Yahweh's Treasure

Introduction:
Malachi 3:16-18

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"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a **peculiar treasure** unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:"
Exodus 19:5

"For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his **peculiar treasure.**"
Psalm 135:4

"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a **special people**
(Heb: "peculiar treasure")
unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."
Deuteronomy 7:6
(see also Deut 14:2 & 26:18)

Titus 2:12-15 The saints are God's treasure - His peculiar people.

Overall principle

"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual."

1 Corinthians 15:46

Precious metals

Gold = *tried faith*

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice... That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"
1 Peter 1:6-7

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich..."
Revelation 3:18

Silver = *redemption*

"And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs."
Numbers 18:16

"And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents... after the shekel of the sanctuary:"
Exodus 38:25

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

What are we building?

"...the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded... But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"
1 Peter 2:3-7

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure... in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."
2 Timothy 2:19-21

What do we treasure?

Revelation 3:14-18
Laodicea - spiritually poor

Revelation 2:8-11
Smyrna - spiritually rich

"I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces... And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."
Ecclesiastes 2:8-11

Where your treasure is...

Luke 12:16-21
parable of the "rich" man.

Luke 12: 31-34
the Master's teaching

"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."
Matthew 15:18

"O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."
Matthew 12:34-35

"There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel."
Proverbs 20:15

Pearl of great price

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

Matthew 13:45-46

Pressure = Treasure

"And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation (grk: "pressure") enter into the kingdom of God."
Acts 14:21,22

- **Precious stones** - pressure & heat
- **Metals** - pressure & heat
- **Pearl** - formed when irritant gets into shell!

High Priest's Treasure

Exodus 28:15-21
the breastplate

Exodus 28:21
" And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be **according to the twelve tribes**."

High Priest's Treasure

Exodus 28:15-21
the breastplate

Numbers 2
the order of tribes

New Jerusalem *Revelation 21:9-21*

New Jerusalem
"But Jerusalem (the new covenant) which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." *Gal 4:26*

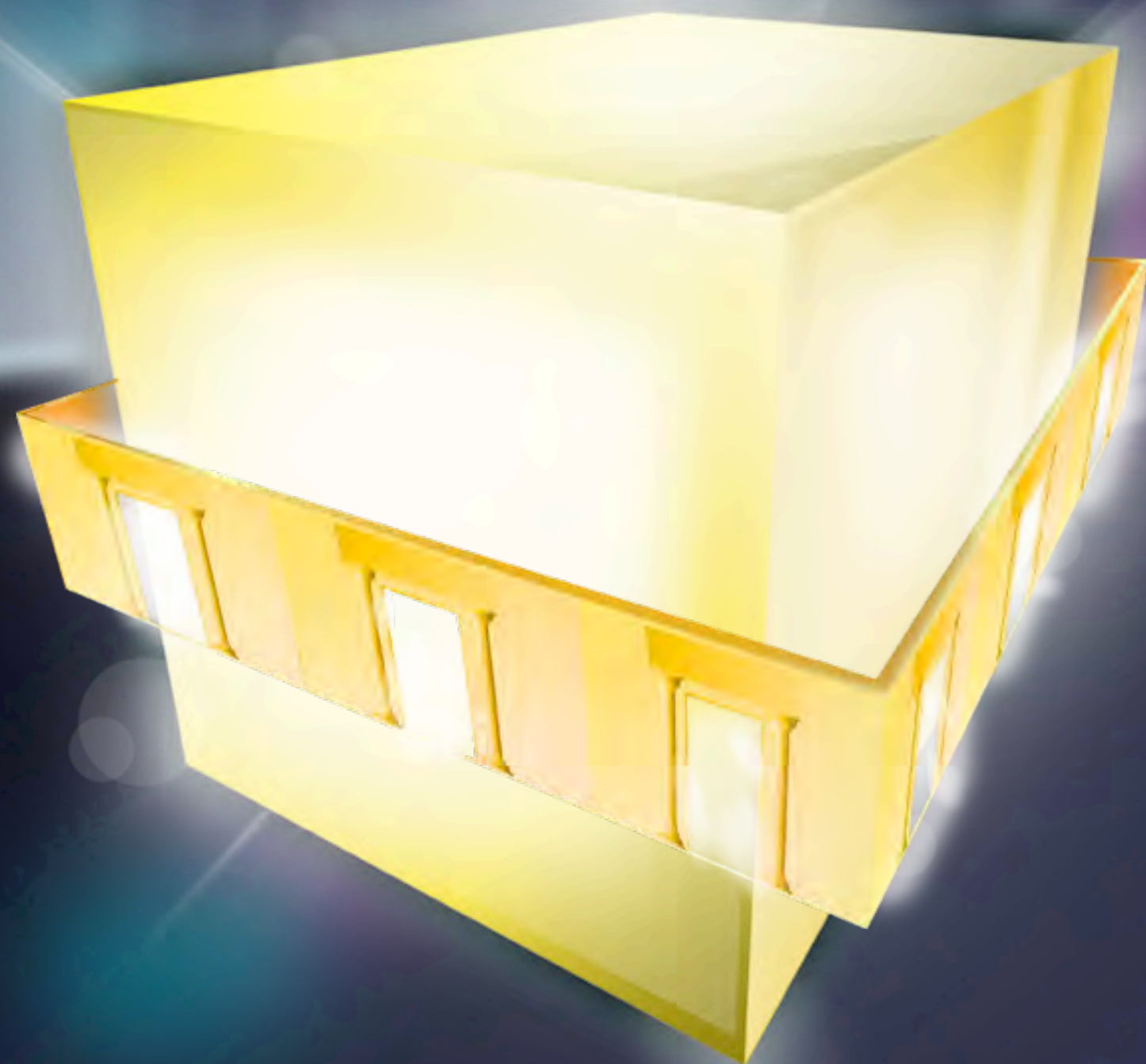
Prepared as a bride
"I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." *2 Cor 11:2*

