

JERUSALEM PART I

I. God's Connection to Jerusalem

- A. Belongs to God personally (2 Ki. 11:36)
- B. God's habitation on earth (Ps. 132:13-14; 1Ki. 9:2-3; Ezk. 43:4-9)
- C. Jerusalem (City of David, Zion & Mt. Moriah) referenced as:
 - *City of God * City of Jehovah * City of Truth * Holy City * City of Righteousness
 - * City of Peace * Throne of God * God's Holy Mountain
- D. Jerusalem is the city where God's redemptive program was carried out
- E. Jerusalem is the city that Messiah, Lord and King Jesus will reign and rule from

II. Background of Jerusalem

- A. One of oldest cities in the world
 - 1. First biblical mention around 2000 BC (Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 110:4)
 - 2. Some believe the city to date back to the 4th millennium BC
- B. Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah (Gen 22:2)
- C. King David captured the Canaanite city of Jebus ca.1000 BC and named it "City of David", later Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:6-10)
- D. David brings Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem (1 Chron. 15:3)
- E. Solomon builds Temple in Jerusalem around 960 BC (2 Chron. 3:1)

III. Jerusalem and Messiah Jesus

- A. At Jesus' first coming (Mal. 3:1-4; Zech. 9:9; Lk. 19:28 ff)
- B. Jesus ministered in Jerusalem and through-out Israel (all four Gospels; cf. Isa. 61)
- C. Jesus commemorated the Passover and instituted communion (Lord's Super) (Lk. 22:15 ff)
- D. Jesus died as the Passover Lamb, was buried and rose again all in Jerusalem (Gospel accounts)
- E. Proclaiming the Gospel begins in Jerusalem (Acts 1:8)
- F. Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the day the Church began was in Jerusalem (Acts 2)
- G. Jerusalem Council convened...the Law was not to be forced on the Gentiles (Acts 15)

IV. Jerusalem and the Second Coming of Jesus as King

- A. According to Old Testament Prophecies (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 2:6; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Ezk. 43:4-9; Zech :9:10; 14:17; Mal 4:5-6)
- B. Jesus promised he would return as Israel's King and judge of the world (Mt. 23:39; 24 & 25)

