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Psalm 122:6

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper who love *her*.” Psalm 122:6

Debate may continue whether Jerusalem is the geopolitical center of the world, but one thing is certain – Jerusalem is at the center of Yahweh’s thoughts! For it is in Jerusalem that the Lord says He has chosen to set His name. (1 King 8:29; Nehemiah 1:1-9)

It is ironic to the uninitiated, that Jerusalem – the City of Peace – be a place of such hatred, conflict and war! As the Cross of Calvary is the center of all of God’s dealings with men, so Jerusalem is the stumbling block of God’s dealings with the nations of the earth. (Joel 3:1 – 2; Zechariah 12:2 – 3). This stumbling block is the stone of offense that the nations will gather to rid themselves of in the Ending Days! Men may point to Jerusalem and thus condemn religion – all religion – as pointless and hurtful.

Nonetheless, the spiritually discerning person knows the great conflicts over Jerusalem point us to a larger war that is transpiring for the souls of men and the ultimate destiny of the nations!

The Church is called upon to pray for peace in the cities in which we live to the end that the Gospel may have liberty to be proclaimed and men will thereby be enabled to experience the redemption already purchased for them. (2 Timothy 2:1 – 3) In like manner, our prayer for the peace of Jerusalem acknowledges and calls upon the Lord to be Israel’s safety and defense. And it is there in Jerusalem where the Lord will reveal Himself as Israel’s Messiah in dramatic fashion! (Zechariah 12:10).

If debt is difficult to repay, then a moral and a spiritual debt is especially difficult to repay. The believing Church owes Israel a great debt of gratitude – for she has given to us the Law, the Patriarchs and Prophets, the early Church fathers and Messiah! To pray for the peace of Jerusalem is right and it is good! To pray for her peace will bless the heart of Him Who has declared that His name has been set there and Who has promised to return to Jerusalem one day visibly and in great power to reign from the throne of David.

O yes, there is a promise in store for those who will pray for the peace Jerusalem - “You shall prosper who love *her*.”

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