

New Jerusalem: Heavenly City and Mountain of the Lord's House

Part 1

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As many of my readers will know, in addition to operating the Endtime Prophecy Net website for the past sixteen years -- as well as "The Treasure Trove" BBS for a number of years prior to that time -- since 2011 I've also been quite active on the Facebook website. In fact, in May of 2012 I began to create a series of Bible-based images for my timeline, which now number over 1,700 in all. Quite recently, I also spent six weeks creating my "Timeline Graphics Index", in which I organized all of my Facebook images by category. Currently, there are over two hundred and fifty different categories in the index. The index allows my Facebook friends and visitors to easily decide which graphics they wish to share on their own timelines on any given day. I will include the URL for my "Timeline Graphics Index" at the end of this article.

Since creating the aforementioned index, I have used it on a regular daily basis to share my images by category throughout the day on my timeline. One set of images which I often post pertains to the Heavenly City; that is, to New Jerusalem. A number of the images that are included in this particular set depict New Jerusalem as a golden pyramid which is descending to the Earth from the heavens.

Sadly, as has occurred on a few previous occasions, when the cat is away the mice will play. One evening a few months ago, I shared the aforementioned set of images on my timeline. To my dismay, when I logged back on to my timeline the following morning after a much-needed rest, I discovered that a certain

person had initiated a debate regarding one of the graphics. Rather than just be thankful and inspired by the images which I had created, in a typical legalistic fashion, this person chose to criticize my work, and began to argue about the fact that I had designed the Heavenly City -- New Jerusalem -- as a pyramid-shaped structure. In fact, this person's very first comment was a direct, public challenge to me personally. I do not remember his precise words at this current time. However, it was basically "You, more than anyone, should already know that God would not design the Heaven City like a pyramid."

Given our human nature, once this person had made his initial cutting remark, it is not surprising that a few other people soon began to offer their own comments, and a short doctrinal debate was thus underway. As some of my readers and Facebook friends will already know, if there is one thing which I do not allow on my timeline, it is doctrinal debates. As I very clearly explain in the article entitled "Should Christians Engage in Doctrinal Debates?", I regard doctrinal debates as being both divisive and destructive. Furthermore, quite often they are fueled by pride, personal ego and a desire to prove that everyone else is wrong in their opinion. That this was likewise a problem for the First Century Church is evident by verses of admonition such as the following:

"For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"
1 Corinthians 1:11-13, KJV

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."
1 Corinthians 3:3-6, KJV

"But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."
2 Timothy 2:23-26, KJV

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain."
Titus 3:9, KJV

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."
1 Corinthians 1:10, KJV

At any rate, this is why I personally take a firm hand on my Facebook timeline when it comes to the issue of arguing and doctrinal debates. In fact, I include a firm warning in the guidelines which are listed on my Facebook "About" page. For those of you who may not be aware of it, I will not hesitate to block any person who stubbornly insists on arguing over doctrines on my timeline, particularly after I have already warned them to stop. So as you can imagine, when I discovered this debate regarding the shape of New Jerusalem occurring on my timeline, I was a bit irked. In fact, after reading all of the comments which had been made, I deleted the whole comment thread. I was very tempted to unfriend and block the person who had initiated the debate, but I chose to refrain myself instead. However, this person is now under my radar, and will be watched more carefully for possible future incidents.

I just find it rather sad that here I am investing literally hundreds of hours into creating these images for my timeline, in order to spiritually feed and inspire by Facebook friends, and instead of showing appreciation for my work, all that a few of them can do is be critical, legalistic and argue about the details. In the case of this particular graphic, some of my friends were arguing over what the word "foursquare" means in the Scriptures, how many sides a pyramid has, whether the Heavenly City is cube-shaped or a pyramid, etc. It would have been really nice if the instigator could have simply enjoyed the graphic, instead of trying to find something wrong with it, and then dragging other of my friends into the debate as well.

What also particularly irked me is the fact that the person who started the debate didn't even know what he was talking about. His initial comment and challenge to me demonstrated that he has a prideful, know-it-all attitude. Surely, as one who has studied the Scriptures for so long, I should know more than anyone else that our Heavenly Father would never design New Jerusalem like a huge pyramid, he claimed. With such a condescending attitude as that, I think it would do my friend a lot of good to read my article called "Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word". As I explain in that article, despite my many years of studying the Bible, I do not claim to know or understand it all. In fact, the more that I do understand, the more I realize how very little I actually grasp. Why? Because God's Word is just that deep. I am certainly not alone in feeling this way. Consider the following verses:

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."
Isaiah 40:28, KJV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9, KJV

"Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."

Job 9:10, KJV

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"
Romans 11:33, KJV

To any of my readers who have foolishly deceived themselves into believing that they have a firm grasp of God's Word, I simply say this: Just like this person who challenged me on my timeline, you know not whereof you speak. Your pride has clouded your judgment, and you really know nothing at all; at least not nearly as much as you need to know, or ought to know. Just as doctrinal debates and divisions -- which was actually the beginning of denominationalism in the Lord's Church -- was a problem for the First Century Apostles, so too, prideful know-it-alls who were puffed up by their own knowledge were apparently common as well. This becomes very evident by verses such as the following:

". . . we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know."