The glory of the Deity
"we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." *Rom 5:2*

Light
"ye shine as lights in the world;" *Phil 2:15*

Jasper
"And he (Jesus) was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone" *Rev 4:3*

Great & High Wall *Revelation 21:12*



Great & high wall

"...it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place."

Ezek 42:20

12 Gates & 12 angels *Revelation 21:12-13+21*

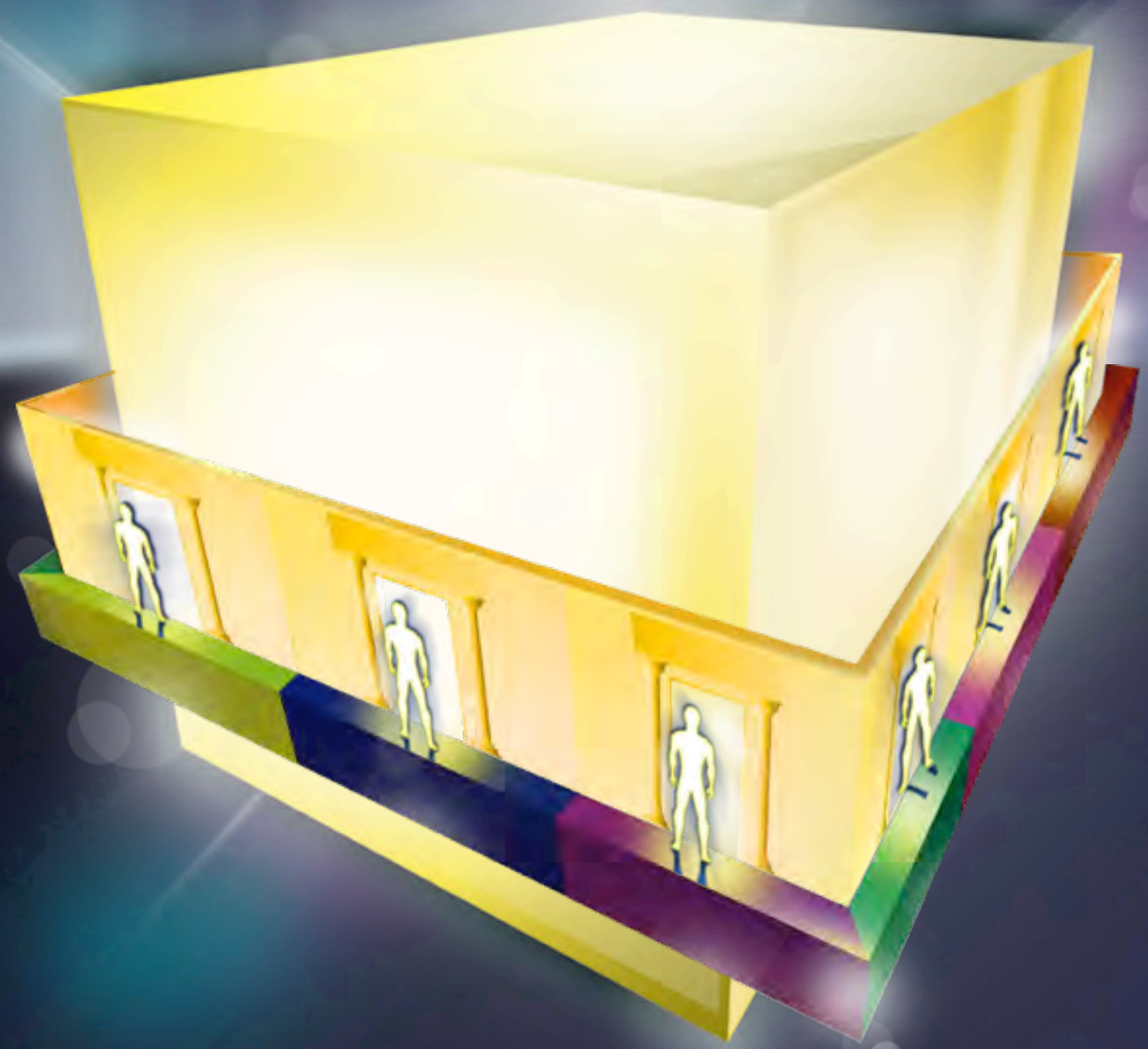
12 gates
"...the Israel of God."
Gal 6:16

