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Many years ago, **John Wesley** shared this **commentary** about Psalm 87, about Zion Springing: "**Zion** refers to Jerusalem, built upon & near Mount Zion. God says '**Zion**' rather than '**Jerusalem**', to intimate that He loved Jerusalem for Zion's sake, or for the Temple, which He chose for His peculiar dwelling place." -- **end quote.** Mount Zion is also called Moriah - where Abraham was willing to obey God-Named-YHWH even to the point of sacrificing his son Isaac. Genesis 22 & 2nd Chronicles 3:1 >> "*Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah.*" ... thought to be location of the hill where **GOD's** Son Jesus **WAS** sacrificed.

* Jeremiah 48:15, Isaiah 42:8, AND ~6,000 times in Hebrew scriptures: God tells us His Name is **YHWH (NOT "LORD")**. It's often spelled out as Yahweh, & usually pronounced "YAW-WAY".

VERSE 1

God's foundation is in the mountains. God, Yahweh* loves Zion!
Glorious things are said of Zion -- God's city, His holy, Beloved place.
Glorious things are said of Zion, the city of God He Established.
Psalm 87, it's by God, Zion springs UP!
Psalm 87, Joys spring out from Zion!

CHORUS

God Named Yahweh, the Most High -- God, Yahweh -- Creator of the skies,
God who made the heavens, land and seas, established His Chosen City.
Psalm 87 -- God loves Zion's gates!
God records His people y their name, registers those born in His Zion.
Musicians and singers lead His praise! All springs of Life are in Yahweh!
Psalm 87 -- God loves Zion's gates!

VERSE 2

From old, nations saw Yahweh God act! Jericho fought God. God used Rahab.
Phiistia, Tyre, Ethiopia behold who has been born in Zion.
Glorious things are said of Zion, the city of God He Established.
Psalm 87, it's by God, Zion springs UP!
Psalm 87, Joys spring out from Zion! >> CHORUS

VERSE 3

From old, nations saw Yahweh God act! -- Philistia, NOW Lebanon, and
Gaza, Egypt, Syria near Zion. Yahweh, God, loves the gates of Zion,
Glorious things are said of Zion, the city of God He Established.
Psalm 87, it's by God, Zion springs UP!
Psalm 87, Joys spring out from Zion! >> CHORUS

Song Story.

The music setup itself was quickly sketched out for all 3 verses on the back of an old song draft.... but then I had to go do some research to find out WHERE Tyre, Philistia, and Ethiopia were when this psalm was written by the sons of Korah...

Quickly wrote the music melody & chords before church service one day. Eph. 3:20.

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A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song. PSALM 87

- 1 His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.
- 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah
- 4 “I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me;
Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: ‘This *one* was born there.’”
- 5 And of Zion it will be said, “This *one* and that *one* were born in her;
And the Most High Himself shall establish her.”
- 6 The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: “This *one* was born there.” Selah
- 7 Both the singers and the players on instruments *say*, “All my springs *are* in you.”

Supporting research. The locations of these ancient places in the 21st century:

PHILISTIA: Philistia consisted of the Five Lords of the **Philistines**, described in Joshua 13:3 and 1 Samuel 6:17. The Philistines were a group of people who arrived in south-western Levant (an area that includes modern-day **Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria**) during the 12th century B.C. They came during a time when cities and civilizations in the Middle **East** and **Greece** were collapsing. -- Much of what we know about the Philistines comes from Egyptian and Assyrian texts plus stories told in the Hebrew Bible.

The Book of Joshua claims that the cities of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ashdod, Gath and Ekron were controlled by the Philistines about 3,000 years ago. The Philistines themselves left no texts and, as such, much of what we know about them comes from the people they encountered.

-- LiveScience <https://www.livescience.com/55429-philistines.html>

TYRE: Tyre is an ancient Phoenician city, now the 4th largest city in **Lebanon** (after **Beirut**, Tripoli, Aley & **Sidon**), having one of the nation's major ports.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyre,_Lebanon

ETHIOPIA: In ancient times the name Ethiopia was primarily used to refer to the modern day nation of Sudan based in the upper Nile valley **south** of Egypt, also called Kush, and then secondarily in reference to Sub-Saharan Africa in general.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Ethiopia