

Mysteries of Zion — Teaching Notes

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Part 1—Zion, His Dwelling Place

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- ✠ Psa 76:2 (NKJV) In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion.
- ✠ Psa 87:2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- ✠ Psa 87:3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah.
- ✠ Psa 87:5 And of Zion it will be said, This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her.
- ✠ Isa 66:8 For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.
- ✠ Psa 132:13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:
- ✠ Psa 132:14 This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
 - Zion is the place of God's dwelling. It is His spiritual realm.
 - Mount Zion which is located in Jerusalem (Salem), is where His heavenly kingdom will be established in this earthly realm.
 - As adopted sons and daughters, we are born and established by the Lord in Zion.
 - So the church is to become Zion; one with God. We are His tabernacle and the place of His dwelling. That is the promise.

A City Whose Builder is God

- ✠ Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- ✠ Heb 11:9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;
- ✠ Heb 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

- Isa 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.
- Isa 60:14 And they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Labor Pangs of Zion

- ⌘ Mic 4:9 For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor.
- ⌘ Mic 4:10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth pangs.

Delivered into His Kingdom

- ⌘ Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Sons of the Resurrection

- ⌘ Luk 20:35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;
- ⌘ Luk 20:36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Like Angels of God

- ⌘ Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.
- 1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Children of God

- ⌘ Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

α Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

For Signs and Wonders

⚡ Isa 8:18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

A Dwelling Place for God

- α Eph 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- α Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,
- α Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
- α Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
- 1Ti 3:15 But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
 - Psa 102:16 For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

Friends of The Bridegroom

- α Joh 3:29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- α Joh 15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- α Joh 15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- Mat 9:15 And Jesus said to them, Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

The Bride of Christ

- ✠ ^{2Co 11:2} For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.
- ^{Rev 21:2} Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

One Flock

- ✠ ^{Joh 10:16} And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Shepherds after His Own Heart

- ✠ ^{Jer 3:14} Return, O faithless sons, declares the LORD; For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.
- ✠ ^{Jer 3:15} Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding.
- ^{Zep 3:12} I will leave in your midst A meek and humble people, And they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

Kings and Priests

- ✠ ^{1Pe 2:9} But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light
- ✠ ^{1Pe 2:10} who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.
- ^{Rev 5:9} And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
- ^{Rev 5:10} And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.

Seated in Heavenly Places

- Α ^{Eph 2:4} But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- Α ^{Eph 2:5} even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- Α ^{Eph 2:6} and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- ^{Phi 3:20} For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ
 - ^{Phi 3:21} who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Reigning with Christ

- Α ^{Rev 3:21} To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
- ^{Dan 7:18} The saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.
 - ^{Rev 20:6} Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Instruments of His Judgment

- Α ^{1Co 6:2} Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
- Α ^{1Co 6:3} Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?
- ^{Mat 19:28} So Jesus said to them, Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
 - ^{Mic 4:13} Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will make your horn iron, And I will make your hooves bronze; You shall beat in pieces many peoples.
 - ^{Psa 122:5} For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.
 - ^{Isa 13:3} I have commanded My consecrated ones, I have even called My mighty warriors, My proudly exulting ones, To execute My anger.

- Isa 13:4 A sound of tumult on the mountains, Like that of many people! A sound of the uproar of kingdoms, Of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.
- Isa 13:5 They are coming from a far country, From the farthest horizons, The LORD and His instruments of indignation, To destroy the whole land.
- Isa 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

One Body

- Α 1Co 12:12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.
- Α 1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
- Α 1Co 12:14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

One Voice

- Σ 2Ch 5:12 And the Levites who were the singers, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—
- Σ 2Ch 5:13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: For He is good, For His mercy endures forever, that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud.

One New Man

- Α Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
- Α Eph 2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.

The Commanded Blessing

- ℟̕ Psa 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!
- ℟̕ Psa 133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.
- ℟̕ Psa 133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing — Life forevermore.

Part 2—The Restoration of Israel

Israel, God's Inheritance

- ℟̕ Isa 19:24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria—a blessing in the midst of the land,
- ℟̕ Isa 19:25 whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.

A Remnant of Israel

- ℟̕ Isa 10:22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
- ℟̕ Zec 13:8 And it shall come to pass in all the land, Says the LORD, That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:
- ℟̕ Zec 13:9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, This is My people; And each one will say, The LORD is my God.

Promises of Restoration

- ℟̕ Jer 46:28 O Jacob My servant, do not fear, declares the LORD, For I am with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations Where I have driven you, Yet I will not make a full end of you; But I will correct you properly And by no means leave you unpunished.
- ℟̕ Isa 11:11 Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain.
- ℟̕ Isa 11:12 And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

- ⌘ Amos 9:14 I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.
- ⌘ Amos 9:15 I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them, Says the LORD your God.
- ⌘ Isaiah 14:1 When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

Blow the Trumpet in Zion

- ⌘ Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;
- ⌘ Joel 2:16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.

