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- **JERUSALEM is called by Jesus 'the city of the great King':**

Matthew 5:35 (KJV)... Jerusalem... is the city of the great King.

- **When Jesus was rejected by its leaders, he said:**

*Matthew 23:38 (KJV) Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39... Ye shall not see me henceforth, **til** ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

- **He amplified this by saying:**

*Luke 21:24 (KJV)... Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until** the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled... 27... **then** shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great **glory**.*

Jerusalem was made desolate and has been 'trodden down' of the Gentiles for almost 2000 years; but it still has a central part to play in the plan and purpose of God.

Jesus' teaching reaffirms the words which God spoke in time past through the prophets.

Hebrews 1:1 (KJV) God... spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

- **God says through the Psalmist:**

Psalm 122:6 (KJV) Pray for the *peace of Jerusalem*: they shall prosper that love thee.

- **Jerusalem is the place which God has chosen to place His name there.**

Deuteronomy 12:11 (KJV)... there shall be a *place* which the Lord your God shall *choose* to cause *his name* to dwell there...

2 Chronicles 6:6 (KJV)... I have *chosen Jerusalem*, that *my name* might be there...

- **Jesus came to Jerusalem 'lowly and riding upon an ass', in fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy which designates him as her 'King'.**

Zechariah 9:9 (KJV) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of *Jerusalem*: behold, *thy King* cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass...

- **The event is recorded by Matthew.**

Matthew 21:1 (KJV) And when they drew nigh unto *Jerusalem*, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, 2 Saying unto them, Go

into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. 3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. 4 All this was done, that it might *be fulfilled* which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, *thy King* cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, 7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

- **The day is coming when ‘the glory of the Lord shall be revealed’.**

Isaiah 40:5 (KJV)... the *glory of the Lord* shall be *revealed*, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it .

- **God's glory will fill the earth.**

Habakkuk 2:14 (KJV)... the *earth* shall be *filled* with the knowledge of the *glory* of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

- **Jerusalem will be the centre of God's glory.**

Isaiah 2:3 (KJV)... for *out of Zion* shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from *Jerusalem*.

Isaiah 60:1 (KJV) Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and *the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee*. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his *glory* shall be seen upon *thee*. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 65:18 (KJV)... be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create *Jerusalem a rejoicing*, and her people a joy. 19 And I will *rejoice in Jerusalem*, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

- **Jerusalem is divinely assured of happier days to come.**

Isaiah 40:2 (KJV) Speak ye *comfortably* to *Jerusalem*, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 51:17 (KJV) Awake, awake, stand up, O *Jerusalem*, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

Isaiah 52:1 (KJV) Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O *Jerusalem*, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the

dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

- **If we are to have any part in the salvation God has promised, it will be as a lover of Jerusalem, and in connection with her restored glory in the land of Israel.**

Isaiah 66:10 (KJV) Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her... 12 For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream... 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

- **The throne of God will be established in Jerusalem, from which Christ will rule the earth.**

Jeremiah 3:17 (KJV) At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord...

Isaiah 24:23 (KJV)...the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem...

- **The divine glory will be established in Jerusalem for ever.**

*Ezekiel 48:35 (KJV)... the name of the city from that day shall be, **the Lord is there.***

*Isaiah 33:20 (KJV)... thine eyes shall see **Jerusalem** a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; **not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed...***

From this we see that salvation is closely connected with the restoration of **Jerusalem** as the capital city of the **Kingdom of God** upon **earth.**