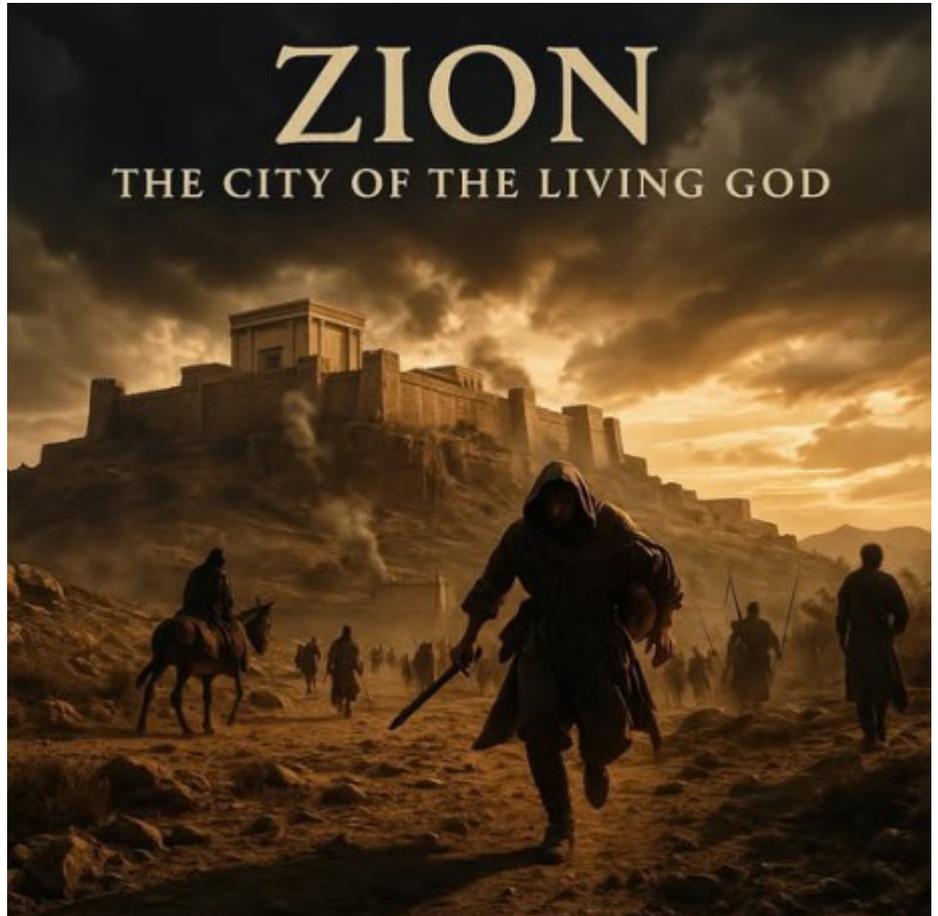


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## Zion, The City of the Living God



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Psalm 87:2-3

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are said of you, city of God.

† Zion names both Jerusalem and the Land, and in scripture it becomes the holy dwelling of God. David fortified Mount Zion on Jerusalem's southeast hill, and the Spirit uses Zion to speak of God's chosen place and people.

† Many call Zion a holy ideal, but the Bible locates Zion in God's

redemptive plan, fulfilled in Christ and revealed for the saints.

† Zion shows God's special affection for the place where He meets His people.

† The true Zion is the covenant presence of God fulfilled in Christ.

Isaiah 52:7-8

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation and says to Zion, Your God reigns. Listen, your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together, for they will see with their own eyes when the Lord restores Zion.

† The Good News of God's reign finds its fulfillment in the gospel of Jesus.

† The watchmen represent those who witnessed the Messiah's kingdom arrive.

† Restoration came when Christ established the New Covenant and ended the old.

† Zion's joy is the joy of salvation revealed in the first century.

## **Prophetic Witness of Zion**

Isaiah 2:2-3

Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

† The nations streaming to Zion are fulfilled as the gospel goes to Jew and Gentile in one body, proving Zion's scope is global

and covenantal in Christ.

Micah 4:1-2

And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

† Micah echoes Isaiah, confirming that Zion's elevation is covenantal exaltation, not topography, realized as Christ teaches the nations.

