

A Mid-90s Farewell: I Go To A City Built By God

(A Valedictory Address)

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Thomas Campbell: "Xy is emphatically, super-eminently, yea transcendently a religion of love."

"The CofC upon earth is essentially, intentionally, constitutionally one." (small "t") no congr

"Ecclesia semper reformanda" (capital "T")

"We believe in one, holy, apostolic. catholic church" Harvard

Eliza Achtmeyer

Crystal ball of Scripture: City in our future

Spiritual city 1 Cor 15:

Prophets -- Isa. 65:17-18 -- new heavens/earth
(2 Pet 3:13)

Jesus -- Mt. 5:5, John 14:3; Jn. 8:56

Paul -- Gal 4:26; Philip 3:20

Hebrews

4: 1: Therefore since a promise remains for entering His place of rest

Let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

4:3: For we who have believed do enter that place of rest.

4:9: There remains therefore place of rest for the people of God.

Abraham --

11:9-10: By faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise, for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11:13-15 : These all died in faith, not having received the promises. But having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrim on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

11:16: But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country, therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, and He has prepared a city for them.

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12:22-24: But you have come to Mt. Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. To Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

13:14: We have here no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Revelation 21:1f --Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. Then I John saw the holy city, the NJ.

Rev. 21:10 : great city, holy Jer

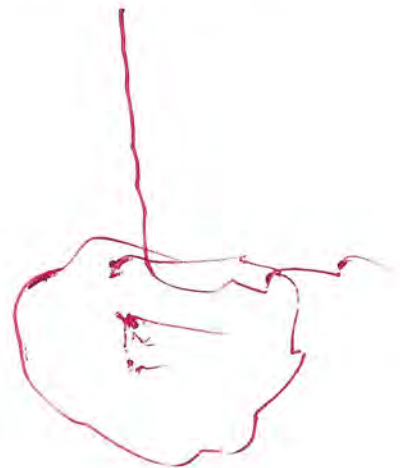
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..Conclusion -- 22:14



The present material universe will be wholly regenerated. Of this fact we have full assurance; since he who sits upon the Throne of the Universe has pledged his word for it, "Behold, I create all things new"-- consequently "new heavens, new earth,"-- consequently new tenatrics, new employments, new pleasures, new joys, new ecstasies, There is a fullness of joy, a fullness of glory, and a fullness of blessedness, of which no living man, however enlightened, however enlarged, however gifted, ever formed or entertained one adequate conception, --- MH 1865, 517.