1 Corinthians 8:1b-2, KJV

"From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm."
1 Timothy 1:6-7, KJV

"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,"
Colossians 2:18, KJV

"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness . . . Therefore let no man glory in men"
1 Corinthians 3:18-19, 21a, KJV

"And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"
1 Corinthians 4:6-7, KJV

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing . . . Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."
1 Corinthians 13:2, 8, KJV

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."
Hebrews 5:12-14, KJV

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."
Proverbs 16:18, KJV

"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."
Luke 14:11, KJV

"Submit yourselves therefore to God . . . Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."
James 4:7a, 10, KJV

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"
1 Peter 5:6, KJV

Returning to the brief doctrinal debate which occurred on my timeline as a result of one of my New Jerusalem graphics, as I said, from reading his remarks, it quickly became apparent to me that the individual who challenged me and initiated the debate did not appear to know what he was talking about. As I mentioned earlier, this person insisted that God would never construct the Heavenly City in the shape of a pyramid. It was actually the reasons which he offered to support his wayward conclusion which surprised me the most. According to him, the reason why God would never use a pyramid design, is because the ancient Egyptians -- who were obviously pagans -- built pyramids. Furthermore, he noted, the Bible does not have one positive thing to say regarding the Egyptians.

Seriously, friends; I have to shake my head at such a remark, because this person was so shortsighted. Please note that my understanding is that this individual was not suggesting that our Heavenly Father would contemplate copying a design from His human creations. Rather, he seemed to be suggesting that because the Egyptians -- and other cultures as well, I might add -- built pyramids, some of which were obviously used for carrying out human sacrifice rituals, God would not consider using the same design in the construction of the Heavenly City. In other words, because this individual views pyramids as something evil, he seemed to believe that God would never use this type of structure in His own designs.

In my view, this person was looking at everything backwards. God is eternal in the heavens, and the Designer of our very Universe. He is the Master Architect, Chief Mathematician, Head Scientist, and Skilled Painter who has no equal. God in fact created mathematics -- including geometric shapes such as triangles and pyramids -- long before the Egyptians ever existed. To suggest that our Heavenly Father would refrain from using something which He Himself designed -- and which is even found in minute atomic structures -- simply because

humans would later use it for evil purposes, is ludicrous to say the least. The Scriptures make it rather clear that God's actions are not dictated by what we humans do here on Earth. To believe otherwise is foolish. He is God, and He does as He pleases; as we can easily determine by the following verses:

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"
Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."
Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, KJV

As you can see, our Almighty God will do all His pleasure -- that is, whatsoever He pleases -- regardless of what mere humans think, say or do. That includes building the Heavenly City in the shape of a pyramid if He so desires. While I do not recall if this person came right out and said it or not, my impression is that he apparently embraces the misguided belief that New Jerusalem is cube-shaped. This same view is promoted on a number of other websites which I have visited in recent years, and sometimes includes an image of a golden cube floating in Space. However, as I will be explaining in a moment, personally, I am convinced by my own study of the Scriptures that this understanding is not correct.

Aside from offering the ancient Egyptians and their pyramids as "proof" that God would never use a pyramidal design, the individual who instigated the doctrinal debate on my timeline also mentioned the Tabernacle in the wilderness which Moses and the Israelites constructed, based on the instructions which Moses had personally received from the Lord during his forty-day stay on the summit of Mount Sinai, or Horeb, as it is also known. In other words, by mentioning the Tabernacle, this person was apparently hoping to convince other readers that the Heavenly City is cube-shaped, and not pyramidal in design. However, as with his faulty reasoning regarding the ancient Egyptians and pyramids, once again his claim has no merit.

Why do I say this? Quite simply, because the Book of Exodus clearly informs us -- particularly in chapters twenty-six and twenty-seven -- that the Tabernacle was rectangular in shape, and not foursquare as New Jerusalem is described for us in the Book of Revelation. While it should be obvious to you, the word "foursquare" means four sides of equal length. In contrast, Exodus informs us that the length of the area of the Tabernacle was one hundred cubits, while the width of it was fifty cubits. In short, the Tabernacle was half as wide as it was long. This is in fact a rectangle, and not a square by any means. Consider the following verses as proof of this:

"And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of

fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits." Exodus 27:9-13, KJV

The reason why certain Christians erroneously assume that New Jerusalem is cube-shaped, is because of how it is described for us in the Book of Revelation. If we accept the following verses at face value alone, it would seem that the Heavenly City is in the shape of a cube:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband . . . And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass." Revelation 21:2, 15-18, KJV

As I mentioned a moment ago, the word "foursquare" simply means quadrangular. In other words, all four sides are equal in length, thus creating a square. The word "foursquare" is translated from the Greek word "tetragonos". In this case, "twelve thousand furlongs" is about fifteen hundred miles in modern terminology, because a furlong is equal to an eighth of a mile. Thus, twelve thousand divided by eight is equal to fifteen hundred. So what is being described for us here is a Golden City, the base of which is fifteen hundred miles long on each side. Imagine how huge that is. The square base of such a City would cover half of the entire United States. If New Jerusalem were in the Middle East, it would stretch from Saudi Arabia, up past Turkey to the Black Sea, over to the nations of southern Europe, down to Libya, and across the Red Sea back to Saudi Arabia. Israel would be a tiny fraction of land underneath it.

However, in the previous verses, we are also told that "the length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." This is where confusion enters the picture. Some Christians assume that because the height of the City is the same as the length and breadth, it must go straight up on all four sides, thus forming a perfect cube that is fifteen hundred miles high. As I stated a moment ago, if we base our understanding on these verses alone, this might indeed seem to be the case. However, based on the evidence that we find in other verses which are scattered throughout the Scriptures, I am not convinced that this is the case whatsoever. This is why I have designed the Heavenly City as a golden pyramid in several of my Facebook timeline graphics. I did not do this without reason.

