

A Song of Zion

Psalm 87

Zion is not merely an ideal to dream about but a reality in which we live.

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“By the waters of Babylon,
there we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there
we hung up our lyres.

For there our captors
required of us songs,

and our tormentors, mirth, saying,

‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’

How shall we sing the Lord's song

in a foreign land?” – Psalm 137:1-4

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- ◇ “The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.” – Isaiah 33:5
- ◇ “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
– Zechariah 9:9

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“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly 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 that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” – Hebrews 12:22-24

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1. *“On the holy mount stands the city he founded.”*

“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: ‘Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.’” – I Peter 2:4-7

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1. *“On the holy mount stands the city he founded.”*

“For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”

– Hebrews 11:10

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2. *“The Lord loves the gates of Zion”*

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

– I Peter 2:9-10

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2. *“The Lord loves the gates of Zion”*

“The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.” – Psalm 121:7-8

“...to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ...” – Jude 1:1

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3. *“among those who know me...this one was born there”*

“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” – John 17:3

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“Thus says the LORD: Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.” – Jeremiah 9:23-24

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3. *“among those who know me...this one was born there”*

“Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” – John 3:3

**“But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.”
– Galatians 4:26**

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4. *“singers and dancers alike say, ‘All my springs are in you.’”*

**“There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.” – Psalm 46:4**

Shake off the spirit of feeling defeated.

Let your heart be stirred by the songs of Zion.