

# Rejoice Ye for Zion!

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be restored; The bonds of the fetter-bound slave  
shall be broken, And Judah set free at the word of  
the Lord. (*from Hymn 347*)

Zion...

## Zion is found in 152 verses in the old Testament

- 2 Samuel – 1
- 1 Kings – 1
- 2 Kings – 2
- 1 Chronicles – 1
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- Psalms – 37
- Song of Solomon – 1
- Isaiah – 46

- Jeremiah – 17
  - Lamentations – 15
  - Joel – 7
  - Amos – 2
  - Obadiah – 2
  - Micah – 9
  - Zephaniah – 2
  - Zechariah – 8
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- Also, Zion is quoted from the Old Testament 4 times in the New Testament.

# Zion First Mentioned

Zion is first mentioned in the Old Testament (2 Sam 5:6-9) where David captured the Jebusite fortress and called it the city of David:

“And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward.

According to The New International Dictionary of  
the Bible:

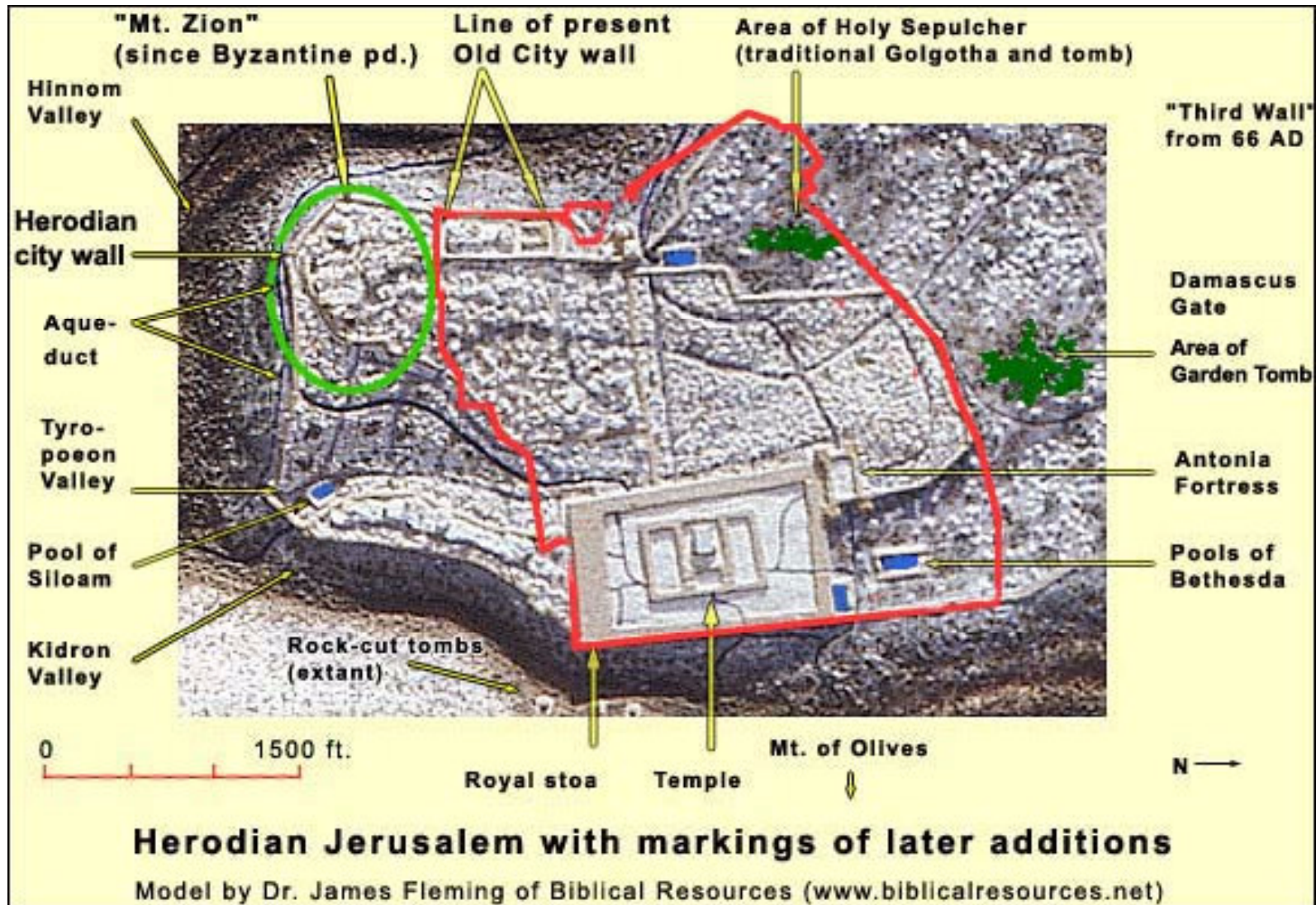
“At this time the citadel probably stood on the long ridge running south of the temple, although not all scholars are agreed on this. This location is near the only known spring; it is suitable for defense; its size is about that of other fortified towns; archaeological remains show that it was inhabited long before David’s time; and certain Bible references indicate that this was the original Zion. David brought the ark to Zion, and the hill henceforth became sacred. When Solomon later moved the ark to the temple on nearby Mount Moriah, the name Zion was extended to take in the temple. Zion came to stand for the whole of Jerusalem.”