Before we begin to examine these other verses, let me share a few other points with you first. In the previous verses, we are informed that New Jerusalem is surrounded by a great wall which is made out of jasper. While John is not very specific, considering the great size of the Heavenly City, I believe that it is safe to assume that he is referring to the actual height of the wall when he states that it is "an hundred and forty and four cubits". According to John's description, if we use a standard length of eighteen inches for each cubit -- there are actually different lengths for the cubit depending on the culture -- this means that this great wall stands two hundred and sixteen feet high. We are also informed that the great wall has twelve foundations, and that there are three gates made out of pearls in each of the four sides of this wall. Following is a more extended description of this great wall:

"And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."
Revelation 21:12-21, KJV

At this point in our discussion I am going to share with you a few personal musings and observations regarding the Golden City -- New Jerusalem -- for your consideration. You are free to accept them or reject them, as you wish. I am sharing them with you because you may possibly find them interesting.

Now, I am not an architect. However, in thinking about this, and the great height of this perimeter wall, it seems to me that it would be much more aesthetically pleasing to the eye if the external wall of the Golden City itself angles away from this great perimeter wall that is made of jasper. In other words, the slanted walls of a pyramid-shaped City that slope away from the great perimeter wall seems nicer to me than sheer, vertical, fifteen-hundred-mile-high walls that run parallel to the great perimeter wall, which would be the case if the Golden City is cube-shaped, as some Christians seem to believe.

On a related note, if we assume that New Jerusalem is a real physical structure which descends to the Earth, and actually rests on the Earth, and is not meant to be understood in a purely symbolic or allegorical manner, as certain Christians are inclined to believe, then it seems to me that a pyramidal structure would be much more stable than a cube-shaped one. The reason why I say this is simple. With a pyramid-shaped structure, the vast majority of the weight of the City would be found in the lower levels near the Earth; whereas with a cube-shaped structure, much of the weight would be very high up in the air. Please keep in mind that we are talking about a City that rises up to fifteen hundred miles into the sky. I can't even begin to imagine that, can you? Humanity's puny skyscrapers are nothing by comparison.

Another reason why a pyramid-shaped Heavenly City would be much more aesthetically pleasing to the eye is because of the view. If a City occupant walks out onto a balcony -- assuming of course that the different levels have balconies -- he will be able to see smaller and smaller levels disappearing into the distance as he looks upward, or larger and larger levels sprawling out before him as he looks down. It would just be a magnificent view. In contrast, if New Jerusalem is a cube as some Christians believe, then the outer wall would be a sheer drop with nothing else in sight -- that is, no other levels to be seen -- other than the clouds. Because the wall is not sloped and tapered as in the case of an actual pyramid, he simply would not be able to see much of anything regardless of whether he looks up or down.

Allow me to share another personal thought with you for your consideration. Not only am I not an architect, but neither am I an engineer either. However, please recall that we are told in the previous verses that John sees the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, "coming down from God out of heaven". A few verses earlier, John tells us the very same thing with this verse:

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"
Revelation 21:10, KJV

So twice we are told that the great Holy City, New Jerusalem, descends out of Heaven from God. Now, obviously, as far as I know, no one today knows exactly where the Heavenly City was located two thousand years ago, or where it is even located today. However, regardless of where it is precisely located, one thing which seems evident to me is that if it descends to the Earth out of Heaven from God, then in some manner, it must for some period of time be space-borne; that is to say, it must be traveling in some fashion in Outer Space. Perhaps few of you have ever considered this point, but I have.

But here is the key point that I wish to make: Assuming that the Heavenly City was, is or will be -- it depends on your personal theological perspective -- space-borne for a time, in an aerodynamic sense, which shape would be more conducive to space flight; a cube or a pyramid? Even if you aren't very knowledgeable in this area -- I am most certainly not -- you probably realize that a cube-shaped object would produce a lot more drag or resistance during space flight. As a result,

NASA would never build a cube-shaped space vehicle; because not only would it move slower in Space, but it would require a lot more fuel as well because of the drag.

The fact of the matter is that NASA builds its rockets with tapered points, similar to a cone or a pyramid, doesn't it? In fact, everything about rockets, airplanes, drones, jets and similar airborne vehicles is purposely designed so that it produces as little resistance as possible. Tapered and smooth surfaces is the key. So doesn't it seem to make a lot more sense that if the Heavenly City must travel through a part of Outer Space before descending to the Earth, as John witnessed in the Book of Revelation, a God who is all-wise and all-knowing, who designed the Universe itself, and who in fact established the very laws of physics, would choose a pyramidal design over a cubic design?

Now obviously, we have no idea what powers the Heavenly City and makes it travel through Space. For all we know, it could just be the Will of God that moves it; or maybe it utilizes a fuel source that we cannot begin to imagine, and much less understand. Of course, please realize that my comments are based on the assumption that New Jerusalem is an actual city, as well as a real, physical object. While I personally have long believed that it is -- due to reasons which I will be sharing with you in part two of this article -- at the same time, neither should we totally dismiss the possibility that John's description is meant to be understood in a symbolic or allegorical manner, as some Christians believe. After all, we do find verses -- such as the following -- which challenge a physical interpretation of these Scriptures:

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."
John 4:24, KJV

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."
Luke 17:20-21, KJV

Why would a Spirit Being and a Spiritual Kingdom have need of anything physical, including a physical New Jerusalem?

