

"The King Is Coming, Part 6 - The Eternal State: The Citizens of the Eternal City"

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

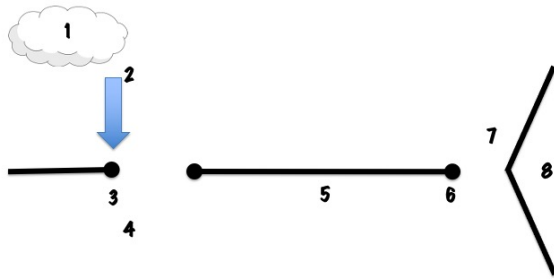
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Revelation 21:1-8

BIG IDEA: The People of God have an incomparable eternal destiny.

*"It is written,
What no eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no human heart has conceived —
God has prepared these things for those who love him."
1 Corinthians 2:0 (CSB)*



The Citizens are the People of God. (v1-5)

- They are a prepared people. (v1, 2)
- They are a cherished people. (v3, 4)
- They are a renewed people. (v5)

The Citizens are satisfied. (v6)

- Their satisfaction is assured. (v6a)
- Their satisfaction is in Christ. (v6b)

The Citizens are Overcomers. (v7, 8)

- Those who overcome will be included. (v7)
- Those who can't overcome will be excluded. (v8)

Observations.

- Even now, God is preparing a place for us.
- Even now, we should be preparing ourselves for that place.
- Even now, we should contemplate our incomparable eternal destiny.

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READ: Revelation 21:1-8

THINK: Try to imagine the glorious Eternal State for the People of God, then ask yourself the following questions: *What is one of the most beautiful places you have ever been? What impressed you about that place? Whose presence is the dominant feature of the Eternal City? What names for God are found throughout these verses and what do they indicate to us about Eternity? What things are described as being "new" in today's text? What things are we told will be "no more"? Who are the residents of the New Jerusalem? What do you imagine it will be like to live without fear, pain, sickness, and death? What will it be like to live in the continual and direct presence of God? Do you think the new Eternal City will be recognizable?*

DO: How do you feel knowing the Eternal City will be your "hometown"? Tell Jesus what it means to you that He is preparing this place for you now. Make a list of those things that have caused you to mourn and cry and brought you pain this year. What does it mean to you that someday this will all pass away? Write out an action plan for how you intend to prepare yourself now for what awaits you in Eternity.