
How Far is it From Jerusalem To Zion?

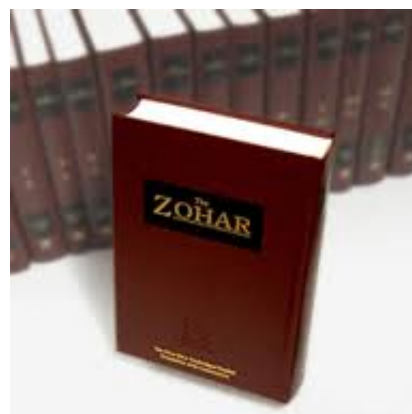
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Where is Jerusalem? What is Zion? How can the distance to the final redemption be measured? How far away is it? The Torah and Zohar have all the answers.

First, we have to understand what and where is Zion, so let's turn to [Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai](#) and the [Zohar](#) and the commentary by [Rav Yehuda Halevi Ashlag of blessed memory\(Hasulam\)](#):

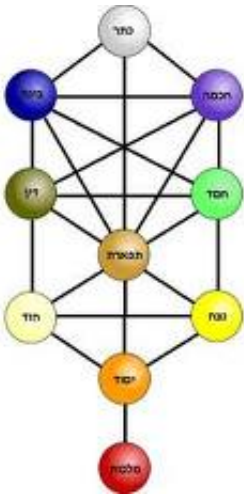
[32. Acharei Mot : 28. As is done below so is done above](#)



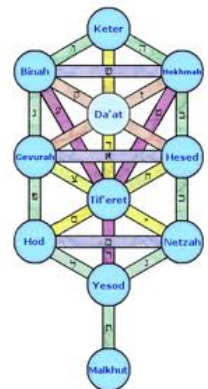
Verse 175. "We have learned that when the Holy One, blessed be He, wanted to create the lower world, He made it all similar to the upper. **He made Jerusalem the center of the entire earth, and one place above it called Zion, WHOSE SECRET IS YESOD.** It receives blessings from this place. Through this place of Zion, the earth started to be built, and through it the world was built. This is what the verse says, "El Elohim, Hashem, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof" (Tehilim 50:1). From which place? "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Elohim has shown forth" (Ibid. 2), meaning Elohim did appear from Zion, which is the ultimate beauty of the world. Come and see that Jerusalem, WHICH IS MALCHUT, was blessed only from Zion, WHICH IS YESOD, and Zion WAS BLESSED from above, MEANING ZEIR ANPIN. Everything is one, one bonded into one, AS **ZEIR ANPIN AND MALCHUT, THE SECRET OF ONE ON ONE, ARE JOINED BY ZION.**"

[29. Shmini : 2. Zion and Jerusalem](#)

Verse 11. "Rabbi Pinchas opened the discussion with the verse: "Hashem shall bless you out of Zion and you shall see the good of Jerusalem" (Tehilim 128:5). AND HE ASKS: Why "out of Zion"? HE ANSWERS: Because FROM **ZION, WHICH IS THE YESOD OF MALCHUT**, all blessings come out to all, as it is written: "For there Hashem has commanded the blessings, even eternal life" (Tehilim 133:3). Hence, "Hashem shall bless you out of Zion," since from there blessings emanate to everything. "And you shall see the good of Jerusalem." For the sake of Zion, **Jerusalem - WHICH IS MALCHUT** - is blessed, BECAUSE **ZION IS THE YESOD OF MALCHUT** and Mercy rests there. When Jerusalem is blessed, all the people are blessed." We can understand from these and many other references to Zion



in the Zohar that Zion is a spiritual place, a point above the physical Jerusalem, which is manifest in Malchut. In terms of the tree-of-life, Zion is *Yesod of Malchut*. There are 10 Major *sefirot* (dimensions) in the Tree-of-life and each are subdivided into 10 similar ones, thus 10 x 10 *sefirot*. The bottom most (the 100th one) is *Malchut* which just receives from the others and the one on the scale just above it (say the 99th one), is *Yesod of Malchut*. It is from this point that all the light (energy, life-force) from all the others gets channeled



through. This is Zion.

The further removed we are from Zion, the further away we are from purity and from the life-sustaining light. We need to know how far we have to climb for *Malchut of Malchut* to join with *Yesod of Malchut* to become one with the Light, with G-d, with the Tree-of-life reality. That answer was given to us by the Torah.