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Pyramid Or A Cube, Alien Spacecrafts: Stargate And Star Trek The Next Generation, Borg Collective, Islam And The Kaaba, The Black Stone, Earthly Jerusalem Or Zion And Heavenly Zion And New Jerusalem, 144000 Stand Before Throne On Mount Zion, Mountains And Volcanos Are Tapered Triangular And Pyramidal, Battle Of Gog And Magog, Does Heavenly City Hover Above The Earth During Millennium?, Aerial Attack Against Beloved City, They Went Up Or Ascended?, Aerial Flight Unimaginable Four Hundred Years Ago, "Independence Day" Movie, Are People Being Psychologically Manipulated To Expect An "Alien" Invasion?, Hubble Space Telescope VATT The Large Binocular Telescope And LUCIFER, Both John And Isaiah Describe Heavenly New Jerusalem

Laying aside the previous challenging thought regarding the physical or allegorical nature of New Jerusalem -- I cannot provide a definitive answer anyway -- some people may argue that if God is God, then it really doesn't matter what shape the Heavenly City has. Even if it is cube-shaped, this would not pose a problem for the Creator of the Universe. I agree with this thought. However, at the same time, if God observes His own natural laws of physics -- we obviously don't know if He does or not -- then it still seems plausible that He would choose a pyramidal design over a cubic design. If the City of Gold can be tipped so that its apex points forward, it would in fact move through Space similar to a spacecraft.

No doubt, some of you science fiction fans will be reminded of the popular movie "Stargate", in which a fictitious alien race did in fact utilize spacecraft which were pyramidal in design. In contrast, I am also reminded of another old, very popular sci-fi television program that aired during the late 1980's and early 1990's. It is in that show -- Star Trek: The Next Generation -- that viewers are introduced to a sinister and very violent race who were collectively known as the Borg.

The Borg were composed of cybernetically-enhanced drones which were assimilated from a variety of humanoid species. The Borg clearly represented transhumanism at its very worst. With the Borg, everything was either black or white. They offered only one option: either be assimilated, or else be destroyed. The option was given to targeted races with the dark threat that "Resistance is futile". At any rate, unlike the spacecraft in Stargate which were pyramidal in design, the spaceships of the Borg were technological -- and deadly -- wonders in the shape of perfect cubes.

While I have offered my personal musings and speculations in the previous paragraphs for your consideration, as I pointed out earlier, you are obviously under no obligation to accept them or agree with them if you do not want to. They are just a few interesting ideas which have occurred to me as I have thought about this issue. The fact of the matter is that we honestly don't know -- and won't know -- until that glorious day in which we each arrive in that Beautiful Place, due to our faith in the saving Grace of Jesus Christ.

While we have veered off into the world of science fiction, allow me to inform you that in reality, there actually is a very dark and sinister threat on the Earth today, in which a cube plays an important role. While some foolish politicians have strived to cloak this threat under the guise of peace, the truth of the matter is that the threat is clearly marked by both violence and extremism. As some of you may suppose, I am referring to the religion of Islam, which I discuss in more detail in the series "Holy Quran and Islam: A Doctrine of Devils?". So what is this cube that I am talking about? Read on, my friend.

The Kaaba -- that is, "The Cube", which is also known as the Sacred House -- is a granite, cuboid building which measures about forty-three feet high, and about 36.2 feet by 42.2 feet on its sides. The Kaaba is surrounded by the Masjid al-Haram, which is the most sacred mosque in the religion of Islam. The mosque is located in the center of Mecca -- or Makkah -- in Saudi Arabia. No matter where they are located in the world, Muslims are expected to face the Kaaba during personal prayer times. Furthermore, one of the so-called "Five Pillars" of the Islamic faith requires that Muslims perform a pilgrimage to the Kaaba -- referred to as the Hajj -- at least one time during their lifetime, if it is at all possible. Part of the Hajj ritual requires Muslims to walk seven times around the perimeter of the Kaaba in a counter-clockwise direction.

One interesting aspect of the Kaaba is the Black Stone. This Stone -- which actually predates Islam itself -- is embedded in the exterior eastern corner of the Kaaba. It consists of a number of now-fragmented stones which are held together by a silver band, silver nails, and a type of mortar or cement. Muslims believe that the Black Stone was placed in the wall by Muhammad himself. Regarding the Stone's origin, Islamic tradition teaches that it fell from Heaven in order to show Adam and Eve where to build an altar. Later, following the Flood, the Angel Gabriel supposedly instructed the Patriarch Abraham where to find the Stone. Abraham instructed Ishmael -- his son by the Egyptian Hagar -- to build a new temple in which to place the Black Stone. This was the Kaaba. Muslims highly revere the Black Stone, and endeavor to kiss it each time that they circle the Kaaba, as required during the Hajj. If they are unable to kiss it due to the crowd, they simply point to it instead.

As I noted a moment ago, this mosque, -- and the Kaaba within it -- is regarded by Muslims as the most sacred place in the Islamic faith. I find it very interesting that Satan has made a cube-shaped building the very center of this false religion which vehemently denies the Divinity and Messiahship of Jesus Christ. If I were to embrace the same mentality as the person who pointed to the pyramids as being evil, I could easily say that the Kaaba is one very good reason regarding why the New Jerusalem would not be in the shape of a cube. However, as I explain in other articles, Christian doctrine cannot be based simply on personal theories and conjectures. It should only be based squarely on the truth of the Scriptures, and what God's Word explicitly tells us, or at the very least suggests.

As I mentioned in part one, I am convinced by my own studies that New Jerusalem is pyramidal in shape, and not cuboid in shape. While the Book of Revelation does not state this very

clearly, when we compare John's description to other verses which we find in the Scriptures, it does suggest this in my view. In the following set of verses, while describing how the unbelieving Jews of Jerusalem are still in bondage, and enslaved to the Old Covenant due to their rejection of Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul makes a comparison between the two sons which the Patriarch Abraham fathered by Sarah and Hagar, and between Mount Sinai -- which is located in what we know today as Saudi Arabia, and which he associates with physical Jerusalem -- and New Jerusalem, "which is above". In other words, Paul is comparing the seed of the flesh with the seed of faith:

"Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."
Galatians 4:21-26, KJV

We see the very same comparison being made between Mount Sinai -- in the first half of the verses -- and the New Jerusalem -- or Mount Sion -- in the Epistle to the Hebrews as well, which is described here as "the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem":

