

*“...But on Mount Zion will be those who escape
and it will be holy...” Obadiah 1:17*



Tribal Allotments, Levitical Cities and Cities of Refuge



Reuben, Gad, Half Tribe of Manasseh: *Joshua 13:13*

Simeon: *Joshua 19:9*

Ephraim: *Joshua 16:10; Judges 1:29*

Manasseh: *Joshua 17:11-13, Judges 1:28,37*

Isachar: *Joshua 17:11,12*

Judah: *Judges 1:19*

Benjamin: *Same as Judah*

Zebulun: *Judges 1:30*

Asher: *Judges 1:31,32*

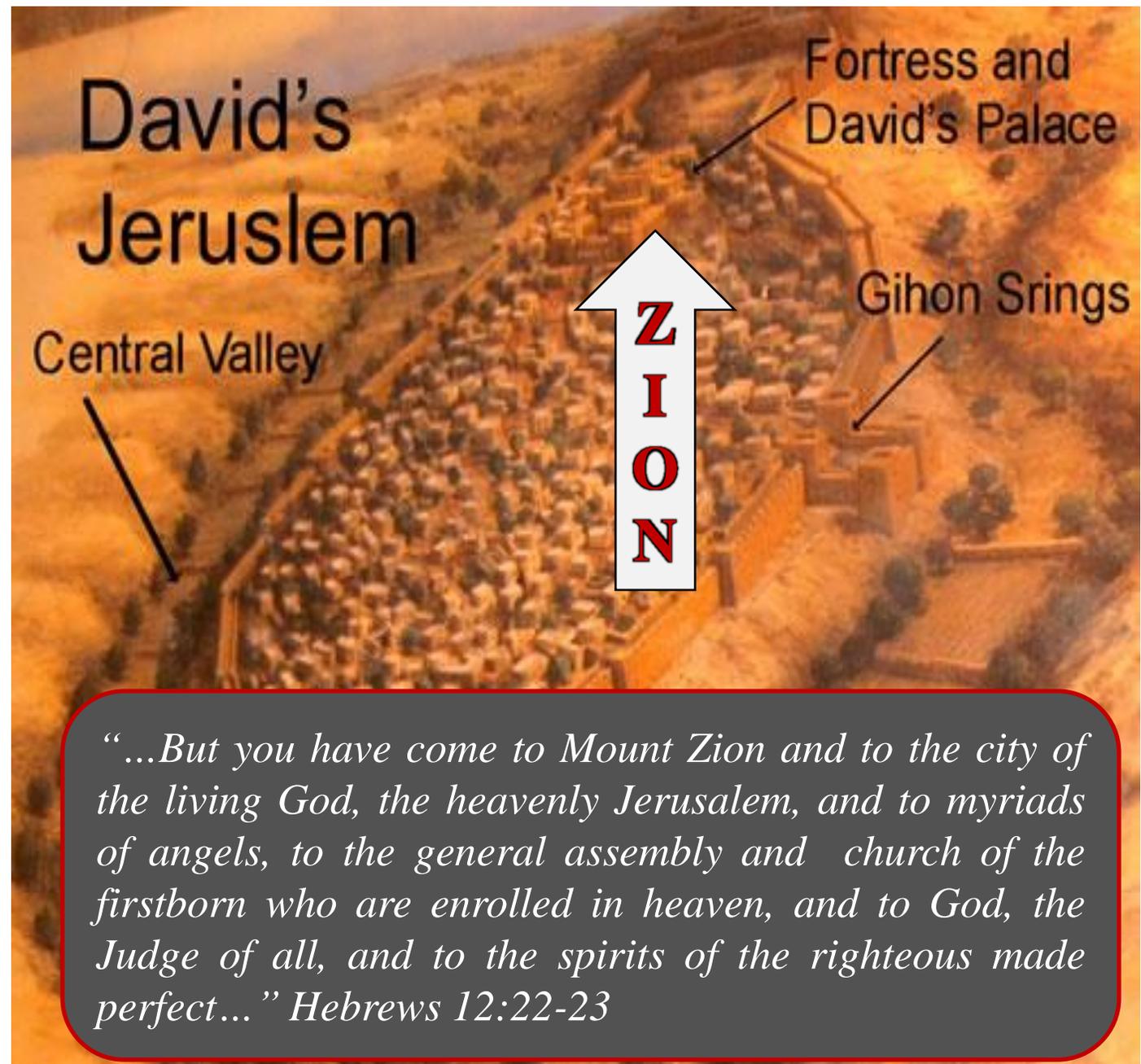
Naphtali: *Judges 1:33*

Dan: *Judges 1:33*

“...The sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites...”
Judges 3:5

