

SUMMER HITS

The Best of the Psalms

Psalm 122





Psalm 122 (NLT)

*¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

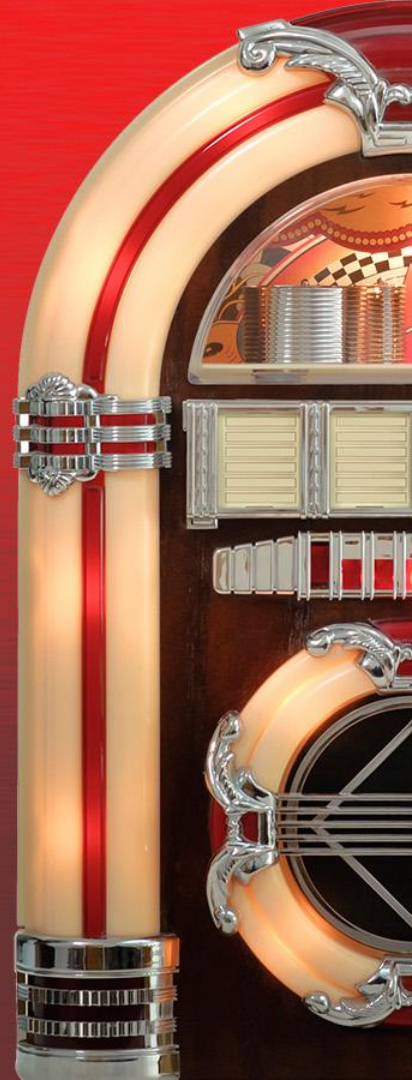
*² And now here we are,
standing inside your gates, O Jerusalem.*

*³ Jerusalem is a well-built city;
its seamless walls cannot be breached.*

*⁴ All the tribes of Israel—the Lord’s people—
make their pilgrimage here.*

*They come to give thanks to the name of the Lord,
as the law requires of Israel.*

*⁵ Here stand the thrones where judgment is given,
the thrones of the dynasty of David.*



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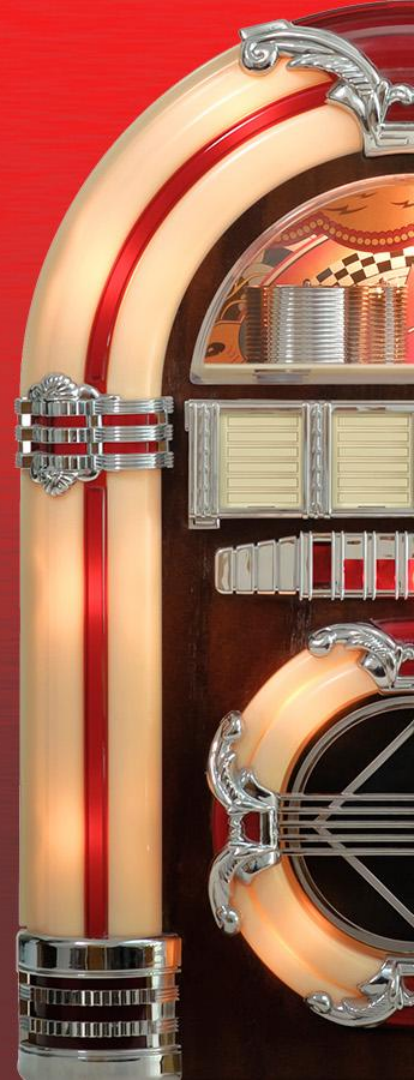
⁶ Pray for peace in Jerusalem.

May all who love this city prosper.

*⁷ O Jerusalem, may there be peace within your walls
and prosperity in your palaces.*

*⁸ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say,
“May you have peace.”*

*⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek what is best for you, O Jerusalem.*





Jerusalem—City of Peace

A place of:

1. Security
2. Praise
3. Justice



Jerusalem—City of Peace

1. Struggled to live up to its name



Jerusalem—City of Peace

1. Struggled to live up to its name
2. Chose a different way



Jerusalem—City of Peace

1. Struggled to live up to its name
2. Chose a different way
3. Isn't getting any better



Jerusalem's story is OUR story



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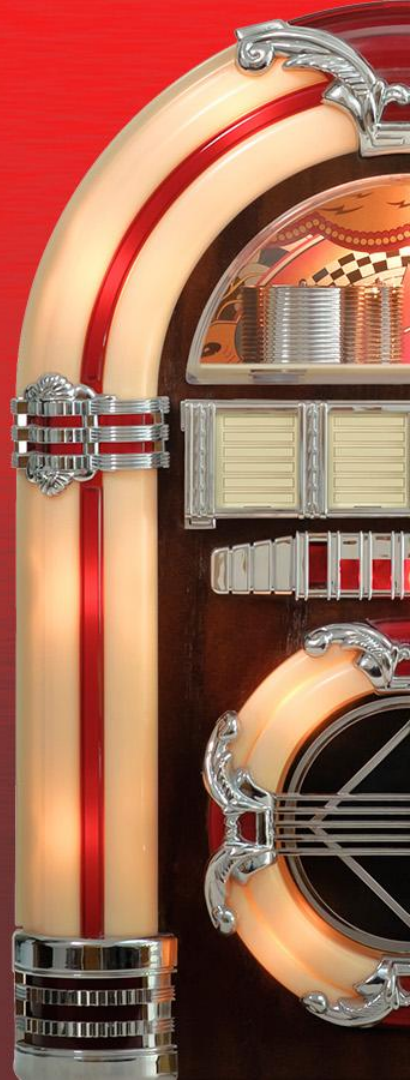


... but it's not the END of the story

**This pilgrim no longer rejoices at the
*invitation to go up to Jerusalem because it
has come to symbolize conflict...***

**For the sake of my brothers and sisters and
friends, Jewish and Christian and Muslim,
and for the sake of Yahweh's house, then, the
psalm issues a challenge to pray for peace.**

John Goldingay



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1. We embrace Jesus' work for us
2. We find strength to do right
3. We focus on our ultimate HOPE



A New Jerusalem (Rev. 21)

*I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven...*

*... there will be no more death or
sorrow or crying or pain...*

*... “Look, I am making everything
new!”*