Pearl
"Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."
Matt 13:46

12 messengers
"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
2 Tim 4:2

Street of gold
"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold ..."
1 Peter 1:6-7

12 Foundations *Revelation 21:14*



12 apostles

"And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Matt 19:28

Measurements *Revelation 21:15-17*

City
12,000
furlongs

Wall
144 cubits

Equal
"And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof..." *1 Kings 6:20*

Furlong
(660 feet, 200 meters,)
"Know ye not that they which run in a race (grk "furlong") run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
1 Cor 9:24

Cubits
(45cm)
"to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" *Isa 53:1*

12 Foundations

Revelation 21
the gem stones

Revelation 7
the order of tribes

Zebulun
Chrysoprasus

Joseph
Jacinth

Benjamin
Amethyst

Issachar
Topaz

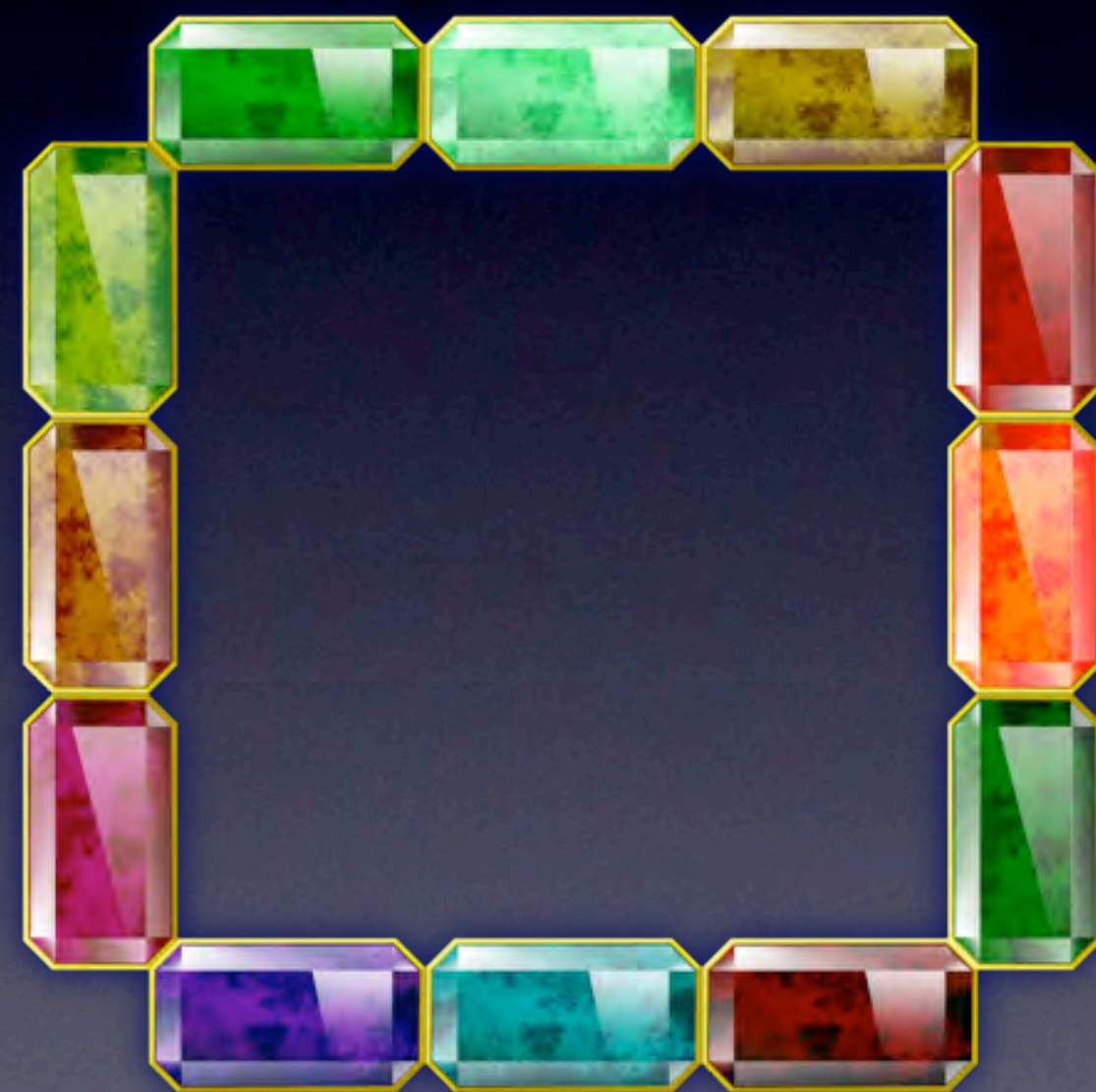
Judah
Jasper

Levi
Beryl

Reuben
Sapphire

Simeon
Cloysolyte

Gad
Chalcedony



Manasseh
Sardius

Nepthalim
Sardonyx

Asher
Emerald

The Law

No.	GEM Exo 28	Tribe Num 2+10	Sig. of tribe name	Camp Pos.
1	Sardius	Judah	Praised	East
2	Topaz	Issachar	There is recompense / reward	
3	Carbuncle	Zebulun	Dwell	
4	Emerald	Reuben	Behold a son	South
5	Sapphire	Simeon	Heard	
6	Diamond	Gad	Troop / company	
7	Liguare	Ephraim	Double fruit	West
8	Agate	Manasseh	Causing to forget	
9	Amethyst	Benjamin	Son of the right hand	
10	Beryl	Dan	Judgement	North
11	Onyx	Asher	Happy / blessing	
12	Jasper	Naphtali	Wrestling	

