

Revelation to the Nations

JESUS AND THE FATHER PREPARE THE MOST GLORIOUS CITY IN THE UNIVERSE

JESUS AND THE FATHER PREPARE THE SO THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH THEM FOREVER PART II

The future abode of the saints will be all over glorious, and will you strive to be there? Let your minds dwell upon the glories of heaven, for this you may do with safety, and this will bring substantial joys, and will make you heavenly minded. If you have trials here, and feel lonesome, look away from this dark world to the bright glories of heaven. Set your affections upon heavenly joys, and then you will not feel so deeply the trials and disappointments of this life, for you will feel that you have a home in glory, a crown, a harp, and a lovely Saviour there. Strive for that blest inheritance which God has promised to those that love him, and keep his commandments.

THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM THE LAMB'S BRIDE DESCENDS FROM HEAVEN – CHRIST MARRIED TO THE CITY, THE LAND AND THE CHURCH

1. What did one of the Seven Angels show John? Rev 21:9,10.

Ans: a. ⁹And there came unto me _____ of the _____ angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the _____, the Lamb's _____. ¹⁰And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great _____, the holy _____, descending out of heaven from God, Rev 21:9,10.

Ans: b. Jesus will be married to three specific things. All of these have to do with the happiness of His people.

⁴Thou shalt no more be termed _____; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land _____: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy _____ shall be _____. ³For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the _____ rejoiceth over the _____, so shall thy _____ rejoice over thee. Isa 62:4,5.

The _____ thing that _____ is married to is the _____ or this earth and the _____ is the great _____, the Heavenly _____. These are like a _____ which _____ provides for His _____ which is the _____ thing that He is _____ to forever. Christ marries the city _____. He comes to take His people home but the city is built for His people. See note below.

¹²And they shall call them, The holy _____, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A _____ not forsaken. Isa 62:12.

⁵For thy _____ is thine _____; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. Isa 54:5.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the _____, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the _____ of _____, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a _____ decketh herself with ornaments, and as a _____ adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa 61:10.

¹⁹And I will _____ thee unto me for _____; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. ²⁰I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. Hos 2:19,20.

²For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one _____, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to _____. 2 Cor 11:2.

²⁵Husbands, love your _____, even as _____ also loved the _____, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious _____, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Eph 5:25-27.

Ans: c. God is the husband of His church. The _____ is the _____, the Lamb's _____. Every true believer is a part of the body of Christ. Christ regards unfaithfulness shown to Him by His people as the unfaithfulness of a wife to her husband. We are to remember that we are members of Christ's body (Letter 39, 1902). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary Volume 7, pages 985,986.

The _____ is the bride, the Lamb's wife. She should keep herself _____, sanctified, holy. Never should she indulge in any _____; for she is the bride of a King. Yet she does not realize her exalted position. If she understood this, she would be all-glorious within (Letter 177, 1901). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary Volume 7, page 986.

The church is the bride of Christ, and her _____ are to yoke up with their _____. God warns us not to defile our garments (Letter 123 1/2, 1898). Ellen G. White, The S. D. A. Bible Commentary Volume 7, page 986.

Jesus will be married to three specific things. All of these have to do with the happiness of His people.

The first thing that Jesus is married to is the Land or this earth and the second is the great city, the Heavenly Jerusalem. These are like a dowry which He provides for His Church which is the third thing that Jesus is married to forever. Christ marries the city before He comes to take His people home but the city is built for His people.

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THE NEW JERUSALEM CLOTHED IN A GLORIOUS RED COLOUR LIKE A PRECIOUS JASPER STONE

2. With what glory did the Heavenly City appear in at the end of the 1,000 years as it comes down from heaven? Rev 21:11.

Ans: a. ¹¹Having the _____ of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a _____ stone, clear as crystal; Rev 21:11.

Ans: b. The city has the glory or brightness of God which is like a precious Jasper stone. Jasper is usually _____, yellow or brown. This is the complexion of _____ and the Father who sit on the throne. See note below.

³And _____ that sat was to look upon like a _____ and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. Rev 4:3.

The Jasper stone was also a symbol of one of the tribes of Israel that were represented by 12 different precious stones worn by the High priest. The Jasper stone is a reminder of our _____ that a _____ but have been washed _____ by the _____ of the Lamb. Those that this tribe represents probably have a keen sense of their _____ and the great price that was paid for them. They have probably fallen into sin in a far _____ measure than others and therefore love Jesus _____ than others. Mary Magdalene out of which were cast seven devils is a good example of this. See note below.

