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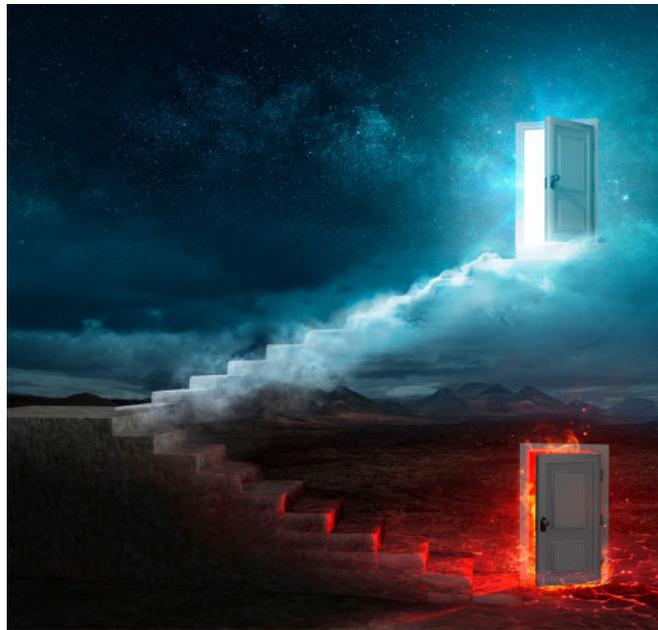
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Welcome to Your New Home

by David Webber

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

- Revelation 22:1-5



Welcome to your new home. All that we hope for will be realized and, I think, much, much more. Have you ever experienced the thrill the first time you walk into your new home? It is an event of happiness, contentment, and fulfillment. Over the years, however, that feeling fades away, especially when the roof needs repairing, or the furnace needs replacing. But my dear friends, in heaven that initial joy will continue throughout all eternity. There will be no disappointments in heaven.

Let's examine some characteristics of God's heaven.

The Light of the Lamb

The Bible says in Revelation 21:22-23, "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." The sunlight will be dazzling. The glory of God and the Lamb. There will be no sunburn. The city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God did

lighten it and the Lamb is a light thereof.

There will be no darkness. Now, we don't understand that because when we have night, across the world it's daytime. But God is the light, and the light will be supreme, no shadows, no darkness. No need for candles or light bulbs or even sunlight, for the Lord God will be, by his very presence, light supreme and will illuminate this New Jerusalem and the new earth.

The River

The river that proceeds from the throne of God, a pure river clear as crystal. This is the river of paradise with its fountain head being God and the lamb, paradise restored. While the streams of earth are polluted, this river of life is pure and clear as crystal.

The Tree of Life

The tree of life that was found in the Garden of Eden before man ever sinned is restored to this beautiful city. The tree is in the street and on either side of the river. This Tree of Life has 12 varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop. My father used to say, "By the time you'd gotten tired of apples, here comes oranges. By the time you're tired of oranges, pears or grapefruit or bananas or whatever." There will be 12 kinds of fruit, one every month that you can enjoy to the full. And there is a bonus. The leaves of the tree will be for the healing of the nations. And it is never barren.

You may recall in Genesis 2:9, that out of the ground, the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight or to be desired. But of course, by disobeying God's law, Adam caused sin to enter the world. Now this beautiful tree of life in the New Jerusalem has healing in its leaves, forgiveness to all who believe. And there's no temptation, no more curse. Satan is relegated to the lake of fire and is no longer present. The devil is in permanent exile, and the curse has been removed as God promised (Revelation 22:3).

The City of Gold

The city will be as transparent gold (Revelation 21:18). This may be hard to imagine as nothing on earth can presently duplicate a pure gold that is clear and transparent as glass. Yet God showed John a sight of this new city, New Jerusalem, which he could only describe as having streets of gold so clear and transparent that it resembled glass.

Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost points out some things that will be in the eternal city of New Jerusalem. Number one, a life of fellowship with him. Number two, a life of rest. Number three, a life of full knowledge. Number four, a life of holiness. Number five, a life of joy. Number six, a life of service. Number seven, a life of abundance. There will be no homeless there. They will be at home in the presence of God and the Lamb, around the throne of His splendor. Number eight, a life of glory. And number nine, a life of worship. Worship such as we've never known on this planet. What a marvelous revelation of our new home. What a marvelous promise.

Will You Be There?

The gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, nor shall there be any night there (Revelation 21:25). Nothing and no one shall enter in but they which are written in the Lamb's Book

of Life. You know, in Revelation 20, we see the books are open for the judgment of the unsaved dead. They are brought back in a corruptible state - a horrible thought to contemplate. But also, because God is just, the Lamb's Book of Life will be open at the Great White Throne judgment. I do not believe a single individual who stands before the Great White Throne will be found in the Book of Life. For no unsaved person will be in heaven. There will be nothing there to defile this heavenly kingdom. All things will have passed away and all things will be new.

What greater promise is there than that found in 1 John 3:2? There, the Bible says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." We shall be like Him for all eternity. How long is eternity? Eternity is forever. We can't conceive of this either. In this world, man must either decide to accept Christ as personal Lord and Savior or, by sinful indecision, reject him. Based upon that decision, he destines himself either for God's forgiveness and an eternity in heaven or for God's judgment and an eternity in the lake of fire. Try to imagine this earth upon which we dwell is nothing but sand. Now try to imagine that a little bird could fly through space from a distant planet to ours and carry back with him a tiny grain of sand. That the round trip would take a thousand years. Now imagine how long it would take for that little bird to carry away this entire earth, a grain of sand each a thousand years. The time required for all this would be but a moment in comparison to eternity.

Where will you spend eternity? Will it be in the places that God has prepared for them that love him? Or will it be a place of darkness, disorder, and torment? A place where permanent exile of the devil and his angels will be confined to some wandering star, some black hole, some literal lake of fire.

My friends, it's all in the Bible. The Bible says that you, made in the likeness and image of God, must decide where you will spend eternity. I pray it will be in the presence of God and the Lamb, in heavenly places that God has prepared for all those who love him.

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Derision 2022

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America is in great danger, but God is laughing. If the warnings of the Lord's faithful servants don't mean anything to the general population, maybe the fact that the Lord is not weeping for us but laughing at us will jolt us into national repentance. Psalm 2:4 says, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

Repentance would be most appropriate. I am not, however, holding my breath. Many of our nation's leaders still don't have a clue. A nation that consistently violates God's moral principles will not stand. If America finds success while leaders shake their fists in God's face, God will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah – and He is not about to.

Will Russia Continue to Lose Face in Ukraine?

Many commentators believe that Russia will not lose face and will regain its honor. It has suffered devastating defeats in its war with Ukraine. More than 590 tanks have been destroyed by the Ukrainians. Thousands of Russian soldiers have been killed, along with more than ten high-ranking military officers. The Black Sea flagship Moskva, a modern hi-tech marvel vessel has been sunk. Again, Russia has been humiliated.

God wiped out the ancient world with a flood of water. Will He now use a flood of fire?

Russia has been boasting about its RS-28 Sarmat missile, affectionately dubbed "Satan-II," which is able to carry ten or more nuclear warheads to a target anywhere on the surface of the earth. In the midst of stiff resistance from the Ukrainians in the ongoing war, and sanctions imposed by the West, Russia went ahead and tested its new Inter Continental Ballistic Missile. Mr. Putin said it would make Russia's enemies "think twice."

Yes, we ought to "think twice." Is our nation's wicked behavior bringing us to the brink of Divine judgment?

For reasons unannounced the test of "Satan-II" was rescheduled to December 2021 and then to April 2022. As reported in *The Indian Express* (4/30/22) the missile will have five more launches in 2022 before officially inducted into the Russian military. That missile will be able to accomplish the task it is given.

One Satan-II missile could destroy an area the size of Ohio in one blinding flash. President Putin's military aides have said it could turn the British isles into a pile of charred rubble. They are considering it because the UK has sent weapons to Ukraine. And so has the United States. Russia has repeatedly

warned NATO: Russian soldiers are dying because of weapons supplied by NATO. Therefore NATO is now a legitimate target for Russian missiles.

George Washington Was Right

Two hundred and thirty-two years ago President George Washington gave a sober warning that should be taken to heart by our nation: "The propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right that heaven itself has ordained."

What will happen to a nation that does? Will God judge that nation by giving that nation leaders who are not competent to lead?

On February 9, 2022 the *New York Post* reported "Dozens of Republican lawmakers are once again calling for President Biden to take a cognitive test, urging him 'to follow the example set by former President Trump.'" The 38 Republicans, led by Trump's former White House doctor, Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-MD), sent a letter to Mr. Biden expressing concern with the President's present cognitive state. The letter sent to Biden said "the President's mental health is not a partisan issue."

