



THE SOUND OF REJOICING

Nehemiah 12:27 NIV

At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.

Psalm 122:1-4 NIV

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

That is where the tribes go up – the tribes of the LORD – to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

Nehemiah 12:31, 37 NIV

I had the leaders of Judah go up on the top of the wall. I also assigned two large choirs to give thanks. One was to proceed on top of the wall to the right, toward the Dung Gate.

At the Fountain Gate they continued directly up the steps of the City of David on the ascent to the wall and passed above the site of David's Palace to the Water Gate on the east.

Nehemiah 12:38-39 NIV

The second choir proceeded in the opposite direction. I followed them on top of the wall, together with half the people – past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall, the Tower of Hananel and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate. At the Gate of the Guard they stopped.

Psalm 48:12-14 NIV

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers, consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

Nehemiah 12:43 NIV

And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced.

The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.

Isaiah 66:8 NIV

Who has ever heard of such things?
Who has ever seen things like this?
Can a country be born in a day or a
nation be brought forth in a moment?
Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she
gives birth to her children.

Psalm 126:1-3 NIV

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths
were filled with laughter, our tongues with
songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations, "The
LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we
are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:4-6 NIV

Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.