

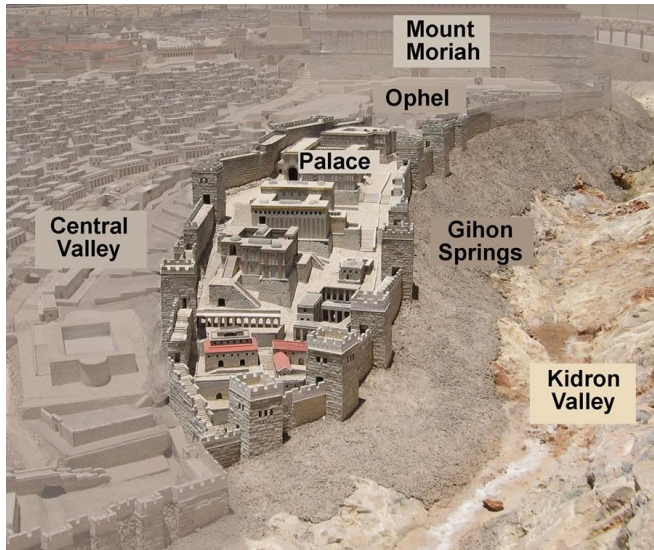


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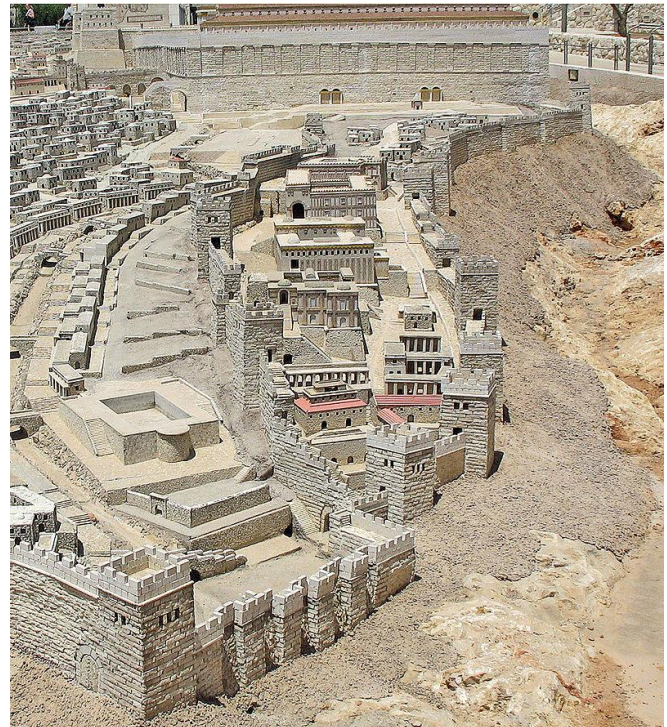
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Jerusalem/City of David with added place names.¹



The Biblical City of David in the period of [Herod's Temple](#), from the [Holyland Model of Jerusalem](#). The southern wall of the [Temple Mount](#) appears at top.²

27 March 2018

Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

JERUSALEM

Leon and I have discussed Jerusalem since his hospitalization. It was very much on his mind after coming out of ICU, and it has become a major topic of our conversations together ever since. Now, the United States, amidst much controversy, is to move its embassy to this historically significant city. Our in-depth Bible studies have shown us Jerusalem throughout its past, present, and future. Let's look at this great city that three of the world's major religions claim as their own.

Jerusalem! Where do we begin with this "city of God"? Where does it, or when did it, all begin?

Psalms 46:4 *There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*

¹ https://www.google.co.th/search?q=city+of+david+map&client=firefox-b&dcr=0&tbn=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=jQlODHgUpPwe7M%253A%252C3xzw4ix3-Z5gM%252C_&usg=__mglpzJQxG8bHClZUDvfbY91j_3c%3D&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiepL7wjf3ZAhWJLY8KHWQCArQQ9QEIOjAB#imgsrc=jQlODHgUpPwe7M:

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City_of_David#/media/File:City_of_David.jpg

Psalms 87:3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

In a few short chapters, between Genesis 1 and Genesis 11:30, we read of God's creation: of Adam and Eve choosing to take of the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil due to the subtle temptation of the serpent; of Cain and Able; Noah and the flood (in which mankind's—our—history started all over again); of the curse given to "Canaan" (son of Ham) due to his sexual abuse of Noah; and of Nimrod (grandson of Ham) and the tower of Babel, where God confused mankind's language into many so the races would spread over all the earth as God instructed mankind to do in the first place.

