

## ZION

The meaning of the word Zion in the scriptures has a gradual progression in its usage.

The first mention of Zion in the Bible is in:

2 Sam 5:6-9 NAS

6 Now the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land,... David captured the **stronghold of Zion**, ...So David lived in the stronghold, and called it **the city of David**.

Thus initially, Zion was the name of the ancient JEBUSITE fortress.

Map of Hill of Zion - B14

It was situated on the southeast hill of Jerusalem at the junction of the Kidron Valley and the Tyropoeon Valley.

Map of Jerusalem in Jesus Time - B29

We may be used to seeing maps of Jerusalem in Jesus time, so Zion would be located here, (point) south of the Temple Mount.

Artist Drawing of Zion

The name Zion came to stand not only for the fortress but also for the hill on which the fortress stood.

Then, after David captured "the stronghold of Zion" by defeating the Jebusites, he called Zion "the City of David"

Map showing Temple and City of David overlaid on Map of Present day Jerusalem

(This map shows the "City of David" overlaid on a present day Photo/Map of Jerusalem. North is to the left.)

When Solomon built the Temple on MOUNT MORIAH (which is a separate hill North of Mount Zion), and moved the ark of the covenant there, the word Zion expanded in meaning to include also the Temple and the Temple area.

Then in other scriptures we will find the word Zion historically and prophetically expanding in meaning to stand for the city of Jerusalem, the land of Judah, and the people or nation of natural Israel as a whole.

And since fleshly Israel was typical of spiritual Israel, we will see many prophecies relating to the Church as spiritual Zion.

And just as Natural Israel was composed of both faithful and nominal Israelites, so in a similar way we will find prophecies symbolically referring to two classes of spiritual Zion. The faithful true church, as well as the nominal church of Babylon.

Thus we see how in the scriptures:

**The Word Zion Can Refer To:**

Fortress of the Jebusites  
 Hill of Zion  
 City of David  
 Temple Mount  
 Entire City of Jerusalem  
 Land of Judah  
 Entire Nation of Israel  
     Faithful Israelites  
     Nominal Israelites  
 Spiritual Israel  
     Faithful Church  
     Nominal Church  
 New Jerusalem Heavenly Government

**From The Context  
 Ascertain Whether The Reference is:**

- **Literal or Symbolic**
- **Fleshly or Spiritual Israel**
- **Faithful or Nominal Class**
- **Historical or Prophetic**

Thus in our studies, we must ascertain from the context whether the reference is literal or symbolic, whether it refers to fleshly or spiritual Israel, whether it applies to the faithful or the nominal class. and in addition whether it is historical in nature or prophetic.

In our study today we will endeavor to cover as many scriptures as time will allow that refer to Zion in it's various aspects, laying more stress on covering the ones which are prophetic in nature.

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**DAUGHTER OF ZION = NATURAL ISRAEL**

We'll begin with the scriptures that refer to natural Israel overall. We find the term "DAUGHTER OF ZION" used 26 times in referring to the nation overall.

Isa.37:21-22 (NIV)

21 Then Isaiah son of Amos sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Because you have prayed to me concerning **Sennacherib king of Assyria,**  
 22 this is the word the LORD has spoken against him: "**The Virgin Daughter of Zion** despises and mocks you. **The Daughter of Jerusalem** tosses her head as you flee.

Here we can see the "daughter of Zion" is symbolic, picturing the overall people or nation of Israel as a whole.

Another scripture we are quite familiar with is a prophecy of how Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Zech 9:9 (NAS)

9 Rejoice greatly, **O daughter of Zion!** Shout in triumph, **O daughter of Jerusalem!** Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Here we see the “daughter of Zion,” and “daughter of Jerusalem” are used synonymously, referring again to the people overall.

Our next scripture is also a prophecy to the “daughter of Zion” referring to natural Israel overall, but this time it’s during the kingdom.

Zech 2:10-11 (KJV)

10 Sing and rejoice, **O daughter of Zion:** for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

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## TWO NOMINAL HOUSES OF ISRAEL

The next scripture refers to the two Nominal Houses of Israel.

Isa. 8:14-15 (KJV)

14 And he (Jesus) shall be for a sanctuary; but for a **stone of stumbling** and for a rock of offence **to both the houses of Israel**, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

This scripture is a prophecy of how Jesus would be a stone of stumbling to both houses of Israel. That is to the nominal Jewish House in the harvest of the Jewish age, and the nominal Christian House, in the Gospel age harvest.

