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THE NEW JERUSALEM PART 3

I shared yesterday from Revelation 21 about the New Jerusalem and its' 12 gates, three on each side, named after the 12 tribes of Israel, and its' 12 foundations (floors, stories, levels) with each named after one of the 12 apostles.

What I will share now is the significance of the twelve foundations. Since the bible does not address it, what I am sharing comes from the experience of a godly mentor that I sat under, Mary King. I sat under her mentorship for four years. I learned much from her before she passed away at the age of 93.

Sister Mary was extremely gifted and spiritually anointed more so than anyone I have personally known in my 67-year walk with god. I could share with you some "unbelievable" things about her, but that is not for today.

Sometimes during prayer Mary would go into a spiritual trance, somewhat like we saw Peter do in Acts 10:10-11. Just as heaven was opened to Peter, on this particular occasion heaven was opened to sister Mary. She was taken to the New Jerusalem. As she entered the first (lowest) foundation, she saw many, many people there. Then just like Jesus passed through walls to appear to the disciples, she passed up through to the second foundation. She saw many people there also, although not quite as many as on the first level. She continued to ascend up to each level. The people were fewer and fewer on each successive level.

She reached the twelfth foundation. There were only a few people at that level. It was the throne room. There she saw Father and Son on their thrones like a shining sun. They were so closely seated together that it was if they were conjoined. She saw the twenty-four Elders, the Seraphim, and the Cherubim. It was there that she learned about the foundations. The more faithful saints had access to the higher foundational levels, somewhat like a reward for the degree of their faithfulness and fruitfulness on earth. Only the most fruitful could have direct access to the throne room, the 12th foundation.

Whatever the highest level that these people attained to, they were allowed to pass freely back and forth between the first level and that level. They could not go any higher than the level that they were awarded. Nevertheless, all twelve levels were more marvelous than anything she had ever seen on earth.

Tomorrow we will look at what it "looks like" there, so stay tuned.