

Psalm

## BEAUTIFUL ZION

A poetic song, for the prophetic singers of Korah, a man



There are so many reasons to describe God as wonderful.

So many reasons to praise him with unadorned praise.

Zion City is his home; he lives on his holy mountain—

high and glorious, joy-filled and favored. Zion-Mountain looms in the farthest reaches of the north,<sup>b</sup>

the city of our incomparable King!

This is his divine abode, an impenetrable palace, for he is known to dwell in the highest place.

4-6 See how the mighty kings united to come against Zion,

yet when they saw God manifest in front of their eyes,

they were stunned.

Trembling, they all fled away gripped with fear.<sup>c</sup>

Seized with panic, they doubled up in frightful anguish.

let  
the  
daughters  
OF  
praise  
leap  
FOR  
JOY

<sup>a</sup> 48:1 This psalm was written to commemorate the defeat of the Assyrian army in the days of King Hezekiah.

<sup>b</sup> 48:2 Or "the sides of the north," a metaphor to describe God's heavenly home. See also Isaiah 14:13.

<sup>c</sup> 48:4-6 This no doubt refers to the night the angel of the Lord descended into the ranks of the Assyrians and killed 185,000 men. See Isaiah 37:36.