

Processional Arrival

Psalms of David · Book V · Songs of Ascents

"A Song of Ascents. By David."

PICTURE WORD

Jerusalem

IN ONE SENTENCE



ilgrims rejoice to go up to the LORD's house in Jerusalem, where David's throne stands, and they pray for the city's peace.

Remember it: One-twenty-two: glad to go up, praying peace on Jerusalem.

MEMORY VERSE

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Those who love you will prosper.

Psalm 122:6 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

שָׁלוֹם

"peace" · verse 6

In the Psalms: 27 times, in 19 psalms

שָׁלוֹם means "peace," but more than the absence of war: wholeness, completeness, everything as it should be. In Hebrew, verse 6 sings with repeated sounds, and the sound of the word is heard in the city's name, Jerusalem. The pilgrims pray that the city of God will live up to its name.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-2 I was glad to go to the LORD's house
- 3-5 Jerusalem, where tribes give thanks and David's thrones stand
- 6-9 Pray for Jerusalem's peace and seek her good

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 122 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/122.

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

Zion & the House of God

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Pilgrims _____ to go up to the LORD's house in Jerusalem, where David's _____ stands, and they pray for the city's _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. When was the psalmist glad?

☐ (A) When the harvest came

☐ (C) When the king returned

☐ (B) When they said, "Let's go to the LORD's house"

☐ (D) When the war ended

2. Whose thrones are set in Jerusalem for judgment?

☐ (A) The thrones of David's house

☐ (C) The thrones of the elders

☐ (B) The thrones of the priests

☐ (D) The thrones of the nations

3. For whose sake will he say, "Peace be within you"?

☐ (A) The king's

☐ (C) His brothers' and companions'

☐ (B) The soldiers'

☐ (D) The merchants'

TALK IT OVER

1. Why was the psalmist glad to go to the LORD's house? What made worship a joy?

2. What does God's choice of a city for his house teach about his desire to dwell with people?

3. How can you "seek the good" (v. 9) of your church family and your town this week?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 122 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 6 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: rejoice · throne · peace · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. A (v. 5) · 3. C (v. 8)