

May 19 Answers

- 1) The psalms of Korah's sons. Several of these psalms express a love of and a delight in the city of Zion, **Jerusalem**. Psalm 48 says, "Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy **mountain**, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King" (Ps 48:1–2). Psalm 84 says, "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the **courts** of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God" (Ps 84:1–2). Psalm 87 says, "On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the LORD loves the **gates** of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God" (Ps 87:1–3). These psalms praised Jerusalem, not for being the largest or strongest city on earth, but for being the city "of our **God**," the city where God lived among His people, and where He ruled in holiness and power. Zion's greatness came from its connection to God, for He had graciously chosen to build His temple there, and He acted as "a **sun** and **shield**" for the city. One day **Jesus** will rule the world from Jerusalem, and the nations of the earth will come to worship Him (Zech 14:16). "In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a **banner** for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious" (Isa 11:10 NIV). I look forward to the day when Jerusalem will be the capital of the world!