"For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."
Hebrews 12:18-24, KJV

Turning to the Book of Revelation, we find another amazing description of Mount Sion -- or New Jerusalem -- in which Jesus Christ, accompanied by the 144,000 redeemed servants of the Lord, are playing on their harps, and singing before the very Throne of God:

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the

elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth." Revelation 14:1-3, KJV

So how do the previous verses reveal more to us regarding the shape of the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem? Quite simply, it is in the fact that it also called Mount Sion, or Mount Zion if you prefer. The word "mount" is derived from the Greek word "oros". This word is used sixty-five times in the New Testament of the King James version of the Bible. Most of the time -- forty-one times -- "oros" is translated as "mountain"; twenty-one times it is translated as "mount"; and three times it is translated as "hill". In other words, New Jerusalem is clearly being described as looking like a mountain.

Now it is quiz time. When you look off in the distance at a mountain, or at a mountain range, or at a volcano, what do you usually -- but not always -- see? I can definitely tell you what you do not see, unless it is a plateau, of course. You do not see a squarish, rectangular or cuboid structure reaching up into the heavens. What you will usually see is a conical, triangular or pyramidal object, or else a group of objects, from your perspective on a three dimensional plane. You will seek a mountain, or a mountain range, or a volcano, with tapered sides and a triangular peak, more or less. Are the pieces of the puzzle starting to come together yet? If the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, is called Mount Sion, it is for a reason. The word "mount" describes its shape. To reiterate, a mount, or mountain, is usually not flat on the top, unless it is a plateau. Furthermore, I am not aware of any cuboid mountains, are you?

In my article entitled "Focus on the Endtime", I discuss an important short-lived battle which occurs following a period which we refer to as the Millennium. The instigator of this battle, the preparation for this same battle, and the rather quick results of the battle, are all described for us in the following set of verses:

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Revelation 20:7-9, KJV

As you can see, this event -- which is the Battle of Gog and Magog -- occurs towards the end, or possibly right at the end of the Millennium. As many of you will already know, this is a period of one thousand years during which the resurrected Saints rule the Earth along with Jesus Christ. This topic is more amply discussed in such articles as "From Armageddon to the New Earth". According to certain Bible teachers, in verse nine above, the words "camp" and "beloved city" are said to be a reference to the city of Jerusalem in the current state of Israel, even though the verse doesn't explicitly say that. As such, I view that interpretation as personal speculation at best; and a very poor one at that.

One reason why I embrace this position is because there is not one single verse in the entire King James Version of the Bible where Jerusalem is called "the beloved city". Using my Online Bible program, I verified this point by looking for the phrase "beloved city", as well as the word "beloved" in which it is associated with Jerusalem. Other than this one verse that is found in the Book of Revelation, this phrase is not found anywhere else. Furthermore, it does not make sense that on one hand, Jesus would say that Jerusalem is full of the blood of the Prophets, that it is run by the children of the Devil, and that it would be destroyed, and then make a u-turn and call it "the beloved city". According to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the word "city" is derived from the Greek word "polis". Pronounced pol' is, it has the following definitions:

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- 1) a city
 - 1a) one's native city, the city in which one lives
 - 1b) the heavenly Jerusalem
 - 1b1) the abode of the blessed in heaven
 - 1b2) of the visible capital in the heavenly kingdom, to come down to earth after the renovation of the world by fire
 - 1c) the inhabitants of a city

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While "polis" can refer to any city, notice the emphasis on the Heavenly Jerusalem, and the fact that there's no mention of the earthly Jerusalem whatsoever. Thus, because of this, and the reasons which I have already stated, I'm inclined to believe that "camp" and "beloved city" are referring to the New Jerusalem which descends from Heaven sometime during, or perhaps sometime after the Millennium. While John describes New Jerusalem "coming down from God out of heaven" after the new heaven and the new Earth have been created, this does not necessarily mean that it was not present prior to that time. Let me share those verses with you again:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband . . . And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"
Revelation 21:1-2, 10, KJV

In other words, I have considered the possibility -- please note that this a personal speculation -- that New Jerusalem may hover above the surface of the original Earth throughout the duration of the Millennium. In this way, it will be kept pure from pollution and other contaminants on the Earth.

It makes sense to me that the Lord and His Saints require a headquarters and capital city from which to rule the Earth during the Millennium. On the other hand, it does not make sense that the Lord would choose old, decrepit and war-torn earthly Jerusalem, which is full of not only the blood of the

Prophets and Saints, but His own Blood as well. Thus, when He informed the Apostles that He was going to prepare a place for them, He was actually referring to the New Jerusalem that would descend one day from Heaven. Consider these verses:

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:2-3, KJV

There is something else I noticed in the previous verses that are found in the Book of Revelation which offer a small hint that New Jerusalem may possibly hover above the Earth during the Millennium. In those verses, we are told that the ungodly rebels "went up on the breadth of the earth." This phrase is a bit ambiguous. According to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, the word "breadth" is derived from the Greek word "platos". It means breadth, broad or wide, which does not tell us a whole lot. The lexicon also states that "platos" suggests a great extent. You will see why this is important in just a moment.

However, it is the phrase "they went up" that actually caught my attention. It is derived from the Greek "anabaino", which the lexicon defines as meaning to ascend, to go up, to rise, mount, be borne up, or spring up. The question we need to ask ourselves is how far we want to extend the meaning of the word "ascend"? Is it possible that it actually means to rise above the Earth itself, so that one can actually see the breadth of the Earth? What happens when one goes up in a helicopter or an airplane? What if one is an astronaut who works on the Space Station? The higher one goes, the more he is going to be able to see. He is going to be able to see the breadth or extent of the Earth, exactly as those verses state!

