

**PSALMS**  
**Book 3**  
**Psalm 87**

*Of the sons of Korah. A psalm. A song*

**1. He has set His foundation on the holy mountain; the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.** *Why? He founded this place as the site of His redemptive work. From Gen 22 to 1 Chr 21:18, 2 Chr 3:1 to the crucifixion and resurrection, the Zion ridge has a place in God's redemptive work. There will be a millennial kingdom ruled by Christ (Rev 20) and eventually, a new heaven, earth and Jerusalem - our future home. Phil 3:20 states that "our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." In this psalm the writer glories in the city of God and its special place/purpose. Do you rejoice in what God has planned for you?*

**a. Glorious ("honored") things are said of you, O city of God:** (Ps 48:8, Is 2:1-2, 25:6-8)  
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**b. I will record Rahab (Egypt, e.g., Is 30:7) and Babylon among those who acknowledge me - Philistia too, and Tyre along with Cush - and will say, "This [one] was born in Zion."** *I find this passage interesting. The psalm indicates that the foreign nations surrounding Israel would be one day reckoned as being Jews, that is, "grafted in," included by God with His covenant people. Read Eph 2:11-22 - we are God's people if we are in Christ. Rom 11 speaks of the Gentiles having been grafted in. We have a future with God's people. We are His people.*

**c. Indeed, of Zion it will be said, "This [one] and that [one] were born [in her], and the Most High will establish [her]."** (Is 56:6-7, Jn 10:14-16, Heb 12:18-24, 1 Pet 2:9-10). *Those who are in Christ are new creations (2 Cor 5:17), adopted in God's family (Rom 8:14-17).*

**d. The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This [one] was born in Zion ("there")."** *Adopted! Children of the Most High God. That is our birthright - but first we must be born, not merely of physical process but of the Spirit, born from above (Jn 3).*

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**2. As they make music they will sing, "All my fountains are in you."** (Is 12, 25:7-9, 35:10, 51:11, Jer 2:13, Jn 7:37-38). *He is our salvation and Sustainer - "living water."*