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## Psalm 122

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## Psalm 122.

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### Topics.

- In Jerusalem thrones for judgment were set, in the house of David.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and security within her towers.
- The future of Jerusalem.
- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**FOR INFORMATION:** concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

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### INTRODUCTION

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Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

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### BOOK FIVE (PSALM 107-150)

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A Song of Ascents. Of David.

**Ascents:** means a climactic progression or journey to a higher place, it carries the idea of a thought arising.

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### PSALM 122:1-5

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#### Thrones of the House of David where set for Judgment were Set.

- **Psalm 122:1-5:** I (David) was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" <sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, <sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Jerusalem was built as a city to which the tribes of the LORD would go up to give thanks to the name of the LORD. In Jerusalem the thrones of the house of David were set for judgment (not multitudes of thrones, but one throne at a time for David's sons if they did right and followed the LORD, sadly they didn't, nevertheless the ultimate King, the Lord Jesus Christ, David's son will return and judge the nations from David's throne.

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### PSALM 122:6-9

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**Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Security within Her Towers.**

- **Psalm 122:6-9:** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!"  
<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" <sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" <sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

The name of the city of Jerusalem originally Jerusalem was called U-ru-sa-lim, meaning city of Salem, generally taken to mean, "the city of peace." The very name of the city means peace; we are told that in this place, God Himself will give peace (Hag. 2:9). The children of God are exhorted to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Isaiah at the end of his great series of prophecies returns to the theme, "Thus saith Jehovah, behold, I will extend peace to her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This word Salem is the basis of the Arabic greeting Salem and the Jewish greeting "Shalom," both meaning "peace be with you." Jerusalem in the history of God's revelation to man is the most important site on earth. It was the royal city; the capital of the only Kingdom God has (thus far) established among men; here the temple was erected; here alone during the Kingdom age sacrifices were legitimately offered; it was the city of the prophets as well as the kings of David's line; here occurred the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, David's greater Son and His eternal plan of redemption was accomplished. It was in this city that the Holy Spirit descended upon and assembled group at Pentecost giving birth to the Christian church and here the first great church council was held. Rightly did the chronicler refer to Jerusalem as the city which Jehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name there (1 Kings 14:21). Jerusalem felt God's presence. She was assured of His love and as never another city on earth has been of the LORD'S travail for her worthiness of the destiny to which God had called her. There is no other city on earth that God has said:

- I have heard your prayer (Solomon) and your plea, which you have made before me. I have consecrated this house that you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time. (1 Kings 9:3).
- Manasseh built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem will I put my name." (2 Kings 21:4).
- I (the LORD) have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time. (2 Chron. 7:16).

### **Jerusalem is personified as:**

- A human with an unclean heart (Jer. 4:14).
- A rebellious woman (Jer. 4:17).
- A woman in labour giving birth to her first child (Jer. 4:31).
- A woman full of oppression (Jer. 6:6).
- A woman full of evil and violence (Jer. 6:7).
- A woman with daughters (Lam. 2:15).
- A woman being swallowed by her enemies (Lam. 2:16).

Jerusalem is often personified as a mother with children who are all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, prophets, husbands, wives and their children. The daughters of Jerusalem embraces, all the children or inhabitants of Jerusalem, when they are spoken of as virgin daughters it carries the idea of them having only one husband (God)

**The future of Jerusalem:** Jesus said, Jerusalem is the city of the great King (Matt. 5:34-35) and Zechariah prophesied that Jerusalem's King will come on a donkey and unite Judah and Israel and speak peace to the nations (Gentiles) and his rule will be to the ends of the earth (Zech. 9:9-10), but prior to the latter half of this verse a time will come when the inhabitants of Jerusalem are surrounded by their enemies and look to the Lord for their strength.

The Lord will protect them and destroy all nations that come against Jerusalem, then the inhabitants Jerusalem will look on him whom they have pierced and mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn and Jerusalem will again be inhabited in its place. The inhabitants of Jerusalem will become victorious over all people in the Middle East (Zechariah. 12:5-11). Jesus will end all forms of war and speak peace to the nations (Zech. 9:9-10) and his rule will be to the ends of the earth (Zech. 9:9-10). Then the kings of the nations will bring their glory into the glorious and majestic New City of Jerusalem (Rev. 21:24) (Rev. 21:10)

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## THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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The Lord will return in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to destroy the antichrist and his kingdom and establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God. The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

In Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

The great prophet Isaiah wrote:

- They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory.

For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).

- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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