

~ZION (375) (Zi'on)

- Originally the Jebusite stronghold that came to be called, **the City of David**.
- At that time Solomon proceeded to congregate the older men of Israel, all the heads of the tribes, the chieftains of the fathers, of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yehowah out of the City of David, that is to say, Zion. (**1 Kings 8:1**)
- And the inhabitants of Jebus began to say to David; You will not come in here. Just the same, David proceeded to capture the stronghold of **Zion**, that is to say, the City of David. (**1 Chronicles 11:5**)
- After capturing Mount **Zion**, David established his royal residence there.
- Consequently the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites inhabiting the land, and they began to say to David; You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame ones will certainly turn you away, they thinking; David will not come in here. (**2 Samuel 5:6**)
- Alluding to David's ruling from **Zion** as God's anointed one are Yehowah's words;
- Saying; I, even I, have installed my king upon **Zion**, my holy mountain. (**Psalms 2:6**)
- **Zion** became a mountain especially holy to Yehowah when David had the sacred Ark transferred there.
- Later, the designation **Zion** embraced the temple area on Mount Moriah, where the Ark was moved during Solomon's reign, and the term was, in fact, applied to the entire city of Jerusalem.
- And the daughter of **Zion** has been left remaining like a booth in a vineyard, like a lookout hut in a field of cucumbers, like a blockaded city. (**Isaiah 1:8**)

- **Look! I and the children whom Yehowah has given me are as signs and as miracles in Israel from Yehowah of armies, who is residing in Mount **Zion**. (Isaiah 8:18)**
- **Since the Ark was associated with Yehowah's presence.**
- **And I will present myself to you there and speak with you from above the cover, from between the two cherubs that are upon the ark of the testimony, even all that I shall command you for the sons of Israel. (Exodus 25:22)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to say to Moses; Speak to Aaron your brother, that he should not at all times come into the holy place inside the curtain, in front of the cover which is upon the Ark, that he may not die, because in a cloud I shall appear over the cover. (Leviticus 16:2)**
- **And because **Zion** was a symbol of heavenly realities, **Zion** was referred to as the place of God's dwelling.**
- **Make melody, you people, to Yehowah, who is dwelling in **Zion**, tell among the peoples his deeds. (Psalms 9:11)**
- **Remember your assembly that you acquired long ago, the tribe that you redeemed as your inheritance, this **Mount Zion** in which you have resided. (Psalms 74:2)**
- **And his covert proves to be in Salem itself, and his dwelling place in **Zion**. (Psalms 76:2)**
- **But he chose the tribe of Judah, mount **Zion**, which he loved. (Psalms 78:68)**
- **For Yehowah has chosen **Zion**, he has longed for it as a dwelling for himself. (Psalms 132:13)**
- **This is my resting-place forever, here I shall dwell, for I have longed for it. (Psalms 132:14)**
- **Blessed out of **Zion** be Yehowah, who is residing in Jerusalem. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 135:21)**

- **And the place from which help, blessing, and salvation would come.**
- **O that out of **Zion** there were the salvation of Israel! When Yehowah gathers back the captive ones of his people, let Jacob be joyful, let Israel rejoice. (**Psalms 14:7**)**
- **May he send your help out of the holy place, and sustain you out of **Zion** itself. (**Psalms 20:2**)**
- **Out of **Zion**, the perfection of prettiness, God himself has beamed forth. (**Psalms 50:2**)**
- **O that out of **Zion** there were the grand salvation of Israel! When Yehowah gathers back the captive ones of his people, let Jacob be joyful, let Israel rejoice. To the director on stringed instruments. Maskil. Of David. When the Ziphites came in and proceeded to say to Saul; Is not David concealing himself with us? (**Psalms 53:6**)**
- **May Yehowah bless you out of **Zion**, the Maker of heaven and earth. (**Psalms 134:3**)**

