

Prophecy devo #38 – The Holy City

The Holy city is the everlasting residence for the saints of God (2). Its wall will have twelve gates, twelve angels at the gates, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written on them (12-13). There will be twelve foundations with the names of the twelve apostles (14). This is the city that Abraham looked for “which has foundations and whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). The number 12 is used twenty-one times in Revelation and seven times in this chapter. Here is a summary: Twelve gates, twelve angels, twelve pearls, twelve kinds of fruit. The width, the height, and the length of the city is 12,000 furlongs each. Its wall is twelve by twelve cubits thick. In biblical numerology, twelve is the number of government or administration. The street will be, like transparent glass (21). This pictures God’s transparent holiness. There will be no temple. A temple will not be needed, because we will be in the immediate presence of God. The Lord will be the Temple. The city will be illuminated by the glory of the Lord, not the sun, the moon, and the stars. The Lamb will be the light (23). The New Jerusalem will be the center of a new universe. The nations who are saved will walk in the light. They shall bring the honor of the nations into it (25-26). (This could be evidence that the New Jerusalem will be over the earth during the Millennium.) There will be no light there (24). The only ones who will enter are those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (17). A pure river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, will proceed from the throne and the Lamb. This a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The Tree of Life (12) will bear twelve fruits for each month of the year. Life on earth apparently will be much like the original creation. The leaves will be for the healing of the nations. (This is more evidence for the New Jerusalem being over the earth during the Millennial reign of Christ.) Jesus will be in it (22:3-4). There will be no more curse. The light of God will be there. Jesus will be there, and His saints will reign with Him (5).