

## Zion

- 1A** Zion is in Jerusalem:
- 1B** Genesis 14:18, 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.
  - 2B** Psalm 76:2, 2 His tabernacle is in Salem; His dwelling place also is in Zion.
- 2A** It is directly associated with Judah, Psalm 78:68-72, 68 But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved. 69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which He has founded forever. 70 He also chose David His servant And took him from the sheepfolds; 71 From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. 72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them with his skillful hands.
- 3A** The location is central to the promised inheritance of Israel, even from their earliest days of nationhood: Exodus 15:17, 17 “You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, The place, O Lord, which You have made for Your dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
- 4A** The ritual feasts are associated with Zion: Isaiah 33:20, 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed habitation, A tent which will not be folded; Its stakes will never be pulled up, Nor any of its cords be torn apart.
- 5A** Zion is a holy place: Psalm 2:6, 6 “But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”
- 6A** It is a beautiful place, Psalm 48:2 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion in the far north, The city of the great King.
- 7A** Zion is the dwelling place of God, the temple mount in Jerusalem:
- 1B** Psalm 9:11, 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion; Declare among the peoples His deeds.
  - 2B** Psalm 132:13-18, 13 For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. 14 “This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. 15 “I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread. 16 “Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, And her godly ones will sing aloud for joy. 17 “There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed. 18 “His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon himself his crown shall shine.”
- 8A** Zion is associated with the Messiah.
- 1B** Isaiah 28:16 16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.
  - 2B** Isaiah 59:20 20 “A Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares the Lord.
- 9A** The dwelling of God there is associated with His identity as the Lord of Legions:
- 1B** Isaiah 8:18, 18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.
  - 2B** Isaiah 18:7, 7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the Lord of hosts From a people tall and smooth, Even from a people feared far and wide, A powerful and

oppressive nation, Whose land the rivers divide— To the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, even Mount Zion.

**10A** It is a place of judgment:

**1B** Psalm 2:6-9 6 “But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain.” 7 “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession. 9 ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.’ ”

**2B** Psalm 50:2-4 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone forth. 3 May our God come and not keep silence; Fire devours before Him, And it is very tempestuous around Him. 4 He summons the heavens above, And the earth, to judge His people:

**3B** Psalm 110:1-2 1 A Psalm of David. The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” 2 The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”

**4B** Isaiah 2:3 3 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.

**5B** Isaiah 10:12, 12 So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness.”

**6B** Micah 4:2 2 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.

**7B** Zechariah 8:2-3 2 “Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘I am exceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.’ 3 “Thus says the Lord, ‘I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.’

**11A** It is a place of salvation for Israel in the Day of the Lord:

**1B** Joel 2:1 1 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the Lord is coming; Surely it is near,

**2B** Joel 2:32 32 “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the Lord has said, Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

**3B** Isaiah 14:32 32 “How then will one answer the messengers of the nation? That the Lord has founded Zion, And the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it.”

**4B** Isaiah 40:9-11 9 Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” 10 Behold, the Lord God will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him. 11 Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs And carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

- 5B Isaiah 51:11 11 So the ransomed of the Lord will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, And everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.
- 6B Isaiah 52:7 7 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!"
- 7B Obadiah 17 17 "But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, And it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.