

Psalms 48:1-14

International Bible Lesson Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Whose city is located on Mount Zion and what is its name? Describe some characteristics of its owner as revealed in Psalm 48?

The city on Mount Zion is Jerusalem and it belongs to the Great King. The Great King is the LORD, who maintains steadfast love to His people, whose right hand is filled with righteousness, whose judgments bring rejoicing, who guides believers, and who is forever and ever.

2. Describe the city on Mount Zion.

It is beautiful to behold and is elevated in a good situation. It is well fortified with towers and walls. It brings joy to all the earth. It is the city of the LORD of hosts.

3. How does the psalmist say the LORD has made himself known? What does that mean to you?

The LORD has made himself known as a fortress. The LORD is my protection and the LORD will go with me wherever He leads me.

4. What did the kings do when they assembled at Mount Zion?

They saw the city and were astounded. They panicked and fled with trembling and in anguish.

5. Where did the Israelites think of the steadfast love of God? What are some of the ways God showed His steadfast love to the Israelites?

In the midst of their beautiful temple. God showed His steadfast love by giving them a well-fortified and beautiful city and temple that He inspired kings David and Solomon to build for their protection, for worship, and for learning about the LORD and what He required of them.

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