The fleshly house failed to recognize Jesus presence as the Messiah in the flesh, and the spiritual house refuses to acknowledge his invisible presence as a spirit being.

In both cases they stumbled because they failed to recognize the manner and object of his coming.

The 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah is another prophecy about both houses of Israel, the nominal Jewish but primarily refers to the nominal Christian house of Babylon.

Isa. 28:7,15-18 (NAS)

7 And these also reel with wine and stagger from strong drink: the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are confused by wine, they stagger from strong drink; they reel while having visions, they totter when rendering judgment...

15 Because you have said, "**We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have made a pact.** The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, for we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception." (continued next slide)

Verse 16 continues:

Isa. 28:16-18 (NAS)

16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "**I am laying in Zion a stone**, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

17 "And I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the level; then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the secret place.

18 "And **your covenant with death shall be canceled, and your pact with Sheol shall not stand**; when the overwhelming scourge passes through.

Yes the cornerstone was laid in Zion at our Lord's first advent as a sure foundation, and now in our Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> advent we can see hail or truths of the harvest message, sweeping away the refuge of lies regarding sheol, Christendom's covenant with death, or teachings regarding hell being a place of fire and eternal torture.

What a thrill to live to see the beginning fulfillment of this prophecy. In January 1996 the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the United States and Canada, renounced the teaching of hell fire.

I'll quote from the Chicago Tribune Jan. 28, 1996 article:

Chicago Tribune Jan. 28, 1996

"The Church of England and the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. rejected the medieval image of hell, calling it a distortion of the revelation of God's love in Christ. The implication was that God is a sadistic monster who consigned millions to eternal torment. Instead a church commission replaced the idea of a fire and brimstone afterlife with the concept of annihilation at death, - total non-being for those who reject God's love."

And just a month ago in July 1999 the Vatican City Newspaper printed the following:

Vatican City July 1999

A week after telling the Roman Catholic faithful that heaven was not up in the clouds, Pope John Paul II said this week that hell was not a physical place either.

Lest sinners think they can get off lightly, though, the pontiff said hell was for real, and, rather than being inflicted by God, it was something sinners bring on themselves.

"Hell is not a punishment imposed externally by God, but the condition resulting from attitudes and actions which people adopt in this life," he said. (continued)

Vatican City (continued)

"More than a physical place, hell is the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy," the pontiff said in a weekly audience.

"So eternal damnation is not God's work but is actually our own doing."...The pope described hell instead as "the pain, frustration and emptiness of life without God."

Truly it is thrilling to see the effects of harvest truths being promulgated throughout the world since Bro. Russell's day, is forcing Church leaders to change their views.

It recalls the cartoon from Bro. Russell's day which shows him with a fire hose putting out the fires of Hell.

We are privileged to see the beginning fulfillment of this prophecy.

Isa. 28:17-18 (NAS)

17 Hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the secret place.

18 "And your covenant with death shall be canceled, and your pact with Sheol shall not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through.

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Our next scripture refers to the privilege we have of bringing comfort to those who mourn in nominal Christian Zion.

Isa. 61:1-3 (KJV)

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, ...

3 **To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion**, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Truly a blessed privilege and responsibility we have to bring God's message to those who mourn in Zion, as Bro. Russell brings out in Reprint 5537.

Reprint 5537

We are to be comforters at this particular time of "them that mourn in Zion." Many of us were mourners in Zion before this refreshing Message came to us, mourning because of the confusion and worldliness and death that prevailed in the nominal systems wherein we were bound...So let us be zealous in carrying this glad news to all the mourners in Zion not yet delivered, that they may join with us in this glad song.

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The next scripture applies to nominal spiritual Zion's destruction in Armageddon.

Isa. 34:2-8 (KJV)

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter....

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.  
 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with ...the **blood of lambs and goats**,...for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom...  
 8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

Or we might paraphrase this last sentence, "It is the day of the Lord's vengeance as he recompenses Babylon (who is nominal Zion,) for all the controversies of error, strife, and persecutions of the saints and natural Israel throughout the Gospel age.

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The symbolic Edom of Isaiah's prophecy corresponds to the symbolic Babylon of Revelation...As all of the land of Edom symbolizes all of "Christendom," so its capital city, Bozrah, represented Ecclesiasticism, the chief citadel of Christendom. The prophet represents the Lord as a victorious warrior who makes a great slaughter in Edom, and specially in Bozrah. The name Bozrah signifies sheepfold,"... and the slaughter of this day of vengeance is said to be of the "**lambs and goats**." (Isa. 34:6) The goats would correspond to the "tares," while the lambs would represent the tribulation saints (Rev. 7:14; 1 Cor. 3:1) who neglected to use the opportunities granted them, and did not so run as to obtain the prize of their high calling.

