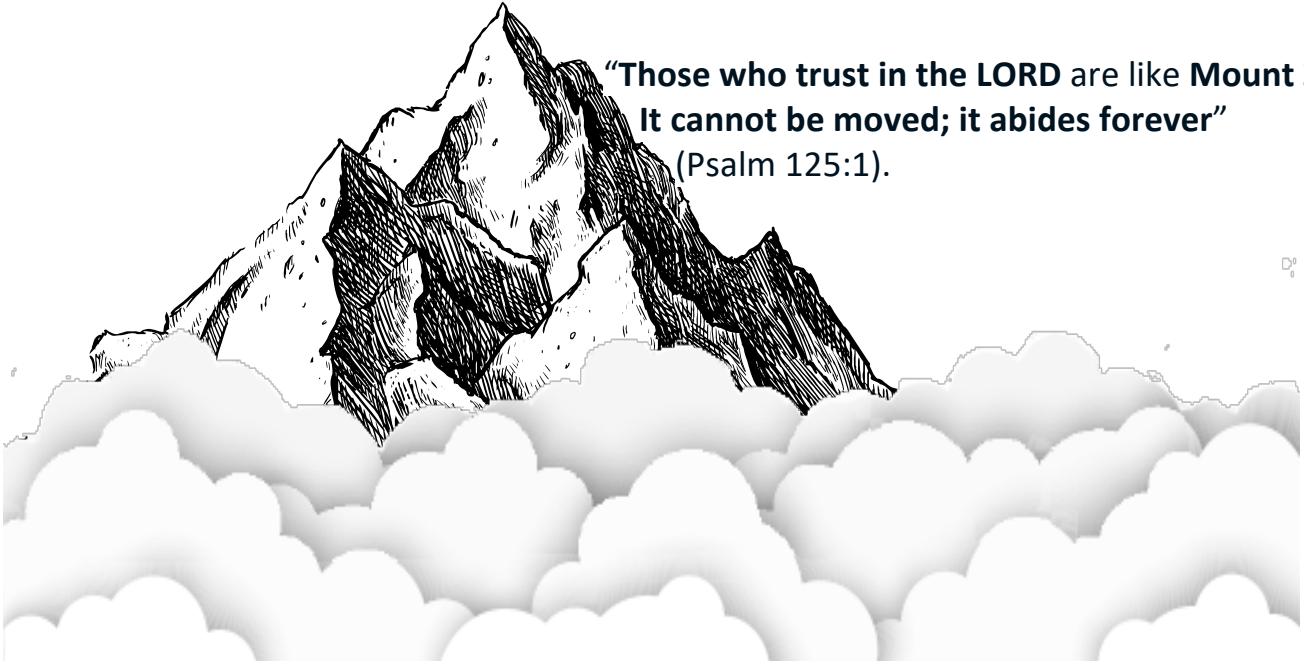


Where is **MOUNT ZION**?



**“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion.
It cannot be moved; it abides forever”
(Psalm 125:1).**

Mount Zion is a hill in Jerusalem that in ancient times referred to all of Israel in the Holy Land and specifically to the City of David. This is because King David and the people honoured the laws of God. King David loved God’s laws. He knew God and recognized the peace that comes from embracing the laws of love that are fundamental to God’s government. As such, Mount Zion is also the earthly reference to the holy, eternal government of Almighty God **in heaven**. The foundation of God’s government is bound by His laws of love, which remain in force by willing obedience because of a deep reverence to the loving Great Creator and gracious Almighty Ruler. This holy government resides at present in the **far north**.

“A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion in the FAR NORTH,
The city of the great King.
God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a stronghold”
(Psalm 48:1-14).

The far north is located in heaven above the heavens of earth and the created heavens of the angels. It is the place of the fiery stones, always burning, eternally purifying. It is the place of perfection, no spots, wrinkles or blemishes. And yet today, because of God’s grace, a repentant faithful group of people in prayer can come before God to His pristine place.

“But **you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the HEAVENLY Jerusalem,** and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,** and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect” (Hebrews 12:22-23).

God’s holy, righteous government reigns supreme. It stands unshakeable and yet, Satan and his coalition of fallen angels war against Him, battling for His throne and the destruction of the righteous.

Satan is the great instigator, the king of Tyre who upon his creation was made perfect by God. He was made full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. “You were in Eden [God’s holy, ruling, royal family] the garden [kingdom] of God... You were anointed as guardian cherub, for so I ordained you... **You were blameless** [loyal without fault] in your ways till wickedness was found in you... you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So, I drove you in disgrace from the mount [government] of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings” (Ezekiel 28:12-17).

Isaiah picks up the story. “How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart,

‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars [angels] of God;
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly [government over the angels],
On the utmost heights of the sacred mountain [God’s very holy throne].
I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High”
(Isaiah 14:13-14).

Since iniquity was found in Satan, battles have been taking place unseen by God’s creation on earth. Though Almighty God has forewarned His people, the admonitions go unheeded by their religious leaders and often unrecognized.

