



## The Book of Psalms

### Jerusalem: The Joy of the Whole Earth

#### Psalm 48

#### Reading: Psalm 48:1-14

What makes Jerusalem so special in the story of God? What groups of people are there?

What has God always intended for his people to be?

Why couldn't the foes of ancient Israel accomplish the conquering of Jerusalem?

The ancient warfare over Jerusalem has not stopped, only morphed into a global movement of anti-Semitism. What does Psalm 48 say He will do with this city?

**Ephesians 2:14-16** - *"For He Himself (Jesus) is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 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, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity."*

Jerusalem is the place where God's glory will be seen in the coming days. How has God reconciled Jew and Gentile to dwell together in this city? How have they become "One New Man"?

**Promise to cling to this week:** *"We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple. According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness." (verse 9-10)*