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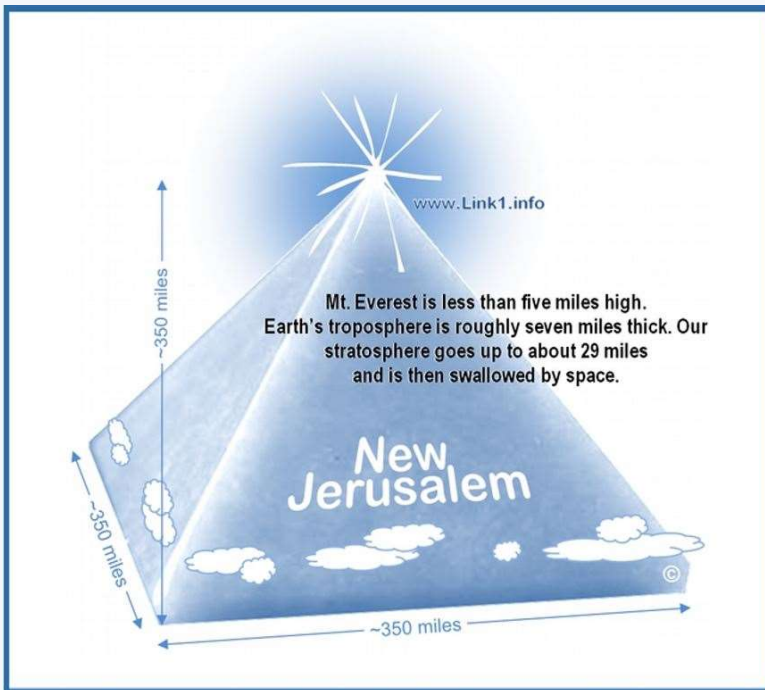
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THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*SM —

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At John 14:2,3 are these words of Jesus:

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.

Revelation 21 describes the place He went to prepare for us—

> "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 I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God... 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...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."

—Revelation 21:2,3,9,10,16,17

Twelve thousand furlongs translates to roughly 1,400 miles. (2250 kilometers), using today's measures. That'd be the distance

from Havana, Cuba to Toronto, Canada or from Charlotte, North Carolina to Albuquerque, New Mexico. And the walls of that majestic city are about 216 feet (66 meters) thick! There are at least two credible schools of thought concerning those measurements:

Some scholars contend that each of the four sides of the city is 1,400 miles long. If they're right, the city is also 1,400 miles tall. How tall would that be? Approximately 35% of Earth's 3,949 mile (6,355 kilometer) radius. Its 12-layered foundation would be 1,960,000 square miles (3,155,600 square kilometers).

Other credible scholars say the angel was measuring the circumference of the city. That would yield an approximate length of ~350 miles (~560 kilometers) for each side and a ~122,500 square mile (~197,225 square kilometer) foundational footprint. The height of that structure would reach ~350 miles (~560 kilometers). How high is that? Mt. Everest is less than five miles high.

Our troposphere is about seven miles thick and the stratosphere goes up to ~29 miles.

Which school of thought is the right one? The second one makes more sense to us. We created the illustration here from it.

But what about the original Bible languages from which our English Bible versions are taken—Hebrew, Chaldean and Greek? How can we know that they are translated correctly?



There are many folk who wish to give the impression that they have studied the original languages, when all they are doing is using Mr. Strong's Concordance.

Those reference numbers you see in our editorials are all from the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. Got one? Might want to get one...or we will be happy to help you learn how to access that critical tool and much more online.

You may know that there are millions of believers who think they're paying professional christians to do all (or most) of studying and critical thinking for them. That's like paying a professional athlete to go to the gym and work out for you three times a week, and expecting to gain the strength and stamina to run the Boston Marathon!

Passivity might be okay for those whose mindset is to acquire a participation trophy. God rewards those who seek Him **DILIGENTLY**! At least that is what is written at Hebrews 11:6.