

# Psalm 102:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

## Analysis

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God's building of Zion and appearing in glory represent His powerful intervention on behalf of His people. 'Build up' (banah) suggests complete reconstruction, not mere repair. God's glory (kabod) manifesting there signifies His presence returning. This prophecy found partial fulfillment in the return from exile but awaits ultimate consummation in the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:10-11) where God's glory illuminates the city. Christ is both the builder and the glory of God's dwelling place.

## Historical Context

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The rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls under Nehemiah (Neh 2-6) and the temple under Zerubbabel (Ezra 3-6) partially fulfilled this prophecy. However, the prophets anticipated a more glorious restoration in the messianic age.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How do you see God building His spiritual temple, the church, in your generation?
2. What does your life as a 'living stone' (1 Pet 2:5) contribute to God's building project?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּכָבוֹד: בְּרָא הָאֵל יְהִי הַבָּנָה  
shall build up When the LORD Zion he shall appear in his glory

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 147:2** (References Lord): The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

**Jeremiah 33:7** (Parallel theme): And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.