



JERUSALEM

Jerusalem is the jewel of the ages and the city of David! The Bible records in I Chronicles 11:4-9 that the Lord gave Jerusalem into the hands of King David in 1004 B.C. David and his army took the city from the Jebusites and chose to make it his city. In Jerusalem, Solomon built the glorious First Temple; Nehemiah would later rebuild the Second Temple at the same site. Once David conquered the city (with God's blessing) the die was cast for Jerusalem to be central in world events. God chose this city as His own and decided that it would be the capital of Israel, the religious focal point of the Jewish people. Because of this, nations have both revered and reviled this most unique city.

Jerusalem, in the history of God's revelation and in His redemptive plan for man, is by far the most important site on this earth. This royal city is the capital of the only kingdom God has established among men. Here, the temple was erected, and sacrifices legitimately offered to the Lord. This is the place where Jesus died, resurrected, and ascended into heaven. To Jerusalem, the Messiah will return. No site noted in all the Scripture receives such constant and exalted praise. No other place in the world has the promise of ultimate glory and permanent peace.