¹³And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a _____: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings. Ex 39:13.

¹⁸Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your _____ be as _____, they shall be as white as snow; though they be _____ like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa 1:18.

⁵And from _____ Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that _____ us, and _____ us from our _____ in his own _____, Rev 1:5.

³⁶And one of the _____ desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. ³⁷And, behold, a _____ in the city, which was a _____, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, ³⁸And stood at his _____ behind him weeping, and began to _____ his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the _____ which had bidden him _____ it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, _____ he were a prophet, would have _____ who and what manner of _____ this is that toucheth him: for she is a _____. ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said unto him, _____, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. ⁴¹There was a certain creditor which had _____ debtors: the one owed five _____ pence, and the other _____. ⁴²And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly _____ them _____. Tell me therefore, which of them will _____ him _____? ⁴³Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he _____ most. And he said unto him, Thou hast _____ judged. ⁴⁴And he turned to the _____, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath _____ my feet with _____, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. ⁴⁵Thou gavest me _____ kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not _____ to kiss my _____. ⁴⁶My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath _____ my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Wherefore I say unto thee, _____ sins, which are _____, are _____; for she loved _____; but to whom little is _____, the same loveth _____. Lk 7:36-47.

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THE CITY HAS A GREAT WALL WITH 12 GATES, 12 ANGELS AND TWELVE NAMES WITH THREE ON EACH SIDE

3. What is the wall of the Heavenly Jerusalem like? Rev 21:12,13.

Ans: a. ¹²And had a wall _____ and high, and had twelve _____, and at the gates twelve _____, and names _____ thereon, which are the names of the twelve _____ of the children of _____: ¹³On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. Rev 21:12,13.

Ans: b. Each person that enters the Heavenly City will be of the 12 different characters and temperaments that make up the twelve different tribes of Israel. They will have overcome _____ their _____ and _____ tendencies to sin and will have kept the Ten _____ . See note Below.

²⁸For he is not a _____, which is one _____; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹But he *is* a _____, which is one _____; and circumcision *is that* of the _____, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God. Rom 2:28,29.

⁶Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* _____ all _____, which are of Israel: ⁷Neither, because they are the seed of _____, *are they* _____ children: but, In _____ shall thy seed be called. ⁸That is, They which are the children of the _____, these *are* _____ the children of God: but the children of the _____ are counted for the seed. Rom 9:6-8.

²⁶For ye are _____ the children of God by _____ in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as have been _____ into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is _____ Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if ye *be* _____, then are ye _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:26-29.

¹⁴Blessed *are* they that _____ his _____, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Rev 22:14.

Those who put their _____ in Christ are _____ to be enslaved by any _____ or _____ habit or tendency. Instead of being held in _____ to the lower nature, they are to _____ every appetite and passion. God has not left us to _____ with evil in our _____ finite strength. Whatever may be _____ inherited or _____ tendencies to wrong, we can _____ through the power that He is ready to impart.

The _____ temptation cannot _____ sin. However great the pressure brought to bear upon the soul, transgression is our _____ act. It is _____ in the power of earth or hell to _____ anyone to do evil. Satan attacks us at our weak points, but we need _____ be overcome. However severe or unexpected the assault, God has provided _____ for us, and in His _____ we may conquer.

The tempted one needs to understand the true _____ of the _____. This is the _____ power in the nature of man--the power of _____, of _____. Everything depends on the right _____ of the _____. Desires for goodness and purity are right, so far as they go; but if we stop here, they avail _____. Many will go down to ruin while _____ and _____ to overcome their evil propensities. They do not _____ the will to God. They do not _____ to serve Him.

God has given us the power of choice; it is ours to exercise. We cannot change our _____, we cannot control our _____, our impulses, our affections. We cannot make ourselves _____, fit for God's service. But we can _____ to serve God, we can give Him our _____; then He will work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus our _____ nature will be brought under the _____ of Christ. Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in the life. By yielding up the will to Christ, we ally ourselves with divine power. We receive _____ from above to hold us steadfast. A pure and noble life, a life of _____ over appetite and lust, is possible to everyone who will unite his weak, wavering human will to the omnipotent, unwavering will of God. Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, pages 175,176. See note below.

