

ON ZION'S GLORIOUS SUMMIT

Introduction:

1. The Hebrew word for Zion is first used in 2 Samuel 5:7.
2. It came to stand for the mountain on which Jerusalem was built, and as another name for the city itself.
3. The word is found 154 times in the Old Testament, while the Greek word is found 7 times in the New Testament.

I. Zion's Past

- A. Zion was captured by David and became known as the city of David (2 Samuel 15:7; 1 Chronicles 11:5-7).
- B. The Ark of the Covenant dwelt there until the temple was built (1 Kings 8:1; 2 Chronicles 5:1-2).
- C. Thus, it began to represent God's dwelling place among His people (Psalm 9:11; 48:1-2, 12-14).
- D. It also became a symbol of God's help and protection (2 Kings 19:30-35; Psalm 20:1-2; 125:1-2).
- E. Separation from Zion symbolized separation from God (Psalm 137:1-4).
- F. Thus, Zion represented God's faithful servants (Isaiah 66:7-8).

II. Zion's Purpose

- A. Zion became a key in the prophecies of the Messiah.
- B. When the world fought against God, He would set up His King on Zion (Psalm 2:6; 110:1-2; Isaiah 59:20; Romans 11:26-27; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-9).
- C. The obedient would come to Zion (Isaiah 2:2-4; 35:8-10; 51:11; 61:1-3; Joel 2:32; Micah 4:6-8).
- D. God's foundation stone would be laid in Zion (Isaiah 28:16; Romans 9:31-33; 1 Peter 2:4-6).
- E. Thus, Zion came to represent the dwelling place of God's faithful remnant (Psalm 69:35-36; Isaiah 62:1-2, 11-12).
- F. Zion is the church of Christ (Hebrews 12:22-29).

III. Zion's People

- A. The Lamb of God
- B. The Sealed of God (144,000)
- C. The Redeemed of God
- D. The Spiritually Pure
- E. The Faithful Follower
- F. The Honest
- G. The Forgiveness