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"<u>The Agenda</u>" (3)

"As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever." (Psalm 48:8)

"For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." (Hebrews 13:14)

Fast, Final, Fatal Rebellion

<u>Revelation 20:7-10</u> – (7) "<u>And when the thousand years are ended</u>, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. (9) And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth <u>and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city</u>, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, (10) and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

<u>Revelation 20:11-15</u> – (11) "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. (12) And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. (13) And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. (14) Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

The City of God

<u>Revelation 21:1-4</u> – (1) "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. (2) <u>And I saw</u> <u>the holy city, new Jerusalem</u>, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, '<u>Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,</u> <u>and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God</u>. (4) He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.""

Final Thoughts:

<u>Revelation 21:5-8</u> – (5) "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' (6) And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. (7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (8) But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.'"

Transformation or Degradation? (Verse 5)

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

What am I drinking? (Verse 6)

"Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:12-13)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit," (Ephesians 5:18)

What is my status – A child of God or a categorical sinner? (Verses 7-8)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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