

Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca (weeping), they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Psalm 84:5-7





DID YOU KNOW?

'Pilgrimage' in Swahili (an East African language)

means Safari.





ARE YOU A TOURIST OR A PILGRIM IN YOUR WALK WITH GOD?

TOURIST

Seeks Pleasure, Novelty, Comfort

"What can I get out of this?"

Convenience

Spectator

Entertainment

PILGRIM

Seeks God as the goal

"What can I surrender to encounter God?"

Commitment

Seeker

Encounter





A tourist collects souvenirs, a traveller collects experiences, but a pilgrim carries God's presence wherever he goes.





THE 3 REALITIES OF A PILGRIM



Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

Psalm 84:5





The Pilgrim's 2-fold Blessing

- · The Blessing of Dependence
- · The Blessing of Direction





Zion is both the Destination & the Source

May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion.

Psalm 20:2





THE 3 REALITIES OF A PILGRIM

(2) EXTERNAL OPPOSITION TESTS YOU

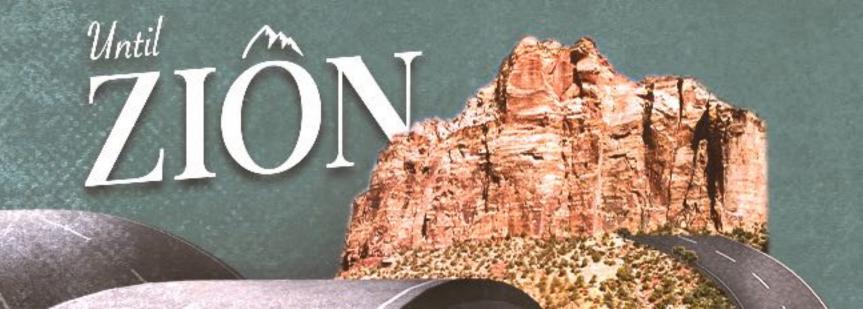
As they pass through the Valley of Baca (weeping), they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools.

Psalm 84:6





The Valley is not your Grave.





Turning Struggles into Springs.

The ways of God enable us to transform our valleys of sorrow (Baca) into wells of victory.