Ans: c. Those who reign with Christ in his kingdom must have a fellowship in his suffering. Every _____ in character condemned by the _____ of God, must through the _____ of Christ, which is freely given to every soul who desires it, be overcome. Every _____ and _____ tendency to evil must be seen, subdued, and cleansed, that the soul temple may become fit for the indwelling of the _____ of God. The divine will must be accepted, and the human _____ brought into _____ with God, though it cause bitter agony and _____. Traits of character that are _____ to God are often very dear to man, and are cherished as virtues. How blind is humanity unless the light of heaven is accepted and cherished! When truth is laid hold of resolutely, and a firm, _____ purpose is cherished to bring the life into harmony with truth, then is cultivated the _____ that _____ by _____ and purifies the soul. Then the disciples of Christ manifest that steadfastness of purpose that will not fail nor be discouraged. God will bestow his _____ to the striving soul in _____ to his willingness to receive, and his readiness to impart for the glory of God. Ellen G. White, The Signs of the Times, the 18th of August 1895.

Each person that enters the Heavenly City will be of the 12 different characters and temperaments that make up the twelve different tribes of Israel. They will have overcome all their hereditary and cultivated tendencies to sin and will have kept the Ten Commandments.

Those who put their trust in Christ are not to be enslaved by any hereditary or cultivated habit or tendency. Instead of being held in bondage to the lower nature, they are to rule every appetite and passion. God has not left us to battle with evil in our own finite strength. Whatever may be our inherited or cultivated tendencies to wrong, we can overcome through the power that He is ready to impart.

The strongest temptation cannot excuse sin. However great the pressure brought to bear upon the soul, transgression is our own act. It is not in the power of earth or hell to compel anyone to do evil. Satan attacks us at our weak points, but we need not be overcome. However severe or unexpected the assault, God has provided help for us, and in His strength we may conquer.

The tempted one needs to understand the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man--the power of decision, of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. Desires for goodness and purity are right, so far as they go; but if we stop here, they avail nothing. Many will go down to ruin while hoping and desiring to overcome their evil propensities. They do not yield the will to God. They do not choose to serve Him.

God has given us the power of choice; it is ours to exercise. We cannot change our hearts, we cannot control our thoughts, our impulses, our affections. We cannot make ourselves pure, fit for God's service. But we can choose to serve God, we can give Him our will; then He will work in us to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus our whole nature will be brought under the control of Christ. Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in the life. By yielding up the will to Christ, we ally ourselves with divine power. We receive strength from above to hold us steadfast. A pure and noble life, a life of victory over appetite and lust, is possible to everyone who will unite his weak, wavering human will to the omnipotent, unwavering will of God. Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, pages 175,176.

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determined purpose is cherished to bring the life into harmony with truth, then is cultivated the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Then the disciples of Christ manifest that steadfastness of purpose that will not fail nor be discouraged. God will bestow his gifts to the striving soul in proportion to his willingness to receive, and his readiness to impart for the glory of God. Ellen G. White, *The Signs of the Times*, the 18th of August 1895.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE WALL HAS TWELVE FOUNDATIONS WITH THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

4. How many foundations does the wall of the city have? Rev 22:14.

Ans: a. ¹⁴And the _____ of the city had _____ foundations, and in them the names of the twelve _____ of the Lamb. Rev 22:14.

Ans: b. The twelve apostles are also represent the twelve characters and temperaments that humanity fall under. The twelve apostles taught the message that was the foundation of the church on earth and their names are written on the city where those that follow these teachings will worship throughout eternity.

¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the _____ of God; ²⁰And are built upon the _____ of the _____ and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; ²¹In whom all the _____ fitly framed together groweth unto an holy _____ in the Lord: ²²In whom ye also are builded together for an _____ of God through the Spirit. Eph 2:19-22.

5. What did the angel that talked with John have and what did he do with it? Rev 21:15.

Ans: a. ¹⁵And he that talked with me had a golden _____ to _____ the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. Rev 21:15.

Ans: b. The reed is a measuring device to measure the city. The _____ measuring reed to measure the _____ of the people that enter the city is God's _____ and His _____. See note below.

²⁰To the _____ and to the testimony: if they speak _____ according to this _____, *it is because there is _____ light in them.* Isa 8:20.