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The final scripture we will consider regarding the fall of Nominal Spiritual Zion is:

Isa. 66:7,8 (KJV)

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.  
 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

The fulfillment of this prophecy is also yet future, having to do with the fall of nominal Zion or Babylon. As Bro. Russell brings out in:

Reprint – 5574

The especially marvelous thing that the Prophet here records is that a "Man-child" is to be born **out of Zion before Zion travails**. This is a striking reference to the fact, elsewhere clearly taught, that the ripe "wheat" of the Gospel Church are to be separated from the unripe wheat and the "tares" at the end of this Age, that they are to be exalted and glorified before the burning, the consuming, trouble shall come. This "Man-child," then, is the Little Flock, the Body of Christ, the true Zion.

Out of nominal Zion will come this First-fruits class, before the nominal System will be overthrown; for she will die in her travail pains, and in dying, will bring forth her later children, the Great Company. In this great Day of the Lord, nominal Zion will bring forth the Man-child and these later children.

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## NATURAL ISRAEL IN GOSPEL AGE HARVEST

Now we would like to consider the scriptures in which Zion refers to Natural Israel during this Gospel Age Harvest

Ps 102:13-16 (KJV & Leeser)

13 Thou shalt arise, and **have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.**

14 For thy servants hold dear her stones, and her very dust they cherish.

In 1878 this scripture was fulfilled. Israel's double of disfavor was ended and the time to favor Zion had come. As a result of the Berlin Congress of nations, Jews were allowed for the first time to purchase land in Palestine. Thus in 1878 Petach Tikvah the first modern Jewish agricultural colony was opened.

Since then millions have returned in fulfillment of this 14<sup>th</sup> verse. "For thy servants hold dear her stones, and her very dust they cherish." The set time to favor Zion had come.

The next message that comes to natural Zion after 1878 comes from God's angel to all Jewish people encouraging them to flee out of the nations of Babylon and to return to their homeland of Israel.

Zech 2:6-11 (NKJ)

6 **"Up, up! Flee from the land of the north,"** says the LORD; "for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven," says the LORD.

7 **"Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon."**

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

9 "For surely I will shake My hand against them,...Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

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

Notice how Zion (natural Israel) are encouraged to Flee, Escape, from dwelling with the daughter of Babylon. That is flee from dwelling in the midst of Christendom, and return to your homeland of Israel.

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The next scripture is a type, picturing events that will occur at the close of Jacob's Trouble.

During the reign of King Hezekiah the army of Sennacherib king of Assyria came against Israel. According to the Sennacherib Prism, Sennacherib's army conquered 46 cities of Israel. Then the army surrounded the city of Jerusalem for the final attack. Hezekiah falls on his knees praying for God's intervention.

2 Kings 19:30-35 (KJV)

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

30 And the **remnant that is escaped** of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.  
 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of **mount Zion**: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

Thus picturing for us the final events of Jacob's Trouble. Israel will be nearly defeated. They fall on their knees in prayer for God's help, and suddenly the tide turns, as God fights for Israel as in the days of old, and the enemy will be slain miraculously.

Then notice that only a remnant escapes, and then this remnant takes root downward and bears fruit upward.

This remnant that will escape or come through Jacob's Trouble will be a holy remnant as we read in:

Isa. 4:3-4 (KJV)

3 And it shall come to pass, that **he that is left in Zion**, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, **shall be called holy**, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:  
 4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the **daughters of Zion**, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

The unrighteous will be purged and those who will remain will be holy. This is fully in harmony with Ezek. 20:34-38.

Ezek 20:34,37, 38 (NAS)

34 "And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, ...  
 37 "And I shall make you pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant;  
 38 **and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me**; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, **but they will not enter the land of Israel**. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

God will purge out the rebels and those who transgress against him. When it mentions that they will not enter the land of Israel, it means we believe that they will not be part of the initial holy class in Jerusalem when the earthly kingdom blessings begin. In harmony with the previous scripture of Isa. 4:3

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Zeph. 3:13 brings out a similar thought that the remnant will be holy.



