

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 48
A Psalm to Celebrate God's Deliverance

Psalm 46, 47, 48 rejoicing over God's deliverance from Sennacherib

Psalm 46 - a Prayer

Psalm 47 - a Praise

Psalm 48 - a Proclamation

Four Characteristics of God's Deliverance

The focus is JERUSALEM

God will protect His chosen ones

There is a future for Israel

God will protect us, whom He has chosen

I. God Provides for His People. 48:1-3

- A. **Beauty** of Jerusalem
- B. **Power** - "utmost heights of Zaphon" -a sacred mountain north of Jerusalem (BKC)
- C. God's **presence**

II. God Protects His People. 48:4-8

- A. Jerusalem stood strong
- B. The odds were against her
- C. Those against her were stronger
- D. *"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." (Psalm 34:7, NIV)*
- E. *"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." (Psalm 91:4, NIV)*
- F. *"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore." (Psalm 125:2, NIV)*
- G. Zech 2:1-5 - blessings of Millennial Jerusalem

III. God Receives Praise from His People. 48:9-11

- A. God's presence prompts us to PRAISE HIM
- B. The PRESENCE of JESUS should prompt us to worship Him. *"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." (John 12:26, NIV)*

IV. God's Greatness is Proclaimed by His People. 48:12-14

- A. Look at Jerusalem
- B. See her beauty
- C. Look at the CHURCH.

Hebrews 12:22-24 God has given us:

1. A CITY we will live in the New Jerusalem
2. Angels
3. The Church of the firstborn
4. To God
5. To Jesus

V. Application

- A. The reality of JERUSALEM reminds us that God has also chosen US to inherit a blessing