⁹If ye fulfil the royal _____ according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whosoever shall keep the _____ law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of _____. ¹¹For he that said, Do not commit _____, said also, Do not _____. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be _____ by the _____ of liberty. James 2:8-10.

The work is going on in the heavenly court. In vision on the Isle of Patmos John said: "And there was given me a _____ like unto a _____, and the angel stood, saying, Arise and _____ the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." This solemn work is to be done upon the earth. Look and see how stands your _____ of _____ as compared with God's _____ of righteousness, his holy _____. The worshipers are to pass under the _____ line of God. Who will bear the test? Christ says, "I know thy works." Nothing is hid from him of whom John says, "His head and his hair were white like wool, white as snow, and his eyes were as a flame of fire." How many are purifying their souls by _____ the truth? How many are now in this time _____ on the Lord's side? How many are seeking to be a _____ to those around them? Many need help, _____ words, thoughtful attentions; and if you pray with such, you may be a blessing to them. Ellen G. White, *The Youth's Instructor*, the 25th of August, 1886. See note below.

The reed is a measuring device to measure the city. The spiritual measuring reed to measure the character of the people that enter the city is God's word and His law.

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THE CITY A CUBE OF 344.6 MILES OR 551.4 KILOMETERS LONG ACROSS AND HIGH – THEIR WILL BE ROOM FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO BE THERE

6. What are the dimensions of the city? Rev 21:16.

Ans: a. ¹⁶And the city lieth _____, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, _____ thousand _____. The _____ and the _____ and the _____ of it are _____. Rev 21:16.

Ans: b. The city is very big in its dimensions. The Greek word for _____ is the word **stadion** (**στάδιον**) which has the meaning: "a space or distance of about _____ feet (_____ m)." 12,000 furlongs therefore would be about 1,378.4 _____ or 2,218 _____

_____ . With this distance around the city it would have sides of 344.6 miles or 551.4 kilometers in length. The height of the city is the same as the length and the breath a city which will have _____ for _____ who would like to enter. See note below.

Ans: c. The Greek word for furlong stadion (vwɔgɪɹɔ) was a place in which contests in _____ were held, the one who outstripped the rest and reached the goal _____, receiving the _____. Courses of this description were found in most of the larger _____ cities, and were like that at _____, 600 Greek feet in length. _____ and the city He has prepared for us is a _____ worth _____ the race of _____ for. See note below.

²⁵And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a _____ crown; but we an _____. ²⁶I therefore so _____, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: ²⁷But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Cor 9:25-27.

¹³Brethren, I count _____ myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, _____ those things which are _____, and reaching forth unto those things which are _____, ¹⁴I press _____ the mark for the _____ of the high calling of God in Christ _____. Phil 3:13,14.

The city is very big in its dimensions. The Greek word for furlong is the word **stadion (vwɔgɪɹɔ)** which has the meaning: “a space or distance of about 600 feet (185 m).” 12,000 furlongs therefore would be about 1,378.4 miles or 2,218 kilometers. With this distance around the city it would have sides of 344.6 miles or 551.4 kilometers in length. The height of the city is the same as the length and the breath a city which will have room for all who would like to enter.

The Greek word for furlong stadion (vwɔgɪɹɔ) was a place in which contests in running were held, the one who outstripped the rest and reached the goal first, receiving the prize. Courses of this description were found in most of the larger Greek cities, and were like that at Olympia, 600 Greek feet in length. Jesus and the city He has prepared for us is a goal worth running the race of life for.

²⁵And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. ²⁶I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: ²⁷But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Cor 9:25-27.

¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:13,14.

7. What is the dimension of the wall of the Heavenly Jerusalem? Rev 21:17.

Ans: a. ¹⁷And he measured the _____ thereof, an _____ and _____ and four _____, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. Rev 21:17.

Ans: b. On the basis of the New Testament cubit, which was about 17 1/2 in. (44.5 cm.), _____ cu. would be about _____ ft. (64 m.). This may either be the _____ or the w_____ of the wall the text does not make is clear what the measurement is of. See note below.

On the basis of the New Testament cubit, which was about 17 1/2 in. (44.5 cm.), 144 cu. would be about 210 ft. (64 m.). This may either be the height or the width of the wall the text does not make is clear what the measurement is of.

