

## Student Notes for Jerusalem: The Eternal City

Jerusalem is the city God has chosen to put His name.

1 Kings 9:3 NKJV 3 And the LORD said to him: "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

A. The first mention of Jerusalem is when Abraham meets Melchizedek after Abraham rescues Lot. (Isa. 1:26-27, Isa. 54:11-13)

#4442. מלכי צדק Malkiy-Tsedeq, mal-kee-tseh'-dek from #4428 a king:--king, royal and 6664 meaning the right or righteous; king of right; Malki-Tsedek,

#8004. שלם Shalem, shaw-lame' the same as #8003; peaceful; Shalem, an early name of Jerusalem:--Salem.

#8003 שלם shalem from #7999; complete full, just, made ready, peaceable, perfect(-ed), quiet, whole.

B. The land of Moriah. (Gen 22:2, 2Chron. 3:1, Gen 22:14, Deu. 12:11, Lev. 1:5a)

#4179. מורייה Mowriyah, mo-ree-yaw' or Moriyah {mo-ree-yaw'}; from #7200 ra-ah to see or provide and 3050 Jah a shortened form of the name of God; seen of Jah;

C. David is king over all Israel in Jerusalem. (1Chr. 21:1, Exo. 30:12, 2Sam. 24:1, 2Sam. 24:18, 2Sam. 24:24-25)

This entire episode is filled with symbolism of the final judgment.

1. First, the Antichrist elevates Himself above God, declaring that He is God. (Dan. 11:36, 2The. 2:3-4, Rev. 14:6-7)

2. The agent of judgment was an angel from the LORD. (Rev. 14:18-20)

3. David is instructed to build the altar on a threshing floor during the time of the wheat harvest. (1Chr. 21:20, Mat. 13:40-43)

4. The location of the threshing floor is where Solomon will build the temple and God will put his name. (1Chr. 22:1, 1Chr. 22:6, Zech. 12:8-9, Joel 3:12-14)

D. Yeshua's sacrifice, ascension and return are all at Jerusalem. (Heb. 13:11-12, John 18:1-2, Acts 1:10-12, Zec. 14:3-4)

E. Yeshua will reign from Jerusalem on David's throne. (Jer. 33: 15-16, Jer. 23:5-6, Eze. 43:7)

F. According to the sages, Jerusalem was the sight of the original Garden of Eden.

1. There was a single river coming out of the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:10-14, John 9:6-7, Isa. 12:3)

2. When Yeshua returns there will be living water flowing from the temple. (Zec. 14:8, Eze. 47:1, Eze. 47:6-9, 12, Isa. 51:3)

3. God placed Cherubim at the east entrance to the Garden of Eden to guard it. (Gen. 3:24, Ex. 36:35)

4. The name of Jerusalem is in the plural. (Rev. 21:1-2, Rev. 22:1-2, Eze. 48:35)

## Discussion Questions for Jerusalem: the eternal City

1. David began to rely on his own strength and the strength of the armies of Israel, so he counted the armies. Read Judges 7:1-8 and 1 Chronicles 21:1-8. Compare David's actions and attitudes in this situation with Gideon's actions and attitudes.
2. The name of the spring in Jerusalem that feeds the pool of Siloam is Gihon. The name Gihon means to gush forth and the name Siloam means sent one. How is this a picture of the water that will flow out from beneath the temple?
3. When we first encounter Jerusalem in scripture, Melchizedek is her king. Compare Yeshua and Melchizedek. (Gen. 14, Psa. 110, Heb. 7:1-18)
4. The Mount of Olives is east of Jerusalem. Since Yeshua will return from the east to step down on the Mount of Olives, it serves as a gateway to Jerusalem. Describe how each situation applies either physically, spiritually or both to the Mount of Olives being a gateway to Jerusalem.
  - a) Solomon set up idols on the Mount of Olives (1Kin. 11:5-7, 2Kin. 23:13)
  - b) Josiah tore down the altars on the Mount of Olives and throughout all of Israel. (2Kin. 23)
  - c) The ashes of the red heifer used to cleanse a person after touching a dead body were prepared on the Mount of Olives. (Num. 19)
  - d) The Shekinah Glory left Jerusalem by way of the Mount of Olives. (Eze. 10:1-9, Eze. 11:22-24)
  - e) Yeshua's triumphal entry into Jerusalem was from the Mount of Olives. (Luke 19:28-44)
  - f) Judas betrayed Yeshua into the hands of the high priest on the Mount of Olives. (Luke 22:39-55)
  - g) Yeshua ascended from the Mount of Olives blessing the disciples as He rose. (Acts 1:1-10)
  - h) Yeshua will return by way of the Mount of Olives. (Acts 1:9-11, Zec. 14)