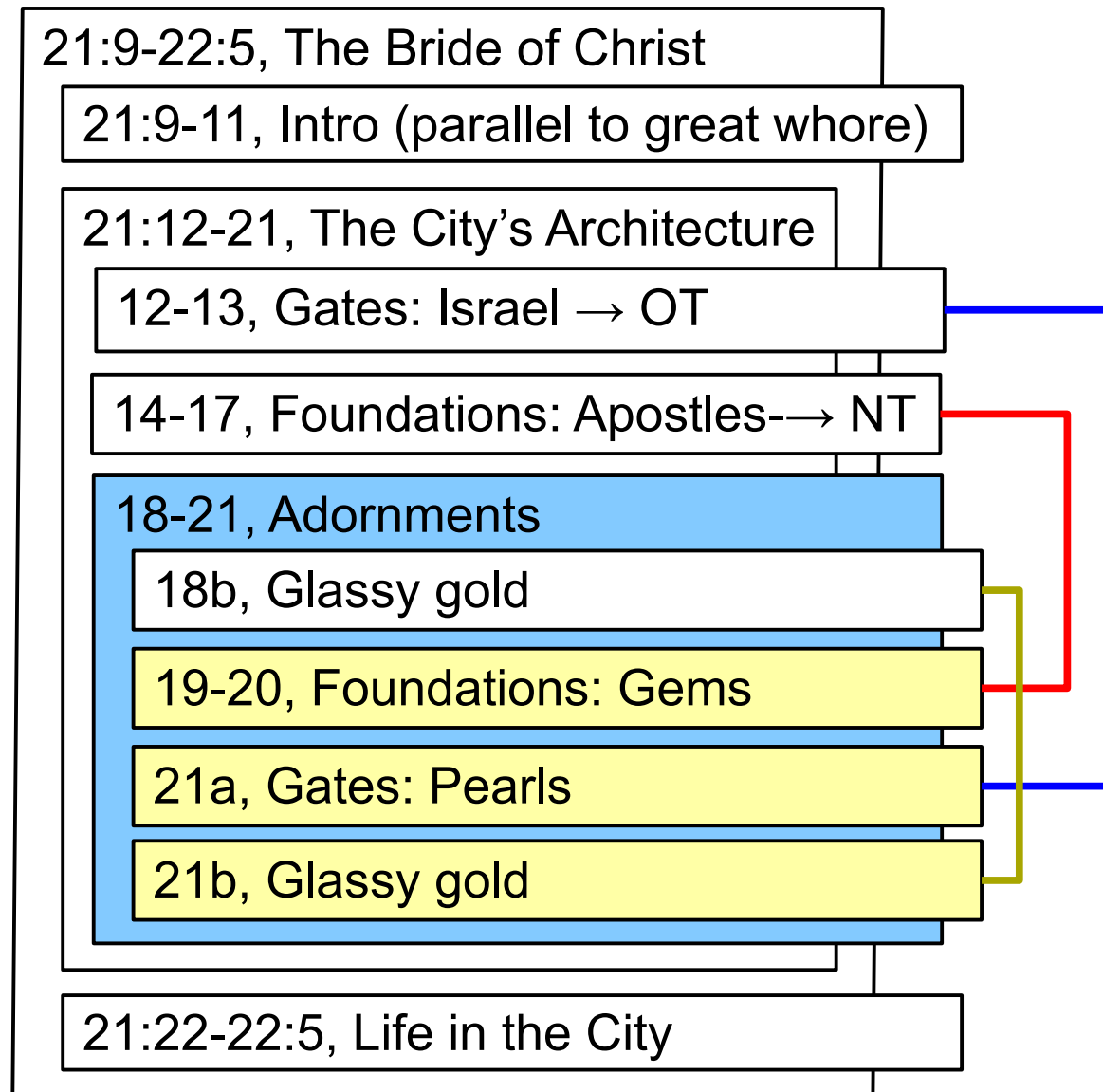


Adornments of the New Jerusalem



Contrast with the Great Whore:

Rev 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with **gold** and **precious stones** and **pearls**,



Exodus 28:15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

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Who Wears Precious Stones in the OT?

Exo 28:17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle**: this shall be the first row. 18 And the second row shall be **an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond**. 19 And the third row **a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst**. 20 And the fourth row **a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper**: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. 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. ... 29 And **Aaron** shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the **breastplate** of judgment upon his heart, when **he goeth in unto the holy place**, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

Ezk 28:13 Thou hast been in **Eden the garden of God**; every precious stone was thy covering, **the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold**: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art **the anointed cherub that covereth** (סכך G *sakak* H5526); and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the **holy mountain of God**; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ex. 25:20 And the **cherubims** shall stretch forth their wings on high, **covering** (סכך G) **the mercy seat** with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Exo 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And **they saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a **sapphire stone**, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

Ezk 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible **crystal**, stretched forth over their heads above. ... 26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a **sapphire stone:** and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as the colour of **amber**, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 **As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud** in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

God's Gemlike Glory

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a **jasper and a sardine stone:** and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

1 Tim 6:16 **dwelling in the light** which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see:

21 ... Gates ... Twelve Pearls

Mat 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found **one pearl of great price**, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or **pearls**, or costly array;

Believers as God's "Jewels"

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD **spake often one to another**: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that **thought upon his name**. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my **jewels**; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

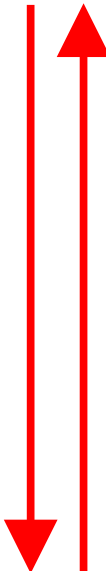
The Meaning of the Gems

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and **priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be **priests** of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Chiasm: Life in the City

| | 21:22-27 | | 22:3-5 |
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| Contrasts: No night ← Isaiah 60 | 22 And I saw no temple therein: ... |  | 5 And there shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; ... |
| | 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon , to shine in it: ... | | |
| | 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there | | |
| Contrasts: No sin ← Isaiah 52 | 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth , neither whatsoever worketh abomination , or maketh a lie : ... | | 3 And there shall be no more curse : ... |
| Back to Eden ← Ezekiel 47 | 22:1 a pure river of water of life 22:2 the tree of life ... fruit ... leaves | | |

No Temple

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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

Integrating the Father and the Son

21:22 the **Lord God** Almighty and the **Lamb** ...

21: 23 the **glory of God** did lighten it, and **the Lamb** is the light thereof.

22:3 the throne of **God** and of **the Lamb** ...

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| | 1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23a But every man in his own order: | |
| AD 33 | 23b Christ the firstfruits; | |
| Millennial kingdom | 23c afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. | 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. |
| Great White Throne | 24b when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. | 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. |
| New Heaven and New Earth | 24a Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; ... | 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. |

Parallels with Isaiah 60

| Revelation 21 | Isaiah 60 | |
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| 23a And the city had no need of the sun , neither of the moon , to shine in it: | 19a The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: | 20a Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: |
| 23b for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. | 19b but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. | 20b for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. |
| 24 And the nations (ἔθνος ethnos G1484) of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. | 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peopleS ἔθνος: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles ἔθνος shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. | |
| 25a And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: ... | 11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; | |
| 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into ἔθνος it. | that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles ἔθνος, and that their kings may be brought. | |