

# Zion & Zionism

# ZION:

1. **City of David: 2 Samuel 5:7 (1Chron. 11:5)** Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David. (After defeating the Jebusites, taking Jebus – Jerusalem)
2. **Mountain of God: Isaiah 8:18** Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion. **Isaiah 18:7** ...the gifts will be brought to Mount Zion, the place of the Name of the LORD Almighty. (Mount Moriah – Isaac offered)
3. **Jerusalem:**
  - **2 Kings 19:31** For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
  - **Psalms 69:35** for God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. Then people will settle there and possess it;
  - **Psalms 102:21** So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem

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## 4. The People of God:

- **Psalm 149:2** Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
- **Isaiah 59:20** "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.
- **Zechariah 9:9** 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.
- **1 Peter 2:6** For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame."

## 5. Future Jerusalem:

- **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
- **Isaiah 60:14** The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- **Revelation 14:1** Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

# ZIONISM: (really started by evangelical christians)

- **1897:** Founded by Theodor Herzl – at the Zionist conference at Basel, Switzerland he stated, “*Zionism strives to create for the Jewish people a home in Palestine secured by public law.*”
- **1917:** Two such Zionists, Chaim Weizmann and Nahum Sokolow, were instrumental in obtaining the Balfour Declaration from Great Britain, which promised British support for the creation of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

# ZIONISM: “quote from Encyclopedia Britannica

- **1948:** The Holocaust—the large-scale extermination of European Jews by the Nazis—led many Jews to seek refuge in Palestine and many others, especially in the United States, to embrace Zionism. As tensions grew among Arabs and Zionists, Britain submitted the Palestine problem first to Anglo-U.S. discussion for a solution and later to the United Nations (UN), which on November 29, 1947, proposed partition of the country into separate Arab and Jewish states and the internationalization of Jerusalem (see United Nations Resolution 181). **The creation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948**, triggered an invasion by the neighboring Arab countries that was soundly defeated by the Israeli army.
- **Aliyah – the immigration of Jews to the Land of Israel**

# Everlasting Promise

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 17:7** I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.“
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Psalms 105:8** He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded, for a thousand generations, <sup>9</sup> the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. <sup>10</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: <sup>11</sup> "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.“

# Promise confirmed

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Amos 9:11** "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be, <sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD, who will do these things. <sup>13</sup> "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills. <sup>14</sup> I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Acts 1:6** So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

# Romans 9-11

- God has not forgotten Israel – they rejected their Messiah because their hearts were hardened (11:1,2; 2Cor. 3:14-16)
- Their rejection means Gentile salvation through Christ (11:11-12)
- All Israel will be saved (11:25-26; see 9:6)
- See Revelation 7 for future revival of Israel



# Zechariah

- Chapters 1&2: Repent and return and I will return to you
- Chapter 8: The coming peace and prosperity of Zion
- Chapter 9: verses 9&10 – The King will come in victory and peace
- Chapter 12: Salvation of Israel: nations attack Zion, God defends her, the people will turn to Messiah (12:7-14 – individual salvation)
- Chapter 13: Cleansing of Israel: The land and people purged of idolatry and false prophets, a third are refined (remnant people of the great tribulation Rev. 7 & 14)
- Chapter 14: Second coming of Christ, destruction of nations, millennial Kingdom established, New Jerusalem established forever, God is King

# Conclusion

- Zion is our future dwelling place – Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev. 3:12; 21:2; 21:10)
- We should all be Zionists
- We should all embrace Israel and desire their salvation