



"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM"

*"Pray **FOR** the peace of Jerusalem ..." ([Psalm 122:6](#))*

And so ... well-meaning Christian groups all around the world are fasting and beating their breasts ... praying, begging and imploring God ... with the utmost earnestness ... to bring immediate peace '**FOR**' Jerusalem ... something they hope will happen in the near future ... particularly with the present mid-East turmoil.

But is this what is meant by the verse?

In Webster's 1828 English Dictionary there are **over two dozen entries** on the meanings and contexts of the word "**FOR**" ... some concerning **the future** and some about **the past**.

To help direct our minds in this matter, we refer to the following verse, which many misinterpret thinking that our justification depends on Christ's resurrection as the necessary second addition to his justifying blood ... but this is **not** correct.

*"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again **FOR** our justification." ([Romans 4:25](#)).*

The correct meaning is that **on account of** our **already** being justified (**past tense**) ... that is ... **by reason of** ... something that **had already happened** ... Christ was raised.

Putting it another way, the boy was fined **FOR** breaking the window (**past tense**) not for something that he would do in the future.

So the context of "**FOR**" ([Psalm 122:6](#)) is **not** only about praying for future peace, but as a result of peace that God **has already brought** to Jerusalem **in the past** ... with the reasons being as follows ...

1. David's Psalms 120-122 are what are called songs of degrees ... are songs of ascents ... songs about the **ascending** moods, thoughts and the **physical ascension** of Israel from Babylonian captivity in returning **up** to their homeland ([Ezra 7:9](#)) ... these being the hills from which cometh their help ([Psalm 121:1-2](#)) ... the mountains of Israel ... the West Bank.

2. These Psalms refer to the **three** annual trips made for the great feasts of **Passover**, **Pentecost** and **Tabernacles** ([Deuteronomy 16:16](#); [Psalm 122:4](#))

3. Psalm 122 contains the recollection of the end of this pilgrimage ([Psalm 122:1-2](#)), praise for Jerusalem ([Psalm 122:3-5](#)) and the prayer to God **FOR THE PEACE HE HAS ALREADY BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM** (past tense).

4. At the time of their writing, David is extolling the virtues of Jerusalem as a city that is **already compact** together ([Psalm 122:3](#)) ... that is **well rebuilt**, with every part contributing to the strength of the whole.

5. The **t(T)estimony** of Israel (**the ark** [Exodus 16:34](#); [Hebrews 9:4](#)) was already there in Jerusalem ([Psalm 122:4](#)) ... where the presence of God was present with the holy of holies ... called the **Holiest** ([Hebrews 9:3](#)) ... with Jerusalem being the place of great political and spiritual union, where all the tribes could assemble and worship God JEHOVAH ([Psalm 83:18](#)).

6. Jerusalem had the **thrones of judgment** ([Psalm 122:5](#)) with the public courts of justice, where order and peace reigned.

7. David had every reason to pray **FOR** Jerusalem's **received peace** and prosperity ... **ON ACCOUNT OF/BY REASON OF** the **PAST PEACE** that had been already delivered by God ... and of course ... that this should never be disturbed ... and be ever on the increase ... that peace should be forever in Jerusalem's walls ([Psalm 122:6-7](#))

8. Lastly, David concludes, that as a result of God's blessings, David would seek **the good of Jerusalem** because of the house of the LORD ([Psalm 122:9](#)).

9. And doesn't this sound like a contradiction Dear Reader ... until the Prince of Peace returns ([Isaiah 9:6](#)) as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS with sharp sword to smite the nations ([Revelation 19:15-16](#)), there will never be peace for Jerusalem ... indeed the world.

In conclusion Dear Reader, today's earnest (misguided?) prayer warriors may be accused of having a **DOUBLE BLIND SPOT**.

Firstly, in not seeing that David in Psalm 122, was thanking and praising God **FOR** Jerusalem's **PAST** peace

and

secondly praying for an **immediate** peace of their **own designs** for Jerusalem (eg a 2nd State solution) ... being **ignorant** of the prophecy of the soon upcoming seven years of tribulation outlined for Jerusalem ... Daniel's 70th week.

"Dear God, we know that peace will come to Jerusalem in your way, your time and according to your will.

We know that because Esau gave up his birthright there has been a **perpetual hatred** of his descendants toward those of Jacob's.

We know that as Jacob was a deceiver, and he will be deceived as well ... and only can be miraculously rescued by you Lord as outlined in your word.

Please help us to see this and not pray prayers of unbelief and presumption about the future peace of Jerusalem ... it will come ... your word says it.

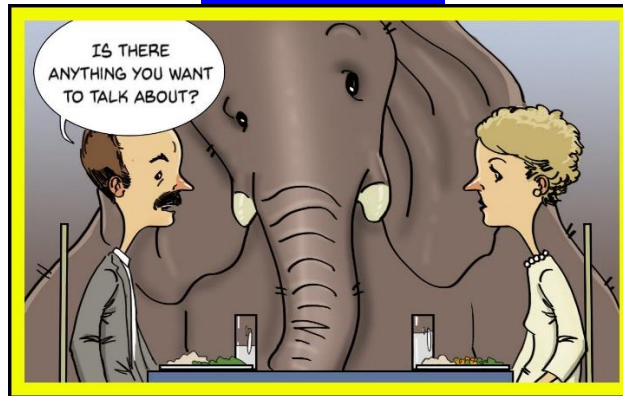
But it's all been laid out and there is nothing we can do about it ... except be assured, that the Lord's will, will be done and of course ... pray for salvations.

Amen"

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