This stronghold that David captured was located on a southern spur of the mountain where the Temple was later built. Its inhabitants safely drew water from the nearby Gihon Spring through a rock-cut passage within the walls. The fortress itself was protected by massive natural rock, formidable walls, gates, and towers. After the city expanded to include a higher hill to its west, the prophets continued to use the name Zion as a synonym for Jerusalem:

2 Kings 19:31 For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors.

However, by the Byzantine period (starting about 331 AD), the term came to mean just the western hill.

Although outside the present Old City wall, the part of the western hill that we today call Mt. Zion was inside the wall in Jesus' time:



# Strong's

- Strong 6726: *tsee-yone'*; the same as 6725 – a mountain of Jerus;
- Strong 6725: *tsee-yoon'* a monumental or guiding pillar; sign, title, waymark

Throughout the Old Testament,  
“Zion” is written in different  
contexts.

# Mount Zion

- 2 Kings 19:31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this.
- Psalm 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
- Psalm 48:11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

# Mount Zion

- Isaiah 4:5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.
- Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

# Mount Zion

- Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.
- Micah 4:7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

# Daughters of Zion

- Song of Solomon 3:11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.
- Isaiah 3:16,17 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing *as* they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

# Daughters of Zion

- Isaiah 4:4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

# Daughter of Zion

- 2 Kings 19:21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
- Psalms 9:14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.
- Isaiah 1:8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

# Daughter of Zion

- Isaiah 37:22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
- Jeremiah 4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth herself, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

# Daughter of Zion

- Lamentations 2:13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?
- Zechariah 9:13 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

# Sons of Zion

- Lamentations 4:2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

# Reference to City of Zion

- 2 Sam 5: 7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David.
- 1 Kings 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

# Reference to City of Zion

- 1 Chronicles 11:4-5 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of David.
- 2 Chronicles 5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

# Out of Zion

- Psalms 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.
- Psalm 20:2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
- Psalm 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

# Out of Zion

- Isaiah 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah 9:19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast *us* out.

# Used with Jerusalem

- Isaiah 10:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.
- Psalm 51:18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- Psalm 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

# Used with Jerusalem

- Isaiah 4:3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is* left in Zion, and *he that* remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:
- Isaiah 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

# Used with Jerusalem

- Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- Zephaniah 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to Zion*, Let not thine hands be slack.

# O Zion

- Psalm 147:12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.
- Isaiah 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

# O Zion

- Isaiah 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- Zechariah 2:7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.

# Referenced in New Testament

- John 12:14,15 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, *Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an donkey's colt. (Zech 9:9)*
- 1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, *Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (Isa 28:16)*

# Referenced in New Testament

- Rom 9:30-33 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, *Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: (Psa 118:22)*

# Referenced in New Testament

- Rom 11:25-27 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, *There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (Isa 59:20,21)*

# Written in New Testament

- Heb 12:18,22 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, ...

But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

# Written in New Testament

- Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

# “Zion”

Throughout our readings, we’ve seen where the term “Zion” has transformed from a fortress on a hill that David conquered, to a word that is used almost interchangeable with “Jerusalem”.

So, as the hymn, “O Mourn Ye For Zion” develops to the conclusion, “Rejoice Ye for Zion! Yahweh has spoken; Jerusalem’s outcasts shall yet be restored; The bonds of the fetter-bound slave shall be broken, And Judah set free at the word of the Lord.”

# Zechariah Chapter 2

- 1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
- 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what [is] the breadth thereof, and what [is] the length thereof.
- 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,
- 4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited [as] towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:

# Zechariah Chapter 2

- 5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.
- 6 Ho, ho, [come forth], and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.
- 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest [with] the daughter of Babylon.
- 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

# Zechariah Chapter 2

- 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.
- 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.
- 11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

# Zechariah Chapter 2

- 12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.
- 13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.