

**Joy in Coming to the House of the Lord (Psalm 122)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**THE PSALMS OF ASCENT (Psalms 120–134)**

Deuteronomy 16:16

**AUTHORSHIP AND DATE**

David wrote this psalm (per the superscription)

He wrote it after the ark returned to Jerusalem & was placed in the tabernacle  
(This happened around 977 BC. David died in 971 BC)

2 Samuel 6

My preferred date for writing would be around 976–975 BC

**EXPOSITION**

*David Delights in the Pilgrimage (1–2)*

**(122:1) David was pleased when people suggested going to worship at the tabernacle  
(in Jerusalem)**

**(122:2) He especially rejoiced after he entered Jerusalem itself**

*David's Praise of the City of Jerusalem (3–5)*

**(122:3) Jerusalem is compact (allowing the nation to worship together)**

**(122:4) The tribes of the Lord ascend to (the Lord) who is the Testimony of Israel in order to thank the LORD**

**(122:5) The reason for thanking the Lord is because the House of David will execute judgment upon its thrones**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (122:6–9)*

**(122:6) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for God to prosper its friends**

**(122:7) Pray for peace and prosperity for the inhabitants and rulers of Jerusalem**

**(122:8) David wishes peace upon Jerusalem for the sake of his nation and his associates (governmental and military)**

**(122:9) David seeks Jerusalem's good because of the Lord's tabernacle**

## **A NEW TESTAMENT PARALLEL ABOUT PRAYER**

## **GOD'S STANDING PLEDGE CONCERNING ISRAEL**

## **CONCLUSION**

Lincoln warned the South in his Inaugural Address: "In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you.... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."