Twelve chapters tells the beginning! Twelve is the number of beginnings!

Then Abram's father (Terah) moved his family from Ur of the Chaldees to Haran. Terah died there at the age of 205 (Genesis 11:31-32). That's when God spoke to Abram and told him to get out of his country, kindred, and father's house to a land that God was going to show him. God said he would make Abram a great nation, a great name, and that he would be a blessing to those who blessed him and a curse to those that would curse him. Abram was 75 years old when he took his wife Sarai, Lot (Haran's son), all the souls they had gotten in Haran, together with all the substance they had acquired, and went into the land of Canaan, where the Canaanites were living (Genesis 12:1-6).

God again promised to give "this land" to all of Abram's descendants. So, after God appeared to him, he made an altar to God between Bethel (house of God) and Hai (Ai) and called on the name of the Lord. In the meantime, due to a famine, they had to go to Egypt for a time—but later came back to the same area between Bethel and Hai to call on the name of the Lord again (Genesis 13:4). Later, Joshua would return here with all Israel.

God made a more detailed promise: as far as Abram could see (north, south, east, and west) would be given to his seed forever. Then Abram moved to Hebron and built another altar to God.

A rebellion broke out in the valley of Siddim (which is the salt sea). In the ensuing war, Lot (who had earlier chosen to live in Sodom and Gomorrah) was taken captive. An escapee told "Abram the Hebrew", who then took 318 of his armed and trained servants, who fought and brought back Lot, his goods, the women, and people (Genesis 14:12-16).

This is a very quick summary before Melchizedek—the priest of the most high God and king of SALEM—brought bread and wine, and blessed both Abram and the most high God (possessor of heaven and earth) who had delivered Abram's enemies. And Abram gave tithes of all (Gen. 14:18-20).

SALEM is Jerusalem. Psalms 76:2 says: "In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion". And Hebrews 7:2 says: "To whom Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace."

God confirmed his promises to Abram one more time by an incredible vision. At this time, Abram still had no heirs—no children. But God promised him that his **seed** (out of his own bowels) would be as the stars, if they could be numbered. And Abram BELIEVED and it was counted as righteousness, and

God gave him that “land to inherit.” Next, a sure prophecy was given about his seed being strangers and slaves in Egypt for four hundred years³—but that they would come out of there with great substance (Gen. 15:6-7, 13).

That is what God’s people are observing, and rehearsing right now—the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread (picturing Israel coming out of Egypt) and the Old Testament Lamb (symbolizing the New Testament Lamb of God—Jesus the Christ—King of Salem. He will come back to Jerusalem and be our King of Peace in his Father’s Kingdom. He will take the bread and wine with us (Matthew 26:29).

Abram was to take specific animals and divide all but the birds. At sundown a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp passed between those pieces. That’s when God made the covenant with Abram that said: “Unto your seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt (Nile) unto the great river Euphrates—and all the nations that went along with that land (Genesis 15:18).

This practice of animals being divided was a normal custom in those days, **except** that this time God walked alone through the divided animals. Abraham was in a deep sleep. Normally both parties of the covenant would pass through. The “I Am” (Genesis 15:1; John 8:56, 58)—and the Lord God (Adonai Jehovah) HIMSELF—passed through the divided animals, suggesting that God would lose His own life if He did keep His promise to Abram. This was a unilateral, one-sided promise with NO conditions made to Abraham; this was God passing through the middle alone.

The “seed” was all of Abraham’s descendants, including Jesus Christ, King of Jerusalem from the line of Judah—WHO DID DIE for ALL MANKIND. We read in Galatians 3:16-18: “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He said not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to your seed, which is Christ . . . but God gave it to Abraham by promise.” The covenant was sealed by God alone. God was the only contracting party while Abraham slept—so nothing depended on Abraham. Everything depended on God, who promised to be faithful to His covenant.