## Zeph. 3:13-15 (KJV)

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

14 Sing, **O daughter of Zion**; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

The next scripture implies that the holy remnant will be relatively few in number to start with, but will then be multiplied.

## Jer. 3:14-17 (KJV)

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and **I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:**

15 And I will give you pastors (Ancient Worthies) according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Notice the number of people brought to Zion are mentioned as being taken “**One** from a city, and **two** from a family.” Referring we believe to Holy Remnant class that Isaiah 4 spoke of. “**He that is left in Zion**, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, **shall be called holy**.”

For notice what follows, - to this holy remnant class (one of a city, two of a family,) God says “I will give you pastors, to feed you with knowledge and understanding. Who would the pastors be? It could only mean the Ancient Worthies who will be resurrected, and will begin teaching the Holy Remnant Class.

As a result notice what happens, the initial holy remnant class becomes multiplied and increased through out the land. Yes ultimately they will be multiplied until the entire world is filled with a holy people, Israelites indeed.

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The next scripture speaks of further regathering of Israelites after Jacob’s Trouble seeking the way to Zion, in order to enter into the New Covenant.

## Jer. 50:4-5 (NAS)

4 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek.

5 "**They will ask for the way to Zion**, turning their faces in its direction; they will come that they **may join themselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant** that will not be forgotten.

We notice the language is such that it implies they are already aware of the New Covenant being in operation, and they want to go and join themselves to the covenant.

This is in harmony with Bro. Russell's thought in Reprints = 3109 – 4640 – and –4555, that the New Covenant will not be made directly with Israel, but will be made with the Mediator who will be acting on Israel's behalf. That the covenant will be made and go into effect **prior** to the resurrection of the Ancient worthies.

This in turn would make it possible for the Ancient Worthies to be under the covenant. Afterwards each one, whether a natural Israelite or one who will become an Israelite in deed, would come under the covenant as they individually would make a consecration.

(Point to & read scripture)

"They will ask for the way to Zion, so they may join themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant." That is, so they could join in the covenant that was already in operation.

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Our next scripture refers to future creations that will be brought into existence after the Kingdom.

Ps 102:15-18 (NIV)

15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.

16 For the LORD **will rebuild Zion** and appear in his glory.

17 He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.

18 **Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:**

We note this is a Kingdom setting. The time when all the nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will revere God's glory. The time God rebuilds Zion.

Then we're told all this will be written down for a future generation NOT YET CREATED.

Created is the correct thought of the Hebrew. It is translated created 49 times in the Old Testament.

Thus the history of this entire time of the permission of evil is being celestially recorded, so that it will never need to be repeated again.

When future creations are brought into existence on the billions of planets in this universe, they will be able to learn from our experience, and possibly even feel to some degree the consequences of what disobedience to God brought to this present creation.

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A description of what Zion will be like in the kingdom is brought out in this next scripture.

Isa 51:3 (KJV)

3 For the LORD shall **comfort Zion**: he will comfort all her waste places; and he **will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD**; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

What a lovely word picture, "He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

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The next scripture has a dual application to both natural and Spiritual Zion.

Isa 52:7 (KJV)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that **saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

We're quite familiar with this scriptures application to spiritual Zion. For truly beautiful are the feet members of the Church as they proclaim upon the mountains or kingdoms of this earth, the glorious message that our Lord has returned, that his reign as King has begun, and that his Kingdom has begun to be set up. What a marvelous privilege we have in proclaiming these glad tidings.

But now let us see how this is one of those scriptures that have a dual application to natural Zion as well. Notice how the context of verses 1-10 applies to natural Zion.

Isa. 52:1-10 (NAS)

1 Awake, awake, clothe yourself in your strength, **O Zion**; clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, **O Jerusalem, the holy city**. For the uncircumcised and the unclean will no more come into you.  
2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; loose yourself from the chains around your neck, **O captive daughter of Zion...**

Isa. 52:5, 6 (NAS)

5 "Now therefore, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have been taken away without cause?" Again the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually blasphemed all day long.  
6 "Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore in that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"

Isa. 52:7-10 (NAS)

7 How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and **says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**  
8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together; for they will see with their own eyes when the **LORD restores Zion**.  
9 Break forth, shout joyfully together, **you waste places of Jerusalem**; for the LORD has comforted His people, He has **redeemed Jerusalem**.  
10 The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see The salvation of our God.

Notice from the overall context the dual application? There will be a proclamation to natural Zion as well as spiritual. They will see it with their own eyes. The waste places of Jerusalem will shout joyfully. For God has redeemed Jerusalem.

