

REBUILDING THE SPIRITUAL TEMPLE OF GOD

Introduction

What is the condition of YHWH's Spiritual Temple on earth? We believe that it currently exists with major breaches in the walls of the temple. A remnant of Israel has come back to the land and they presently reside there, but each to his own village. Jerusalem and the temple stand in ruin. Through Haggai the prophet, YHWH says that we each run to our own homes and although HE has brought a drought upon our land and placed holes in our pocketbooks we say "It is not time to rebuild the temple is it?". Further YHWH asks "*Why do you live in your paneled houses while my house lies in ruins*"? Also through the prophet, our GOD commands us to "*go upon the hills and bring wood to rebuild my house*". In 2 Kings 12 and 2 Chronicles 24, we also see that a call must go out for the workmen to effect the repairs and for Israel to bring in the funds to pay the workmen. As it was at that time, a chest with a slot in the top should be set beside the entrance to the temple to collect the funds. It is time for this word to go throughout the land and to all His people. Through this paper we issue an invitation to the workmen and to all Israel, assemble yourself on HIS Holy Mountain and rebuild the (spiritual) temple. Toward this goal, this web site will undergo some renovations in the coming weeks to further illuminate this need and calling to rebuild.

Why do we say that major breaches exist within the Spiritual Temple walls? Because many of the truths that compose and support the Temple remain unknown to His people. We have developed a list of ten major breaches in the walls of the temple. They are as follows:

1. The true name(s) of GOD are unknown to His people.
2. The concept of the oneness of God is muddled in Trinitarian teachings.
3. The truth about who Messiah Yahshua truly is.
4. What is "temple form" and Messiah's Spiritual temple?
5. The significance of the table of His presence.
6. Who is Elohim?
7. The importance of the "Holy days of convocation (rehearsal)" of Lev. 23.
8. Who is Israel?
9. The concepts of time & eternity.
10. Where does Authority in the Spiritual Temple rest?

If you feel that God has equipped you as a workman and given you the tools to repair one of the breaches described above, please contact us.

We should not wonder how we are to build the temple or what the rebuilt temple should look like. Just as the scriptures contain the form and substance of the physical temple, it also clearly holds the form and substance of the spiritual temple that we are to rebuild. YHWH has graciously given us the blue print for HIS spiritual temple. Below is a step by step scriptural unfolding of the temple plan.

First The Bedrock

In 1 Corinthians Ch. 3, Vs. 10, the Apostle Paul says,

“Using the grace God gave me, I laid a foundation, like a skilled master builder.”

Matt. 7:24-25 reports the words of Yahshua as follows: *“So everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on bedrock. The rain fell, the rivers flooded, the winds blew and beat against that house, but it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on rock.”* Yahshua continues by describing the ill fate of the house built on the sand. In Luke Ch. 6, beginning in Vs. 46 Yahshua describes the situation as follows: *“Why do you call me Lord! Lord! But do not what I say? Everyone who comes to me hears my words and acts on them- I will show you what he is like: he is like someone building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the torrent beat against that house but couldn’t shake it, because it was constructed well.”* Yahshua in these scriptures has told us three things:

- We must build our foundation on bedrock
- We may have to dig deep in sand in order to find the bedrock
- The builder must be sensible because he hears the words of Messiah and acts on them.

Shifting Sand

So, let’s get out our shovels and begin to dig in the sand (some translations say “shifting sand”, which is very descriptive of the task that lies ahead). Our wisdom, according to the words of Yahshua, depends upon hearing His words and acting upon them. Therefore, somewhere in the words of the Messiah are found the key to locating that bedrock on which we can begin to build . Indeed there is. In Mark Ch. 12, Vs. 29, Yahshua is asked what is the greatest most important commandment. In His response, which was perfect, He quoted Deut. 6:4, *“Sh’mo Yisrea’el, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad (hear, O Israel, the LORD our GOD, the LORD is one), and you are to love YHWH, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your understanding and with all your strength.”* This response touches the heart of God and relates to the commandment given by God from Mount Sinai as described in Exodus Ch. 20: *“I am YHWH, your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery. You are to have no other gods before me”* This foundational truth as related by God himself teaches that there is **one** God, that we are not to fashion, make, create, worship, call on or have any other so-called god favor us and we are to love the one true God with our entire being.

