

Psalm 122

At the end of his stay in Jerusalem, the pilgrim reveals his sense of privilege at having been in the city, meditates on what Jerusalem means to him and calls for prayer, [Psalms 122:1-4].

Hebrews 12:22-24 [New King James] *“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”*

Every true Christian can have the same anticipation and thoughts about Jerusalem as the Psalmist, [Revelation 7:9-17]. Jerusalem being site of Jesus Christ’s throne, [Revelation 3:12].

Psalms 122:5 [New King James] *“For thrones are set there for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.”*

King David will rule over both Judah and northern Israel, [Ezekiel 37:21-28].

Revelation 20:4-6 [New King James] *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”*

All the true Christians who are part of the first resurrection after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will also rule all who have come through the tribulation.

Psalms 122:6-9 [New King James] *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces.’ For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, ‘Peace be within you.’ Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.”*

This is a prophetic prayer of the Psalmist as he looks forward to a future which has still not come when there will be peace in Jerusalem and in the Middle East, the land promised to Israel.

Jerusalem as the object of the Psalmist’s prayer, that the future rule and knowledge of God’s law, His will, flow out to the surrounding nations.

Isaiah 2:1-4 [New King James] *“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”*

This is how peace will at long last come to humanity, [Joel 3:16-17; Zechariah 14:8-9].