Son whose dwelling is now with Man in the City.**

The same holds true if you were to dissect in half from the **first** quadrant named in the verse, east to the **last** quadrant, west, two times again the number: **7** or **Sheh-bah** is seen when viewed from the eastern or western quadrant.

If the 'symbol' that is formed which joins the two **7s** is viewed without dissection in its whole form then it appears most obviously to be a lightning bolt from the southern and northern quadrants which speaks to the third person named in the Godhead, the Holy Ghost who seals with the power of fire and lightning and Who is the Water of Life as promised.

If the first four stones of the foundation of the wall were matched with the numbering of the gates in this verse then the following match would be made: east and jasper; the second, north and sapphire; the third, south and a chalcedony; the fourth, west and an emerald. This would speak to the Leading Apostles as you know the Tribe of Israel had a leading Family for each quadrant. We know them to be east: camp of Judah; north: camp of Dan; south: camp of Reuben and west: camp of Ephraim, **Numbers 2: 3 & 9, 25 & 31, 10 & 16 and 18 & 24, respectively (according to Revelation 7: Camp Dan is replaced by Camp Levi who was previously in the centre and camp Ephraim, with Joseph)**. This is the **first or alpha** group of the Camp of the Lord, the Leading Families and Apostles for each quadrant being the captains of the Lord's hosts.

V20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

The **second, last or deuterios** group, the hosts are the other 8 Tribes of Israel and the other 8 Apostles including the great multitude which no man could number of every tribe, nations, kindred, tongue and people upon the earth, **Revelation 7: 9.**

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LAST,

V27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

These all have to be **first** written in the Lamb's Book of life to enter the gates of the City and to at **last** drink of the Water of Life freely as promised by our Heavenly Father. These are they who believed on His Name, **John 1: 12**.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin, **Romans 14: 23**. And these that are of faith in the Son of God will not defile, nor are they workers of abomination, nor are they liars!