

Theme: The city of Jerusalem was only a type and shadow of the true city of God, the new Jerusalem, which is comprised of all those who have faith in Christ.

I. Intro – Centrality of the City

- A. “Today Washington said....”
- B. The city can represent whole nation
- C. True of Jerusalem – notice vv 10, 16
- D. What is place of Jerusalem today?

II. Jerusalem in the OT

- A. Jerusalem – the city chosen by God
 - 1. Deut 12:11 – God will choose a place
 - 2. 1 Kings 8:20-21 – King and Temple for Name
 - 3. 1 Kings 14:21 – Jerusalem place God chose
- B. Jerusalem – the center of the faith
 - 1. 2 Kings 19:20-21 – Daughter of Zion = Israel
 - 2. Isaiah 40:1-2 – Jerusalem is comforted
 - 3. Isaiah 52:1-2 – daughter of Zion freed
 - 4. Zech 9:9 – Messiah coming to Jerusalem
- C. Jerusalem – the expanding vision

- 1. Psalm 87 – Zion mother of all faithful
- 2. Zech 2:10-11 – Many joined to Lord in Zion

III. Jerusalem in the NT

- A. Physical city no longer central
 - 1. Luke 2:22 – still center of Judaism
 - 2. John 40:20-24 – worship no longer restricted
 - 3. Acts 1:8 – to the ends of the earth
- B. The focus: the New Jerusalem
 - 1. Heb 11:10, 16 – focus was on heavenly city
 - 2. Gal 4:21-31 – Jerusalem above **is** our mother
 - 3. Heb 12:18-24 – heavenly Jerusalem not Sinai
 - 4. Rev 3:12 – New Jerusalem city of God
 - 5. Rev 21:1-3 – Holy City, new Jerusalem; bride
 - 6. Rev 21:9-14 – bride of Lamb; 12 tribes/apostles
 - 7. Rev 21:22-27 – nations in it; names in book (Ps 87)

IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Do you see the old and new Jerusalem?
 - 1. Old Jerusalem is type; new is reality

2. Old Jerusalem is bondage; new freedom
3. Significance of old is past; new is here & to come

B. Do you long for the true Jerusalem?

1. She is our mother!
2. This was the longing of Abraham!
3. Even so, come Lord Jesus! - Communion

Christ and the City of Jerusalem

Hebrews 11:8-16

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Communion

Hebrews 13:20-21

¹¹ Then to **the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name--** there you are to bring everything I command you: your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, and all the choice possessions you have vowed to the LORD. Deuteronomy 12:11

²⁰ "The LORD has kept the promise he made: I have succeeded David my father and **now I sit on the throne of Israel**, just as the LORD promised, and I **have built the temple for the Name of the LORD**, the God of Israel. ²¹ I have provided a place there for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD that he made with our fathers when he brought them out of Egypt."
1 Kings 8:20-21

²¹ Rehoboam son of Solomon was king in Judah. He was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in **Jerusalem, the city the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel in which to put his Name.** 1 Kings 14:21

Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I have heard your prayer concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria. **21 This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him: "The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises you and mocks you. The Daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head as you flee."**" 2 Kings 19:20-21

Comfort, comfort **my people**, says your God. **2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem**, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. Is 40:1-2

Awake, awake, **O Zion**, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, **O Jerusalem**, the **holy city**. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. **2 Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem.** Free yourself from the chains on your neck, **O captive Daughter of Zion.** Isaiah 52:1-2

Rejoice greatly, **O Daughter of Zion!** Shout, **Daughter of Jerusalem!** See, **your king** comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

He has set his foundation on the **holy mountain**;² the LORD loves the gates of **Zion** more than all the dwellings of Jacob.³ Glorious things are said of you, **O city of God:** Selah

⁴ "I will record **Rahab** and **Babylon** among those who **acknowledge me-- Philistia** too, and **Tyre**, along with **Cush--**and will say, **"This one was born in Zion."**⁵ Indeed, of **Zion** it will be said, **"This one and that one were born in her**, and the Most High himself will establish her."⁶ **The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion."** Selah⁷ As they make music they will sing, **"All my fountains are in you."** Psalm 87

"Shout and be glad, **O Daughter of Zion.** For I am coming, and **I will live among you**," declares the LORD. **11 "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people.** I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. Zechariah 2:10-11

²² When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary **took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord** Luke 2:22

"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but **you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.**" ²¹ Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, **a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.** ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ **Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.** ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:20-24

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be **my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**" Acts 1:8

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. ²³ His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. ²⁴ These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." ²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." ³¹ Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman. Galatians 4:22-31

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HEB 12:18-24

Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God **and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem**, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. Revelation 3:12

REV 21:1-3

REV 21:9-14

REV 21:22-27