

HOW IMPORTANT IS ZION (JERUSALEM) TO GOD?

Scriptures that tell where you can find God talking about ZION and it's people in the past, present and future, and the future of all Israel.

Jer 4:6 Set up the standard toward ZION: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Jer 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.

Jer 6:23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of ZION.

Jer 8:19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in ZION?

Isa 64:10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, ZION is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

Jer 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.

Jer 14:19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed ZION? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!

Jer 26:18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; ZION shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

La 4:11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in ZION, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

La 4:22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of ZION; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

La 5:11 They ravished the women in ZION, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

La 5:18 Because of the mountain of ZION, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

Joe 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in ZION, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; Mic 4:10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of ZION, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

Mic 4:11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon ZION.

Jer 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is ZION, whom no man seeketh after.

Jer 31:6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to ZION unto the LORD our God.

Isa 37:32 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.

Isa 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!

Isa 41:27 The first shall say to ZION, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

Isa 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in ZION for Israel my glory.

Isa 49:14 But ZION said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

Isa 51:3 For the LORD shall comfort ZION: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isa 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto ZION; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isa 51:16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow Jer 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to ZION:

Isa 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.

Isa 52:2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of ZION.

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto ZION, Thy God reigneth!

Isa 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again ZION.

Isa 59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to ZION, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The ZION of the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in ZION, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Isa 62:1 For ZION's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of ZION, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

Isa 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as ZION travailed, she brought forth her children.

Jer 31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of ZION, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Jer 50:5 They shall ask the way to ZION with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Jer 50:28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in ZION the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

Jer 51:10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us declare in ZION the work of the LORD our God.

Jer 51:24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in ZION in your sight, saith the LORD.

Jer 51:35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of ZION say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

Joe 2:15 Blow the trumpet in ZION, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of ZION, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Joe 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.

Joe 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of ZION, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Joe 3:17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in ZION, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

Joe 3:21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in ZION.

Am 1:2 And he said, The LORD will roar from ZION, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

Am 6:1 Woe to them that are at ease in ZION, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

Ob 1:17 But upon mount ZION shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Ob 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount ZION to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Mic 1:13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of ZION: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

Mic 3:10 They build up ZION with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

Mic 3:12 Therefore shall ZION for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Mic 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.

Mic 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.

Mic 4:8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of ZION, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

Mic 4:13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of ZION: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

Zep 3:14 Sing, O daughter of ZION; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Zep 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to ZION, Let not thine hands be slack.

Zec 1:14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for ZION with a great jealousy.

Zec 1:17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort ZION, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Zec 2:7 Deliver thyself, O ZION, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

Zec 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of ZION: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

Zec 8:2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for ZION with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

Zec 8:3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto ZION, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

Zec 9:9 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.

Jesus did fulfill this last part but the rest of the prophecies will be fulfilled in later ages. This last part below is not directly a reference to ZION, but it has to do with Israel who will inherit ZION or Jerusalem after their resurrection as told in Ez. 37. Further prophecies will be fulfilled as Ezekiel prophesied below in chapter 36:

36:17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it:

19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

21 But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Above refers to age 5 and then leads into age 6.

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel refers to two ages, to age five and age six as indicated.