THE GOLD IS A REMINDER OF THE CHARACTER OF FAITH THAT WORKS BY LOVE AND THE OTHER COLOURS REPRESENT THE TWELVE DIFFERENT CHARACTERS AND TEMPERAMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE SAVED

8. What are the colours of the foundations of the wall of the city and what do they remind us of? Rev 21:18-20.

Ans: a. ¹⁸And the building of the _____ of it was of _____; and the _____ was pure _____, like unto clear glass. ¹⁹And the _____ of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of _____ stones. The first foundation was _____; the second, sapphire; the third, a _____; the fourth, an emerald; ²⁰The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, _____; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, _____; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysopterus; the eleventh, a _____; the twelfth, an amethyst. Rev 21:18-20.

Ans: b. The wall of the city is jasper which is a red colour which we have noticed earlier is a reminder for those who have had their _____ washed away by the _____ of the Lamb Isa 1:18; Rev 1:5; 7:14. See note below.

Ans: c. And the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. The _____ of the city are like sparkling clear _____ no doubt reflecting the various _____ colours of the foundations of the wall like a _____ reflects different colours in the sun. Gold is a reminder of the _____ that is bought from Jesus with the white raiment and eye salve. Those that enter the city will have a character of _____ that has been tried in the furnace of _____ so that they can be like _____ and be with Him for ever. See note below.

⁶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold _____: ⁷That the _____ of your _____, being much more precious than of _____ that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the _____ of _____ Christ: ⁸Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: ⁹Receiving the end of your _____, even the _____ of your souls. 1 Pet 1:6-9.

¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me _____ tried in the _____, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Rev 3:18.

Section eleven –The curse of sin that has brought untold suffering in heaven and earth is forever banished never to return again–
 Lesson 42 – Jesus and the Father prepare the most glorious city in the universe so that we can live with Him forever Part II

Religion is _____ a mere _____, a sentiment; it is an earnest working out of our salvation with fear and trembling; for it is "God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Faith and _____ are precious plants, but they need careful cultivation and care, that they may flourish in the life and bear fruit to the glory of God. Those who enter the mansions which Christ has gone to prepare will be those who _____ God and _____ his _____. They must have the _____ tried in the _____, the _____ of _____ and _____. Those who hold high positions in the cause of God need to seek for this _____; they need the _____ grace of Christ. The _____ of _____ must take place, or their names will be blotted out of the book of life. God can make them pillars in his work; he can make them faithful servants by his grace. Then let them seek God while still it is called to-day. Now is the time when the Lord is testing _____, weighing moral worth in the balances of the sanctuary. O, let us seek the _____ tried in the fire, let us seek the white raiment of Christ's righteousness, that the shame of our nakedness do not appear, and anoint our eyes with the heavenly eye-salve, that we may _____ the working of God, and not be found groping our way in blindness. Ellen G. White, *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, the 28th of July, 1891. See note below.

The precious stones of the foundation of the wall of the city which had on them the _____ of the _____ tribes of the children of _____ were very similar to the twelve precious _____ in the ephod of the High _____. The stones on the ephod were all set in _____ showing that they _____ pass through the fiery _____ that purifies them as gold and have _____ bought the gold of _____ that works by _____ and purifies the soul from _____ their great High priest. See note below.

⁵For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by _____. ⁶For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but _____ which _____ by _____. Gal 5:5,6.

¹And take thou unto thee _____ thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the _____ office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. ²And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. ³And thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the _____ office. ⁴And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a _____, and an _____, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy _____ for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. ⁵And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

⁶And they shall make the ephod of _____, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work. ⁷It shall have the two shoulderpieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joined together. ⁸And the curious girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even* of _____, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁹And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the _____ of the children of _____: ¹⁰Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. ¹¹With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be _____ in ouches of _____. Ex 28:1-11.

Ans: d. The first foundation is the same colour as the wall and the glorious _____ of the city which is _____. Jesus as the heavenly High Priest wears this colour near His _____ on the breastplate showing that those that struggle to overcome their sins and weaknesses are very _____ to Him.

Ans: e. The second foundation stone is sapphire which is a _____ colour. Blue was a colour that was chosen by God as a _____ to His people to _____ the Ten _____ of God. See note below.