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- **For unfaithfulness to him, Yehowah allowed the Babylonians to desolate **Zion**, or Jerusalem.**
- **O how Yehowah in his anger beclouds the daughter of **Zion**! He has thrown down from heaven to earth the beauty of Israel. And he has not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger. (**Lamentations 2:1**)**
- **He has trodden his bow like an enemy. His right hand has taken its position like an adversary, and he kept killing all those desirable to the eyes. Into the tent of the daughter of **Zion** he has poured out his rage, just like fire. (**Lamentations 2:4**)**
- **And he treats his booth violently like that in a garden. He has brought his festival to ruin. Yehowah has caused to be forgotten in **Zion** festival and Sabbath, and in his angry denunciation he shows no respect for king and priest. (**Lamentations 2:6**)**

- **Yehowah has thought of bringing the wall of the daughter of **Zion** to ruin. He has stretched out the measuring line. He has not turned back his hand from swallowing up. And he causes rampart and wall to go mourning. Together they have faded away. (**Lamentations 2:8**)**
- **The older men of the daughter of **Zion** sit down on the earth, where they keep silence. They have brought up dust upon their head. They have girded on sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem have brought their head down to the very earth. (**Lamentations 2:10**)**
- **Of what shall I use you as a witness? What shall I liken to you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What shall I make equal to you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of **Zion**? For your breakdown is just as great as the sea. Who can bring healing to you? (**Lamentations 2:13**)**
- **Later, in fulfillment of prophecy, Yehowah restored a remnant of his repentant people to **Zion**, or Jerusalem.**
- **And the very ones redeemed by Yehowah will return and certainly come to **Zion** with a joyful cry, and rejoicing to time indefinite will be upon their head. To exultation and rejoicing they will attain, and grief and sighing must flee away. (**Isaiah 35:10**)**
- **For Yehowah will certainly comfort **Zion**. He will for certain comfort all her devastated places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert plain like the garden of Yehowah. Exultation and rejoicing themselves will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. (**Isaiah 51:3**)**
- **Wake up, wake up, put on your strength, O **Zion**! Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For no more will there come again into you the uncircumcised and unclean one. (**Isaiah 52:1**)**
- **Shake yourself free from the dust, rise up, take a seat, O Jerusalem. Loosen for yourself the bands on your neck, O captive daughter of **Zion**. (**Isaiah 52:2**)**
- **For this is what Yehowah has said; It was for nothing that you people were sold, and it will be without money that you will be**

repurchased. (**Isaiah 52:3**)

- For this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; It was to Egypt that my people went down in the first instance to reside there as aliens, and without cause Assyria, for its part, oppressed them. (**Isaiah 52:4**)
- And now, what interest do I have here? Is the utterance of Yehowah. For my people were taken for nothing. The very ones ruling over them kept howling, is the utterance of Yehowah, and constantly, all day long, my name was being treated with disrespect. (**Isaiah 52:5**)
- For that reason my people will know my name, even for that reason in that day, because I am the One that is speaking. Look! It is I. (**Isaiah 52:6**)
- How comely upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing Good News, the one publishing peace, the one bringing Good News of something better, the one publishing salvation, the one saying to **Zion**; Your God has become king! (**Isaiah 52:7**)
- Listen! Your own watchmen have raised their voice. In unison they keep crying out joyfully, for it will be eye into eye that they will see when Yehowah gathers back **Zion**. (**Isaiah 52:8**)
- In those days and at that time, is the utterance of Yehowah, the sons of Israel, they and the sons of Judah together, will come. They will walk, weeping as they walk, and for Yehowah their God they will seek. (**Jeremiah 50:4**)
- To **Zion** they will keep asking the way, with their faces in that direction, saying; Come and let us join ourselves to Yehowah in an indefinitely lasting covenant that will not be forgotten. (**Jeremiah 50:5**)
- There is the sound of those fleeing and those escaping from the land of Babylon to tell out in **Zion** the vengeance of Yehowah our God, the vengeance for his temple. (**Jeremiah 50:28**)
- Yehowah has brought forth deeds of righteousness for us. Come and do let us recount in **Zion** the work of Yehowah our God. (**Jeremiah 51:10**)