Ahhh . . . now we are getting into some exciting territory! What if those verses are saying that the rebels actually fly up to the Heavenly City -- which is floating in or above the Earth's atmosphere -- and surround it, in preparation for an attack against it? No doubt, some of my critics are going to accuse me of twisting the Scriptures, and really going out on a limb with this thought. They will argue "No, you are really wrong about this. Those verses are just describing an attack against the city of Jerusalem in the nation of Israel." Well, if that is what you want to believe, so be it. However, let me shake you up a little more, before you fall asleep again with your conservative, comfy, cozy interpretation of God's Word which excites no one, and completely close off your mind to my theory.

When I discovered that the Greek word that's translated there as "went up" also means "ascend", I naturally became curious to find out if there are other verses which might confirm my suspicion. It was the verses which confirmed my belief which gave me a "Wow!" moment, because in my view, they leave little doubt that it is quite possible that my understanding of the verses in the Book of Revelation is correct. Please note that in the verses below, the word "ascend" is derived from the same Greek word -- "anabaino" -- that is translated as "they went up" in Revelation. The fact that they are talking about Jesus, and the Two Sackcloth Witnesses, just blows me away:

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."
John 3:13, KJV

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?"
John 6:62, KJV

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."
John 20:17, KJV

"But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)"
Romans 10:6, KJV

"But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"
Ephesians 4:7-10, KJV

"And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."
Revelation 11:11-12, KJV

Wow! In every single case, the Greek verb "anabaino" is used to mean to ascend to Heaven itself. So the question we need to ask ourselves is this: Why did the KJV translators choose to translate it as "they went up" in the previous verses we read in the Book of Revelation, instead of as "ascend? I can offer a few different possibilities for your consideration. Similar to a number of Christians today, in the translators' minds, the words "the beloved city" and "camp" were viewed as references to Jerusalem in the nation of Israel. Thus, to the translators, using "they went up on the breadth of the earth" seemed like a better translation than "they ascended on the breadth of the earth." Either way, in my view, the translated phrase still seems very strange and difficult to understand; unless one examines other verses of Scripture as I have done.

Another possibility is that they fully understood what the original Greek meant, but it did not make any sense to them. Thus, they decided to use the Jerusalem approach instead. In other words, if we consider the time in which the KJV Bible was translated and published, we can understand this better. The KJV translators could understand how the Lord ascended to Heaven, being the Resurrected Son of God. They could also understand how the Two Sackcloth Witnesses could ascend to Heaven by a Divine Act of God. However, as far as the rebels ascending from the Earth to the Camp of the Saints which may

float in or above the Earth's atmosphere, this would no doubt have made absolutely no sense to them.

Four hundred years ago in England, I doubt that anyone even considered the possibility that man would someday fly. To even suggest such a thing would probably have produced a lot of laughs, and accusations of being crazy. Not only would such a thought have been totally foreign to people of that era, but even the mention of it may have been viewed as some kind of witchcraft. Let's not forget that during those times, people were extremely superstitious, and being burned at the stake was a common affair. We could say then that perhaps it was not meant for the translators to understand, because the events which the Book of Revelation describes did not happen in their day. In contrast, it is a lot easier for us today to consider my theory regarding these verses, because we live in an age of modern technology where flying in the sky is the most common thing in the world.

You know, oddly enough, as I imagined these rebel forces in the Book of Revelation flying up to and then circling the Heavenly City in order to initiate an attack against it, I was reminded of scenes from the very popular sci-fi alien invasion movie "Independence Day". While normally, I do not like to delve into conspiracy theory, preferring instead to maintain a narrow focus on God's Word in my articles, I must confess -- as I have before -- that I have grown suspicious of the popularity of all of these alien invasion movies. Is it possible that there is a hidden agenda? Is it more than just Hollywood fun and entertainment with special effects?

If you still don't understand where I am going with this, let me make it more clear. Is it possible that people are really being psychologically manipulated so as to implant a certain attitude and world view in their minds concerning visitors from beyond our own planet, even Heavenly Visitors? Stop and think about this for a moment. What could possibly make the evil people of the world think that they could win a battle against Jesus Christ and the glorified Saints? One would have to be crazy to think that way . . . unless they are not aware of the fact that it is Jesus Christ and the Saints. What if they are led to believe by Satan -- who is released from the Bottomless Pit -- and the evil governments of the world, that New Jerusalem is a technologically-advanced, hostile alien force that is hovering above the Earth, and is poised for an imminent attack against the Earth? Wow!

Directly related to this are my suspicions regarding the many powerful telescopes which have been built in recent decades, such as the Hubble Space Telescope. Personally, I have really enjoyed the many amazing images which have been released to the public. They are a testimony to the power and greatness of our Almighty God and His Son, as we read in the following verse:

"[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."
Psalms 19:1, KJV

You may be surprised to know that even the Vatican operates an observatory called the Vatican Observatory. While this

observatory is headquartered in Castel Gandolfo, Italy near Rome, its actual research center -- the Vatican Observatory Research Group -- is hosted by the Steward Observatory at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The VORG operates the 1.8 meter Alice P. Lennon Telescope at the Thomas J. Bannan Astrophysics Facility. Known together as the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope -- or VATT -- it is located at the Mount Graham International Observatory in the Pinaleno Mountains of southeastern Arizona.

If you think that I am going off the deep end with this talk of alien invasions and conspiracy theories, you haven't heard the best of it yet. You will be interested to know that the Mount Graham International Observatory is likewise home to the Large Binocular Telescope. At this current time, the LBT, as it is called, is one of the world's most advanced optical telescopes. Similar to a pair of binoculars, it utilizes two primary light-gathering mirrors, each of which is 27.5 feet in diameter. It must be an astronomer's dream. By comparison, the single mirror on the Hubble Space Telescope is less than eight feet in diameter.