Zion

- Forty-five references to Zion in the Psalms. Fifteen references to Zion occur in Book V, with ten of these being included in the Songs of Ascent (*Psalms 120-134*).
- The first use of the word “Zion” is found in *2 Samuel 5:7*. David would march into and take possession of Jerusalem, and a hill in the city known as Zion.
- As time passed, Jerusalem, Zion and The City of David would be used interchangeably.
- Zion would be recognized as the home of their king, it would represent victory over their enemies, and most importantly, the dwelling place of God. (*1 Kings 8:27-30; Daniel 6:10; Psalm 9:11; 48:1-ff; 76:1-ff; 132:13; Joel 3:21*)
- *Psalms 137*
- *Isaiah 62:12*



“...But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect...” *Hebrews 12:22-23*

Psalm 120

“...and if He rescued Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds)...” 2 Peter 2:7-8

- Does the wickedness of this world “torment” me inwardly?
- Do I long to be delivered from the evil of this world?

Psalm 121

- I must maintain a proper perspective as it relates to the promises of God.

Psalm 122

- What is my attitude toward the people of God?
- Do I long to be with God’s people?
- Am I thankful for God’s people?
- What is my attitude toward the judgments of God?
- Do I embrace His judgments?
- Do I promote peace among His people?

Psalm 123

“...Listen to the word of the Lord, O sons of Israel, for the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness, or kindness or knowledge of God in the land...”. Hosea 4:1

“...My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” Hosea 4:6

“...But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does...” James 1:25

“...And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect...”. Romans 12:2

- How well do I “YADA” my master?
- Am I able to discern between what is good and is best?

Psalm 125

- Apostacy, falling away from God is an ever present danger.
- Would my trust in God be considered steadfast, immovable, unshakable, enduring?

Psalm 126

- What emotions does my deliverance from captivity to sin elicit?
- Does my salvation impact the way I look at and interact with my fellowman?
- Does appreciation for my deliverance move me to act?

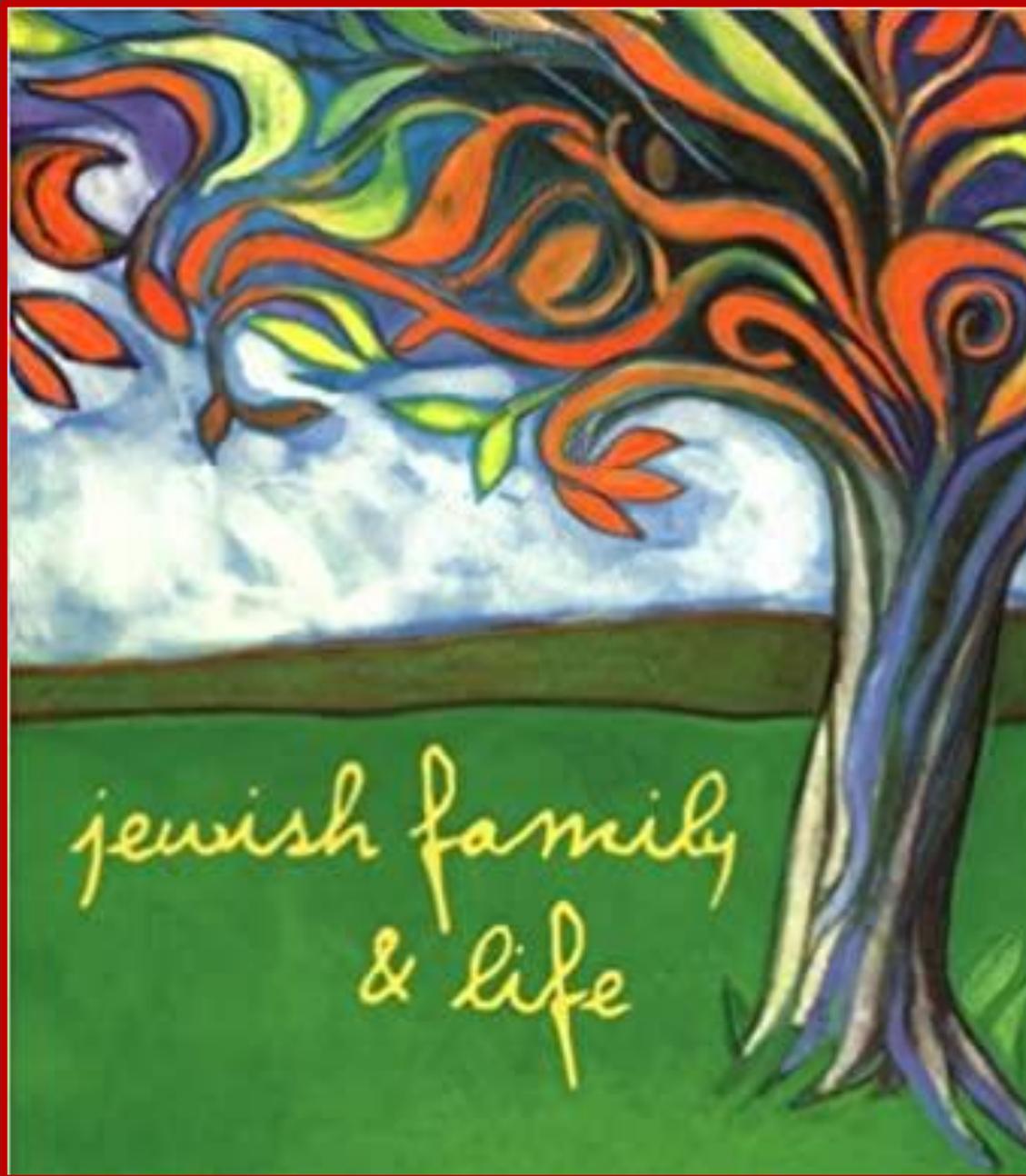
“...therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh...”. 2 Corinthians 5:16

