

**We can easily fill each others ears with dismal sad news. We often seem bombarded with fake news also. So let us turn aside and see this great sight of Glorious, true cheery news.**

**Psalm 87 is condensed sketches of the soon coming “New Jerusalem” and entries in the soon to be opened “Book of Life.”**

The way is paved for our message in Psalm 87 in the previous psalm: 86:9,10. 1. God's Amazing Plan 2. God's Amazing Family  
3. God's Amazing Invitation. READ 87

I. God's Amazing Plan:

“His foundation” means His establishment. His established city is surrounded by “holy mountains” vs.1

These hills/mountains are no different from other hills except that they surround a place where God has loved to manifest or show Himself. He has displayed his plans for us there.

This city is key to God's eternal plan. Zion is an elevated territory in Israel in the midst of which is Jerusalem—God has showed favor to the promised land of Jacob, and will show it again, especially in Jerusalem.

This city is in some sense stable because of God's plan and loved because of God's electing choice. So,

vs. 3 “Glorious things of the are spoken” Indeed! After wars, after guilt, after griefs many. Glorious things are s[spoken about—*the place* and *the family* that will dwell there.

II. God's Amazing Family: vs 4 “I will make mention” is God talking in the form of a formal announcement

See former enemies and aliens: five are noted representatively.

Rahab (means pride) nickname for Egypt. To the South of Israel they were former oppressors—little lost love.

Babylon to the East of Israel. They too were former oppressors—recently afflicted misery on the Jews—much detested. No more.

Philistia—to the West of Israel nearly always making Israel's troubles worse if they could.

Tyre—to the North. They were sometimes friendly neighbors but mostly given over to godless luxury.

Hear of these nations now: “They know me” Compare John 17:3.

God is speaking. “They Know Me” means far more than they about me. They Know I exist. They know me personally and are on friendly terms—family festive terms.

How? How will people from these darkened rebellious nations “know God”?

Ethiopia is mentioned as another far off nation, representative of countless other tongues and nations that will also come to know God and be residents in His coming New Jerusalem.

HOW? vs. 5,6 “Born there” Where are they from?

Two places, their native geographical lands.

And they are from Zion—the city of God of which glorious things are spoken.

Verse 5 “born in her” Zion shall be called a mother in whom men and women of every race are born: see Isaiah 54:1 Galatians 4:26,27

Verse 6 is amazing: “Here is His 'book of life' written with His own hand.”

“born in **her**” “establish **her**” Compare Galatians 4:26/ Isaiah 54:1.

### III. God's Amazing Invitation: verse 7

Zion will be a place of stability as has already been shown: “the highest Himself shall establish her.” But the city will be a place of joy and freshness. A festive gathering.

There is a considerable variety of ways to express joy and worship: **singers, players, instruments.** These are only a small sampling.

God will be acknowledged as the one from every good and perfect gift comes from. Indeed he is the fount or spring “of every blessing.”

Hebrews 12:22,23 vs 22 the three mean one thing—heaven now.

vs. 23 the general assembly—means, *festal gathering*—same as 87:7.

In Hebrews this is stated as an encouragement not to go back because pressure is mounting against your Christian faith. **Have you really come God giving up your sins and turning to with confidence to receive forgiveness and cleansing from your sins?**

A word about angels: Revelation 5:9-13

—Revelation 3:1,4,5--Don't be a religious lost person. Come.

O so many believers have born witness just before they went over.