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The next scripture can also have a dual application to natural and spiritual Zion.

Isa. 60:14-16 (Rotherham)

14 Then shall come unto thee bending low, the sons of them who had humbled thee, then shall bow down unto the soles of thy feet, all they who had despised thee; and they shall call thee, **The city of Jehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

15 Instead of thy being forsaken and hated so that none used to pass through thee, I will make of thee an excellency age-abiding, the joy of generation after generation.

16 And thou shalt derive sweet nourishment from the nations, yea on the bounty of kings shalt thou be sustained, so shalt thou know - that I Jehovah am thy Saviour, and that thy redeemer is the Mighty One of Jacob.

So will both Natural and Spiritual Zion be regarded.

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### SPIRITUAL ZION

Now we would like to go on to consider Spiritual Zion. As Natural Israel was a type or picture of Spiritual Israel, so we find it's capital city Jerusalem, was a type as well.

As literal Jerusalem was the center of worship and government of literal Israel, it pictured the New Heavenly Jerusalem, which will be the center of the ruling and blessing of the Kingdom.

Mountains in symbolic scripture represent Kingdoms. Thus Mt. Zion which was a part of literal Jerusalem, we see pictures the Kingdom Power of the New Jerusalem. It will originate from the Heavenly Jerusalem and be disseminated to mankind thru earthly Jerusalem. Even as we read in:

Isa. 2:3-4 (KJV)

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for **out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Thus Zion here refers to the Heavenly phase of the Kingdom, and Jerusalem the earthly phase.

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Psalm 48 gives us a general location of where in the universe Heavenly Zion is located.

Ps 48:1-2 (KJV)

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.

Ps 75:6-7 (KJV)

6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

**Isa. 14:13-14 (KJV) Refers to Satan**

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the Congregation, **in the sides of the north**,... I will be like the most High.

(After reading the first verse)

Notice in the following two scriptures, the throne of God is referred to as being in the north.

Thus as we may at times on a starry night, look in the direction of the North Star, may we envision that far, far beyond even this physical universe, may be the location of the throne of God.

The next scripture refers to how we are approaching unto the culmination of all our hopes, the kingdom in full power and glory.

**Heb 12:22-24 (KJV)**

22 But ye are come(ing) unto **mount Zion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,  
 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,  
 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.

What a glorious convention that will be in Mount Zion. Can you envision it? God on his throne, with Jesus beside him. All 144,000 members of the Church. All the Great Company, and millions of angels, and then envision all joining together in singing:

**Rev 5:13 (KJV)**

13 And every creature which is in heaven,...heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

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We have already witnessed by faith the Mount Zion phase or spiritual phase of the kingdom having already begun.

**Ps 2:6 (KJV)**

6 Yet have I set my king upon **my holy hill of Zion**.

Our Lord as King began his reign from Mount Zion as he raised the sleeping saints in 1878 from the sleep of death.

Soon Rev. 14:1 will be fulfilled:

**Rev 14:1 (KJV)**

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on **the mount Zion**, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Shortly after Rom.11:26 will take place.

## Rom 11:26 (KJV)

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall **come out of Zion the Deliverer**, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Yes the deliverer class of Jesus and the Church will come out of Zion. Symbolically referring to the New Covenant laws of the kingdom going forth from Heavenly Zion, which will then turn away ungodliness from Jacob or natural Israel.

The process at first however, will start with an iron rule:

## Joel 3:16-18 (NIV)

16 The LORD **will roar from Zion** and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel.

17 'Then you will know that I, the LORD your God, **dwelt in Zion, my holy hill**. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her.

18 'In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD'S house and will water the valley of acacias.

A beautiful tranquil picture of the blessings that will flow from heavenly Mt. Zion to earthly Zion, which will ultimately be all mankind, who will become Israelites indeed.

Psa. 87 is a scripture which refers to the individual members of the Church who will compose the heavenly Zion

## Ps 87:5-7 (KJV)

5 And **of Zion it shall be said**, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.

As the kingdom progresses it will become apparent that some individuals are not raised from the tomb in answer to the prayers of their loved ones. The family will at first wonder why, what's happened.

We envision God will send an angel to assure them, whispering in their ear, - don't be alarmed, for your loved one was born in Zion.

We would like to close with a scripture that describes the feeling that our heavenly father will have for each member of His heavenly Zion children.

## Ps 132:13-14 (KJV)

13 **For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.**

14 **This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.**

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