The letter mentioned several instances of what they categorized as "mental decline," including when the President recently called Fox News reporter Peter Doocy "a stupid..." and when he forgot the names of states on the campaign trail.

But why should we think God is laughing at us? Simple answer: We fit into Psalm 2, verses 2-3: "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us." As a nation we want freedom from what we consider slavery. We have taken "counsel together against the Lord, and against His Anointed."

Shaking a Fist In God's Face

Our national leaders are making plans against the Lord and His anointed Son, Jesus Christ. They are saying, "Let us free ourselves from this slavery." Think I'm kidding? Recently an editorial in the *New York Times* suggested on the eve of Passover and Easter that we need to kill off the God of the Old Testament. It's inconceivable that any major newspaper in America would ever run an editorial suggesting that we need to kill off the god of the Koran. Are the cultural elites

filled with love and devotion to the god of the Koran, or are they afraid of the riots that his followers would stage? It's obvious that there is an ongoing war against the Judeo-Christian worldview that is the very foundation of America.

And this ongoing war has not been sudden. In a 1986 study conducted by then New York University professor of psychology Dr. Paul Vitz, the committee examined ninety social studies and history books used in US public schools. The results showed that almost every reference to the early Christian influence in the United States had been removed.

Worse yet, according to Dr. Vitz, "Religion, traditional family values, and conservative political and economic contributions have been reliably excluded from Children's textbooks." Out of sixty textbooks amounting to approximately 15,000 pages, none "have even a single mention of people who go to church or synagogue, who worship or pray or have any religious influence on their lives or on society."

I am glad that parents are now speaking up and speaking out at school board meetings. But in the years 1986 to 2020 there was hardly anything said that gave any hint to school boards that parents did not like the direction in which the public schools were moving. Why was the outrage so long in coming? Dare we continue to presume on God's patience and mercy?

Most of us our unhappy with our economy, yet our President is telling us about the "US economic recovery." He said it during his first formal State of the Union address on March 2. He said it when he unveiled plans to lower gas prices on March 31. And now to really bless us he has his new "Disinformation Governance Board." Amid growing anti-censorship fervor, a bevy of Republicans have suggested that the initiative amounts to policing free speech. Elon Musk declared it "messed up." Others on the right likened it to the Ministry of Truth from George Orwell's prophetic book, "1984."

Even more problematic is the President's new "disinformation" chief, Nina Jankowicz who, at one time, wanted a singing career. A video has appeared that reveals what the world missed with her move into politics. It's a song that is totally inappropriate. The nicest thing that can be said about it is that it is "raunchy and done in bad taste." I won't even print the text.

National Death By Suicide

In 1838 Lincoln gave his Lyceum Speech in which he spoke about citizenship in a constitutional republic and threats to the American way of life. He discussed, in glowing terms, the political system established by America's founders, but warned of a destructive force from within our nation. He raised a very important question:

Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step

the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined with all the treasures of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years. At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we must live through all time or die by suicide.

Where are we today? As Dr. David Reagan recently said, "America is in a free fall without a parachute."

I cannot stress how great America's peril is. One of the things that most people are not aware of is the fact that the population of Russia has been trained to believe that they can survive a nuclear war.

In this present hour we must be absolutely honest. I know some will hate me for saying it but I will say it anyway: I cannot see how anyone can claim to be a Christian and vote Democrat. The Democratic Party is the party of atheism. This is the philosophy that says God's world is nothing more than an accidental machine, including people. This is the thinking that has led to the horrors of the 20th century: the Communist Revolution, the Nazi Holocaust, the Chinese Cultural Revolution, and the Cambodian Genocide.

Francis Schaeffer once wrote, "If the unsaved man was consistent, he would be an atheist in religion, an irrationalist in philosophy...and completely amoral in the widest sense." In a remarkably revealing way the Democratic Party is made up of very consistent unsaved people.

What does the near future hold? I don't claim to have prophetic insights into the future, but it is irrefutable that Russia is expanding the scope of this war. Government news outlets see this war not just as a war against "the Nazis" in the Ukraine, but against "the Nazis in the West."

"Be wise now therefore, O ye kings," we read in the closing verses of Psalm 2, "be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Ps. 2:10-12).

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