

A Geographical Prophecy - Jerusalem

Zechariah 8:3, "Thus says the Lord, 'I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts *will be called* the Holy Mountain.'"

Zechariah made that prophecy about 2500 years ago.

On December 6, 2017 President **Donald Trump** announced that the US embassy to Israel would be moved to Jerusalem. The move was made on May 14, 2018; and this was an action that displayed strong support for Israel from the United States.

Jesus Himself visited Jerusalem many times:

1. When He was eight days old being presented to God in circumcision (cf. **Luke 2:21-40**).
2. When He was 12 years old and speaking to the religious teachers at the temple (cf. **Luke 2:41-50**)
3. After His baptism when Satan tempted Him at the highest point of the temple (cf. **Luke 4:9-12**).

John the Apostle records four visits of Jesus to Jerusalem: **John 2:13-3:21... John 5:1-47...**

John 7-10...

John 12-20).

God loves Jerusalem; He chose it to for His namesake.

See **2Chronicles 6:5-6...**

Jesus loved Jerusalem and its inhabitants [Israel].

See **Matthew 23:37...**

Israel [*Lit., wrestles or struggles with God*] the name given to Jacob, father of the twelve tribes of Israel.

See **Genesis 32:28...**

The holiest city in the world is Jerusalem. The core word in its name is, 'sha-lem,' which means 'completeness' and 'wholeness.' The word 'shalom,' which means 'peace,' comes from this word, because any peace depends on both 'completeness' and 'wholeness.' Jerusalem must be a place of peace, because it is the dwelling place of the Lord God.

See **Zechariah 8:3...**

Jerusalem became the capitol of Israel by King David's decree in 1004 B.C., over three thousand years ago.

Jesus will return to Jerusalem, at the Mount of Olives, when He will establish His 1000-year reign.

See **Psalms 2:6-8; Jeremiah 3:17...**

After the Millennium, and the White Throne Judgement, the New Jerusalem will descend from the New Heavens, to the New Earth, and it will be the Capitol City of the Universe where we will live forever.

See **Revelation 21:1-8; John 14:1-3...**

Three times Jerusalem is called the *holy city* (**Revelation 21:2, 10; 22:19**)

Read **2Peter 3:10...**

What does Peter say will happen?

Read **2Peter 3:11-13...**

What point is Peter making?

Read **2Peter 3:14-18...**

What encouragement and exhortation is Peter giving us?

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