But here is where it gets rather strange. The power of this amazing telescope is currently being augmented through the addition of a set of super-cooled, near-infrared cameras, or spectrographs. This integrated system is referred to as the Large Binocular Telescope Near-infrared Utility with Camera and Integral Field Unit for Extragalactic Research. However, what is freaky about this is the fact that the acronym for this telescope and near-infrared camera system -- which was chosen by astronomers who work at the Center for Astronomy of Heidelberg University in Germany -- happens to be LUCIFER. The LUCIFER system is used to capture images of extrasolar planets and other distant, faint objects which are located outside of our Solar System. Thus far, one camera -- referred to as LUCIFER I -- has been installed on the telescope. Based on online information, the second camera -- LUCIFER II -- may possibly be installed sometime this year.

So what this all means, I am really not sure, if anything. I am just wondering if they are doing more than just looking at distant astronomical objects in the Universe. Of course, in its online information, the Vatican Observatory denies that it is looking for anything else, and the LBT crew probably would not even bother to address such a question. What do you think? Could they possibly be looking for something or someone which is related to the Scriptures?

Returning to our primary topic regarding the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, as I explained earlier, in my view, there is a possibility that the Golden City hovers above the Earth during the Millennium, but that it is not until after the Battle of Gog and Magog has occurred, after the wicked have been destroyed, after Satan has been cast into the Lake of Fire, after the Great White Throne Judgment has occurred, and after the new heaven and the Earth are created, that it actually descends to the surface of the new Earth itself. We are told that following this wonderful event, "the nations of them which are saved" are allowed to enter this wonderful City of Light. Not only does the Apostle John talk about it, but so does the Prophet Isaiah as well, as we see by these verses:

"And the nations 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. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it."
Revelation 21:24-26, KJV

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD."
Isaiah 2:2-5, KJV

Please notice the phrases "mountain of the LORD's house" and "mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob". We also see another reference to Zion as well. In my view, these phrases are yet more clear indications that New Jerusalem is in the shape of a mountain. It is a huge Golden Pyramid. This is the very same Mount Zion which we saw mentioned in earlier verses; and in those verses, we were clearly told that it is the New Jerusalem. It is not the old city of Jerusalem that is located in Israel. As far as I am concerned, that is just a false Zionist doctrine which is likewise promoted by a lot of misguided Christians. John and Isaiah seem to be writing about the very same thing. Therefore, if John is describing the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem -- which he most definitely is -- then so must be the Prophet Isaiah as well.

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Part 3

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Great Golden Pyramid, "The LORD's House" And "House Of The God Of Jacob" Is Not A Temple In Physical Jerusalem, Beware Of Zionist Agenda, God Does Not Need Or Require A Physical

House, Stephen Is Martyred For Quoting Isaiah, Jesus Told Samaritan Woman That No Physical Temple Is Needed, Isaiah Describe New Jerusalem As Great Mountain Which Towers Over All Mountains And Hills, Great City Of Light, Third Temple Will Be A Deception, Which Lord?, Twisting Scriptures In Order To Promote Zionist Agenda, In My Father's House Are Many Mansions, Prophet Micah Appears To Quote From Isaiah, Patriarchs And Children Of Faith Have Always Known About Heavenly City Of Light, Persevere In Faith And Overcome, Satan Is A Usurper And Imitator, Human Sacrifices, Famous Pyramidal Buildings Around The World, Satan Is The False God Of This World And The King Of Corruption And Pleasure, Beware Of Carnal Enticements Of The World, The Choice Is Yours, Closing Remarks, Suggested Reading Resources List

Continuing our discussion from part two, as we have seen, there exists substantial Scriptural evidence which strongly suggests that rather than being shaped like a cube, as some Christians believe, the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, may actually be a great golden pyramid that measures 1,500 miles on each side of its huge base, and 1,500 miles in height. As I pointed out a moment ago, the Prophet Isaiah appears to be describing the same exact thing as the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. When Isaiah says "mountain of the LORD's house" and "mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob", he is not referring to the old city of Jerusalem in the nation of Israel, or to a new temple being built in that city, as has been supposed by some Jews, and certain Zionist Christians as well.

That is an utterly false doctrine which is meant to promote the Zionist agenda. Any person who diligently studies the Scriptures can easily expose the fallacy of this erroneous doctrine, beginning with what Isaiah wrote himself. Isaiah would not write that an actual, physical, rebuilt temple in the earthly city of Jerusalem is the house of God, and then turn around and write the following at the end of his Book:

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?"
Isaiah 66:1, KJV

It does not make any sense that Isaiah would supposedly say that God needs a house in which to dwell in one chapter, and then turn around later and plainly state that God does not need a house. As I explain in other articles such as "Is the KJV Bible the Inerrant Word of God?", Stephen was stoned to death by the hateful, unbelieving Jews in the Book of Acts, for preaching this very same truth. He quoted right from the Book of Isaiah before they murdered him. Furthermore, even Jesus plainly explained that God does not require or need a physical house or temple, when He spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well, as we see by the following verses which are found in the Gospel of John:

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour

cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:21-24, KJV

You will find similar verses in my KJV Bible Verse List that is called "Our True Spiritual Temple" on the Endtime Prophecy Net website.

