

God Has Chosen Jerusalem—It's Time We Do the Same

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the reunification of the remarkable city of Jerusalem, and celebrations will abound in Israel and around the world. We hope you will join us as we celebrate! It is a unique moment in history, just as Jerusalem is unique among all the cities of the world. The very name evokes an emotional response. It is God's city, His holy mountain! He chose it for His earthly dwelling place, and those who love Him are drawn to His home.

"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" (Ps. 48:1-2).

As believers, when we think of the LORD our King and the fact that He chose Jerusalem as His habitation, perhaps we can begin to recognize the eternal importance of this incredible place. Millions visit the city every year, many coming to seek the face of God in His holy habitation.

Others come with a different heart. Historically, many have sought to destroy this city that God claims as His own and others continue in their determination to divide it. They may not realize it, but those who conspire against this place make themselves opponents of the LORD of the universe. There is a spiritual war over Jerusalem as the forces of the enemy would destroy that which God holds so dear. That same war is also experienced in the natural realm. During its long history, Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times and destroyed twice. During the 1948 war for Israel's independence, Jerusalem was again attacked and torn apart. The Jordanians occupied half the city until the Six-Day War in 1967, when it was miraculously

restored to the Jewish people. What a glorious day it was when the city God chose to be Israel's eternal and undivided capital was reunited and once again under Jewish sovereignty!

At Bridges for Peace, we are sponsoring a worldwide celebration to rejoice with those who rejoice over Jerusalem! You can be part of this celebration without ever leaving home, and we will help to provide resources and ideas to make your Jerusalem party a success. Everything is free, and if you host or attend a party, you might even win a free trip to visit this incredible place. But most important, your voice will join with others around the world, declaring into the heavens that this city is indeed God's city and the eternal and undivided capital of the State of Israel.

Imagine the incredible spiritual power that will be unleashed when thousands or even millions of Christians around the world all join together to praise and honor Jerusalem within the same two-week period! Please, visit , sign up and join us. What a blessing you will be to the God who claims Jerusalem as His own!

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