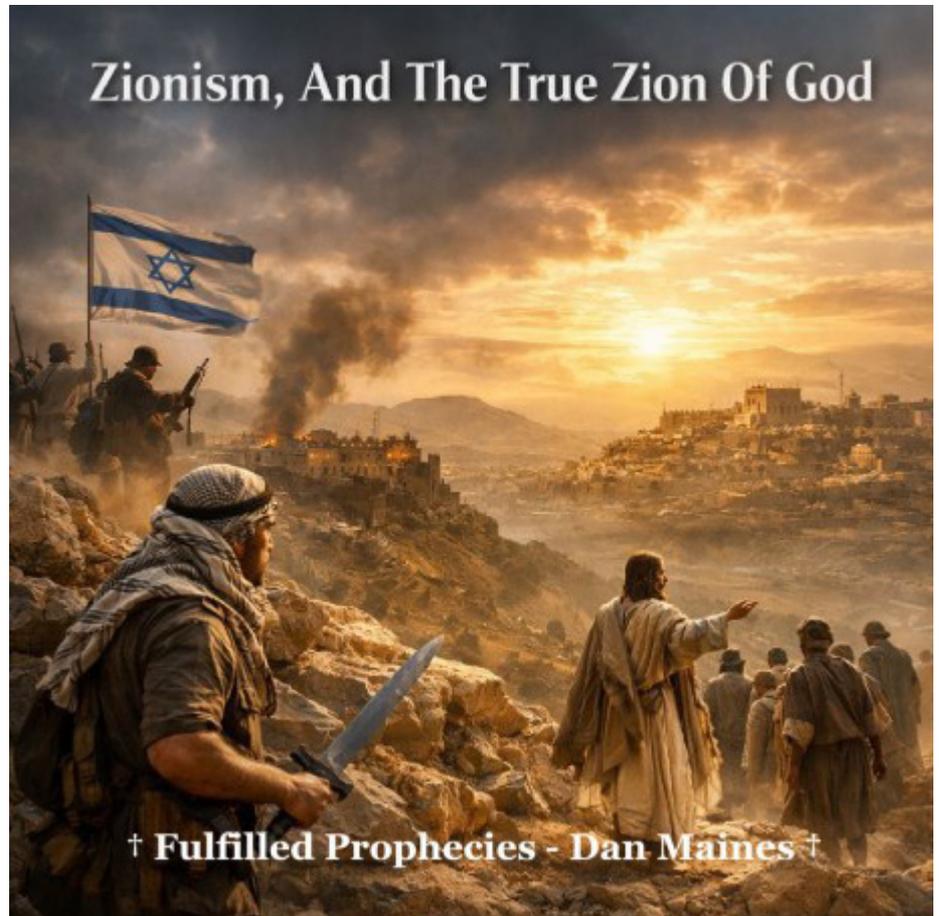


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## Zionism, And The True Zion Of God



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### Introduction

† Zionism is a modern political movement, but Scripture defines Zion long before modern nations existed.

† Confusing political Zionism with biblical Zion reshapes prophecy, the gospel, and the identity of God's people.

† The Bible itself tells us what Zion is, who belongs to it, and when it was fulfilled.

† Let's understand why Zionism comes up so often today and

why it gets confused with biblical Zion. Modern Zionism arose in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as a political response to persecution, nationalism, and displacement, not as a movement born out of New Testament theology. Many Christians support modern Zionism because they assume biblical promises to Zion must still be fulfilled through a modern nation-state, often based on a literal, futurist reading of Old Testament prophecy. But Scripture itself defines Zion, and the rest of the post will let the Bible speak for itself.

### **Psalm 87:1-3**

His foundation is in the holy mountains.  
The Lord loves the gates of Zion  
More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.  
Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of God.

† Zion is first defined as God's dwelling place, not merely a geographic territory.

† Scripture speaks of Zion in covenantal terms, tied to God's presence among His people.

† The glory of Zion is rooted in who dwells there, not in political control or borders.

### **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.

† Zion here is connected to instruction, covenant teaching, and the spreading of God's word.

† All nations streaming to Zion rules out an ethnic or national limitation.

† This vision points forward to the Messianic age, not modern nationalism.

### **Galatians 4:24-26**

This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants, one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves, she is Hagar.

Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

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

† Paul contrasts two Jerusalems, one earthly and one heavenly.

† Present Jerusalem under the old covenant is identified with slavery, not promise.

† True inheritance belongs to the Jerusalem above, not to an earthly city.

### **Hebrews 12:22-24**

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

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

And to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

† Believers had already come to Mount Zion in the first century.

† Zion is defined as the church of the firstborn, not a future political state.

† This passage places Zion within the New Covenant reality, not a postponed fulfillment.

## **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 New Jerusalem is not built by human hands or political movements.

† Zion descends from God, it isn't established by armies or governments.

† The city is identified as a bride, pointing directly to God's covenant people.

## **Revelation 21:9-10**

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

† The bride and the city are the same reality.

† Zion is the covenant people of God, not a geographic capital.

† Scripture removes any doubt by interpreting itself.

## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and

prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,  
In whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into  
a holy temple in the Lord,  
In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God  
in the Spirit.

- † Zion is a spiritual house made of living people.
- † Citizenship in Zion is covenantal, not ethnic or national.
- † God's dwelling place is no longer a stone city but a redeemed people.

## **Historical References**

- † Eusebius identified the New Jerusalem as the church established through Christ, not a future rebuilt city.
- † Augustine taught that the City of God is a spiritual kingdom fulfilled in Christ and His people.
- † Josephus recorded the destruction of earthly Jerusalem, marking the end of its covenant role.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

- † We don't look to political movements to fulfill God's promises.
- † Our identity is rooted in Christ, not in earthly nations or borders.
- † We live as citizens of the heavenly Zion right now, walking in New Covenant life.

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

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