³⁷And the _____ spake unto Moses, saying, ³⁸Speak unto the children of _____, and bid them that they make them _____ in the borders of their _____ throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of _____: ³⁹And it shall be unto you for a _____, that ye may _____ upon it, and _____ all the _____ of the LORD, and _____ them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: ⁴⁰That ye may _____, and _____ all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. Num 15:37,38.

⁹Then went up _____, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: ¹⁰And they saw the _____ of Israel: and *there was* _____ his feet as it were a paved work of a _____ stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness. ¹¹And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw _____, and did eat and drink.

¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee _____ of stone, and a _____, and _____ which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. Ex 24:9-12.

The sapphire was also on the breastplate of the High _____ showing that _____ has on His heart those that keep _____ His Ten _____ including the Seventh Day _____. See note below.

¹⁸And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a _____, and a diamond. Ex 28:18.

Gods throne is built on the principle of obedience to the Ten _____ which are a transcript of His character. See note below.

²⁶And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a _____, as the appearance of a _____ stone: and upon the likeness of the _____ *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. Ezek 1:26.

¹Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the _____ there appeared over them as it were a _____ stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a _____. Ezek 10:1.

²Clouds and darkness *are* round about him: _____ and _____ *are* the _____ of his _____. Ps 97:2.

¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy _____ *are* _____. Ps 119:172

²⁵And it shall be our _____, if we observe to _____ all these _____ before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us. Deut 6:25.

⁶⁶Teach me good _____ and knowledge: for I have believed thy _____. Ps 119:66.

¹²So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be _____ by the _____ of liberty. James 2:12.

Ans: f. The third foundation stone was a chalcedony. This precious stone is of misty _____ colour, clouded with blue, yellow, or purple. Grey in the Bible is a symbol of _____ age. Those that God has preserved with the various _____ traits that blue, which we have already noticed, along with yellow and purple which we will notice later, are reminiscent of those that this stone represents. Another word for grey in the Bible is _____. See note below.

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⁴And even to your _____ age I am he; and even to _____ hairs will I _____ you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will _____ you. Isa 46:4

Ans: g. The fourth precious stone found in the foundations of the wall is emerald. This stone is bright _____ in colour. Green is a symbol of _____, hope and _____. Those that this stone represents have a rich measure of the _____ of faith. See note below.

⁷Blessed is the man that _____ in the LORD, and whose _____ the LORD is. ⁸For he shall be as a _____ planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her _____ shall be _____; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jer 17:7,8.

⁸But I am like a _____ olive tree in the house of God: I _____ in the _____ of God for ever and ever. Ps 52:8.

Ans: h. The fifth precious stone is the sardonyx. This is a precious stone marked by the _____ colours of the carnelian (sard) and the _____ of the onyx. White is made up of _____ the colours of the _____. Those that those stone represent have characteristics of every colour but especially the red. White in the Bible is a symbol of _____. See note below.

⁸And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and _____; for the fine linen is the _____ of saints. Rev 19:8.

¹⁸Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your _____ be as _____, they shall be as _____ as snow; though they be _____ like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa 1:18.

¹⁰Many shall be _____, and made _____, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Dan 12:10.

¹⁴And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have _____ their robes, and made them _____ in the _____ of the Lamb. Rev 7:14.

Ans: i. The sixth foundation stone is the sardius. This stone is also _____ reminding us of the _____ of Jesus blood from our sins. See note below.

Ans: j. The seventh precious stone found in the wall foundations is chrysolite. This is a precious stone of _____ colour. Gold as we have noticed earlier stands for _____ and _____ the character traits which the tribe written on this stone represent. See note below.

Ans: k. The eighth stone which had one of the tribes of Israel written on it is beryl. _____ is once again the colour of this stone. Green is the most common colour in the foundation stones being found _____ times followed by red three times. Green is also found in the _____ around the throne. See note below.

³And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and *there was a* _____ round about the throne, in sight like unto an _____. Rev 4:3.

Ans: l. The ninth stone is topaz. This stone is greenish _____. Yellow is the colour of gold and represents the same character of faith that works by love. See note below.

¹³Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with _____ gold. Ps 68:13.

Ans: m. The tenth precious stone of the wall is chrysoprasus. This stone of _____ colour, inclined to that of _____, from whence it has its name; for this is agate in the breast plate, which was _____ stone. See note below.

