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THE NEW JERUSALEM PART 2

We saw yesterday the large size of the New Jerusalem. It already exists but will come down out of heaven to the new earth, not to the present existing earth (Rev. 21:1-2).

Today we will look at its' configuration. Each of its twelve stories (foundations) has 2-1/4 million square miles of "floor" space and has three entry gates on each side, or twelve gates total. Each gate has the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel on it. The descriptions are given in Rev. 21:10-27.

The tribal names for each gate would follow the same pattern that we find in Numbers 2. The three gates on the East side of the foundation would bear the tribal names of Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, one name on each gate. The south gates would bear the names of Reuben, Simeon, and Gad. The western gates would be named Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin. The northern gates would be Dan, Asher, and Naphtali. In this manner God honors His twelve tribes of His people Israel.

Each of the twelve foundations bear the name of one of the twelve apostles who walked with Jesus in His ministry on earth. We do not know the order of the names. However, there is, I believe a significance to each floor (foundation) although it is not identified in the Bible.

Tomorrow I will share thoughts about that significance, so stay tuned.