From Genesis to Revelation, Jerusalem and its equivalent names I chose (below) are mentioned 1,023 times. I have not included the other possibilities. From the beginning, this chosen place was important to God our Father and His son, the King of Jerusalem—who will come again and bring the real peace His saints await. It is what the world has been looking for, but cannot attain on its own. The whole creation is groaning for that moment and beyond to the New Jerusalem!

God’s Chosen Place	No. of Times	God’s Chosen Place	No. of Times
City of David	46	Holy place	60
City of God	2	Jerusalem	814
Holy city	10	Mount of Olives	13
Holy hill	5	Salem	4
Holy mountain	16	Zion	153
TOTAL		1,023	

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know you therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen (nations) through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In you shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.... And if you be Christ’s, then are you Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:6-9, 29)

³ Four hundred years from Isaac’s birth (Gen. 21:12; Acts 7:6); Four hundred thirty years from God’s promise to Abraham (Ex. 12:40; Galatians 3:14-18).

TEN-DAY LEGACY YOUTH PROGRAM IN JAWKTAING, MYANMAR

This year God has blessed the Youth Program with a special guest teacher from the United States—Josh Raudenbush. Josh arrived in Yangon on the 14th of this month. After a ten-hour delay in Chicago and a night in Yangon, SengAung and Josh traveled by bus to Taungoo.

As I mentioned in our last letter, Seng Aung (our pastor in Jawk Tiang), and his wife, Seng Pan, have a special yearly ten-day Legacy Youth Program during the time the children and young teens are out of school for the summer. This year it was postponed so as to be near the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Josh will fly home two days after the first holy day. This is the first time a volunteer has come to help teach in Myanmar, and we hope that more will follow in his footsteps.

Everyone seems to be on a high and excited about Josh's arrival. When I spoke to SengAung on the phone, he said that Josh speaks slowly, clearly, and politely—and therefore needs no translator for the older Youth Class. That was really good to hear and a special blessing for all of them!

Here is what SengPan writes: "Hello Aj Gloria, Today (18th March) we start teaching. Everyone happy. This year is not a lot people, because Sunday church also have youth program, and some are go to work in summer time . . . Our teaching schedule is:

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	MoePalel teaches Bible and Leadership
11:00 – noon	Josh teaches Bible <i>about</i> Daniel
Noon - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	SengPan teach English (but I explain in Burmese language)
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Josh teaches English and Speaking.

"The above is Youth Class (*older kids*).



Josh, not a day in Myanmar and already speaking on Sabbath with AhJar translating.



Josh teaching Bible on the subject of Daniel.



The rest of the Youth Class (the older students).

“Children’s Class is *taught by* AhJar. She teaches all day with different legacy graduated helpers. Pan Aung also help in drawing and painting at Children Class.

“More new students at youth class. (*Sunday church program is over.*) Today afternoon we change place to church *building*, because of heat. Good night. Much love—Jum (SengPan)”

AhJar, a Legacy graduate herself, also wrote me on Viber as follows: “. . . Josh speaks very clear and is easy to understand too.”



AhJar teaching with Legacy graduate HserNaySay helping.



L.to R. HtooSeng, HserNayPaw, DoiBu, and KhawnYe.



AhJar (L.) teaching with Legacy grad NayBluHtoo helping.



Some of the little children eating lunch.



SengPan with PanAung, her brother, helping out.



Sport Class is all students together with Achaan MoPalel.

Earl Roemer and David Bensinger Visit Us in Chiang Mai, Thailand



L. to R.: Leon Sexton, David Bensinger, and Earl Roemer in discussions prior to visiting Myanmar.



Arriving Chiang Mai, Thailand.



Departing from Chiang Mai Airport

Mr. Earl Roemer and Mr. David Bensinger arrived Friday afternoon on the 23rd. Leon and I had been eagerly awaiting their visit to Chiang Mai. The three days they were here were truly a highlight! We were able to discuss many areas of importance with regard to Legacy, as well as their visit to our members in Myanmar for Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. They came to help out Leon at this time, since we were not able to go to Myanmar ourselves. They are our brothers coming in a time of need—and Leon and I can't tell you how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

This is a very long trip that takes many hours—and the travel by foot or motorcycle into our church compound is also for the seasoned traveler(s). Mr. Roemer has been in the Ministry for 52 years; and for the last 22 years, he has served in the Philippines and Hong Kong. He understands Asian culture. Even if there are differences among the various Asian countries, much of it is the same. We truly felt in our conversations that we are all of the one body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for their visit into the jungle and that God keeps the weather cool and gives them the strength and health they will need throughout their stay.

