

WHY JERUSALEM?

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INTRO:

The importance of Jerusalem is rooted in its biblical significance. It's mentioned over 600 times in the Hebrew scriptures and if you add Zion and the New Testament, Jerusalem is mentioned almost 1,000 times. It's the only city declared holy in the Bible.

Why Jerusalem?

- **EZ. 5:5 NIV** – God set Jerusalem in the midst of the nations.
- **ZECH. 3:2 NIV** - He has chosen Jerusalem and is jealous over it (**ZECH 1:14 NIV**).
- **PS. 132:13-18 NLT** - It's God's home on Earth and where He chose to place His Name (**2 CHRON. 6:6 NLT, 33:7 NLT**). Being omnipresent, He chose Jerusalem to be a dwelling place for His presence.
- **EX. 19:5-6 NIV** - Jerusalem is His treasured possession. God made a covenant with the Jewish people and set them apart for His redemptive plan to bring blessing to all mankind.
- **GEN. 12:3 NIV** – Who wants an enemy in Heaven? Who wants to be under God's curse?
- **PS. 122:6-9 NLT** – Those who love Jerusalem enough to pray for her peace will prosper, **IS. 62:1 NLT**.
- **ROM. 3:1-2 NLT** – All the world owes a debt of gratitude to the Jewish people, because they brought us God's Word and the Messiah – Jesus
- **JOHN 4:22 NLT** – Salvation comes through the Jews. Everything we cherish as Christians came through the Jewish people.

CONCLUSION: Jerusalem is close to God's heart, and it's the future throne of God where He will rule over all nations. It's the measuring stick by which He will judge all nations. May it never lose its spiritual significance to us. **LUKE 19:41-44 NLT**.