

Preparing Jerusalem For Their King

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*“For the Lord has chosen Zion, He has desired it for His dwelling:
This is My resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.”*

Psalm 132:13–14 NIV

God is looking for people to prepare Jerusalem for the King. I believe the day of the Messiah’s return is not far away. The world is experiencing excruciating labor pains, and the time between contractions is lessening. No one knows the day or the hour, but we can feel something in our bones. His return is soon. How can we prepare Jerusalem for the King’s return? A look at Psalm 48 provides us with the answer.

1. **Witness.** Knowing the time is short, we in Jerusalem need to witness while we can. Yeshua communicated the good news using physical things in this city as tangible illustrations—a pool of water, an upper room, an olive garden, a sepulchre. The city of Jerusalem continues to be a treasure house full of illustrations for the Gospel. Everywhere we walk in this city we find conversation pieces that naturally lead to spiritual things. We need to frequently remind Jerusalemites of God’s eternal plan of salvation for this city.

2. **Authentic Praise and Worship.** Psalm 48:1 says, *“Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God.”* If there’s any place in the world where the praises of God should be lifted high, it is in Jerusalem. Our aim is to have worship that springs from the heart, yet is sensitive to the unique character and culture of Jerusalem.

3. **Passionate Prayer.** Jerusalem’s security is not her walls and citadels, but her God. Psalm 48:3 says, *“He [God] has shown Himself to be her fortress.”* Verse 8 says, *“God makes her secure forever.”* We have a vital part to play in the peace and prosperity of this city. Psalm 122:6 tells us to *“pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”* The prayers of God’s people are what will keep Jerusalem in these precarious days.

Will you commit to pray regularly with us for the peace and salvation of Jerusalem? The Lord speaks to us in Isaiah 62:6–7: *“I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.”*

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?

ACTIVATION

- Pray for the peace and security of Jerusalem through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for Jewish hearts to be turned to Messiah Jesus.
- Pray for the Messianic believers in Israel to be bold in sharing the good news of Jesus with their families and friends.

FUTHER STUDY

Ezekiel 5:5; Psalm 48:12–13; Isaiah 12:4–6