

# Psalm 122

*Let us go to the house of the LORD*

## Introduction to Psalm 122

- A Psalm of Ascent
- A Happy Psalm (hymn)
  - The composer of a hymn and those who sing it are happy with God, their fellow worshippers and themselves. - Tremper Longman III
- Triad
  1. Problem or difficulty
  2. Solution
  3. Joy and praise

## The Importance of Jerusalem

The psalm may be looked at in three very different ways, all with good biblical warrant. Literally, it is about earthly Jerusalem. Symbolically, it can be applied to the church, as the author of Hebrews applies it, specifically in chapter 12. Prophetically, Psalm 122 can direct our thinking to the new Jerusalem, of which the earthly city is but an incomplete type.

--James Montgomery Boice

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Earthly Jerusalem

Our Jerusalem, the Church

New Jerusalem

## Psalm 122 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

<sup>2</sup>Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!”

<sup>8</sup>For my brothers and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

<sup>9</sup>For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

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## 1. Old Covenant

- a) Chosen by God
- b) The ark of the covenant
- c) The temple
- d) The only acceptable place for sacrifice
- e) God's dwelling place

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## 2. New Covenant

- a) The triumphal entry
- b) The death, burial and resurrection of Christ
- c) The coming of the Holy Spirit
- d) The heavenly Jerusalem

## 3. Eternity

- The holy city coming down out of heaven

## Psalm 122

- I. A Journey to Jerusalem vv1,2
  - A. Joy at the Prospect v1
  - B. Awe at the Arrival v2
  
- II. The Status of Jerusalem vv3-5
  - A. Unity v3-4b
  - B. Decree v4c
  - C. Thanksgiving v4d
  - D. Judgment v5
  
- III. A Plea for Jerusalem vv6-9
  - 1. A Request for Prayer v6a
  - 2. The Prayer itself v6b-7
  - 3. A Vow of Commitment vv8,9



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## What are we to do about each of the “3 Jerusalems”

Earthly Jerusalem – Appreciate it

Our Jerusalem, the Church – Adore, love and pray for it

New Jerusalem – Anticipate it with Joy