THE 3 REALITIES OF A PILGRIM



They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. Psalm 84:7



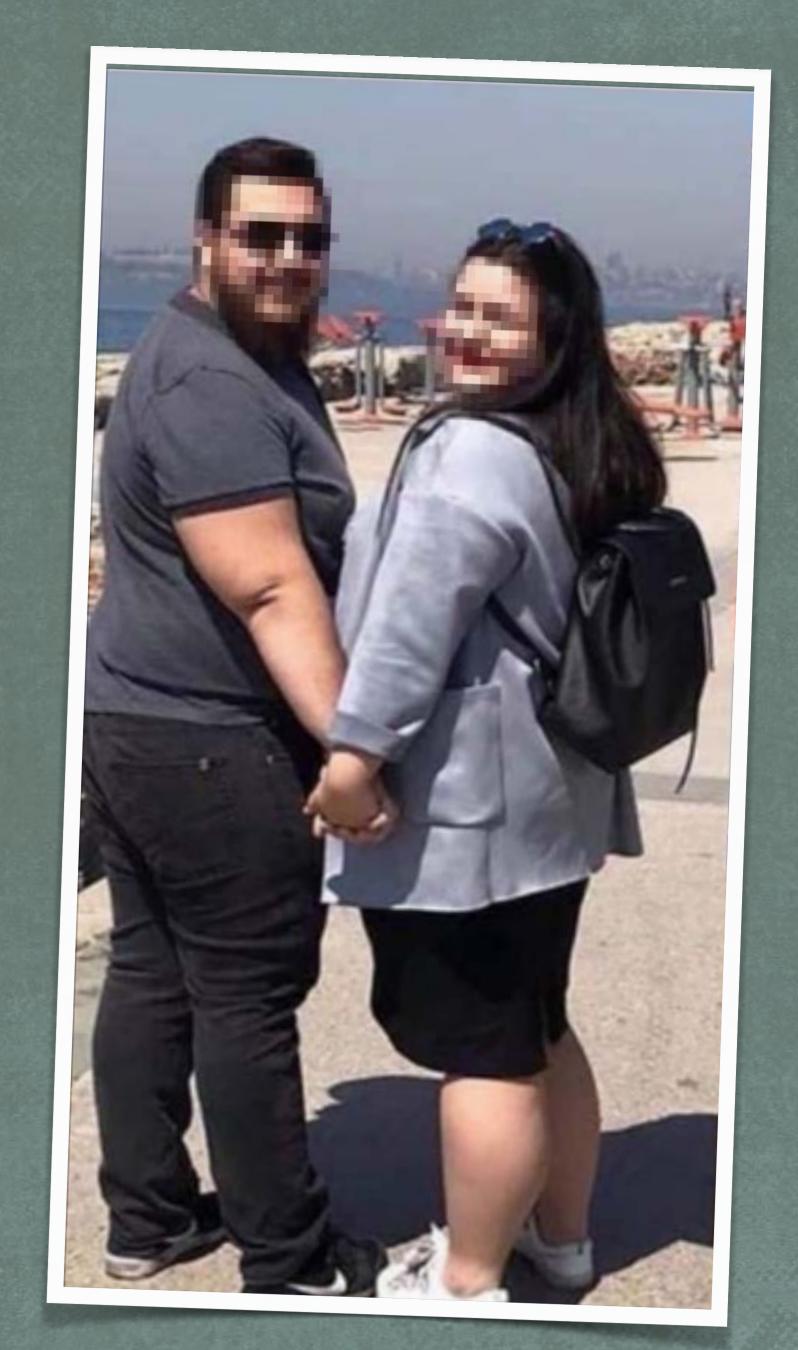




Strength through Progression







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Progression is not Repetition.

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ZION: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN



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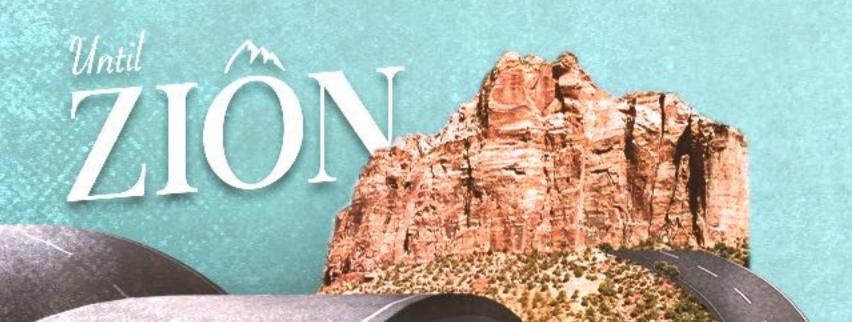


ZION: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of Jacob.

Psalm 87:2



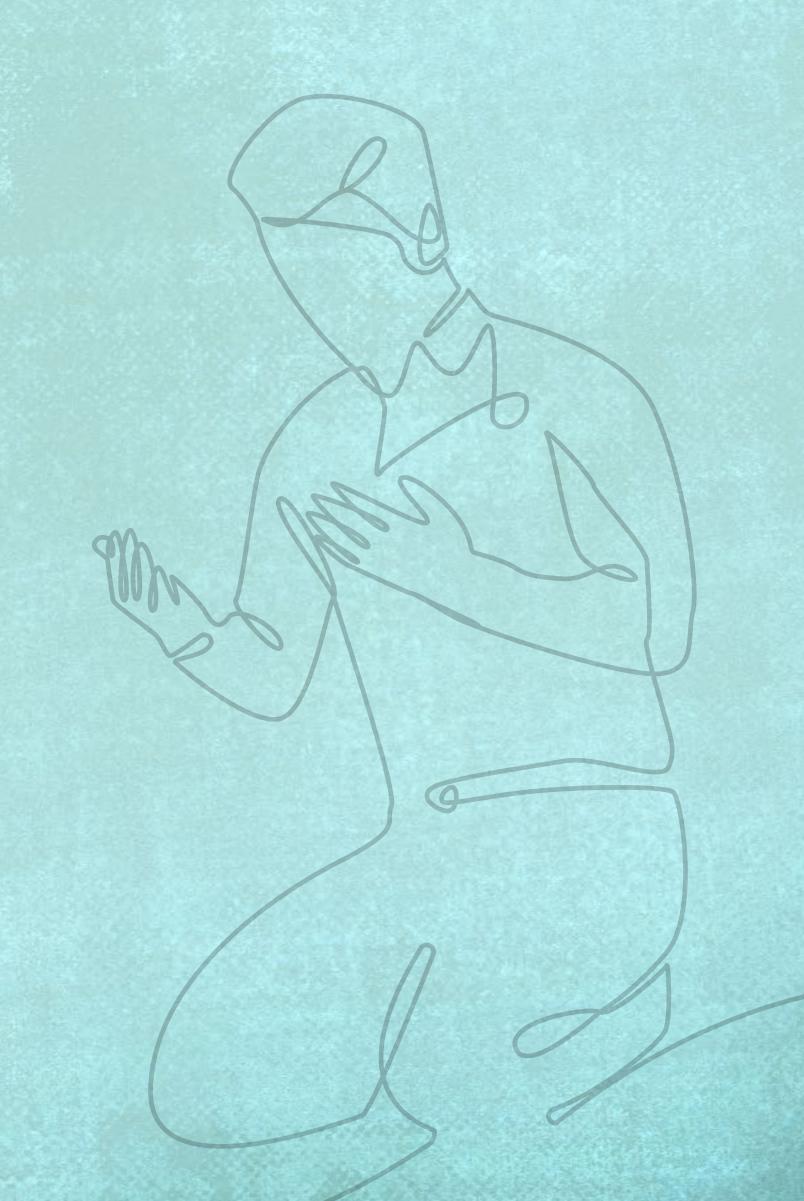
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PROPHETIC IDENTITY





CORNERSTONE

ZION: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

HEAVENLY REALITY

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels...

