

Thanksgiving for a four square city
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Jesus the carpenter's son (Matthew 13: 55) was known by his father's occupation. Followed by disciples, Jesus came to Galilee. Teaching in synagogue on the sabbath, many were astonished, and questioned is not this the carpenter (Mark 6: 3)? Jesus knowing that He should depart out of this world unto his Father, taught in my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you (John 14: 2). Prophetic Words. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show unto his servants. Things which must come to pass, signified unto His servant John (Revelation 1: 1 ASV portioned)!

You know mankind launched, placing in orbit an international space station, in the heavens. For several decades its sustained life. Why question if Elohim, creator of the universe, can launch from heaven a new city? John saw the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God (Revelation 21: 10).

The city lies foursquare. Having a great wall, a hundred and forty and four cubits high; having twelve gates (Revelation 21: 12 & 16-17 portioned). What is a cubit? It is the distance from back of the elbow to tip of the middle finger, approximately 18" to 25". So $144 \times 18" = 2,592"$; divided by 12" per foot = 216 feet. Or $144 \times 25" = 3,600"$; divided by 12" per foot = 300 feet. With measurement of a cubit unsettled; the city wall is between 216' and 300' high.

The city lies foursquare. The city measured twelve thousand furlongs. Length and the breadth and the height are equal (Revelation 21: 16). What is a furlong? Every racetrack knows it measures 606.25 feet. So $12,000 \times 606.25 = 7,275,000$ feet; divided by 5,280 feet per mile = 1,377.85 or 1,378 miles. New Jerusalem is approximately from Tampa, FL to Des Moines, IA or Dallas, TX to Washington D.C.

The term city brings a picture to our minds eye. Many earthly cities

have been or are capitals. The city John previews is to be Capital of the Universe.

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11: 8-10 ASV).

The city lies foursquare meaning it has four sides. The great wall has 12 gates, three on the north, south, east and west (Revelation 21: 12-13). With three gates centered on each side the city is portioned into (16) cubes. Each cube has 18,000,000 acres which has 625,000,000 city blocks; or 10,000,000,000 total New Jerusalem city blocks at ground level. Remember the city is a cube and has equal length and breadth and height. This calculation only includes length and breadth. How many levels exist? I am sure Jesus knows; and there will be billions of christians in heaven. God is with men, and shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God shall be their God (Revelation 21: 3).

The same moral climate will prevail as in the Garden of Eden when God walked with man in the cool of the day. The absence of hospitals, funeral homes, police stations, utility companies, skid rows, palaces of vulgarity, lewdness, or lust, church spires or parsonages. John saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it. For the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp is the Lamb (Revelation 21: 22-23 ASV). Things which eye saw not, ear heard not, and which entered not into the heart of man. Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him (I Corinthians 2: 9 ASV).

I am thankful for invitation to live in New Jerusalem with Jesus Christ.

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