Okay, without a doubt this great truth gives us the proper place to lay the foundation for our spiritual temple. As we begin to shovel the sand off of this bedrock and sweep the site clean, we find that the sand just keeps running back on us and covering the bedrock. When the shifting sands of man’s doctrines and fleshly creeds cover us and the place we want to build, we find that we have begun to walk in all of the Trinitarian quagmire that is so pervasive and confusing. Here is the father and there is the son. While almost all evangelical Christians will agree that there is one God, the reality of that confession is that their concept of the trinity allows them to splinter God and pick and choose which

attributes they are comfortable with. Yahshua epitomizes the attributes of God related to love and grace. Since we need all of the love and grace we can get, it is easy for man to fashion a God for himself and call him in the English, Jesus. But Yahweh God, the creator himself is our salvation. He is the one full of love and grace, not another god. In order to love him with our whole being, it is necessary that we accept the whole package, not the parts we reason should be our God. How many Christians do you know that are striving to know the God of the Hebrews, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the creator of the universe? Not many, I would think, although this is the God that dispatched the angel Gabriel to Mary and Joseph to announce His own incarnation and the name to be given to His flesh (His Presence), Yahshua. In this name is a great revelation of our savior, which in the Hebrew means "*YHWH is salvation*". Yahshua is the flesh of God and He came to save. Fully grasping this truth, we can allow God to use it as a mighty tool to finally clean all of the shifting sand from the bedrock and go on to lay the foundation of the spiritual temple.

Laying the Cornerstone

The next step in construction is obvious as God lays the cornerstone on the clean bedrock. "*Look! I am laying in Zion a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone; and whoever rests his trust on it will certainly not be humiliated.*" These are the words of God as written by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:6 as he quotes Psalm 118:22. In Vs. 7 Peter quotes Isaiah 28:16 "*The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;*" and in verse 8 Isaiah 43:20 "*A stone that will make people stumble, a rock on which they will trip.*" These very words are echoed by the Apostle Paul in Romans 9:33. This cornerstone that God lays upon our bedrock is the Messiah, the Aleph stone, the Lamb of God. The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:20 states: "*You have built on the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, with the cornerstone being Yahshua the Messiah Himself*". The prophet Zechariah also speaks of this stone and the cornerstone of the second physical temple. In Zech. 3:9 the prophet writes "*For look at the stone I have put in front of Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes; I will engrave what is to be written on it*". In Vs. 10 of Ch. 4 Zechariah writes "*So these seven are the eyes of YHWH that range about over all the earth.*" It is interesting to me that the LORD would speak of engraving on the cornerstone. You may have noticed that men like to put plaques of engravings on buildings. These might remind us of the persons doing the building, or politicians responsible for the buildings or maybe a motto in keeping with the purpose of the building. 2 Timothy 2:19 informs us that indeed, God's spiritual temple has an engraving stamped on it- "*Nevertheless, God's firm foundation stands stamped with these words: The LORD knows his own.*" Num 16:5 and "*Let everyone who claims he belongs to the LORD stand apart from wrongdoing*" Num 16:26.

So the LORD has laid a precious stone, a cornerstone, the Alpha stone on the firm base of our bedrock truth and good confession and has stamped an engraving on it. Now this is important, because this cornerstone as placed by God has established the plumb lines for the entire spiritual building. Two horizontal lines, and one vertical line can now be set, to which everyone else will be laid plumb and level. Going back to the prophet Zechariah,

he states: *“Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hands of Zerabbabel”* (Zech. 4:10).

The Capstone

The stones (living stones) that are laid in union with the cornerstone (Messiah) must be prepared by God. This preparation requires the positional placement of the capstone, the Tav Stone, the stone representing the Kingship, the Headship, the Priestship of the Messiah, Yahshua. Particularly in building God’s spiritual temple, the Messiah must be the beginning and the end, the Alpha (Aleph) and the Omega (Tav). It is between these two stones, the cornerstone and the capstone, that God prepares the living stones used to construct His spiritual temple. It is of this capstone that the prophet Zechariah says *“What are you great mountain? “Before Zerabbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the capstone with shouts of ‘Grace, Grace’ to it.”* (Zech 4:7). This is a promise to us all. As we bring forth this stone, which is the Priestly headship of the Messiah, Satan’s Kingdom on earth (the great mountains) will be laid low. How important is it that God’s people understand this?

