

PSALM 87 - The Glories of the City of God!

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GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED! – Psalm 48, vs. 1

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, In the city of our God, In the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The city of the great King. Is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, The city of the great King. (2x)

Psalm 87 Let's turn now to Psalm eighty-seven, as we continue our study through the Bible. The eighty-seventh psalm is devoted really to the extolling the beauty of the city of God, especially chosen, Jerusalem. It then moves in, more or less, to the New Jerusalem. That city in which the earthly Jerusalem is a foreshadowing of the New Jerusalem that will be coming down from God out of heaven.

(Heb 12:22-23) But you have come to Mount Zion (153 x in Bible) and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, [23] to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

(Psa 48:1-2) Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, In His holy mountain. [2] Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.

(Psa 132:13) For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place.

(Isa 2:3) Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

(Zec 2:10) "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," says the LORD.

To Mount Zion ... city of the living God... heavenly Jerusalem. These are synonyms for heaven itself. For a description of the abode of God, the city of Jerusalem in heaven.

PSALM 87 – Glorious Things of You Are Spoken - A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. A Song.

Psa 87:1 His foundation is in the holy mountains.

- God has laid the foundations of Jerusalem there in the mountains of Judea. Jerusalem is the center, the place also where Calvary is! We are going to come to Jerusalem. We will be with Him there!

Psa 87:2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

- The city of Jerusalem was God's preference for the place for the Ark of the Covenant to rest. God prefers that above Shiloh where the Ark once rested, Kirjath Jearim where the Ark later rested and Jerusalem is the place where God has chosen for the Ark of the Covenant. He prefers that. He loves the gates more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Psa 87:3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah

- God has spoken marvelous things of Jerusalem. In the word it is a place that God has chosen to place His name. The city has a great past, but the greatest part of the city of Jerusalem has yet to happen! It is in the future, when Jesus will return and set up His kingdom, reigning from Jerusalem

Psa 87:4 "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.' "

- *I will make mention of Rahab*. Rahab actually means pride or insolence. In this psalm and in psalm eighty-nine, it is a reference to Egypt. You tie that in with *(Isa 51:9) Awake, awake,*

put on strength, O arm of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And wounded the serpent? You see that Rahab is a reference to Egypt.

- *This one was born there.* Those that were born in Egypt were proud of it; “I’m an Egyptian.” Those who were born in Babylon were proud of that and so on. They were proud of their place of birth, “I was *born there.*”
- Zion is here compared with other places, and preferred before them; the church of Christ is more glorious and excellent than the nations of the earth!

Psa 87:5 And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her (Zion)."

- God will establish Zion or Jerusalem above the other places. Now going on to the New Jerusalem, the heavenly, Revelation, chapter twenty-one.
- Those of the church far exceed those of heathen nations, and their names will shine brighter than in perpetual records.

Psa 87:6 The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: "This one was born there." Selah

- Here is a reference to the day when the Lord will count and write up the people. That is, the final census as God counts those that are His. There is a Book of Life of which the scripture speaks of in several places. In this Book of Life, God has written the names of those who shall share in the eternal glory of His kingdom. In several places you’ll find in the scriptures the Book of Life mentioned, “whose names” it said are “written in the Book of Life”.
- There is that old hymn, “Is my name written there?” It really shouldn’t be a question in your mind. You should know. You should have the assurance that my name is written in the Book of Life. The Bible tells us that those who have believed in Jesus Christ, those who have confessed Him as his Lord and Savior, their names are written in this Book of Life. So the Lord will count when He writes the people, He writes their names in the Book of Life. “*That this man was born there.*” My name is in the Book of Life by virtue of my new birth in Christ.

Psa 87:7 Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs (the refreshment) are in you

- *As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:* It is sort of speaking of that glorious precession. The singers going before singing praises to the Lord followed by those playing the instruments. It is a religious kind of precession.
- *All my springs are in You.* God is the source of my life. I draw my life from Him, “*all my springs are in You.*” Surely that is something that every child of God should be able to declare, that the roots of our lives go down to draw from Him; all of our springs are in You.
- The greatest days for Jerusalem are in the future! There will be no rejection the second time for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

THE HOLY CITY Stephen Adams; words by Frederick E. Weatherly Ande Rieu (5:15)

Last night I lay a-sleeping There came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem Beside the temple there. I heard the children singing, And ever as they sang Me thought the voice of angels From heaven in answer rang, Me thought the voice of angels From heaven in answer rang.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!

And then me thought my dream was changed; The streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad Hosannas. The little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, The morn was cold and chill, As

*the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill, As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! How the angels sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!*

*And once again the scene was changed, New earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City Beside the
tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets, The gates were open wide, And all who would might
enter, And no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day; It was the
new Jerusalem That would not pass away, It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna forevermore!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna forevermore!*

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