

## Missing

- > Jan : *I must find it, I must discover it!*
- < Paul : *Hi, Lara Croft. What are you looking for?*
- > Jan : *Don't be rude! It must be in the jungles of the Amazon.*
- < Paul : *What? Don't tell me Indiana Jones. Let me guess, Atlantis?*
- > Jan : *No!*
- < Paul : *The Ark of the Covenant?*
- > Jan : *No!!*
- < Paul : *Noah's Ark?*
- > Jan : *No!!!*
- < Paul : *Okay, I give up. Why are you staring at the Atlas?*
- > Jan : *I heard a minister, preach this weekend.*
- < Paul : *Yes? Was it scriptural, or just the usual, wealth and lawlessness sermon?*
- > Jan : *No! This minister knew what she was talking about.*
- < Paul : *Really? Did she read from the Bible, or just preach?*
- > Jan : *No, she read from Revelations, and she said it was all done.*
- < Paul : *What is all done?*
- > Jan : *Everything, it is finished, completed, Jesus said so.*
- < Paul : *What! Did she say that everything in Revelations, has already taken place?*
- > Jan : *Yes, that's what she said.*
- < Paul : *I see! So, what are you looking for?*
- > Jan : *I'm looking for where the Holy Sanctuary could be?*
- < Paul : *The Holy Sanctuary, that comes down from Heaven?*
- > Jan : *Er, Yes! It is full of gold and precious stones, and if I can find it, I'll be rich!*
- < Paul : *Ha, ha, you're not serious! Don't you know how big that Sanctuary is?*

- > Jan : *Er, No?*
- < Paul : *Give me your Bible, let's have a look.*  
The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. (Rev 21:16)
- > Jan : *Twelve thousand furlongs! How much is that?*
- < Paul : *Pass your book of SI units, and the calculator.*
- > Jan : *Here you are.*
- < Paul : *Okay, a furlong is 201,168m. So 12000 furlongs equals 2414016m that's 2414km!*
- > Jan : *And the length, equals the breadth, equals the height, right?*
- < Paul : *Yes, that distance is approximately from Harare to Capetown. Pretty big, heh?*
- > Jan : *Wow, a prism that big, would easily be visible from space!*
- < Paul : *Yes, quite! Not to mention everything else.*
- > Jan : *I'm feeling pretty stupid already, and I know I'm going to regret asking; but what else is there?*
- < Paul : *Well Jan, you didn't preach the sermon! If you look how and when, the Holy Sanctuary appears, you will see just how ridiculous the ministers claim is!*
- > Jan : *What do you mean ridiculous?*
- < Paul : *The Day of Judgement must take place first. The wicked and the unrighteous will be judged, and thrown into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-15).*
- > Jan : *Ah yes, Judgement Day!*
- < Paul : *Then God recreates the Earth and the Heavens (Rev 21:1). Note that the first Earth and Heavens have passed away.*
- > Jan : *So this polluted planet, is done away with, and a new fresh Creation is made?*
- < Paul : *Yes, and note that the new Earth, does not have a sea.*
- > Jan : *Oh, that will upset the guys on the coast!*
- < Paul : *Then the holy city, New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven, not built by men, as it was built by God in the beginning of Creation.*

- > Jan : *Oh, this must be the one Abraham looked forward to in Hebrews 11:10 which says, "for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God." There are twelve foundations in this city, right?*
- < Paul : *That's right, and Revelations 21:23 also says that "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light." So clearly this is one very bright city, that will shine out, brightly into space.*
- > Jan : *Man, how can ministers preach such nonsense, when the Bible clearly contradicts them?*
- < Paul : *You see Jan, people don't read their Bibles. If they did, they would know the difference between Truth and Error.*
- > Jan : *Jesus did say: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (Joh 8:31)*
- < Paul : *Yes, free from the religious nonsense that some people preach!*
- > Jan : *But, isn't it the job of ministers, to preach the truth?*
- < Paul : *Yes, maybe, but each Christian, if they love God, will keep His Commandments and study His Word. Jesus is the Word of God, so how can they say they love Him, and then they don't read, and study their Bibles?*
- > Jan : *That's a very good point Paul!*
- < Paul : *Also 1Timothy says: "If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself." (1Ti 6:3-5)*
- > Jan : *That sums it up pretty well, Paul.*
- < Paul : *The so called experts of this world can't even agree. Some experts say that evolution is the way everything came about. Others say that the lowest probabilities for these things to have occurred naturally, are like 1 in  $10^{146}$  and yet a chance of 1 in  $10^{50}$  is commonly regarded as impossible to happen!*
- > Jan : *Yes, well, Proverbs 1:7 does say, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
- < Paul : *Exactly. Now you know what to do.*
- > Jan : *Study my Bible, right?*

< Paul : *Yes, God's Word is the only Word we can trust 100%.*

> Jan : *Amen, Brother!*

### The new Jerusalem

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. (Rev 21:9 - 22:5)

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