Psalm 127



NISI DOMINUS FRUSTA:

“...Without the Lord, Frustration...”



IDENTITY

INHERITANCE

AFFILIATION

RESPONSIBILITY



CHILDREN ARE A
HERITAGE
FROM THE LORD,
OFFSPRING A REWARD
FROM HIM.
LIKE ARROWS IN THE HANDS
OF A WARRIOR ARE CHILDREN
BORN IN ONE'S YOUTH.
BLESSED
IS THE MAN WHOSE
QUIVER IS FULL OF THEM.
PSALM 127:3-5

- Care and attention to detail is required to shape an effective arrow.
- The proper flight of an arrow requires skill and strength.
- It must be aimed. An arrow is unable to direct itself. It must be pointed in a specific direction.
- In many cases, it is only launched once.
- An arrow is an extension of the warrior's strength, skill, and accomplishment.
- Can be used for good and/or evil.

Psalm 130

“I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits, and
in His word I hope.”

Psalm 130:5

- What does your soul long for?
- What do I “groan” for inwardly?

“...For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it...” Romans 8:18-25

Psalm 133

*Desirable, beneficial,
honorable*

Delightful, gratifying

“...Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

It is like precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard, coming down upon the edges of his robes.

*“...Now may God give you **the dew of heaven** and of the fatness of the earth...”
Genesis 27:28*

*The king’s wrath is like the roaring of a lion, but his favor is like **the dew of the grass...**” Proverbs 19:12*

*“...I will heal their apostasy, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them. I will be like **the dew to Israel...**” Hosea 14:4-5*

Unity and The Anointing Oil

THERE IS A RECIPE...

1. *Proper Attitude (Eph. 4:1-3)*
2. *Proper Doctrine/Teaching (Eph. 4:4-6)*
3. *Proper Leadership (Eph. 4:11-15)*
4. *Continued Growth (Eph. 4:11-15)*

THERE IS A PURPOSE...

1. *It is the will of God (John 17:20-21)*
2. *Christ died to procure unity (Ephesians 2:11-21)*
3. *For the sake of the lost/evangelism (Matthew 12:25; John 17:20-21; Acts 6: 1-7; 15)*

THERE IS A WARNING...

1. *Disruption of unity is an abomination (Proverbs 6:16-19)*
2. *Such an individual is perverted, sinning and self-condemned (Titus 3:9-11)*
3. *For the sake of my soul (Galatians 5:20-21)*

THOUGHTS.....

- *How do I view the world?*
- *Do I have a proper perspective toward the promises of God?*
- *How do I view the house/family of God?*
- *How intently do I study my Master?*
- *How would my trust in God be defined?*
- *Does my deliverance prompt me to reach out to others in need of salvation?*
- *Are my pursuits focused, seeking the blessing of God, or reliant on self?*
- *When was the last time I wept over my sin?*
- *Am I a source of peace or contention among God's people?*