Satan isn’t God’s only competitor. Another, once well respected and revered member in God’s heavenly holy court, turned against Him. This powerful leader was given as an inheritance, rulership over the earthy kingdom of Assyria. Instead of teaching those people God’s ways and His law, this once great leader in heaven turned against God and taught them to worship him. His fall from righteousness was devastating to those in heaven who had once respected him. God mourned His loss of this heavenly court member and those who chose to do the same.

“On the day it was brought down to the grave I covered the deep springs with mourning for it... Because of it, I clothed Lebanon [God’s heavenly court] with gloom, and all the trees [leaders] of the field [in God’s legal team] withered away. I made the nations tremble at the sound of its

fall when I brought it down to the grave [overthrew his kingdom on earth and in heaven] with those who go down to the pit. Then all the trees [leaders] of Eden [God's family] the choicest and best of Lebanon [God's heavenly court], all the trees [leaders] that were well-watered [filled with God's Holy Spirit], were consoled to the earth below [imprisoned in the Abyss] (Ezekiel 31:15-16).

This heavenly ruler over the kingdom of Assyria on earth fell because he "was proud of its height" (Ezekiel 31:10). He became a raging and crazed tyrant warring against weaker nations and overpowering them, expanding his kingdom beyond the original boundary. Through King Sennacherib, this tyrant threatened to take Jerusalem during the reign of King Hezekiah. The General of Sennacherib boasted of their military achievements and threatened the invasion of Jerusalem, "Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria'" (Isaiah 37:10). King Hezekiah prayed to the God of Israel who is Almighty, and He responded directly to the heavenly ruler over Assyria,



The Forest of the Cedars of God.
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"The Virgin Daughter of Zion
Despises and mocks you.
The daughter of Jerusalem
Tosses her head as you flee.
Who is it you have insulted and blasphemed?
Against whom have you raised your voice
And lifted your eyes in pride?
Against the Holy One of Israel!
By your messengers
You have heaped insults on the LORD.
And you have said,
'With my many chariots
I have ascended the heights of the mountains
[governments],
The utmost heights of Lebanon [God's heavenly court].
I have cut down [caused to fall from their position]
the tallest cedars [the great leaders in God's heavenly
court],
the choices of its pines [the evergreen/eternal hardy
leaders].
I have reached its remotest heights,
The finest of forests [finest groups of leaders],
I have dug wells in foreign lands
And drunk the water there.
With the soles of my feet
I have dried up all the streams of Egypt
[instrumental in turning the heavenly ruler
of Egypt away from God]"
(Isaiah 37:22-25).

God acknowledges this leader's nefarious successes, but informs him that He knew all along this would happen and God used this wicked heavenly leader's strength to punish and destroy weaker rogue heavenly rulers ruling of nations on earth who also turned away from God.

“Have you not heard?
Long ago I ordained it.
In days of old I planned it;
Now I have brought it to pass,
That you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone...

But I know where you stay and when you come and go
And how you rage against me. Because you rage against me
And because **your insolence has reached my ears,**
I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth,
And **I will make you return by the way you came”**
(Isaiah 37:26-29).

Assyria did not invade Jerusalem. They were turned away.

“The death angel of the LORD went out and put to death 85,000 men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were dead bodies! So, Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew” (Isaiah 37:36).

When God addressed this raging tyrant, He began by identifying the king of Judah and the prophets in Jerusalem on earth as offspring and loyal members of His government in heaven—**“Virgin Daughter of Zion”**—and of His religious body, Jerusalem—**“Daughter of Jerusalem”**—who like God despise, mock and disdain this rogue heavenly ruler.

The reason why God identified Zion as a **“Virgin Daughter”** was because the house of Judah was applying God's laws in their government on earth and was seen by God as pure and unadulterated with pagan laws. He identified Jerusalem, His religious and priestly body as a **“Daughter of Jerusalem”** not a **“Virgin Daughter”** because they were not pure religiously; they had fallen away from many of God's righteous religious practices.

A battle in heaven for control of God's throne continues from before the creation of mankind on earth to this present day. Satan has a large coalition of fallen angels. They will battle to the death for full control over heaven and earth. Knowing the outcome, Satan will not surrender. He is determined to destroy as much as he can. When he is thrown down to earth, he knows his time is short. Ten rulers in heaven were promised a kingdom at the time of Babel. They will rule for one hour with the beast from out of the sea in the last days.

Only Jesus Christ was successful. Only he qualified as King of kings and Lord of lords. “One like the son of man, coming in the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations

and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed” (Daniel 7:13-14).

The Great Creator knew before creation the outcome and what needed to be done to birth a righteous kingdom. His Son was moulded to be the King of kings and Lord of lords. Indeed, he became perfect through suffering. “Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience from what He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**” (Hebrews 5:8-9).



When Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, it is by no coincidence that he stands on Mount Zion in the Middle East. It is symbolic that he begins his judgment on the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and principalities on earth as well as the leaders of the world through the application of God’s law that forms the structure of God’s government in Zion in heaven and now on earth.

“Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1).

As Revelation 14:1 accurately states, Jesus Christ is qualified to judge and sentence because he is the Lamb. His perfect sacrifice, His spilt blood, His life taken to cover the sins of mankind purchased for him the servitude of all creation in heaven and on earth. Standing with him are the saints from twelve tribes of Israel—the church of the first fruits—blameless—who speak no lies from the Philadelphia church who have written on them: Christ’s new name, the name of Almighty God and identified as the New Jerusalem (Revelation 3:12).

Mount Zion is the image of a flawless government where God’s law is alive and active. From out of Mount Zion, peace flows and there, God rests keeping His own laws.

“For **the Lord has chosen Zion;**
He has desired it for **His habitation.**

**“This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it”**
(Psalm 132:13-14).

The place where the Great King God declared a man after His own heart sat, is where He will rest knowing this king will keep His commandments of love and not war against Him. Known as the City of David in his time, Zion was the home of king David and through his bloodline, Jesus Christ was born; this family line will rule forever. It will be a glorious time when Jesus Christ returns to rule as King of kings and Lord of lords.

**“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold your King is coming to you,
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,
Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden”**
(Matthew 21:5).

God’s governmental structure will be established on earth. David will be resurrected and meet his Messiah, his great, great, great... grandson and he will bend his knee in great pride and joy. David will be asked to rule over the people of all twelve tribes and Christ will rule over heaven and earth. The people will rejoice and riches will flow and the nations of the earth will watch and witness a glorious transformation.

**“The Lord loves the gates of Zion
More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob”**
(Psalm 87:2).

The gates will be crowded when the world is invited to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They will learn of His goodness, His compassion, His enduring love for His people and His whole creation in heaven and on earth. They will come to worship Him.

**“Now it will come about that
in the last days
The mountain of the house of the Lord
Will be established as the CHIEF of the mountains [governments],
And will be raised above the hills;
And all the nations will stream to it.
And many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
That He may teach us concerning His ways
And that we may walk in His paths.”
For the LAW [national regulations] will go forth from Zion
And the WORD [religious teaching] of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And He will judge between the nations,**

And will render decisions for many peoples;
And they will hammer their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

**Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
And never again will they learn war”**

(Isaiah 2:2-4 and Micah 4:1-3).

God’s government, Zion will teach the leaders His laws of love and God’s church, Jerusalem will teach the people His ways of righteousness. They will want to listen, learn and grow in God’s grace and knowledge. They will surrender to live peacefully, loving one another and drawing close to their Creator.

In times long past, God’s people strayed from Him, but into the latter days they will suffer while in captivity again. Their distress will open their eyes to their sins and their waywardness. They will weep and cry out to their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He will hear and rescue them.

“Then it will happen **on that day** that the Lord will again recover the **SECOND TIME** with His hand, the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11).

“For the LORD has **ransomed** Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he” (Jeremiah 31:11).

The remnant of the 21st century nations of the twelve tribes of Israel will repent and rejoice in keeping the commandments of God.

“So the **ransomed** of the LORD will return, and **come with joyful shouting to Zion**, and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away” (Isaiah 51:11, 35:10).

Their God is always watching and at that moment, He will rescue them.

“The **people of Israel** are oppressed, and the **people of Judah** as well. **All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go.** Yet **the Redeemer is strong; Yahuah Almighty is his name.** He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon” (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

“In those days, **at that time**, the **people of Israel** and the **people of Judah together** will go in **tears to seek the Yahuah, their God.** They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an **everlasting covenant** that will not be forgotten” (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

God has not forgotten His people despite their waywardness and rebellion against Him. Into the latter days, a remnant will survive the horrifying attack and when all is taken from them by Satan and his beastly coalition, they will finally bend their knee to their God, the Great Creator.

“Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For He has strengthened the bars of your gates;

He has blessed your sons within you.

He makes peace in your borders;

He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat”

(Psalm 147:12-14).

The Great Creator, the Almighty God will be recognized as the ONLY God of worship. He will have compassion on the repentant national leaders of His people and give them grace. The nations of the world will continue to watch; they will see and come to know Almighty God and in reverence they will honour Him.

“You will arise and have compassion on Zion;

For it is time to be gracious to her,

For the appointed time has come.

Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones

And feel pity for her dust.

So, the nations will fear the name of the Lord

And all the kings of the earth Your glory”

(Psalm 102:13-16).

There cannot be order without God’s laws. There cannot be love without God’s laws. There cannot be peace without a willing heart to keep God’s laws. The structure that allows Zion to rise up into the uppermost heights can be summed up in two laws:

1. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength
2. Love one another.

The number two is used by God as a formula to witness. His witness to His creation in both heaven and on earth, is by keeping these **two** laws peace, happiness, and continual blessings will emerge. Test it and witness the result. God will be true.

Zion will remain the utmost highest eternal mountain for all creation in heaven and earth and into the future once God’s kingdom is established and new creations, new life forms, expansions and wonders begin.

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