Hebrews 12:22



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ZION: WHAT IT IS AND WHY IT MATTERS

THE CHRISTIAN'S DESTINY

They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. Psalm 84:7

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THERE ARE 3 PRINCIPAL MOUNTAINS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. Mount Sinai

- 2. Mount Hebron
 - A place of Fruitfulness

- A place of the Anointing
- A place of Breakthroughs
- Whole-heartedness
- 3. Mount Zion



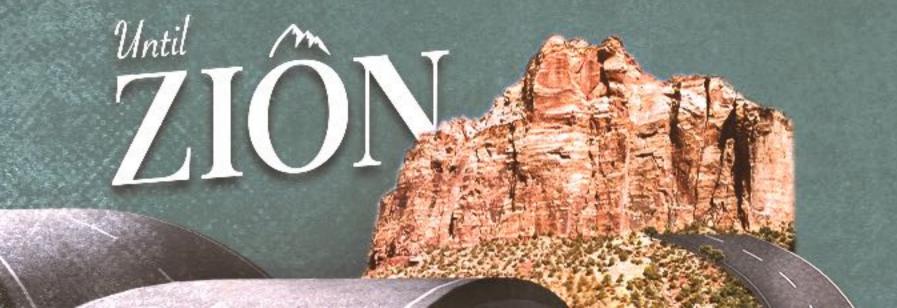


Zion and Cornerstone

Zion is in Judah - Dur Tribal Anninting

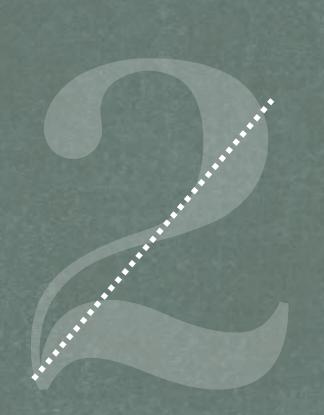
But (He) chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion which He loved.

Psalm 78:68





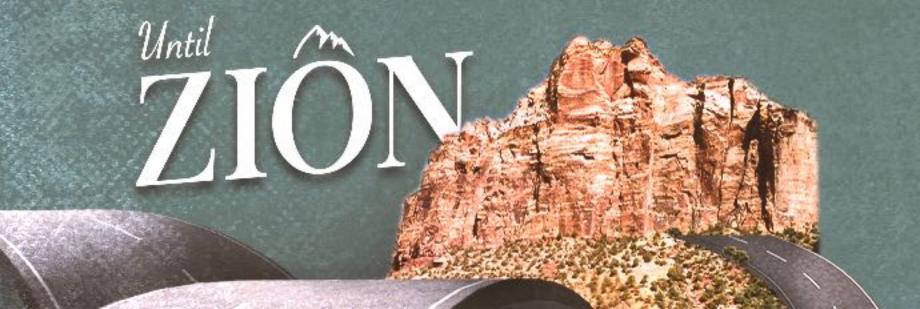
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Zion is Holiness - God's Holy Hill

Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 2:6





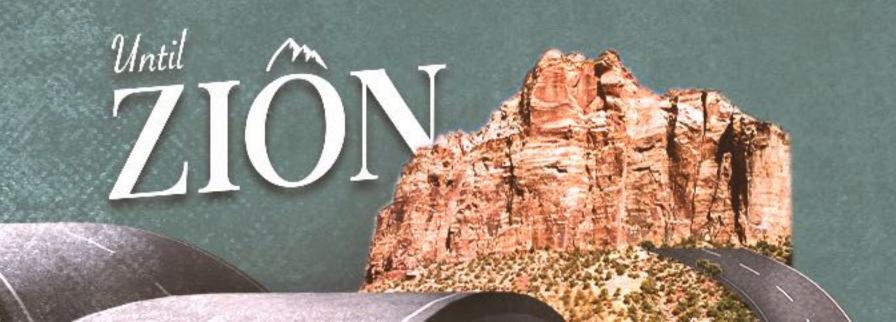
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Zion is Perfection and Spiritual Maturity in God's people

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.

Psalm 50:2





BEING-BORN BORN IN ZION

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

6 The Lord will record, when
He registers the peoples:
"This one was born there."

Psalm 87:5-6



