Psalm 46

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamoth. A song.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.
- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 - the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
- ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

- ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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What an amazing study it is to trace out the contrasting themes of the city of God and

the city of man from Genesis to Revelation to discover that from the very get-go of creation God's heart and plan for the world has been dwelling in harmony with His image-bearers in an extraordinary city on a transformed earth. For further exploration I recommend these three easy-to-read books: T. Edmond Alexander's From Eden to the New Jerusalem (2008), and The City of God & the Goal of Creation (2018), and G.K. Beale & Mitchell Kim's God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth (2014).

God is our Refuge

Psalm 46:4-7



- The city of Man & the city God ¹

The City of God Enjoys God's PRESENCE

- past ²
- present ³
- future 4

The City of God Enjoys God's PROVISION

- past 5
- present ⁶
- future ⁷

The City of God Enjoys God's PROTECTION

- past 8
- present 9
- future 10

¹ Genesis 4:17; 11:1-9; Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 21:2

² Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 48:1-2; 87:3

³ Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:21-22; Hebrews 12:22

⁴ Ezekiel 48:35b; Revelation 21:3; 22:3

⁵ Isaiah 8:6 ⁶ John 7:37 ⁷ Revelation 22:1-2, 17

⁸ Psalm 48:8; 2 Kings 19:34

John 10:28; Matthew 16:18; John 11:25;
Romans 8:31, 35, 37; Hebrews 13:5
2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 21:4, 12; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:10