Revelation

No.	GEM Rev 21	Tribe Rev 7	Sig. of tribe name	Apostle? Mark 3, Matt 10, Luke 6	Camp Pos.
1	Jasper	Judah	Praised	Peter	East
2	Sapphire	Reuben	Behold a son	Andrew	
3	Chalcedony	Gad	Troop / company	James (son of Zebedee)	
4	Emerald	Asher	Happy / blessing	John	South
5	Sardonyx	Nepthalim	Wrestling	Phillip	
6	Sardius	Manasseh	Causing to forget	Batholomew	
7	Cloysolyte	Simeon	Heard	Matthew	West
8	Beryl	Levi	Joining	Thomas	
9	Topaz	Issachar	There is recompense / reward	James (son of Alphaeus)	
10	Chrysopra+	Zebulun	Dwell	Thaddeus	North
11	Jacinth	Joseph	Increaser	Simon (The Zealot)	
12	Amethyst	Benjamin	Son of the right hand	Judus / Mathias	

The stones & tribes

- **x7 new stones and x5 old**
  x2 sets sig Jews and Gentiles
- **x7 number of perfection / covenant**
- **x5 number of grace**

- **Dan omitted** = "judgment" past
- **Ephraim omitted** = "double fruit" has been gathered

- **Levi added** = saints are now "joined"
- **Joseph added** = saints will "increase" in joy

Summary

- **The saints -** us, God's Peculiar people
- **God treasures us if we manifest His character -** we become precious to Him
- **Belief** - pearl of great price / silver
- **Practice** - gold tried in fire / pressure of trials
- **Jesus our example** - the precious corner stone
- Those who have been baptized through the gospel into Christ Jesus and have manifested God's character we will be made **part of the New Jerusalem** - God's glory in the future.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:19-22

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