

ZION, GLORIOUS CITY



GEOGRAPHY OF ZION

Zion is the mountain where the Jebusites built Jerusalem, also known as Jebus, Salem or Zion (Josh. 18:28; 1Ch. 11:4-5; Gen. 14:18; Ps. 76:2; 2Sa. 5:6 -7).

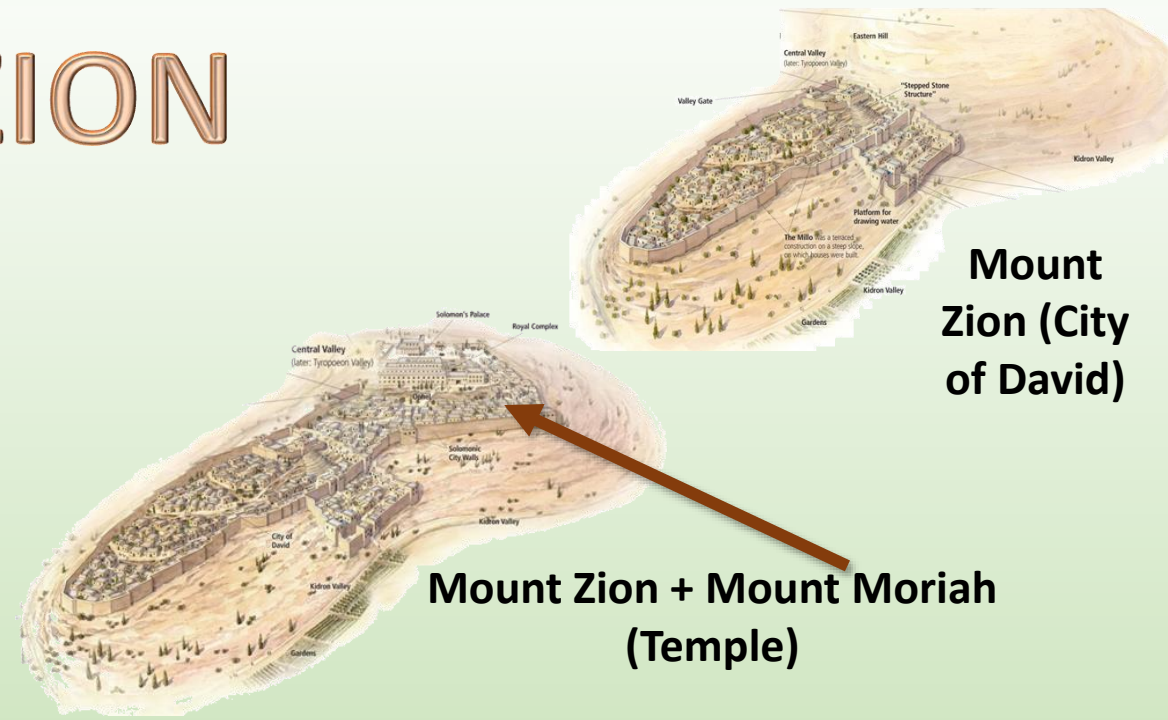
This small fortress was taken by David, who made it the capital of his kingdom: “the city of David” (2 Sam. 5:7).

By bringing the ark to Jerusalem, David made Zion the dwelling place of God (Ps. 135:21).

About 600 meters north of Mount Zion was Mount Moriah, where Abraham had gone to sacrifice Isaac, who was replaced by a ram (Gen. 22:1-13).

In that place, David offered a sacrifice to stop the destruction caused by his sin (2 Sam. 24).

When Solomon built the Temple there, this mountain was annexed to Jerusalem, and was included as an integral part of Zion.



ZION, THE HOLY MOUNTAIN



MOUNT SINAI

God descended on Sinai (Ex. 19:18)

God commanded to build a Sanctuary there to dwell in it (Ex. 25:8)

The sanctuary was inaugurated with divine fire (Lev . 9:24)

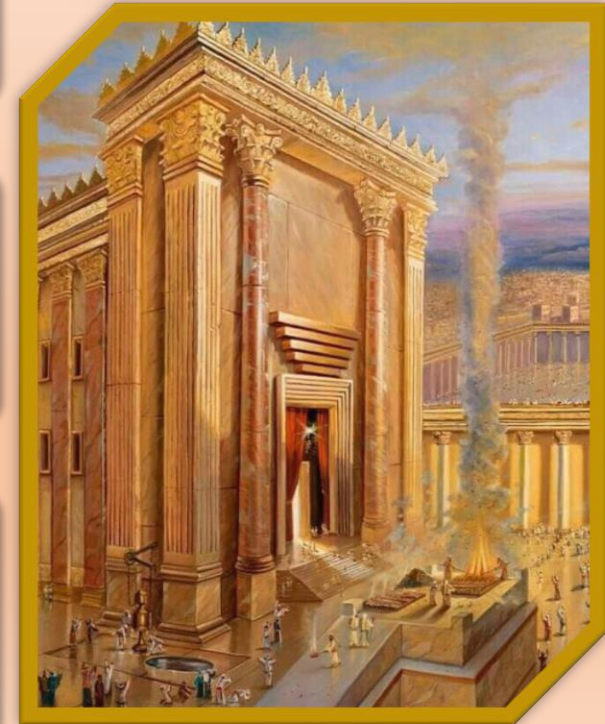


MOUNT ZION

God dwelt in Zion (Ps. 9:11)

God commanded a Temple to be built there to live in (2Chr. 3:1)

The Temple was inaugurated with divine fire (2Chr. 7:1)



ZION AND ITS ESCATOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Isaiah 29:8

It is a symbol of the people of God

Isaiah 31:4

It is the place from which God fights against enemy nations

2nd Kings 19:31

From there the remnant comes out, and is protected

Isaiah 51:11

It is the place where Israel will return

**Isaiah 37:32; Joel
2:32**

There is salvation

Isaiah 24:23

It is related to cosmic signals

Micah 4:7

The Lord will reign there over his people

Joel 3:16-17

In the time of the end, from there God will “bellow” to free his people

Psalms 15:1-5

The righteous will dwell in Zion



PSALMS ABOUT ZION

Psalm 2

The nations reject Jesus, the Anointed One, but God mocks them (v. 1-5)

God has made Jesus King in Zion and given him power over everything (v. 6-9)

Nations are invited to accept Jesus (v. 10-12)

Psalm 48:1-3

Zion is the city of our God, his holy mountain, beautiful, the joy of the whole earth. Especially glorious is its northern side (the Temple). It is the city of the Great King

Psalm 99

1st stanza: The Lord is great in Zion and worthy of praise. "He is holy" (v. 3)

2nd stanza: The Lord is the King before whom everyone prostrates "He is holy" (v. 5)

3rd stanza: God manifests himself through his servants. "The Lord our God is holy" (v. 9)