

“Next Year in Jerusalem – is Now!” TM – What does it, Mean?

Let me begin by taking you back to the Passover Feast, which has been celebrated by the Jewish People for over 3,500 years. During the Passover, the father pours four cups of wine. Each has a significant meaning. The third cup of wine is called the “Cup of Redemption,” which is the “cup” Jesus took when He introduced His disciples to what we now call “Communion.”

The “4th Cup” of wine is called “Elijah’s Cup.” Elijah is the most celebrated person to the Jewish People other than “Messiah.” After the father pours “Elijah’s Cup, he prayed, *“Next Year in Jerusalem.”* Since the Jewish People were exiled to the four corners of the World in 70 AD when the Romans destroyed the Jewish Temple and the City of Jerusalem, the father’s prayer, *“Next Year in Jerusalem,”* expressed the Jewish people’s desire to return to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover there.



Then in 1945, after the end of World War 2, the World’s attention focused on the Jewish People and what they endured during the Holocaust. A series of historical events occurred, culminating with the State of Israel being ‘re-born on **May 14, 1948**. And God’s “Promised Land” they had occupied for thousands of years earlier, was given back to them and the Jewish people began returning to Israel. However, the City of Jerusalem was still not under their control, so the Jews continued to end the Passover with the prayer, *“Next Year in Jerusalem.”*



Then again, by God’s miracle-working power, on **June 7, 1967**, after the “Six-Day War,” God enabled the Jews to recapture Jerusalem. Pictured are some of the paratroopers after they entered through “The Lion’s Gate” and captured the “Western Wall.” In the center of the photo is Rabbi Shlomo Goren, chief rabbi of the IDF blowing a Shofar (God’s Trumpet). After the “Western Wall” was captured, it is said that Rabbi Goren was the “first” person to blow the Shofar at the “Western Wall.” And as Rabbi Goren blew the **Shofar Trumpet**, he quoted the following verse.

- “When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.” Numbers 10:9

Therefore, the Israelis “recaptured” Jerusalem, “**God’s Eternal City**,” and took control of the “Western Wall.” It is noted that “Tens of thousands” of Jews who were living in Israel RAN to Jerusalem crying in tears. They shouted, “The Wall is Ours” and “The City is Ours,” and they “wept” for many days. That’s the reason why the “Western Wall” is also referred to as the “Wailing Wall.” Therefore, Hallelujah, *“Sound the Trumpets in Zion.”* Jerusalem is once again under Israel’s control.

Jews NOW live in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is NOW once again the Capital of Israel.

Jews NOW come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

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