

Jerusalem

I. Introduction

A. "**Jerusalem**" is found 814 times in the Bible specifically, and is called the "**holy city**" 10 times, and also "**the city of the great King**" (**Mat. 5:35**).

B. When Jesus sees Jerusalem, He says, "*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*" (**Mat. 23:37; Luk. 13:34**).

C. Do you want to hear 6 or 17 Historical Events about Jerusalem?

- **1250 BC** Joshua gave to Caleb of the tribe of Judah
- **1000 BC** King David ruled and made Jerusalem the capital
- **962 BC** 1st (and will be the Last Temple) in Jerusalem
- **586 BC** Babylonians sacked, and the temple destroyed
- **516 BC** Persians allowed remnant with Ezra to build 2nd Temple and Nehemiah to build the walls
- **333 BC** Greeks (Alexander the Great) let Jews remain, but Antiochus IV desecrated the Temple, causing the Maccabean revolt
- **30 AD** Jesus says, "*Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*" (**Luk. 21:24**)
- **70 AD** Roman emperor (Titus) destroyed the walls and 2nd Temple
- **637 AD** Arabs conquered Jerusalem
- **1100 AD** Crusades brought back many Jews
- **1566 AD** Ottoman rebuilt Jerusalem walls
- **1917 AD** British allowed Jews the right to return
- **1948 AD** Jewish Nation was re-established gaining the east part of Jerusalem (May 14); recognized by US
- **1967 AD** Jews got Jerusalem back (including the west) in the "6-Day War" (June 10)
- **2017 AD** (Dec 6) US recognized Jerusalem as its capital and the US Embassy was relocated there (**May 14, 2018**)
- **AD 95** Israel and the Church are promised to rule with Christ there for 1,000 years (Millennium) at Christ's 2nd Coming
- **AD 95** Believers are promised a New Jerusalem will descend from heaven like a bride for Christ after the Great White Throne Judgment (**Rev. 21:2, 10**)



II. Scripture

A. **Gen. 12:7**—

B. **Gen. 22:1-19**—

C. **Heb. 11:7**—*"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son."*

D. **Gen. 22:8**—Abraham said, "God will provide Himself a Lamb" for an offering

E. **Heb. 9:14**—*"the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God."*

F. **Eph. 5:2**—*"Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God."*

G. **Gal. 1:4**—*"Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"*

H. **Mat. 16:21; 20:18; Mar. 10:33; Luk. 9:31**—

III. Application

A. Jerusalem is a beautiful, holy city, with special meaning to all of us who trust in what Jesus did in offering Himself on the cross, being buried, and rising again from the dead proving He had power over our sins and death, that as **John 3:16** says, *"whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

B. Hopefully all of us here believe in Jesus, and what Jesus did (and promises to do here, and) right outside this amazing city!

C. Thank you Father...for your Son Jesus Christ. Thank you Father for this holy city. Thank you Father that this is a promised place of prayer and worship. Thank you Father for all Your promises that You will fulfill for Your people Israel, and for us. Thank you Father that we will be able to reign with You here one day. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for everyone who puts their trust in You; in Jesus name, Amen.