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It has been given to us to know the interpretation of the things God has spoken for "we have the mind of Christ". There is a one to one correlation from the physical to the invisible realities. All the pictures and patterns with all the physical representations have their invisible counterpart. After we understand this we no longer need the visible.

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Paul wrote how the law was our tutor but after faith has come we no longer need a tutor. Or as he says "when I become a man I put away childish things. This is the purpose of all the law and the feasts, to learn the spiritual counter part. The everlasting realities of Gods kingdom. Which is "at hand".

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So keeping this truth in mind and appropriating principles from the book of Hebrews like "He takes away the first to establish the second" and "the Holy Spirit thus indicating that the way into the Holiest was not yet manifest while the first one was standing". This was speaking of the temple. An earthly one being replaced by an invisible one.

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Why then would it be strange that Jerusalem is an eternal non time dimensional reality? Doesn't the "kingdom at hand" have a city too? ^ The same principle as with the tabernacle. As long as the first one remains there is no access to the second. Our understanding is veiled from the eternal as long as a physical one still exists in our understanding. This is the law of sowing and reaping. Sown corruptible, raise spiritual.

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The writer of Hebrews meant nothing short of this when he wrote "For you have come to Mt Zion, to the city of the living God, to the Heavenly Jerusalem, to the general assemble and church of the firstborn, to the spirits of just men made perfect". He was not talking about a city on earth.

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Earthly Jerusalem being sown corruptible to be raised incorruptible by faith, was pictured at Pentecost in Jerusalem. In a specific city, on a specific day, to a specific people who spoke a specific language, and "whoosh! The Holy Spirit descended in power and shattered the specifics. Paul referred to the "Jerusalem on earth as "Hagar which corresponds to Jerusalem which is in bondage" - bound to specifics. The spiritual counterpart in the heavens is available without the specifics to any language, any where, anytime, to every body. To the gentiles in any place two or more are gathered. As Paul says of the spiritual Jerusalem "is free, the mother of us all. This was his living reality as it should be ours if we are able to receive it.

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The 30 plus times Jerusalem of old was attacked and taken was to sow it corruptible and raise it incorruptible in the understanding of each one of those generations. They were all spiritual harvests into the ever ready always present kingdom of God, finished before the foundations of the world.

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Ezekiel 11.16

16 "Therefore say, "Thus says the Lord God: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone."

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So Pentecost wasn't the first time this phenomena happened but the last as far as the physical goes. "He takes away the first to establish the second.

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So one other point to consider about the current reality of Heavenly Jerusalem. Earthly Jerusalem in the Old testament was referred to as female. She was the mother the comforter and the nourisher. She was the widow. This was the wife of God in their understanding. And from Romans 7 of the women whose husband must die to marry another, so too heavenly Jerusalem

cannot exist without a death.

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From John 4 "the hour is coming and now is when you will neither in Samaria nor in Jerusalem worship the Father. For God is spirit and He is truth and He seeks such to worship Him" • "So we being "in Christ" • "in the spirit" • are in the city that has no earthly specifics or physical features."

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You see our inheritance is Him. We are joint heirs of the eternal pre-existence" which is God himself. Anything eternal is another aspect of Himself. The book of "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" • culminates with the "revealing" • or the "unveiling" • of the city being an aspect of Jesus Christ to be unveiled."

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This city is the one who is always hidden in Christ. As Peter instructs the women to let their adorning be the "hidden person of the heart". If we are hidden in Him we see her who is Christ's hidden person of the heart. And as John speaks of the Holy Spirit "whom the world cannot see for it neither sees her or knows her."

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I will stop here but there is plenty more. I discuss this further in the series of articles under "The Mystery of The New Creation Revealed" •."

Blessings