From Jerusalem (**M'Yerushalem, MYRVShLYM**) To Zion (**B'TzYVN**). The prefixes, "From" and "To," "**Mem**" and "**Bet**," are the designated letters (**MB**) that add up to **42**, and that the Torah uses to initialize all spiritual journeys, including all **42** times that the Israelites journeyed in their 40-year trek from exile to the Promised Land.

These letters (**MB**) are also representative of the [Shem](#).



Mem-Bet, [the 42-Letter Name of G-d](#), that is *Zeir Anpin* and where we can find Zion hidden in *Yesod of Malchut*. If you will, please notice that in the center of the last line of the **42-Letter** Name matrix are the letters **Vav-Tzadi-Yud**, preceded by the letter **Koof** which is composed of a **Caf** or **Resh** and a final (*sofit*) letter **Nun**. Thus we have the letters **Tzadi-Yud-Vav-Nun sofit** which spells **TzYVN (ZION)**.

This is not coincidence; it is a gateway, but being that as it may, how to we go from Jerusalem to Zion, in order to receive all the blessings of the final redemption.

So the question must first be how do we measure spiritual distance? We can't use a tape measure because there isn't a rope, not even an invisible one that stretches from one dimension to the next. The only thing that spans that distance is energy, and the only way to measure this energy is with gematria, for in spirituality distance is measured by similarity of form and that is what gematria reads, how similar or dissimilar an objects energy is.

When we add up the gematria value of "From Jerusalem (**M'Yerushalim, MYRVShLYM**) To Zion (**B'TzYVN**)" we get **2017**, or maybe **2018** with the *Kolel*, given that Abraham's journey and thus the entire Israelite and monotheistic journey began in **2018 HC** at paragraph **42** in the Torah.

So how close are we?

The events predicted by Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai in the Zohar are being played out including the revelations of kabbalah and the [secrets of the Ana B'koach, the 42-Letter Name](#), the **70** years of Israel being a Nation, [the role of the secret Rome](#), and more...

Well, what else has followed our society's spiritual journey lately?

The attack in **Mombasa** on Nov 28th, 2002; the earthquake in **Bam**, Iran on Dec **26th** 2003; the Tsunami (*mabul*) off the coast of **Meulaboh**, Indonesia on Dec **26th** 2004; the attack on/in **Mumbai** on Nov **26th** 2008; **Bernie Madoff** on Dec **11th**, 2008; the massive blackbird kill on Jan 1, 2011 (**1/1/11**) at **Beebe**, Arkansas; **Mubarak's** downfall on Jan **26th**, 2011 and ultimate ouster on the hillula of Moshe Rabbeinu, Feb **11th**, 2011. Of course, there is President **Obama**, and now the **Muslim Brotherhood**.

As for the **11's**, they could relate to the **11 sefirot**, etc, but **26** is definitely the numerical value of the Tetragrammaton (**YHVH**). And some would say that the ultimate **11** was on 9/11/01 with the attach on the **Borough of Manhattan**. In our on-going series on the [10 Commandments](#), we'll soon see how this all ties together.

Don't see the connection? Need a divine oracle? Seeing as this



week's Torah portion was Tetzaveh, how about using the high Priest's Breastplate and garments, the *Choshen* and the *Urim* and *Tumim*. No, it's true they are no longer available to us but they did house and rely on the divine power of the [Shem Mem-Bet \(42-Letter Name\)](#) that is still very much available to us. And while the numerical value of *Choshen* is **358**, the same as *Moshiach* (Messiah), the numerical value (gematria complete *sofit*) of the *Urim* and the *Tumim* (*HEVRYM V'HTMYM*) with the *kolel* is **2018** yet again.

Thus even without its presence today, we can understand the *chazal's* explanation that the understanding of the *Shem Mem-Bet* will bring about the *geula* (final redemption) and [Rav Yehuda Ashlag](#) of blessed memory's explanation that the *Moshiach* will be manifest in **2018 (5778)**.

The distance shortens everyday. Are we ready? Remember, 3330 years ago, the distance narrowed to zero, but we weren't ready. Are we ready today?

Shavua Tov

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