

**Be Reformed** – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

**Be Charismatic** – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

**Be Community** – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

**Be Missional** – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

## Psalm 87

A PSALM OF THE SONS OF KORAH. A SONG.

- 1 On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
- 2 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob
- 3 Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God. Selah
- 4 Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—  
"This one was born there," they say.
- 5 And of Zion it shall be said,  
"This one and that one were born in her";  
for the Most High himself will establish her.

6 The LORD records as he registers the peoples,  
"This one was born there." Selah

Z Singers and dancers alike say,  
"All my springs are in you."

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ALSO READ

Hebrews 12:21

Hebrews 11

Psalm 48

## Study Guide 21 August 2011 – The City of God



### Summary

The "holy mount" is a reference to the City that God has built. This is the city and the people He loves and speaks glorious things of. God has made great promises over us, and has great glory in store for us in Him.

Egypt (Rahab), Babylon, Philistia, Tyre and Cush are long-time enemies of Israel, yet God counts these people among those who know Him. They are permanently recorded in the birth register of Zion.

Those who are born in Zion have their names recorded by God Himself. Their identity as children of God is indisputably established by God.

God's people are born again by His power to life in Christ.

### Key points

God has written the names of His children in the record of the children of the heavenly Zion.

### Questions

- >>What is the difference between Zion in the nation of Israel and Zion the eternal City of God?
- >>How does the eternal nature of the City of God impact our worldview and purpose in life?
- >>Why is it important that God is the one recording the names of those born in Zion?
- >>How do we become children of God?
- >>Why are God's enemies numbered among the children of Zion?
- >>How does the fact that God's City is eternal affect the outlook of the church community?

### Final thoughts

As God's children, we are always to be looking forward to the eternal City of God.