In the previous verses which I shared with you at the end of part two, Isaiah clearly informs us that New Jerusalem towers above all of the hills and mountains. It is the great City of Light, which is lit by the Lord Himself. That is why in those same verses, Isaiah clearly writes "let us walk in the light of the LORD." Consider these verses that we find in the Book of Revelation which reveal what Isaiah really meant:

"And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal . . . And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations 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." Revelation 21:10-11, 22-24, KJV

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 22:5, KJV

That is the light that the Prophet Isaiah is talking about, and it is found in no place but Mount Zion, New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City. It is not Jerusalem, Israel, or a new temple built in that city for the Lord. As the previous verses clearly state "I saw no temple therein." Please get those erroneous thoughts out of your head, because it is Zionist propaganda, and nothing more. It is a deception. No temple means exactly that; no temple. If God does not need or require a temple, then why do the false Jews continue to insist on building a third temple? Exactly which lord will they be building it for, if they even ever really do it? It certainly won't be the Lord who has already told us plainly that He does not need or require a house or temple.

Some of my Christian friends need to wake up and realize that quite a few Bible verses and prophecies have been purposely hijacked and manipulated by certain Zionists -- including the Christian Zionists -- in order to promote Israel, Jerusalem and the supposed superiority of the Jews over the world. For a clear example of what I am talking about, please consider reading the seven-part series entitled "Psalm 83 War False Doctrine Exposed!". If a third temple is really ever built, as I said, it will just be a deception; including for many pro-Israel Christians who have been mesmerized by the false Jews. So watch out! Don't you become deceived!

To reiterate what I shared with you earlier, "the mountain of the LORD'S house" of which the Prophet Isaiah speaks, is the very same house that Jesus spoke about in the fourteenth chapter of John when He said "In my Father's house are many mansions." Let me share those wonderful verses with you one more time to drive the point home:

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:2-3, KJV

That is the real mountain of the Lord's house, my friends, and it is full of Heavenly Mansions. I can't even begin to imagine how many mansions would fit into a Golden Pyramid of that amazing size, can you? It is interesting to note that the Prophet Micah wrote about the Heavenly Zion as well. In fact, much of it is word for word what Isaiah wrote, which leads me to suspect that Micah may have been quoting from the Book of Isaiah, even though the text does not say this directly. Consider the opening verses of chapter four:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Micah 4:1-2, KJV

As I explain in such articles as "One From Beyond: Hebrew of Hebrews", since the times of the Old Testament period, the Patriarchs and the children of faith have always known about that wonderful City of Light in the sky, which at the present time remains hidden from our view; and they have earnestly sought for it as well. This is made evident by verses such as the following. Please note that these verse are found in the same Epistle which only a chapter later discusses the spiritual Mount Zion and the New Jerusalem:

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16, KJV

The key -- as we are also told in the Book of Revelation -- is to persevere in our faith, and to not be overcome by the cares and snares of this current life. Consider this verse:

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my

God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."
Revelation 3:12, KJV

As I mentioned in part one, this series was the result of one of my Facebook friends claiming that God would never utilize a pyramidal design in the creation of Mount Zion -- that is, the Heavenly City, or New Jerusalem -- because the Egyptians used it as well. Therefore, according to my friend, the Lord would view a pyramid as being evil. While I have explained to you why I do not believe that this is so, as I mention in a number of other articles, it's also important to realize that Satan is both a usurper and a great imitator. In other words, there is nothing original about him. He merely copies, twists and perverts what he sees God do. This is reflected not only in the pyramids of Egypt, but also in the ziggurats of Iraq and Iran -- which were previously known as Mesopotamia and Persia -- as well as in the pyramids which are likewise found throughout Mexico, Central America and other nations of Latin America. As we discussed earlier, many of these pyramids were the site of violent human sacrifices. In my view, this leaves no doubt regarding who inspired these structures, as well as the false religions which were associated with them.

We witness this very same architectural design in a number of modern buildings as well. Following is a partial list of some of the more impressive pyramid-shaped structures in the modern world:

1. Arabian Blade in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (planned)
2. Dubai City Tower in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (planned)
3. Louvre Pyramid in Paris, France
4. Luxor Hotel in the Devil's playground of Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Pyramid Arena in Memphis, Tennessee
6. Ryugyong Hotel in Pyongyang, North Korea
7. Shimizu TRY 2004 Mega-City Pyramid in Tokyo, Japan (planned)
8. Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco, California
9. Walter Pyramid stadium in Long Beach, California

Why is it that modern man is so fascinated by the pyramidal design, and who inspires him to build such structures? If we consider the fact that many of these huge buildings are for the most part devoted to Big Business and making a profit, or else in some way cater to the sinful desires of the flesh, it is not difficult to determine that the entity behind these structures appears to be the false god of this current world; who as we have already seen, is Satan himself. He is in fact the king of corruption and pleasure, who constantly tempts us with the vices of the flesh. The city of Las Vegas, Nevada -- and similar "sin cities" -- are clear evidence of this. I am reminded of the following verses:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."
1 John 2:15-17, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
James 4:4, KJV

So the choice is yours. You can choose the ways of the world with all of its fleshly enticements, and maybe earn yourself a gold watch at the end of your long pointless life, or else you can choose to accept Jesus Christ, dedicate your life to the Lord's service, and walk in the wonderful City of Light -- Mount Zion, New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City -- someday when the Lord calls you Home. By God's Grace, I know which road I am following. How about you? Choose wisely, my friend.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which are related to the topics which were discussed in this series. All of them are also located on the Endtime Prophecy Net web server:

Focus on the Endtime
From Armageddon to the New Earth
Going Down the Highway of Life
Have You Sold Your Soul for a Pound of Flesh?
Humility in Our Understanding of God's Word
Is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?
One From Beyond: Hebrew of Hebrews
Parable of the Sower: Salvation and Service
Psalm 83 War False Doctrine Exposed!
Should Christians Engage in Doctrinal Debates?
The Urantia Book: A Dangerous New Age Doctrine!

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