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“Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her” (Ezekiel 5:5).

Jerusalem is the future City of God who has placed His Name as a stamp on this one city on the planet. It is also known as the “City of the Great King” (Psalm 48:2). It is not just another city in the Middle East, it is the future Capital of the entire world. Located on a plateau when one visits Jerusalem, they are always “going up,” never down. It was once the center of a kingdom and will again be the center of a kingdom, during God’s rule on earth for one thousand years (Revelation 20:6). Not often spoken about from our church pulpits, but, those who do speak about her have received a “double portion” of blessing already and are able to pray for her during the year. As Watchmen on the Walls of Jerusalem, everyone needs to truly know how to watch. The Hebrew word “*shamar*” actually means to observe, heed and to be on one’s guard to keep.

Jerusalem is the holiest place on earth, and the Temple Mount is the holiest place in Jerusalem. Much spiritual warfare is fought over her every day. We know the throne of the Lord (Jeremiah 3:17) is here and the fallen angel, now known as satan, wants to sit in the holiest place. If anyone is watching Bible prophecy these days, one can clearly see that the end time battles will be fought over Jerusalem and who sits on the throne of the Coming Kingdom. The King of Kings will sit on the throne, no matter how hard the enemy tries to stop it, for God has already decreed it. Therefore, we need to be praying for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) continually and for the Temple Mount which is the holiest of all places. The Sages of Israel say, “Israel is the center of the world, and Jerusalem is the center of Israel and the Temple Mount (the future site of the Temple) is the center of Jerusalem.” I believe they are spot on. This is why the Mount, and the Western Wall are holy. It has been said that “the Western Wall is at the root of the Jewish nation”...the name “Moriah” is actually a play on words: “Moriah is the place from which Torah instruction (*horah*) goes forth; from where fear of heaven (*yirah*) goes forth; from where light (*orah*) goes forth.” It is here, on Mount Moriah, that Isaac was bound for sacrifice. Although other parts of the Temple Mount retaining wall remain standing, the Western Wall is especially dear, as it is the spot closest to the Holy of Holies, the central focus of the Temple...The Sages prophesied that even after the Temple’s destruction, the Divine Presence would never leave the Western Wall, and that the Wall will never be destroyed. The Wall is endowed with everlasting sanctity, as the Talmud says: “And I will make your sanctuaries desolate” (Leviticus 26:31) – this means that the sanctuaries retain their sanctity even when they are desolate.

Jerusalem was destroyed and rebuilt nine times. And through it all, one symbol remained intact: the Western Wall. In establishing the eternal covenant with Abraham, God promised that the Jewish people will never be

destroyed (Genesis 17:7). In this way, the Wall is a symbol of the Jewish people: Just as there have been many efforts to destroy the Wall and yet it remains eternal, so too the Jewish people have outlived its enemies and remain eternal. The Wall thus became the symbol of both devastation and of hope... three thousand years ago, King David purchased Mount Moriah and made Jerusalem his capital. His son Solomon built the Holy Temple, and the entire Jewish nation gathered together three times each year on the pilgrimage festivals... Ancient maps show Jerusalem at the epicenter of Asia, Europe and Africa. Non-Jews, drawn by a magnetic spiritual power, brought offerings to the Temple. When King Solomon built the Temple, he specifically asked God to heed the prayers of non-Jews who come to the Temple (1 Kings 8:41-43). In the words of the prophet Isaiah, this was "a house of prayer for all nations." (*Rabbi Shraga Simmons*).

Let Us Enter the Throne Room of Prayer

- **Pray fervently for** the blind eyes of the United Nations General Assembly who is set to disavow Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem, completely ignoring God, and God's Words decreeing this is His Holy Site where He has chosen to place His Name forever. In New York recently (by the time this letter reaches your homes), the members will have declared that "any actions taken by Israel... to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem (and the Temple Mount) are illegal and therefore null and void and have no validity whatsoever." (*Jerusalem Post, 30/11/18*). **"At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart."** (Jeremiah 3:17, KJV) **"For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place"** (Psalm 132:13).
- **Beseech the Lord for** the Church in the nations, and the nations themselves to awaken to Zion. And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently..."** (Romans 13:11-13).
- **Thank the Lord that** at this time of Hanukkah in Israel, that some of the Jewish people are asking publically **"Jewish Light: What are we radiating out into the world?"** (*JPost, 30/11/18*). For too long Israel has wanted to be just like the nations of the world, when she carries a *higher* calling. Let us thank the Lord that He is putting in some of the hearts to search for their identity as a Jewish nation. It needs to be found and it can only be found in the Lord God.
- **Proclaim God's Word that** Israel will come into a time of *"Adon Ha Slichot"* to seek the Lord of forgiveness, the One and Only True God who can help a nation overcome her sins, the One who answers when they call in times of trouble, and to those who have sinned, that He would have mercy upon them. All of our nations need to bow before the Holy One God to ask for forgiveness for pushing God out of all of our public institutions, governments, and daily lives. He, who is the Ruler of Clouds and the Universe, the One who brings deliverance is waiting for Israel, and the nations surrounding her, and from one end of the planet to another, to come to him for *"slichot"* - forgiveness. **Proclaim Acts 3:19; Isaiah 1:18; Daniel 9:9; Psalm 103:12.**
- **Stand OnWatch for** the Lord Himself who told us to stand and watch at all times as He will come when He comes speedily, swiftly and without announcement demanding that we be ready. **Let us WATCH at all times and pray for our beloved Jerusalem, the City of The King. (Psalm 48:2).**

Until He Comes,

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