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table





PILGRIM SONGS:

✠ THE PSALMS OF ASCENT ✠



A Song of Ascents: Psalm 122

[1] I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

[2] Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!



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[3] Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,

[4] to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,

as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

[5] There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.



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[6] Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

[7] Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers!”

[8] For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

[9] For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.



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This Ascent happened 3xs a year:

1. The Feast of *PASSOVER* (*Spring*)
2. The Feast of *PENTECOST* (*Summer*)
3. The Feast of *TABERNACLES* (*Fall*)



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Song of Ascents of David (first of 4)

Joyful Anticipation and Arrival

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Joyful Anticipation and Arrival

**Though David likely didn't travel from faraway for the festivals,
he wrote it with their experience in mind. (On their behalf)**

His rejoicing goes over into **praise**, his praise into **hope**,
and his hope into a **prayer** for the prosperity of God's
kingdom on earth, blessing his people with his presence
(Expositors Commentary)



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JOY LEADS TO PRAISE

He begins to praise the city of God that has been built into this place of what is symbolic of all that God has done. David remembers what it was before which shapes the joyful praise he gets to experience in the now.



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JOY LEADS TO PRAISE

“It matters not how wicked or degraded a place may have been in former times, when it is sanctified to the use and service of God it becomes honorable. Jerusalem was formerly Jebus - a place where the Jebusites committed their abominations, and where were all the miseries of those who hasten after another god. But now, since it is devoted to God’s service, it is a ‘compact together,’ ‘the joy of the whole earth.’” William Plumer



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JOY LEADS TO PRAISE

He is reminded that Jerusalem is a picture of Gods

LOVE

PROVISION

PROTECTION

for His people

(tribes of diversity coming together as one)



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Song of Ascents of David (first of 4)

JOY LEADS TO PRAISE

He is reminded that Jerusalem is a picture of Gods

JUSTICE

for His people through David's line of kings/ thrones



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PRAISE LEADS TO PRAYER

He reminds them to pray for peace in Jerusalem.

Yĕrūshalayim — **City of Peace / Zion / Mt. Zion**

It was a symbol and place of peace for the Israelites and would have created a great deal of anticipation for peace upon arrival.



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PRAISE LEADS TO PRAYER

He reminds them to pray for peace in Jerusalem.

Singing a prayer of peace not only for the city from external enemies but also for internal peace as the city fills with pilgrims of differing lifestyles and cultures coming together under the banner of Gods people.



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Song of Ascents of David (first of 4)

PRAISE LEADS TO PRAYER

He reminds them to pray for peace in Jerusalem.

There were plenty of reasons for anxiety for the pilgrimage.

What is happening back home?

What dangers and unknowns will we face along the way?

This mixed with a gladness to go to the City of Peace.



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For believers today this can serve as a Song of Shadows pointing us to the greater promises.

Hebrews 8:6

[6] But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.



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SHADOW

1. King David writing a song for the people of God as they make their way to the dwelling place of God for worship

PROMISE

1. King Jesus is the **better king** with the **better message** that He has come to make God's people his dwelling place and kingdom.



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SHADOW

2. David conquered an evil city and rebuilt it into a strong secure city of peace, a dwelling place for God and eventually His Temple

PROMISE

2. **Jesus conquered** sin and death that we might become the dwelling place of God with the old self dying and **Jesus building us into something new**



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SHADOW

3. A city of peace built firmly and ordered together.
A gathering place for the tribes of the Lord

PROMISE

3. A people of peace gathered and ordered around truth in strong community tho being a diverse people from every tribe, tongue and nation



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SHADOW

4. Praying for justice and peace in Jerusalem and among its people

PROMISE

4. Giving us peace by the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and empowering us to become peacemakers



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IT ALL POINTS TO JESUS!

Hebrews 9:11-15

[11] But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) [12] he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.



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[13] For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, [14] how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



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[15] Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.



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In light of what Jerusalem should be, the psalm ends by urging God's people to seek the conditions that will make it a reality: the "peace of Jerusalem" will ensure its stability and accessibility in order that God's people might be able always to journey to his house. (ESV Commentary)

Our gathering in any capacity should contend to be a people and place of unity and peace where the invitation is to "Come Let us go to the house of the Lord!"



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