The Church-part five

What is the Symbol Of the Kingdom of God?

A symbol is something that stands for or represents another thing. A pyramid/triangle symbolizes a hierarchical system. As we have seen in this series on the church, the pyramid is a symbol of the Babylonian religious/political system that was spread throughout the earth after God scattered the people from the Tower of Babel in Babylon. It has continued as the core of this world's religious and political systems to this day.

The place from which God rules is the symbol of His government. God does not rule from the top of a pagan pyramid. We will see that the symbol of God's government is a cube, and we will see why it is the perfect symbol to represent the Kingdom of God.

The Most Holy Place

God said, "...let them make Me a <u>sanctuary</u> [4720, *a holy place*] that I may dwell <u>among</u> [8432, *in the middle of, midst of*] them" (Exodus 25:8). It is important to note that God did **not** say "that I may dwell on top of them," as in a hierarchy, "...for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell <u>in</u> [1722, *among, in the presence of*] them, and <u>walk in</u> [1704, *live among*] them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (2 Corinthians 6:16).

The earthly tabernacle was a copy of the heavenly, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the <u>figures</u> [499, *a copy, representation*]of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24).

The place where God's throne was placed within the tabernacle was the Most Holy Place. The tabernacle was divided into two rooms. "...[T]he veil shall divide to you between the holy place and the Most Holy. And you shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place" (Exodus 26:33, 34).

The Most Holy Place is the only cube mentioned in Scripture. In the tabernacle the Most Holy Place was 10³ cubits, and in Solomon's temple it was 20³ cubits. "And the <u>oracle</u> [1687, *sanctuary, a place of order*] he [*Solomon*] prepared in the house within, to set there the

ark of the covenant of the LORD. And the oracle in the forepart was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in height thereof: and he overlaid it in pure gold..." (1 Kings 6:19, 20).

All of the items in the tabernacle/temple were overlaid in gold. Gold symbolizes truth, purity, and eternity, because gold does not become tarnished. A meaning of the word "tarnish" is to "bring disgrace on." Sin is something that tarnishes. Some synonyms of tarnish are: blemish, mar, poison, stain, spoil and taint. The Kingdom of God is pure and free of any sin. "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything <u>that defiles</u> [2840, *desecrate, pollute, profane*], neither whatsoever works abomination or a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27).

The root of oracle (1687) is 1696, which means: to arrange, to lead, to guide, to rule, to direct, to speak. When the Eternal was giving instructions to Moses for the building of the tabernacle He said, "And you shall put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I shall give you. And there will I meet with you, and I <u>will commune</u> [1696] with you from above the mercy seat...of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel" (Exodus 25:21, 22).

The Kingdom of God is directed from the throne of God, and that is where we are to direct our worship. "If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sits on the right hand of God. <u>Set</u> your <u>affection on</u> [5426, *mind*] things above, **not on things on the earth**" (Colossians 3:1).

The New Jerusalem is the Most Holy Place Where Man Will Dwell

The New Jerusalem is a cube of 12,000 furlongs: "...The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal" (Revelation 21:16). The New Jerusalem is the Most Holy Place where man, when he is created into the spiritual image of God, will live with the Father and the Lamb.

"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 shall be no more death**, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:2-4). The street of the eternal city "...is pure gold, as it were transparent glass" (Revelation 21:21). The street of gold represents the way in which the inhabitants walk, which is the way of truth and righteousness.

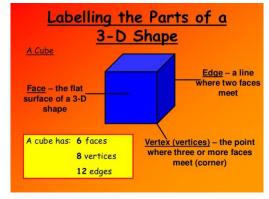
As for those church leaders who have envisioned themselves as being near, or at the top, of the pyramid, there isn't a pyramid that you can exalt yourself to the top of. "And whosoever shall exalt himself <u>shall be abased</u> [5013, *to bring low, depress the pride of*]; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:12).

The Cube and the New Jeruslem

The numbers of a cube are quite interesting. A cube has six faces, and six is man's

number in scripture. A cube has **eight** vertices (the point where three lines meet at a corner). The number eight is a **new beginning.**

The **seventh** and final annual holy day is the **eighth** day following the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles. The seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles (temporary dwellings) pictures the destruction of everything that is physical. "...[T]he



heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

"...[A]nd on the **eighth day** shall be a Sabbath" (Leviticus 23:39). It is called the Last Great Day (John 7:37), because it is the conclusion of God's plan, and a new beginning. "And I saw a **new** heaven and a **new** earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were <u>passed away</u> [3928, *to dissapear, vanish, perish*]...And I John saw the holy city, **New** Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:1, 2).