- **And I will pay back to Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their badness that they have committed in **Zion** before the eyes of you people, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 51:24**)**
- **The violence done to me and to my organism be upon Babylon! the inhabitress of **Zion** will say. And my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea! Jerusalem will say. (**Jeremiah 51:35**)**
- **This made it possible for Jesus Christ to ride into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass and present himself to **Zion** as king, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah.**
- **Be very joyful, O daughter of **Zion**. Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem. Look! Your king himself comes to you. He is righteous, yes, saved, humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a full-grown animal the son of a she-ass. (**Zechariah 9:9**)**
- **Tell the daughter of **Zion**, Look! Your King is coming to you, mild-tempered, and mounted upon an ass, yes, upon a colt, the offspring of a beast of burden. (**Matthew 21:5**)**
- **Have no fear, daughter of **Zion**. Look! Your king is coming, seated upon an ass colt. (**John 12:15**)**
- **Only a remnant responded favorably, whereas the religious leaders rejected Jesus as king and sought his death. This pointed to calamity for earthly Jerusalem, or **Zion**, and its casting off by God.**
- **Hear another illustration; There was a man, a householder, who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and erected a tower, and let it out to cultivators, and traveled abroad. (**Matthew 21:33**)**
- **When the season of the fruits came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. (**Matthew 21:34**)**
- **However, the cultivators took his slaves, and one they beat up, another they killed, another they stoned. (**Matthew 21:35**)**
- **Again he dispatched other slaves, more than the first, but they did the same to these. (**Matthew 21:36**)**
- **Lastly he dispatched his son to them, saying; They will respect**

my son. (**Matthew 21:37**)

- On seeing the son the cultivators said among themselves; This is the heir! Come, let us kill him and get his inheritance! (**Matthew 21:38**)
- So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. (**Matthew 21:39**)
- Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those cultivators? (**Matthew 21:40**)
- They said to him; Because they are evil, he will bring an evil destruction upon them and will let out the vineyard to other cultivators, who will render him the fruits when they become due. (**Matthew 21:41**)
- Jesus said to them; Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected is the one that has become the chief cornerstone. From Yehowah this has come to be, and it is marvelous in our eyes? (**Matthew 21:42**)
- This is why I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits. (**Matthew 21:43**)
- Also, the person falling upon this stone will be shattered. As for anyone upon whom it falls, it will pulverize him. (**Matthew 21:44**)
- Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees had heard his illustrations, they took note that he was speaking about them. (**Matthew 21:45**)
- But, although they were seeking to seize him, they feared the crowds, because these held him to be a prophet. (**Matthew 21:46**)
- As Jesus had been rejected in earthly Jerusalem, it could not have been there that Yehowah laid his Son as a tried stone, the precious corner of a sure foundation.
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am laying as a foundation in **Zion** a stone, a tried stone, the precious corner of a sure foundation. No one exercising faith

will get panicky. (Isaiah 28:16)

- For what reason? Because he pursued it, not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled on the stone of stumbling. (Romans 9:32)
- As it is written: Look! I am laying in **Zion** a stone of stumbling and a rock-mass of offense, but he that rests his faith on it will not come to disappointment. (Romans 9:33)
- For it is contained in Scripture: Look! I am laying in **Zion** a stone, chosen, a foundation cornerstone, precious, and no one exercising faith in it will by any means come to disappointment. (1 Peter 2:6)
- Rather, it must have been in the **Zion** concerning which Hebrew Christians were told; But you have approached a Mount **Zion** and a city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels, in general assembly, and the congregation of the firstborn who have been enrolled in the heavens, and God the Judge of all, and the spiritual lives of righteous ones who have been made perfect, and Jesus the mediator of a New Covenant.
- But you have approached a Mount **Zion** and a city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and myriads of angels. (Hebrews 12:22)
- In general assembly, and the congregation of the firstborn who have been enrolled in the heavens, and God the Judge of all, and the spiritual lives of righteous ones who have been made perfect. (Hebrews 12:23)
- And Jesus the mediator of a New Covenant, and the blood of sprinkling, which speaks in a better way than Abel's blood. (Hebrews 12:24)
- It is evidently on this heavenly Mount **Zion** that the Lamb, Christ Jesus, stands with the 144,000 who have been purchased from the earth.
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount **Zion**, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

- **And I heard a sound out of heaven as the sound of many waters and as the sound of loud thunder, and the sound that I heard was as of singers who accompany themselves on the harp playing on their harps. ([Revelation 14:2](#))**
- **And they are singing as if a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to master that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been bought from the earth. ([Revelation 14:3](#))**

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