## **Daughter of Zion**

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem, behold, your King is coming to you, He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey.

† "Daughter of Zion" speaks of the covenant people. Jesus' royal entry fulfills this promise, placing salvation in the midst of Zion.

## **Songs of Zion**

† After the first temple fell, songs of Zion longed for Jerusalem's glory to return. By Christ's appearing and triumph, that hope matures into the reality of the heavenly Zion.

## **A Deliverer from Zion**

Romans 11:26

And so all Israel will be saved, just as it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.

† "All Israel" are all who are united to Christ by faith, Jew and Gentile in one olive tree. Salvation is not a political restoration, it is covenant redemption in the Messiah.

† The Parousia completed what the cross secured, the old covenant order ended, the new creation stood revealed, and the fullness promised to Israel's remnant and to the nations arrived.

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

† His second appearing was unto salvation, not to deal with sin again, confirming the completion of redemption for His people.

## **Zion and the True Israel**

Galatians 6:16

And those who will walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Hebrews 12:22

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels.

† Believers are the Israel of God. We have come to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem. We are not waiting for a rebuilt temple or a revived land.

† Christ is the cornerstone promised for Zion, and all who trust in Him will not be put to shame.

1 Peter 2:6

Behold, I am laying in Zion a choice stone, a precious

cornerstone, and the one who believes in Him will not be put to shame.

John 2:19

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

† Jesus is the true Temple, God with us. In Him, Zion's presence and worship are fulfilled.

Galatians 4:26

But the Jerusalem above is free, she is our mother.

† Paul locates the believer's city as the Jerusalem above, identifying Zion as present and heavenly for the saints now.

Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

† The bridal city is covenantal and people-shaped, matching Hebrews 12:22 and confirming your Zion emphasis.

## **The Land as a Type**

Joshua 21:43-45

So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it, and the Lord gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them, the Lord gave all their enemies into their hand. Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed, all came to pass.

Hebrews 11:16

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He

has prepared a city for them.

† The physical land promise was fulfilled under Joshua, and it pointed beyond itself to the better country and the prepared city, the heavenly Zion.

Hebrews 8:13

When He said, A new covenant, He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

† The old was already aging and near to vanishing in the first century, matching the AD 70 consummation.

Luke 21:20-22

But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city, because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

† Jesus places the fulfillment in the siege of Jerusalem, tying your Historical Writers section directly to His prophecy.

Matthew 24:34

Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

† Audience-relevance closes the door on a distant timing.

## **The Lamb in Zion**

Revelation 14:1

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and the name of

His Father written on their foreheads.

† Zion reaches its climax in the Lamb with His redeemed, a completed covenant family marked as God's own. This is the city not forsaken, the bride made ready.

## **How It Applies Today**

† Because Zion is a present reality, believers live every day in God's presence, drawing strength and confidence that His kingdom cannot be shaken.

† We worship as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, finding our identity in Christ rather than in earthly nations or temples.

† Our mission is to reflect Zion's glory by showing God's grace and justice to the world, proving that His dwelling place is with His people now.

† In trials and uncertainty, we stand secure, knowing we already belong to the city whose builder and maker is God.

† Since Zion is our present home, we answer fear with faith, worship with confidence, and mission with clarity, knowing we already belong to the city that will not be shaken.

## **Historical Writers**

† Josephus in *The Wars of the Jews* records the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, confirming the end of the old covenant age and the destruction of the temple. He describes the flight of believers and the unparalleled tribulation of that siege.

† Tacitus the Roman historian describes prodigies in the sky and turmoil in Judea, witnessing Rome's perspective on the same crisis Jesus forewarned.

† Eusebius of Caesarea writes in *Ecclesiastical History* that Christians obeyed the Lord's warnings and fled to Pella before the siege, confirming preservation for the faithful remnant in the transition of the covenants.

† Philo of Alexandria testifies to the expectation of a coming kingdom and the upheavals surrounding the Jewish nation,

aligning with prophetic fulfillment.

**† Zion is the dwelling of God with His people, fulfilled in Christ and present now as the heavenly Jerusalem where every believer lives by faith.**

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

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