one colour occupying a greater space than another,  
because two foundations may be of similar hues, even  
though each precious foundation be of the same altitude. It will be noticed that the colours which in the  
present world are *seven*, as suited to its passing away;  
in the future world are *twelve*, which is in harmony  
with the abiding nature of the new world’s city.  
 If we will make choice of a colour for some of these  
stones which are of various hues, we arrive at a regular  
arrangement of them in this manner.  
  
 { 1. Green.  
 { 2. Blue  
 { 3. Blue  
 { 4. Green  
 { 5. Red  
 { 6. Red  
 { 7. Yellow  
 { 8. Sea-green  
 { 9. Yellow  
 { 10. Golden-green  
 { 11. Purple  
 { 12. Purple.  
  
 But we inquire into the spiritual significance of  
this. Why should the rainbow be the basis of the new  
city?  
 Because of its connection with the history of the  
covenant with Noah. We saw in chapter iv. how  
much that covenant was in the mind of God. The  
covenant in its first aspect has been accomplished.  
The throne foretold in it has made inquisition for  
blood; but the ark and the going forth thence was  
typical of things yet to come.  
 A deluge of fire has swept the old world, and  
destroyed it: but some of the inhabitants and of its  
creatures have been transferred in a new ark to a new