

# ZION

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## CULTURAL INSIGHT

In the Old Testament, Zion is a name both for the city of Jerusalem and poetically for the entire Holy Land. Zion specifically refers to one of the hills that Jerusalem is built on (see 2 Samuel 5:6–7). This hill is often called Mount Zion in the Old Testament. The place name Zion is often used in poetic parallelism with Jerusalem (see Isaiah 31:19). The name is also associated with the Jerusalem temple. Latter-day scripture has its own beautiful and specific understanding of the meaning of Zion, but it seems that this meaning was mostly unknown for much of Old Testament times.

### ***Related verses***

2 Samuel 5:6–7

1 Kings 8:1

2 Kings 19:31

1 Chronicles 11:5

2 Chronicles 5:2

Psalms 2:6

Psalms 9:11

Psalms 20:2

Psalms 48:11–12

Psalms 51:18

Psalms 69:35

Psalms 74:2

Psalms 78:68

Psalms 97:8

Isaiah 2:3  
Isaiah 4:3–4  
Isaiah 10:12  
Isaiah 18:7  
Isaiah 24:23  
Isaiah 30:19  
Isaiah 33:20  
Isaiah 40:9  
Isaiah 49:14  
Isaiah 52:7–8  
Jeremiah 14:19  
Jeremiah 26:18  
Micah 3:10–12  
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Zephaniah 3:14–16  
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