Ans: o. The eleventh foundation stone representing another tribe of the saved is jacinth. This name comes from _____, the name of a flower, also of a precious stone of the _____ colour, a dark _____ verging on black. See note below.

Ans: p. The twelfth foundation stone is amethyst. This is a precious stone of a _____ and _____ colour. This is the last colour of the rainbow to be represented. This colour represents both _____ and _____. Those that come from this tribe have _____ qualities and _____ for others as the priest did in the earthly sanctuary services. Purple along with _____ and _____ are _____ colours. See note below.

¹And of the _____, and _____, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for _____; as the LORD commanded Moses. Ex 39:1.

⁴¹The cloths of service to do service in the holy *place*, and the holy garments for Aaron the _____, and his sons' garments, to minister in the _____ office. Ex 39:41.

²⁶And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of _____; beside ornaments, and collars, and _____ raiment that *was* on the _____ of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks. Judges 8:26.

¹⁵And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in _____ apparel of _____ and _____, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and _____; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. Esther 8:15.

The wall of the city is jasper which is a red colour which we have noticed earlier is a reminder for those who have had their sins washed away by the blood of the Lamb Isa 1:18; Rev 1:5; 7:14.

And the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. The buildings of the city are like sparkling clear glass no doubt reflecting the various rainbow colours of the foundations of the wall like a diamond reflects different colours in the sun. Gold is a reminder of the character that is bought from Jesus with the white raiment and eye salve. Those that enter the city will have a character of gold that has been tried in the furnace of affliction so that they can be like Jesus and be with Him for ever.

Religion is not a mere theory, a sentiment; it is an earnest working out of our salvation with fear and trembling; for it is "God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Faith and love are precious plants, but they need careful cultivation and care, that they may flourish in the life and bear fruit to the glory of God. Those who enter the mansions which Christ has gone to prepare will be those who love God and keep his commandments. They must have the gold tried in the fire, the gold of faith and love. Those who hold high positions in the cause of God need to seek for this gold; they need the transforming grace of Christ. The crucifixion of self must take place, or their names will be blotted out of the book of life. God can make them pillars in his work; he can make them faithful servants by his grace. Then let them seek God while still it is called to-day. Now is the time when the Lord is testing

character, weighing moral worth in the balances of the sanctuary. O, let us seek the gold tried in the fire, let us seek the white raiment of Christ's righteousness, that the shame of our nakedness do not appear, and anoint our eyes with the heavenly eye-salve, that we may discern the working of God, and not be found groping our way in blindness. *Ellen G. White, Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, the 28th of July, 1891.*

The precious stones of the foundation of the wall of the city which had on them the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel were very similar to the twelve precious stones in the ephod of the High Priest. The stones on the ephod were all set in gold showing that they all pass through the fiery trials that purifies them as gold and have all bought the gold of faith that works by love and purifies the soul from Jesus their great High priest.

The first foundation is the same colour as the wall and the glorious light of the city which is red. Jesus as the heavenly High Priest wears this colour near His heart on the breastplate showing that those that struggle to overcome their sins and weaknesses are very dear to Him.

The second foundation stone is sapphire which is a blue colour. Blue was a colour that was chosen by God as a reminder to His people to keep the Ten Commandments of God.

The sapphire was also on the breastplate of the High Priest showing that Jesus has on His heart those that keep all His Ten Commandments including the Seventh Day Sabbath.

Gods throne is built on the principle of obedience to the Ten Commandments which are a transcript of His character.

The third foundation stone was a chalcedony. This precious stone is of misty grey colour, clouded with blue, yellow, or purple. Grey in the Bible is a symbol of old age. Those that God has preserved with the various character traits that blue, which we have already noticed, along with yellow and purple which we will notice later, are reminiscent of those that this stone represents. Another word for grey in the Bible is hoar.

The fourth precious stone found in the foundations of the wall is emerald. This stone is bright green in colour. Green is a symbol of trust, hope and faith. Those that this stone represents have a rich measure of the gift of faith.

The fifth precious stone is the sardonyx. This is a precious stone marked by the red colours of the carnelian (sard) and the white of the onyx. White is made up of all the colours of the rainbow. Those that those stone represent have characteristics of every colour but especially the red. White in the Bible is a symbol of righteousness.

The sixth foundation stone is the sardius. This stone is also red reminding us of the cleansing of Jesus blood from our sins.

