

## ***“Born into the Eternal City!”***

### **Psalm 87**

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**Consider the glories of the eternal city!**

#### **1. Glorious in Her Security!**

**vv. 1-2**

##### **(1) A City with Eternal Foundations!**

*“His foundation is in the holy mountains.”*

- *“His foundation”* – that foundation which the Lord establishes
- *“A city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

**What is this foundation?**

##### **(2) A City Beloved of God!**

*“The LORD loves the gates of Zion  
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.”*

- **God has uniquely set His love upon this city**
  
- **How so? His Son has died to establish her!**

##### **(3) The City of God!**

*“Glorious things are spoken of you.  
O city of God!”*

- **Glorious things are spoken of her throughout the Scriptures**
  
- **“City of God”** The City which God Himself establishes.  
The City in which God Himself dwells!  
The City whose King is perfect!

#### **2. Glorious in Her Grace! (The grace which is displayed in her!)**

**vv. 4-6**

##### **(1) Ancient Enemies made Citizens!**

*“I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon  
to those who know Me; (as My intimates)  
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia”*

##### **(2) How? By a birth from above!**

*“This one was born there.”*

- Not, “These are all subdued!”
- Rather a deeper transformation in view: *“Each of these was born there.”*

#### **(3) The City established by a work of God! – a work of grace!**

- **A vast and widespread work of grace!** *“And of Zion it will be said,  
This one and that one were born in her;  
And the Most High Himself will establish her.”* (5)
- i.e., “This one and that one...and on and on!”

- **An ever-increasing work of grace!**

#### **(4) The Record of Births**

**Inscribed by the Divine Hand!**

*“The LORD will record,  
When He registers the peoples:  
This one was born there.”* (6)

- **The keeping of a register of inhabitants frequent in the OT.**  
(cf. Jer. 22:30; Ezek. 13:9; Ezra 2:62; Neh. 7:5; 2 Chron. 2:17)

- **Here the LORD Himself is pictured as the One who keeps the official register! Thus,**

The certainty of His redeeming work  
His delight in redeeming a people for Himself  
His rejoicing over each one

#### **3. Glorious in Her Joy!**

**v. 7**

- **A joy evidenced in her singing!** *“Both the singers and the players on instruments say,  
‘All my springs are in you!’”*
- **It is song that best expresses heavenly joy.**
  
- **All of her citizens sing; all of her citizens make music!**

#### **Further Application**