

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE NEW JERUSALEM REVELATION 21-22

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GARDEN OF EDEN

(Genesis 1-2)

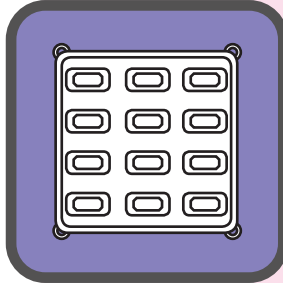
- presence of God
- tree of life
- river of life
- no curse



HIGH PRIEST

(Exodus 28)

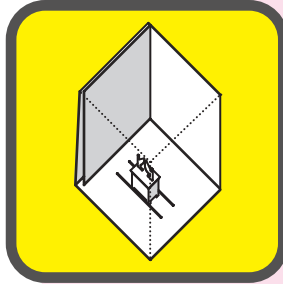
- 12 precious stones on high priest's breastplate, representing the 12 tribes of Israel
- = the old covenant people of God



MOST HOLY PLACE

(Exodus 26 & 1 Kings 6)

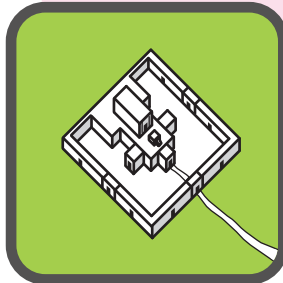
- the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle and the temple = perfect cube = representing the presence of God



NEW TEMPLE & CITY

(Ezekiel 40-48)

- the city is a perfect square = representing the presence of God
- 12 gates = 12 tribes of Israel
- river flows from the temple



JESUS

- = water of life (John 4:14)
- = light of the world and life (John 8:12 & 9:5)
- = high priest (Hebrews 6:20)
- = temple = presence of God (John 2:21)
- reversal of the curse and redemption on the tree (Galatians 3:13 & 1 Peter 2:24)



12 apostles = the new covenant people of God

THE NEW JERUSALEM (Revelation 21-22)

= the fulfilment of all God's promises in the Old Testament through Jesus:

- tree and river of life = eternal life
- no curse = no sin, death or judgement
- no temple = Jesus is the temple
- no light = Jesus is the light
- 12 gates / precious stones = 12 tribes of Israel, representing the old covenant people of God
- 12 foundations = 12 apostles, representing the new covenant people of God

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God." - Revelation 21:1-3