The seventh precious stone found in the wall foundations is chrysolite. This is a precious stone of golden colour. Gold as we have noticed earlier stands for faith and love the character traits which the tribe written on this stone represent.

The eighth stone which had one of the tribes of Israel written on it is beryl. Green is once again the colour of this stone. Green is the most common colour in the foundation stones being found four times followed by red three times. Green is also found in the rainbow around the throne.

The ninth stone is topaz. This stone is greenish yellow. Yellow is the colour of gold and represents the same character of faith that works by love.

The tenth precious stone of the wall is chrysoprasus. This stone of green colour, inclined to that of gold, from whence it has its name; for this is agate in the breast plate, which was Naphtali's stone.

The eleventh foundation stone representing another tribe of the saved is jacinth. This name comes from hyacinth, the name of a flower, also of a precious stone of the same colour, a dark blue verging on black.

The twelfth foundation stone is amethyst. This is a precious stone of a violet and purple colour. This is the last colour of the rainbow to be represented. This colour represents both royalty and priesthood. Those that come from this tribe have leadership qualities and intercede for others as the priest did in the earthly sanctuary services. Purple along with blue and white are royal colours.

THE PEARL REPRESENTS THOSE THAT WILL GIVE ALL TO OBTAIN JESUS

9. What are the gates and the streets of the Heavenly City made of? Rev 21:21.

Ans: a. ²¹And the twelve _____ were twelve _____; every several gate was of _____ pearl: and the street of the city was pure _____, as it were transparent glass. Rev 21:21.

Ans: b. The gates are huge pearls that would be at least 210 feet or 64 meters in diameter which is the measurement of the wall. See note below.

Ans: c. Those that enter the gates of pearl are only those that have sold all that they had on earth so that they could gain the kingdom of God. Jesus was more precious to them than any other.

⁴⁵Again, the _____ of heaven is like unto a merchant man, _____ goodly pearls: ⁴⁶Who, when he had found one _____ of great price, went and sold _____ that he had, and _____ it. Mt 13:45,46.

Christ Himself is the pearl of great price. . . . The _____ of Christ, as a pure, white _____, has no defect, no stain. No work of man can improve the great and precious _____ of God. It is without a flaw. In Christ are "hid all the _____ of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:3. He is "made unto us _____, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30. All that can satisfy the needs and _____ of the human soul, for this world and for the world to come, is found in _____.

Our _____ is the _____ so _____ that in comparison all things else may be accounted loss. . . .

In the parable the pearl is _____ represented as a gift. The merchantman bought it at the price of _____ that he had. Many question the meaning of this, since _____ is represented in the Scriptures as a _____. He is a gift, but _____ to those who _____ themselves, soul, body, and spirit, to Him _____ reserve. We are to give _____ to Christ, to live a life of willing _____ to all His requirements. _____ that we are, _____ the talents and capabilities we possess, are the Lord's, to be consecrated to His service. When we thus give ourselves _____ to Him, _____, with _____ the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us. We _____ the pearl of great price. . . . Ellen G. White, Maranatha, page 72.

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Those that enter the gates of pearl are only those that have sold all that they had on earth so that they could gain the kingdom of God. Jesus was more precious to them than any other.

Christ Himself is the pearl of great price. . . . The righteousness of Christ, as a pure, white pearl, has no defect, no stain. No work of man can improve the great and precious gift of God. It is without a flaw. In Christ are "hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:3. He is "made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30. All that can satisfy the needs and longings of the human soul, for this world and for the world to come, is found in Christ. Our Redeemer is the pearl so precious that in comparison all things else may be accounted loss. . . .

In the parable the pearl is not represented as a gift. The merchantman bought it at the price of all that he had. Many question the meaning of this, since Christ is represented in the Scriptures as a gift. He is a gift, but only to those who give themselves, soul, body, and spirit, to Him without reserve. We are to

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give ourselves to Christ, to live a life of willing obedience to all His requirements. All that we are, all the talents and capabilities we possess, are the Lord's, to be consecrated to His service. When we thus give ourselves wholly to Him, Christ, with all the treasures of heaven, gives Himself to us. We obtain the pearl of great price. . . . Ellen G. White, *Maranatha*, page 72.

10. Would you like to give all that you have to Jesus and buy the gold of faith that works by love to form a character that will enable you to enter the pearly gates to live with Christ forever? _____