

Justified Prayers for Jerusalem's Peace

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 122 is the third of fifteen ascent psalms and pleads with God-worshippers to pray for Jerusalem.*

I. Jerusalem is _____ choice for His earthly

_____ capital (1-5). *Psalm 132 revealed God's choice of **Jerusalem** ("possessor of peace") a city whose rich biblical history goes back to Melchizedek (Genesis 14).*

II. Jerusalem has suffered _____. *Sitting at*

the crossroads of the ancient world and held in high esteem by three major religions, Jerusalem has been involved in over 100 wars.

III. _____ for Jerusalem (6-9). *According to the*

Psalm, there are at least three things for which we should pray.

A. _____.

True peace will not come until the Prince of Peace returns.

B. _____.

God's chosen people must suffer the "times of the Gentiles."

C. _____.

God will again be physically present in Jerusalem in Messiah.