

Two important interpretive keys to understanding a Psalm of Zion (and the rest of the Bible)

1. God's promises to and purpose for Israel

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

2. The "Already and Not Yet" Paradigm of Redemptive History

Psalm 47:1-4 Notes

Psalm 47:5-7 Notes

Psalm 47:8-9 Notes

How do Psalms of Zion help God's people in worship?