



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Gemstones, the Bible, and Heaven

Watch this short video for some interesting information about the foundation stones of the city wall of the heavenly Jerusalem:

<https://youtu.be/HFMrQUjp-Aw>

Revelation 21:19-21 NAS-95

¹⁹ “The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone.

- The first foundation stone was jasper;
- the second, sapphire;
- the third, chalcedony;
- the fourth, emerald;
- ²⁰ the fifth, sardonyx;
- the sixth, sardius;
- the seventh, chrysolite;
- the eighth, beryl;
- the ninth, topaz;
- the tenth, chrysoprase;
- the eleventh, jacinth;
- the twelfth, amethyst.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.”

An excerpt from the Imagine Heaven

Devotional book. Brad describes what he saw when he had a near death experience:

“Brad Barrows, blind from birth, describes an ‘immense field’ stretching before him with huge palm trees and tall grass as he approached the city:

Within a very short amount of time... as I was going up the hill, I came to a large stone structure. I could tell that it was stone without even touching it. I could tell with some sort of sight that I had at that time... They were almost like gemstones. They seemed to literally shine with their own particular light. Yet the light itself was actually penetrating right through the stones. It seemed that the stone was actually heightening that light, the light that was already there, to the point where I was almost afraid to touch those stones. I thought that they might be fiery hot. In another sense, I was very curious about them” (114).

Conclusion: When adding up the three items on this sheet, we discover a remarkable unity between:

- The modern-day analysis of precious stones.
- The Biblical description of the foundation stones of the holy city in heaven.
- The description of the stones seen by Brad Barrows during his near-death experience.

All such things point to the Bible being true; therefore, it is very important for all people to turn from their sins and trust in Jesus for eternal life!

NAU **Mark 1:15** [Jesus said:] “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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