



“YOU WILL ARISE AND HAVE COMPASSION ON ZION, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come. For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity. The nations will fear the name of the LORD, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory. He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea” (Psalm 102:13–17).¹

Presentation Letter

CRY FOR ZION IS A MOVEMENT among the nations to voice the Jewish people’s right to pray on Mount Zion and to encourage Israel to assert that right. We ask everyone to **sign a Petition** that will be presented to the Government of Israel and the Supreme Court of Israel with, God-willing, millions of signatures reflecting the great support among the nations for Jewish sovereignty on Mount Zion.

Secondly, *Cry for Zion* is a **movement of Prayer**. We encourage everyone to pray daily for the restoration of Zion and the final redemption.

Thirdly, we encourage all who fear the God of Israel and long for the Messiah, to come to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2015, and participate in a special ***Cry for Zion proclamation Event***. At this special Event, we will hand over the signed petition to the ruling bodies of Israel.

Background

Four thousand years ago, God called Abraham, the Father of the Jewish people.

“Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Genesis 12:1–3).

God promised to give Abraham and his descendants the land of Canaan as an everlasting possession (Genesis 13:14-15; 17:7-8; Psalm 105:7–11).

Almost 3500 years ago, Joshua led the people of Israel to conquer the Promised Land. Four hundred years later King David made Jerusalem the capitol of Israel. His son Solomon built the first Temple there. This Holy Temple, where God’s presence dwelt, was destroyed by the Babylonians. A second Temple was destroyed by the Romans 2000 years ago.

The Jewish people have a biblical, religious, historic, and legal right to this area. In the New Testament, Jesus of Nazareth specifically confirms the Jewish people's right to all of ancient (i.e. East) Jerusalem, declaring that it is an occupied city when ruled by non-Jews. "Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

Psalm 118, which the rabbis say is for welcoming King Messiah to Jerusalem, reads: *Hoshiana!* "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. **We bless you from the house of the LORD**" (Psalm 118:25-26). We see here that it is specifically from the Temple Mount that the Jewish people will welcome the Messiah.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunited again under Jewish rule for the first time in two thousand years, except for the most important part of Jerusalem: the Temple Mount, which Israel relinquished to the Jordanian Muslim Waqf.

Today

Today, the Temple Mount is the only place in Jerusalem where Jews cannot pray. Even their access to the Temple Mount is severely restricted, and on the occasions when they do enter, they are not allowed to bring a Bible, prayer book, or even to move their lips in silent prayer. They are constantly harassed and forced to leave the Temple Mount.

"This issue has nothing to do with extremism and everything to do with basic questions of liberty and freedom. The fact of the matter is that Jews and Muslims both pray at the Tomb of Samuel the Prophet outside Jerusalem, and at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. There is no reason why they cannot do so at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem too."²

We believe that Israeli sovereignty over these areas is in the best interest of the human, civil and religious rights of all people groups in these areas, including the Arab population.

The Temple Mount and the City of David are the real, biblical Mount Zion—the city of the great King. **What is Zionism without Mount Zion?** This is the holiest place on earth for the Jewish people and all of Judeo-Christian civilization. **The time has come** for Jews to have free access and the right to pray there. It is this very place that is to be a house of prayer for all nations and which holds the key to the final redemption.

We invite you to join the *Cry for Zion* movement, and participate in the Jerusalem 2015 Event to make history in God's own Land!

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