



**Jerusalem is mentioned 807 times in the Bible.
Can there be any question as to its importance to Israel and
the Jewish people as we celebrate the 40th anniversary
of the return of this city into Jewish hands?**

On June 7, 1967, after days of intense house-to-house, street-by-street fighting the IDF recaptured East Jerusalem, opening up the Jewish holy sites to them for the first time in centuries. This week we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

Many young soldiers gave their lives to make the return of Jerusalem into Jewish hands possible. Their sacrifice must not be forgotten or minimized as the world tries to tell us that Jerusalem is not important to Israel and to Jewish people worldwide.

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch." (Isaiah 62:1)

"In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem." (Psalm 51:8)

". . . the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem." (Psalm 102:21)

"Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem." (Psalm 122:2)

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." (Psalm 122:6-7)

"As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore." (Psalm 125:2)

"The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3)

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." (Matthew 23:37)

"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." (Revelation 21:2)