

Processional Zion Praise

Sons of Korah · Book II

"A Song. A Psalm by the sons of Korah."

IN ONE SENTENCE



Great is the LORD in Zion, the city of God, whose towers stand firm and whose God guides us forever.

Remember it: Forty-eight: walk around Zion, count the towers, tell your children.

MEMORY VERSE

For this God is our God forever and ever.
He will be our guide even to death.

Psalm 48:14 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

צִיּוֹן

"Zion" · verse 2

In the Psalms: 38 times, in 31 psalms

צִיּוֹן means "Zion." It was first the name of a fortress David captured in Jerusalem, then the hill of the temple, and finally a name for the city of God and his people. Here the towers are for counting, so the story can be told to children.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3 The LORD is great in Zion, his city.

- 4-8 Kings came, saw, trembled, and fled; God establishes Zion.

- 9-11 God's people ponder his love and rejoice in his judgments.

- 12-14 Walk around Zion, count its towers, tell the next generation.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 2 → **Matthew 5:35** Jerusalem is the city of the great King.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 48 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/48.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Zion & the House of God

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Great is the LORD in _____, the city of God, whose _____ stand firm and whose God _____ us forever.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What happened when the kings saw the city?

- ☐ (A) They were amazed and hurried away
☐ (C) They made a treaty

- ☐ (B) They attacked it
☐ (D) They bowed and worshiped

2. What ships does God break with the east wind?

- ☐ (A) Ships of Egypt
☐ (C) Ships of Tyre

- ☐ (B) Ships of Tarshish
☐ (D) Ships of Sidon

3. Why should the people number Zion's towers?

- ☐ (A) To pay taxes
☐ (C) To tell the next generation

- ☐ (B) To plan a war
☐ (D) To repair them

TALK IT OVER

1. What makes Zion beautiful and safe in this psalm?

2. What does verse 14 promise about God's care for his people?

3. What stories of God's faithfulness should you tell the next generation?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 48 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 14 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: Zion · towers · guides · Check yourself: 1. A (vv. 4-5) · 2. B (v. 7) · 3. C (vv. 12-13)