Zion Cries out For Israel

- ⌘ Joel 2:17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?
 - Psalm 79:10 Why should the nations say, Where is their God? Let there be known among the nations in our sight The avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

The Lord Answers

- ⌘ Joel 2:18 Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.
- ⌘ Joel 2:19 The LORD will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

Rejoice You Children of Zion

- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:23} Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.
- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:27} Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

All Israel Will be Saved

- ⌘ ^{Rom 11:26} And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
- ⌘ ^{Rom 11:27} For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.
- ^{Psa 14:7} Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.
 - ^{Isa 46:13} I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off; And My salvation will not delay. And I will grant salvation in Zion, And My glory for Israel.

The End Times Harvest

- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:28} And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.
- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:29} And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:30} And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:31} The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.
- ⌘ ^{Joe 2:32} And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

The Nations Will Restore Israel

- ℵ ^{Isa 49:22} Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, And set up My standard for the peoples; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.
- ℵ ^{Isa 49:23} Kings shall be your foster fathers, And their queens your nursing mothers.
- ℵ ^{Isa 60:10} The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.
- ℵ ^{Isa 60:11} Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession.

Part 3—Pictures of Restoration

A Picture of Restoration

- ℵ ^{Isa 44:28} Who says of Cyrus, He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built, And to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.
- The name Cyrus is derived from either the Persian word "kurush," which may relate to the sun, or "kuru," which relates to throne.
 - He was King of Persia and conqueror of Babylon.
 - Cyrus became actual king over Israel, which had become a part of his Babylonian empire.
 - Cyrus was to Jews as a shepherd.
 - He issued the decree of liberation to the Jews, who then took with them sacred vessels of the Temple when they returned to Israel.
 - And he restored the daily services in the temple.
- ℵ ^{Isa 45:1} Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held – To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:
- ℵ ^{Isa 45:2} I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.
- ℵ ^{Isa 45:3} I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.
- ℵ ^{Isa 45:4} For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.
- ℵ ^{Isa 45:11} Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.

- ✠ Isa 45:12 I have made the earth, And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded.
- ✠ Isa 45:13 I have raised him up in righteousness, And I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city And let My exiles go free, Not for price nor reward, Says the LORD of hosts.
- ✠ Isa 45:17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced Forever and ever.
- ✠ Isa 45:22 Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.
- ✠ Isa 45:23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.
- ✠ Isa 45:24 He shall say, Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him.
- ✠ Isa 45:25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.

Seventy Palm Trees

- ✠ Exo 15:27 Then they (Israel) came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.
- Gen 46:27 And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.
 - Num 11:16 So the LORD said to Moses: Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.
 - Luk 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

Promises Restored to Israel

- ✠ Jer 30:18 Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.
- ✠ Jer 30:19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

- ⌘ Isa 49:19 For your waste and desolate places, And the land of your destruction, Will even now be too small for the inhabitants.
- ⌘ Isa 49:20 The children you will have, After you have lost the others, Will say again in your ears, The place is too small for me; Give me a place where I may dwell.
- ⌘ Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.
- ⌘ Isa 66:19 I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations.
- ⌘ Isa 27:6 In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, And they will fill the whole world with fruit.
- ⌘ Isa 41:14 Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you, declares the LORD, and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- ⌘ Isa 41:15 Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, And will make the hills like chaff.
- ⌘ Isa 60:12 For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined.

The Marriage with Israel

- ⌘ Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.
 - Isa 50:1 Thus says the LORD: Where is the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away?
 - Jer 3:14 Return, O backsliding children, says the LORD; for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
 - The Marriage with Israel – Continued
 - Hos 2:14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort to her.
 - Hos 2:15 I will give her her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.
 - Hos 2:16 And it shall be, in that day, Says the LORD, That you will call Me My Husband, And no longer call Me My Master,

- Hos 2:17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, And they shall be remembered by their name no more.
- Hos 2:19 I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;
- Hos 2:20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the LORD.

The Church Joined to Israel

✠ Mic 5:3 Therefore He shall give them (natural Israel) up, Until the time that she (the Church) who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren (natural Israel) Shall return to the children of Israel (true Israel which is called the Church).

- Hos 1:9 Then God said: Call his name Lo-Ammi, For you are not My people, And I will not be your God.
- Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, You are not My people, There it shall be said to them, You are sons of the living God.
- Hos 1:11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together.

Halleluiah! Praise the Lord!

✠ Zep 3:14 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

- Zep 3:15 The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more.
- Psa 149:1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.
- Psa 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.