PRAYER UPDATES

ANITA SHOWERS: Anita had an opportunity to travel with her husband on a business trip to Louisiana. The warm weather there has seemed to help so much. Please pray that this relief is not short term, but will continue.

HERB VIERRA: First of all, I want to explain that Herb is a board member of Legacy as Vice-President. However, for several years he has not been functional. We have never taken him off our board. A couple of weeks ago, Leon and I both treasured talking to Herb on the phone for some time. We had not done this for a while and were thrilled that Leon and Herb could communicate quite well. Prior to that, I had spoken to Ann, wife of Herb, who explained his new therapy, called "FitMi." It is a full-body stroke rehabilitation system. It is a home therapy tool designed to help one retrain your brain, and was designed specifically to help people with a neurologic injury for improving strength and dexterity. Please pray that this will help Herb make progress in becoming mobile again. For a long time, he has not been able to move on his own. Things have really not improved and we hope that FitMi will make a difference. Please pray for light at the end of the tunnel for Herb and Ann, who struggle through this together.

LEON: He is reading more out loud to our secretaries who help with physical therapy. He is reading a Bible story book; and when the secretaries ask questions, he explains the stories to them. The last time it was the story of Jonah. Leon is even getting excited about doing this, because our secretaries are Buddhist and they are

learning something about the Bible. Writing on the computer is still very tiring, but improving. He just completed another fourth letter and I didn't even have to make any changes. So things are slowly—but surely improving—and that is encouraging to the both of us.

NAW EH EH HKOO: She was just starting to do a little better and even eating a bit of rice. Then, she started to have pain and wanted to go to the hospital. SengAung took her to the Yangon Government Hospital in Yangon. SengMai has been cooking for her. The doctors want to place a small camera into her stomach so they can see what is going on. Then she will see what the doctors want to recommend for a possible next step. Please continue to pray for God's guidance in her trial of sickness.

UTAIWAN HAN: God has answered many of your prayers for Utai! She told me she has very little pain now. She went for a one-hour Thai massage and the lady really helped her so much. She is going back again and will continue this treatment. God led her to do this. These Thai massages can be very painful; but this lady gently maneuvers Utai's shoulders and upper torso, which has given her so very much relief. Our THANKS be to God! Please pray for her continued relief.

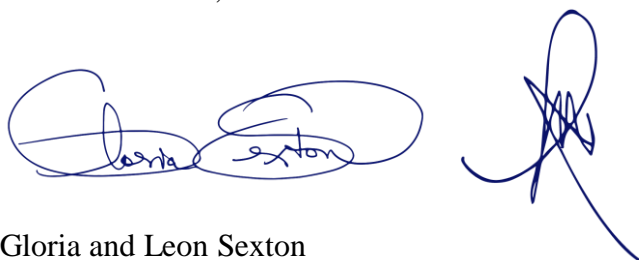
THANK YOU—ALL OF YOU—FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS!

We continue to pray for all of you, our brethren, wherever you are, especially those of you going through stressful trials at this time. Leon and I continue to genuinely be thankful for all your prayers on behalf of those in this letter.

We continue to be so awed by your support for us in prayers and financial aid for Legacy. Our Youth Program, Passover, and Days of Unleavened Bread have been completely provided for. Also, we received a very generous donation for the entirety of a permanent roof for the eating area, which will be finished as time permits after the holy days. And all the plastic will be re-used for so many other purposes in the church compound or for members in need.

Thank you again for making the Youth Program and Holy Days extra-special!!!

In Christian love,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Gloria Sexton' written in a cursive, flowing style. The signature on the right is 'Leon' written in a more stylized, angular cursive. Below the signatures, the names 'Gloria and Leon Sexton' are printed in a standard black font.

Gloria and Leon Sexton