

Hebrews 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Analysis

Abraham's tent dwelling was purposeful—"he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." He sought something more permanent than earthly real estate. The 'city which hath foundations' contrasts with tents (temporary) and points to the heavenly Jerusalem (12:22; Revelation 21:2). His faith looked beyond present circumstances to eternal realities prepared by God.

Historical Context

Abraham left the city of Ur to seek God's city. This reversal—trading human civilization for divine promise—demonstrates faith's priorities. The patriarchs' pilgrim lifestyle testified to their hope in God's eternal city.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Are you seeking God's eternal city more than earthly security and success?

2. How does your lifestyle demonstrate that you are looking for a city whose builder and maker is God?

Interlinear Text

ἐξεδέχετο	γὰρ	τὴν	τοὺς	θεμελίους	ἔχουσαν	πόλιν	ἥς
he looked for	For	G3588	G3588	foundations	which hath	a city	whose
G1551	G1063			G2310	G2192	G4172	G3739
τεχνίτης	καὶ	δημιουργὸς	ὁ	θεός			
builder	and	maker	G3588	is God			
G5079	G2532	G1217		G2316			

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 13:14 (Parallel theme): For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Hebrews 12:22 (References God): But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Philippians 3:20 (Parallel theme): For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 3:4 (References God): For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (References God): For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

John 14:2 (Parallel theme): In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Revelation 21:2 (References God): And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Hebrews 12:28 (References God): Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Isaiah 14:32 (Parallel theme): What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

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