

“The King Is Coming, Part 8 - The Eternal State: The Character of the Eternal City, Part 2”

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

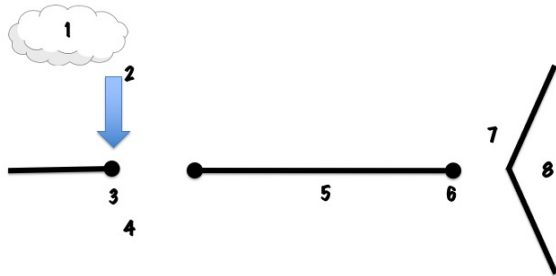
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Revelation 21:22-21:5

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*“For we do not have an enduring city here;
instead, we seek the one to come.”*

Hebrews 13:14 (CSB)



Take a look inside the Eternal City. (v9-21)

- Access to the Eternal City: God’s Eternal Presence. (v22-23, 5a)
 - God’s presence is the Temple in the Eternal City. (v22)
 - God’s presence is the light of the Eternal City. (v23, 5a)

- Access to the Eternal City: A Blessed Privilege. (v24-27)
 - The Citizens will live there and pay homage to the King. (v24, 26)
 - The Citizens will be absolutely secure. (v25)
 - The Citizens will be an elite community. (v27)
- Access to the Eternal City: God’s Eternal Life. (v1-2)
 - The Water of Life is in the City. (v1)
 - The Tree of Life is in the City. (v2)
- Access to the Eternal City: A Sacred Honor. (v3-5)
 - The Citizens are delivered. (v3a)
 - The Citizens are devoted. (v3b)
 - The Citizens are cherished. (v4)
 - The Citizens are exalted. (v5b)



Observations.

- The Eternal City is ultimate perfection.
- Keep a top-down perspective.
- Let’s begin to live up to our Eternal Destiny.
- God has already granted us access to His Throne of Grace.

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READ: Revelation 21:22-22:5

THINK: Look around the Eternal City, then ask yourself the following questions: *How do you think Caledonia/Alto would be different if God was mayor here? What was the function of the Temple in the old Jerusalem? Why is there no need for a Temple in the New Jerusalem? What notable features will be found in the Eternal City? Who are the Citizens of the Eternal City? What are they like? What do they do there?*

DO: What difficulties of comprehension does the Eternal City, the Water of Life, the Tree of Life, and the immediacy of these events pose for you? What bearing, if any, do these realities have on your present life? Why?