

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

The Revelation of Saint John the Divine

THE HOLY JERUSALEM

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

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.



God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

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.

Revelation, 21:9-16.

The holy Jerusalem (there shall be peace) refers to the Earth as it will be in the New Galilee, the time in our future evolution when Christ will reign—as both Priest and King. It also refers to man himself who will be purified and regenerated, a kingly creature who under the guidance of the 12 Divine Hierarchies has embodied within himself the sublimated essence of the four elements: fire, earth, air, and water. He has become “foursquare.”

Concerning the mystery of transmu-

tation which takes place in those on this initiatory path, Max Heindel tells us that: “the initials INRI placed upon the Cross represent the names of the four elements in Hebrew: *Iam*, water; *Nour*, fire; *Ruach*, spirit or vital air; *Iabeshah*, earth. This symbolizes the salt, sulphur, mercury, and azoth which were used by the ancient alchemists to make the Philosopher's Stone, the universal solvent, the *elixir-vitae*.”

“*Iam* is the Hebrew word signifying water, the fluidic *lunar*, moon element which forms the principal part of the human body (about 87 per cent). This word is also the symbol of the finer fluidic vehicles of desire and emotion.

“*Nour*, the Hebrew word signifying fire, is a symbolic representation of the heat-producing red blood laden with martial Mars iron, fire, and energy, which the occultist sees coursing as a gas through the veins and arteries of the human body infusing it with energy and ambition without which there could be neither material nor spiritual progress. It also represents the sulphur and phosphorus necessary for the material manifestation of thought.

“*Ruach*, the Hebrew word for spirit or vital air, is an excellent symbol of the Ego clothed in the mercurial Mercury mind, which makes man *man* and enables him to control and direct his bodily vehicles and activities in a rational manner.

“*Iabeshah* is the Hebrew word for earth, representing the solid fleshy part which makes up the *cruciform earthy body* crystallized within the finer vehicles at birth and severed from them in the ordinary course of things at death, or in the extraordinary event that we learn to die the mystic death and ascend to the glories of the higher spheres for a time.”