

## SELECTED PSALMS PHASE 2

### PSALM 48

### Answers for Review Questions

**1. Answer:**

Four significant facts about the city of Jerusalem that are applicable to the New Jerusalem and found in Psalm 48 are:

**(a) It is the city where God abides.**

God is omnipresent, yet in the Old Testament Covenant He abides in the Holy of Holies, in the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem (Ex. 27:17-22, NB v. 22).

**(b) Etc.**

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**2. Answer:**

**(a) Psalm 46**

Emphasizes God's strength and presence, and that people should trust and give thanks to Him. It also calls for universal ceasefire and a world of peace.

**(b) Psalm 47**

A hymn that celebrates God's reign as King over the earth. It describes a procession to celebrate God's Kingship; with God *"going up"* with *"shout"* and *"triumph."*

**(c) Psalm 48**

Written to honor Jerusalem and the God who protected it. It focused on Jerusalem as a symbol of God's love and power; and encourages people to tell others about God's great deeds for Israel.

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**3. Answer:**

**"Great is the LORD": He is great indeed!**

STATEMENTS	CORRECT VERSES	JUMBLED VERSES
His greatness is incomparable!	Deut.3:24	
He is greater than any man!	Job 33:12	
He is a God of greatness and goodness!	Psa. 77:13-20	
His greatness exceeds all, He is superior!	Psa. 95:3	
He is infinitely great, none like Him.	Psa. 135:5	

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**4. Answer:**

Item (c) . . . should overflow with His praises.

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5. **Answer:**

Jerusalem was a great city because of God's abiding presence and not limited to its military forces and the defensive measures it had in place, nor its natural beauty.

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6. **Answer:**

***"In His holy mountain . . ."*** It refers to mount Zion, which is a symbolic representation of Jerusalem, the city considered God's dwelling place. . . . . etc.

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7. **Answer:**

(a) A more appropriate word for ***"situation"*** as used in Psa. 48:2 KJV, is ***"elevation."***

(b) The significance of what is being referred to in this thought, is the impressive view of Jerusalem. . . . . See Page 7

8. **Answer:**

Jerusalem's palaces were protected by God Himself, He was Israel's refuge in Jerusalem, because salvation flows from there to the world.

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9. **Answer:**

(a) Unknown (b) refuge (c) delight (d) run (e) need (f) nothing (g) Though (h) confidence  
(i) ourselves (j) Protector. Page 8

10. **Answer:**

(a) ***"They saw it"*** (Jerusalem): They looked upon it, they contemplated it, they were struck with its beauty and strength and gave check to their fury. . . . .

(b) Etc.

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11. **Answer:**

(a) ***"Fear took hold of them there . . ."*** (Psa. 48:6): They were filled with consternation. As soon as they saw the city or had a distinct view of it, they became alarmed. ... .. Etc.

(b) ***". . . And pain as a woman in birth pangs."*** (Psa. 48:6): This comparison is often used in Scriptures to signify the severest kind of pain (see Jer. 6:24; 13:21; etc.). ... .. Etc.

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12. **Answer:**

(a) The ships of Tarshish were strong and reliable, they were able to navigate distant seas and encounter boisterous waves and storms.

(b) As noted in Psa. 48:7, the ships of Tarshish were broken to pieces when God caused the wind to seep over the ocean.

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13. **Answer:**

**“Thought”** as used in Psa. 48:9a, literally means, “to compare, to liken;” and this idea perhaps always implied when it is used in the sense of thinking on, or meditating on. The significance of what is conveyed, as noted in Psa. 48:9a, is that the people “compared” in their own minds what they **heard** from their fathers with what they had **seen**; they had called all these things up to their remembrance, and compared one with the other.

For more information, see Pages 11-12.

14. **Answer:**

(a) **“Walk about Zion”**: This act signifies a thorough examination of the city, not just a casual glance, but a deliberate observation of its wall, towers and defenses.

(b) Etc.

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15. **Answer:**

**“. . . That you may tell it to the generations following”**: This emphasizes the responsibility to pass on the knowledge of God’s power and faithfulness to future generations, ensuring the story of God is not forgotten.

It was also necessary to inspire the next generation with the belief that God is the protector of the city, that it is so strong that it cannot be vanquished; that there is safety in such a city as that.

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