

Restoration of the Tabernacle of David

I. ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

- A. It is the heart of the LORD that through the King of Glory, the whole earth would be full of HIS glory. *...for the whole earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isa. 11:9)*
- B. In heaven they never stop saying “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” This began after Jesus Christ ascended to the right hand of the Father from the Mount of Olives to His tabernacle in heaven. The Second Coming of Christ is actually going to be the full restoration of this “tabernacle” in the natural, to earth in Jerusalem. ***(Rev. 21:1-3)***

II. FIRST FRUITS

- A. But the first fruits of tabernacle in the spiritual is already taken place before us in this day. The spiritual always precedes the natural, Romans 5-7.
- B. In the garden of Eden heaven and earth were one. That means the natural and supernatural, or spiritual, were perfect. They were also one in time, space, and matter. It was the kingdom on earth as it was in heaven. This is a huge reality, and context for how the first humans related to God. It is also a statement for what Gods original desire was.
- C. If we feel that God wants to “restore all things” then it is important for us to understand what it is we are restoring.
- D. The first two chapters of the bible and the last two chapters talk about the Heavenly and Earthly as one. The rest in the middle is Gods testimony of grace, how He time and again reaches out to a rebellious, and hardhearted people.

III. GOD AS A RESTORER

- A. We must understand Him as Restorer, if we are to understand the Tabernacle of David.
- B. In the end the Heavenly Jerusalem comes down to earth. It has always been and therefore again points to the fact that the spiritual always precedes the natural.
- C. God is not against the natural, after all He made it. It is just that the natural is a vision of that which exists in heaven, when sanctified by the Spirit and water.
- D. Our own salvation is an image of how God Himself sanctifies the natural. He uses water, fire, and the Spirit.
- E. This is all important when understanding the temple because many Christians believe the Jerusalem on earth is the fulfillment of Zion. Others believe that Zion is just symbolic of heavenly Jerusalem. Both interpretations are incomplete without one another.
- F. The simple fact is Zion has two dimensions. In ***Hebrews 12*** we read that the heavenly Mt. Zion, the city of God, filled with thousands of angles, is the heavenly Mt. Zion. There is also the earthly Mt. Zion, which is the modern city of Jerusalem, or the temple mount.

- G. Heaven and earth will be “restored” in the fullest sense when King Jesus sits upon the Throne of David in Jerusalem and reigns as King forever. ***Ezek. 3:1-7, Is. 11:9-10***
- H. Gods merciful plan is to restore the Garden of Eden when Yeshua will join Zion with the Heavenly City of God. The first chapter of Ephesians is the Apostle Paul reminding them of why they are following Jesus. In verse 10 he gives them this encouragement, “all things in heaven and in earth will be joined together in one in Yeshua, the Messiah.

IV. HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER AS ONE

- A. The bible and other accounts of history tell us times when heaven and earth come together as one. One of the most significant is when David brought back the Ark from Kiriath Jearim.
- B. As he was setting up his kingdom, he constantly sought God first. He was one that sought the heart of God in nearly everything he did. He was “the man after Gods own heart.”
- C. When David brought this Ark, which was the old covenant picture of Gods Spirit, or presence, the first thing he did was institute 24/7 prayer and worship. This was incredible for a number of reasons:
 - 1. There were Gentiles worshiping before the presence of the Ark. I hope we all get the imagery here. This was a type and shadow of the Spirit of God being enjoyed by all people groups. Jew and Gentile. David had seen into the eternal realm. This was an eternal revelation in the heart of God. That all men might know and worship Him, not just the chosen sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
 - 2. David’s sacrifice was praise, prayer, worship, thanksgiving, and intercession. This was a radical idea. There had never even been the idea of something like this. It had always been the priesthood offering up sacrifices of blood. And this was done in the Holy of Holies once a year. This brings up the third point.
 - 3. The Ark of the Covenant was out in the open and available to all. David had seen that in heaven God’s desire and longing was that all men might be able to look upon Him, for in Him there is ultimate fulfillment.
 - 4. What was taken place in David’s temple was a type and shadow of that which was both eternal, and spiritual.
- D. There are many other facets of David’s temple but for now you get the picture. David had peered into heaven and had a glimpse of what was going on in the heavenly city. And more importantly, what it was like in the heavenly temple. That which was being constructed on the earth was modeled after that which was sketched out by the Divine Architect. (***Amos 9:11-15, Acts 15:15,16***)

V. THE TABERNACLE TODAY

- A. God says that before He comes on that Day He will restore the tabernacle of David. He is doing that right now. Across the earth people from every tribe, tongue, and nation are gathering to worship and pray.
- B. Estimates are that there are now 10-12,000 prayer rooms in the earth.
- C. Gentile and Jew alike are gathering under the banner of Jesus and His Holy Spirit to praise, pray, worship, & intercede. God is doing this preceding as a sign. At the same time the gospel is going out across the earth in power.
- D. Millions of people are coming to the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ. This is not a coincidence.
- E. We are witnessing the restoration of the House of prayer for all nations. Jesus will have a church that is in full agreement with Him.
- F. God longs for the whole earth to be full of His glory. He longs for restoration and reconciliation. He will have it, and He will have a House of Prayer in all nations.