The Pillar of Trust

The first chapter of Romans, beginning in Vs. 16 really says it all, *“For I am not ashamed of the Good News since it is God’s powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile. For in it is revealed how God makes people righteous in His sight; and from beginning to end it is through trusting as the scriptures puts it; but the person who is righteous will live his life by trust”*. What more can we say? This great mystery of God is revealed before us. In His magnificent and unfathomable wisdom God has ordained and allowed our trust in Him to bridge the place between His cornerstone which is the Messiah as our Savior and His capstone which is the Messiah as our Head. Romans 9:33 and Isaiah 28:16 says- *“Look I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble as rock that will trip them up, But he who rests his trust on it will not be humiliated.”* When we rest our trust on that stone (Cornerstone) and stand under the Messiah as our Head (Capstone) we are in a position to be an instrument of God’s will, we are in a position to become living stones in His Holy Temple and we are in position as priests of God to become workmen building the temple. As we allow God to place us positionally in this place, Scripture says that we become righteous in his sight. When we rest our trust on that stone (Cornerstone) and stand under the Messiah as our Head (Capstone) we are in a position to be an instrument of God’s will, we are in a position to become living stones in His Holy Temple and we are in position as priests of God to become workmen building the temple. As we allow God to place us positionally in this place, Scripture says that we become righteous in his sight. For a full revelation of this mystery of the pillar of the spiritual temple let us look at where the two stones presently reside. We know that the cornerstone resides on earth, remembering Romans 9:33 and Isaiah 28:16, and that the spirit of the Messiah (salvation, aleph stone) dwells in the hearts of His people on earth. The book of Hebrews speaks of the place where the capstone, the head, the High Priest of our trust was placed. Hebrews 8:1 says: *“Here is the whole point of what we have been saying; we do have just such a high priest as has been described, and he does sit at the right hand of power in heaven.”*

So we have the cornerstone on earth in the hearts of His people and the capstone in Heaven. We also have the Messiah manifesting His fullness (both stones) through this bridge, this pillar, the line of trust that is His people who are positionally where God wants them to be.

Placing the (Living) Stones in the Temple

We have willingly submitted ourselves as families and so God has placed us positionally in this line of trust under the Messiah; *Now what?* God prepares us to become living stones, ready for placement in union with the cornerstone, the Messiah, as the foundation. In Luke Ch. 20 Vs. 17 Yahshua says; *“Then what is this which is written in the scriptures, ‘The very rock which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Whoever falls on that stone is broken in pieces; but if it falls on him, he will be crushed to powder!”* This scripture actually refers to both stones, the cornerstone on which we are to fall and the capstone which will fall on the un-redeemed. So the Lord allows us, **no**, He commands us to fall on that cornerstone which is the Messiah and be broken into pieces. But wait, the point of impact on that cornerstone is the execution stake of Yahshua. He took the fall for us; but we were in Him. Romans 6:8 states; *“Now since we died with the Messiah, we trust (there is that word again) that we will also live with Him.”* In Vs. 11, Paul says, *“In the same way consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God, by your union with the Messiah Yeshua.”* .” In Chapter 2 of Ephesians in verses 20-22 Paul also writes; *“You have built on the foundation of the emissaries and the prophets with the cornerstone being Yeshua the Messiah himself. In union with him the whole building is held together and it is growing into a holy temple in union with the Lord. Yes, in union with him you yourselves are being built together into a spiritual dwelling place for God!”* In 1 Pe. 2:4 & 2:5 it is written *“And Coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yahshua the Messiah”*. As these living stones are placed by God in the temple, there is a need for mortar to join the stones together. Col. 3:14 gives us the perfect mortar for our use, *“Beyond all these things, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.*