

## In Closing

Dear reader, like the city of Jerusalem you too can experience peace of mind and a prosperous soul. What's more, you don't need to wait for the coming Millennium to enter into this dynamic relationship with the Living God, and to enjoy this deep fellowship with the Loving Father. In fact this can be yours right now, if you invite the King of peace – The Lord Jesus Christ to be your own Saviour.

God invites you today to repent of your sin and receive His Son. It is as simple as **ABC**:

**A**cknowledge you sinned & broke God's commandments; (Psalm 32:5; James 2:10)

Because Adam and Eve broke God's first commandment in the Garden of Eden, and the entire human race broke His Ten Commandments given on Mount Sinai (*Compare Exodus 20:3 -17 with James 2:10*), we, the imperfect creatures and impotent sinners that we are now, all fail to measure up to God's standard and therefore fall short of His glory. Consequently there is death to face in this life and judgement to follow in the one to come

**B**elieve that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again ;( 1Thessalonians 4:14)

**C**all upon His name, right now, to save you *in time for eternity*. (Romans 10:13)

*The following suggested prayer is the most important request you'll ever ask God for in your lifetime!*

**Dear Lord God**

I am sorry that I have sinned against you & broken your commandments;

I turn away from my sins.

Please forgive me, and be merciful to me a sinner.

I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose from the dead.

I receive You, Lord Jesus, into my heart as my Saviour and Lord.

Thank you dear Lord, for saving me, and for giving a new and eternal life.

I invite you to live your life through me,

and make me the person that You want me to be.

In Jesus Name, I pray, Amen

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# The Peace & Prosperity of Jerusalem



Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. (Psalm 122:6-7)

***Peace! What Peace!  
Prosperity! Dream on!***

This may be the normal reaction of most people to the notion of peace and prosperity of Jerusalem, the "cosmopolitan city" of conflicts. And no wonder!!

Judging by the horrendous acts and the horrible atrocities, which are repeated daily on her streets and reported nightly on our TV screens, one can easily see how this cynical attitude is developed. However, the Holy Bible tells a totally different story.

Come with me as we wonder through her grand gates, walk on her stony streets, wait on her rocky roads, watch at her Wailing Wall, and wave at her people, princes and prophets that pass by.

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## I. THE CITY OF PEACE

There's never been a city like *Jerusalem*, nor ever will be!

Just as *Israel* is the only country in the world with the name of God in it, *Jerusalem* is the only city in the world that has the protection of God on it.

Founded by King David over 3000 years ago (2 Samuel 5: 6-12), she is mentioned 811 times in 764 verses. Destroyed and rebuilt 14 times, she was divinely reborn on May 14th AD 1948.

**Jerusalem** - the CITY WHICH THE LORD HAD CHOSEN OUT OF ALL THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, TO PUT HIS NAME THERE (2 Kings 12:13) is a city of RIGHTEOUSNESS (Isaiah 1:26) and TRUTH (Zechariah 8:3).

**Jerusalem** - the CITY OF THE LORD (Isaiah 60:14), is featured quite prominently in the infancy, childhood, life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, second coming and millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even at the end of the age, the city which will unite heaven and earth, and where all the redeemed will live forever with God, is called the New Jerusalem. (Revelation 21:2)

**Jerusalem** - the CITY OF THE LORD OF HOSTS (Psalm 48:8) is unlike any other city in the world. Downgraded decade after decade, and downtrodden century after century, she's learned to endure hardship and lived to embrace suffering at the hands of the Egyptians, the Philistines, the Syrians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Persians, The Greeks, the Romans, the Byzantines, the Moslems, the Turks and a section of Christendom.

**Jerusalem** - the CITY OF GOD (Psalm 48:1) is indivisible in nature and international in stature. The eyes of the world follow her every single move. Geographically - a small dot on the Middle East map, and numerically - a population of just 620,000 people, yet she plays a leading role on the world stage of passion and politics.

**Jerusalem** - the CITY OF THE GREAT KING (Matthew 5:33) will experience peace when Her king - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, who is the prince of peace, returns back to this earth in power and glory to rule over the whole world for 1000 years and to reign out of Jerusalem herself (Micah 4:1-2). Under HIS righteous rule, SALEM (Genesis 14:18) will have the privilege to light up her beautiful character and the pleasure to live up to her peaceful name. She will finally be SAFE, SOUND and SECURE (Jeremiah 33:14 -16), as she shall be:

**Protected by the king** - (Isaiah 14: 32)

**Enlarged** - (Jeremiah 31:38-40)

**Accessible to all** - (Isaiah 35:8-9)

**City of Glory** - (Isaiah 52: 1-12); *and*

**Enduring forever** - (Isaiah 9:7)

## II. THE CAPITAL OF PROSPERITY

The picture that the masterful hand of God paints for *Jerusalem* in the last days is one of uninterrupted peace and unlimited prosperity. The Bible says:

*"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..."* (Jeremiah 3:17 a)

*"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely:"* (Jeremiah 23:5 - 6a).....

"THAT TIME" (Jeremiah 3:17) refers to what the scripture calls "the Kingdom" otherwise known as "the Millennium" i.e. the golden age that links the last chapter of man's earthly history with God's eternal order.

In an acrostic nutshell here are some characteristics of the literal, earthly, actual and visible millennial reign of The King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:6):

**Messiah shall reign for 1000 years out of Jerusalem**

**Israel will be back in her land**

**Longevity of life and prosperity in work**

**Language and worship will be pure**

**Earth shall be full of the Knowledge of the Lord**

**No more wars**

**Instruction and learning will continue**

**Universal peace, righteousness and justice**

**Manifestation of the fullness of the spirit and the Holiness of God**

*(Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:7; 24:23; Revelation 20:4; Zechariah 8:7-8; Isaiah 65:20; 4:1; 35:1-2; 62:8,9; Zephaniah 3:9; Isaiah 45:13; 11:9-10; 2:2-3; 11: 3-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Isaiah 11:2-5; Zechariah 14:20-21)*

What a contrast between her *past* days and her *last* days. Conquered over and over again (38 times over her life's span), there's a glowingly bright future and a gloriously blessed finale for Jerusalem. The Bible says:

*"And it shall come to pass in the last days ... many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up .., to the house of the God of Jacob; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem..."* (Isaiah 2:1-3)

*"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 ... And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them"* (Isaiah 65:19-23)