

Jerusalem Quotes

Psalms 137:5-6 "If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! If I do not remember you, let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-- if I do not exalt Jerusalem above my chief joy."

Modern

"Without Jerusalem, the land of Israel is as a body without a soul." — Elhanan Leib Lewinsky (1857-1910), Hebrew writer and Zionist leader

"No city in the world, not even Athens or Rome, ever played as great a role in the life of a nation for so long a time, as Jerusalem has done in the life of the Jewish people." — [David Ben-Gurion](#), 1947

TaNaCh

Jeremiah 3:17 "At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts."

The walls of Jerusalem will eventually approach the Throne of Glory, and then there will be complete harmony in the realm of the *Sefirot* **Zachariah 3: 56a**

Psalms

Psalms 122:6 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." —

Psalms 48:1-2 "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

Psalms 125:2 "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds His people

Talmud

"Of the 10 measures of beauty that God hath bestowed upon the world, nine of these fall to the lot of Jerusalem." -The Talmud

"Erets Yisrael is the navel of the world, and Jerusalem is its center, and the Bet ha Mikdash is at the center of Jerusalem, and the Holy of Holies is at its center, and the Holy Ark is at the center of the Holy of holies, and in front of it is the Foundation Stone on which the world was founded." -The Midrash

"Whoever did not see Jerusalem in its days of glory, never saw a beautiful city in their life." (Talmud: Succah 51b)

A snake or scorpion never bit anyone in Jerusalem and a person never said to his fellow there is not enough room for me to sleep in Jerusalem.
(Talmud: Yoma 21a)

"Whoever mourns for Jerusalem will be meritorious and will see its rejoicing and all who do not mourn for Jerusalem will not see it's rejoicing"
(Talmud: Taanit 30b)

The Jerusalem of this world is not like the Jerusalem in the next world [in Heaven] - The Jerusalem of this world, anyone who wants to ascend there, may ascend - but the one of the next world, only those who are prepared for it may ascend
(Talmud : Baba Batra 75b)

Christian/Islamic

"By far the most distinguished city not in Judea only, but of the whole Orient." -Pliny

"No people blessed as thine, no city like Jerusalem" -Christian Hymn

"One prayer in Jerusalem is worth 40,000 elsewhere." -Islamic Saying