EZEKIEL’S TEMPLE AND JOHN’S HEAVENLY CITY COMPARED.

Compare if you will, the striking correspondences between what Ezekiel and the Apostle John were each shown while in the Spirit.

Ezekiel saw a high mountain: Ezek. 40:1, 2.
John saw a high mountain: Rev. 21:10.

Ezekiel said there was glory abiding: 43:2-5, 47:1-12.

Ezekiel saw water flowing from the Temple: 47:1
John saw a pure river flowing from the Throne: 22:1

Ezekiel saw trees had healing properties: 47:12.
John saw the trees were for the healing of the nations (ie., gentiles): 22:2.

Ezekiel said the trees bore fruit monthly: 48:20, 35.
John also said the trees bore fruit monthly: 22:2.

Ezekiel described the Holy City in four-square dimensions: 48:30
John described the Holy City in Cubic dimensions: 21:16

Ezekiel said the city had 12 gates: 48:35.
John said the city had 12 gates: 21:12, 21.

Ezekiel gave the name of its God as ‘Jehovah Shammah’ (is present) 43:7.
John described it as being God tabernacling with men. 21:3. (John 1:14)

Ezekiel said the city was for the 12 tribes: 43:4-7. 48:1.
John said the city was for the (pan-ethnic) saints of God. 21:24-27.

Are these striking correspondences not significant?
Even more amazingly John’s Holy City was a BRIDE!

Rev 21:1-3. “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. (Note time location) also there was no more sea. Then I, John, 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 heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”
In fact John’s whole revelation of the Holy City was prefaced by the angel saying to him; “Come, I will show you The Bride, the Lamb's wife” Rev. 21:9.

Paul said to the Gentile Corinthian saints; “I have betrothed you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” And to the Ephesians’ saints; “Just as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for her.”

Are we able to say then that the vision Ezekiel and John were shown, was of the BRIDE, in the New Heaven and New Earth, joined in glory to the LAMB, her HUSBAND, CHRIST.

It is of note that John’s City HAD NO TEMPLE. This fact is most remarkable to a JEW. The Temple of this City is a PERSON! The Church’s SPOUSE!

Rev 21:22-24. “But I saw NO temple in it, - for the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB is 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 (ethnos) of those who are saved, shall walk in its (His!) light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it.”

Surely both Ezekiel and John had the same vision, but each from their position in the progressive revelatory program of God, and thus John, more fully than Ezekiel. This shows clearly the error of attempting to interpret the Old Testament without reference to the fuller light of the New Testament, thereby wrongly applying a literalness which occasions denial of the New Testament’s greater light, and so the applying of Ezekiel’s vision to the wrong nation under God, OT Israel, instead of to the pan-ethnic ‘holy nation’ of the Gospel-redeemed saints.

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