This will be a spiritual kingdom that is eternal. All physical things are temporary. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18). The **eighth day** is a **new** beginning (8) for man (6) when God will dwell among men, who will have been created into His spiritual image.

The **twelve** edges of the cube represent the twelve tribes of Israel, who will inhabit the holy city with the Father and the Son. There are "...**twelve** gates...written thereon are the names of the **twelve** tribes of the children of Israel" (v. 12). "And the wall of the city had **twelve** foundations, and in them the names of the **twelve** apostles of the Lamb" (v. 14). The city is a cube of "...**twelve** thousand furlongs..." (v. 16).

Israel and the Kingdom of God

All who will be saved will become Israelites, not through the flesh, but through the Spirit, i.e. through the seed of the Messiah. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23). The Spirit of God carries the DNA of God. Therefore when you are born into the Kingdom of God as a spirit being you are fully a son of God through the "incorruptible seed."

"Wherefore remember, that you being in time past <u>Gentiles</u> [1484, *a multitude of people*] **in the flesh**...That at that time you were without Christ, <u>being aliens</u> [526, *strangers, foreigners*] **from the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covnenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world...are made nigh by the blood of Christ....Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:11-15, 19).

Israel [3478] means "he will rule as God." Those who are of the household of God (the commonwealth of Israel) will rule with God. God's number in scripture is three. In mathematics, to cube means to raise to the **third power**. The vertex of a cube is where **three faces meet** (a corner). The Godhead consists of three faces. The Father, the Son, and the Bride. The Father is the Supreme Ruler, and the Son is under the Father, and the Bride is under her Husband. The **eight** corners (vertices) encompass the entire cube, the New Jerusalem, which is the Bride of Christ.

"...Come here, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife...that great city, the Holy Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, and her light was like to a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" (Revelation 21:9-11). "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him: and they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads...and they shall reign [936, to posess regal authority, to reign] forever and ever" (Revelation 22:3-5). The

saints will be ruling **with** God as the **third part** of the Godhead forever. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and **may enter in through the gates of the city**" (Revelation 22:14).

The Meaning of the Cube

Three dimensions are required to form a solid, and the simplest form of a solid is the cube. A cube, having three dimensions, represents that which is real, and has volume. The New Jerusalem, being a cube of approximately 1500 miles, has a volume of 3,375,000,000 cubic miles. A pyramid with the same base and height has a volume of only 1/3 of a cube. In the pagan trinity, Satan has pawned himself off as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, thus excluding man altogether. That leaves Satan as representing the three parts of the Godhead in one, or 1/3. In Satan's trinity lie there isn't room for anyone else.

"The cube is a three dimensional <u>SQUARE</u>; it is a symbol of stability and permanence, of geometric perfection...[I]t can be seen as truth, because it looks the same from any perspective... Frequently forms allegories with solidity and the persistence of virtues, hence its relation to thrones..."¹ The Kingdom of God is stable, permanent, and it is perfect. It is the source of all truth and virtue. Truth cannot change, because if it does change, then it was never truth.

Conclusion: The Kingdom of God is not symbolized by the pagan pyramid, but by a cube, for the Most Holy Place from which God rules is a cube—not a pyramid. A cube is a symbol of stability, permanance, perfection, virtue, and truth. The numbers associated with a cube are contained in the New Jerusalem, which is the Most Holy Place from which Elohim (Gods) i.e the Father, the Lamb, and the Bride will rule. The pyramid is a symbol of Satan's hierarchical religious/political system through which he has deceived all of mankind. Therefore the pyramid represents the lie, which produces instability, confusion, destruction and death. (The pyramids were used as tombs in Egypt.)

"LORD, who shall abide in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Your holy hill? He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the **truth** in his heart" (Psalm 15:1, 2).

¹Cube, <u>http://www.umich.edu/ ~umfands/symbolismproject/symbolism.htm/C/cube.html,</u> viewed 10/27/2016.