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THE TEMPLES OF GOD

Dear Brethren: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:3

Before we begin this message today it is necessary for me to define GOD whom I refer to and who is defined definitively within the pages of our Bibles.

Because there are temples all over this planet which are associated with little g, gods.

So let me clearly define which God I am speaking of today and which Temples, historically, belong to HIM and have been mandated by HIM.

There is only ONE true GOD, who made HIMSELF known to chosen Human individuals from the beginning of time and HIS Name is YAHWEH.

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is ONE, True and Living GOD, HE is the infinite, all knowing SPIRIT, ONE in essence but existing in three persons, GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON and GOD the HOLY SPIRIT, all are equal and deserving of worship and obedience from Mankind.

HE walked with Adam before Adam fell into sin and after that occurred LORD YAHWEH, (LORD GOD ALMIGHTY) expelled Adam and his Wife, Eve and his Children, from HIS presence and the sanctuary of the Garden of Eden.

Thus all Man kind, infected with the sin of Adam, were condemned to live apart from GOD and our flesh bodies trapped in our sin nature, were sentenced to eventually die after what ever allotted life span was apportioned to each individual , “ Because the wages of sin is Death”.

BUT, the LORD GOD also said that “ without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin,” which brought in the Sacrificial system where precious clean animals,

were sacrificed as a cover, (not an expunging) for man's sin, This system began in the Garden of Eden, as we see in **Genesis 3:21-24**

21 Then Yahweh God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them. 22 Then Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us to know good and evil; and now, lest he send forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever"— 23 therefore Yahweh God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

This system, which allowed for the covering of Man's sin, would continue throughout the Age of the Law until the final sacrifice of JESUS MESSIAH.

So what then were these Temples which facilitated the Sacrificial System for Israel, which came to an end in AD 70.

Firstly, we have the Garden of Eden, a Place where LORD YAHWEH lived and walked with Adam and Eve, it was a Holy Place then, but no trace of it exists today.

But then, the World was an entirely different reality in those Pre-Flood days, when the Flood came, everything was destroyed and all life lost, except for the Ark and those who were kept alive and safe within it, Human and Animal alike.

Post Flood, the righteous FEW would, independently, diligently continued to offer sacrifices to LORD YAHWEH, of their best clean animals, to cover their sin, we have a prime example of this in the Book of Job. (Job Chapters 1: to 5:)

Then came Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the 12 Tribes of Israel, the time of Israel's slavery in Egypt and Moses whom the LORD GOD chose to bring Israel out of Egypt and down to Mount Sinai or Jabel Al Laws in Arabia, where LORD YAHWEH gave to Israel the Law of GOD, and the First Temple, which was the portable Tabernacle for the 40 year Sojourn of Israel in the Wilderness and afterwards when they entered into the Promised Land.

This Tabernacle was built according to the Heavenly pattern, plan and function and was given to Moses along with the Law of GOD.

This Temple, for this is what it was, the first on the post Flood Earth, was given to be a place where LORD YAHWEH would reside among the Tribes of Israel, and where Israel would worship and offer sacrifices to HIM, the Tabernacle was in service for over 500 years.

Then we come to the Temple built by Solomon and the Glory of LORD YAHWEH also filled this First Temple, just as it did in the Tabernacle. (1Kings 8:10-11)

This Temple, sited in Jerusalem, was where LORD YAHWEH chose to reside, and live amongst Men.

The World flocked to it, but this Temple was in fact the third place where LORD YAHWEH was present amongst Mankind.

But because of the sins of Israel, LORD YAHWEH and HIS Shekinah Glory left the Temple, this magnificent Temple was subsequently destroyed by the Babylonians and the Jews went into exile in Babylon in 587 B.C.

After the 70 year span of the Babylon exile, a small Remnant of Jews returned to Israel and began to build a second Temple, a modest building in comparison to the first Temple.

But the Ark of the Covenant was not present within the HOLY of HOLIES, nor did the presence of the Shekinah Glory of GOD reside there.

This absence of LORD YAHWEH would end over 450 years later when HE would visit the Second Temple, in the form of a Man whose name is YESHUA or JESUS (Salvation).

Israel rejected HIM as their MESSIAH, and consequently, the Temple, Jerusalem, and the Nation of Israel was totally destroyed by the Romans and exiled into the World in 70A.D. in judgement.

But before this destruction, LORD JESUS established HIS Church on Earth, after HIS Crucifixion and Resurrection 33 years after HIS birth in accordance to the Law and the Prophets, HIS Church was established on the first Pentecost Sunday after HIS Resurrection, when HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Disciples in the Upper Room and remained with them and every Born Again Christian since then, until HE is taken out of this World when the Rapture of the Church occurs as prophesied. This occurrence is imminent even more so in these Latter Days of the Church Age.

But the Death of JESUS MESSIAH on the Cross was the Completion of the Law and was and remains the Last Blood Sacrifice for sin. No Sacrifice offered since then whether animal or Human is legitimate before GOD. Animal sacrifices came to an end in Israel in AD 70, and there was only one "Human" Sacrifice, that of the GOD /Man, JESUS the SON of GOD and the LAMB of GOD which would or could ever be acceptable before FATHER GOD, or would ever have the Power to pay the sin debt of every sinful Human Being who would ever live on this Earth.

This Church Age which JESUS MESSIAH brought into being has remained upon this Earth for almost 2000 years, with no physical Temple standing in Jerusalem.

But my Friends, there has always been a Temple and this current Temple is a Spiritual building which exists in the hearts of the Born Again Believers in YESHUA, the MESSIAH.....as recorded in **1 Corinthians 3:16**

16 Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19

19 Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

16 Or what agreement has a sanctuary of God with idols? For we are a sanctuary of the living God; just as God said,

*"I will dwell in them and walk among them;
And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

17

Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord.

*"And do not touch what is unclean,
And I will welcome you.*

18

*And I will be a father to you,
And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,"
says the Lord Almighty.*

1 Peter 2:4-10

4 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, 5 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 Jesus Christ. 6 For this is contained in Scripture:

*"Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone,
And he who believes upon Him will not be put to shame."*

*7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve,
"The stone which the builders rejected,
This has become the chief corner stone,"*

8 and,

"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offence."

They stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this stumbling they were also appointed. 9 But you are a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

So every Born Again Believer are part of HIS Spiritual Temple, built up of Living Stones (HIS Saints ,throughout this Church Age.) This Temple will be removed at the end of this Church Age in the Rapture of HIS fulfilled Church .

Then comes the time of the 7 year Tribulation in which the Antichrist allows Israel to build its Third Temple in Jerusalem, on the Temple Mount.

At that time Antichrist will also sign a 7 year " Peace" treaty with Israel and many in Israel and World wide will believe that this man is indeed the Messiah of Israel .

This evil man, the Son of Satan allows Israel to build this third Temple, not because he loves Israel, but because he wants it in order to enter it, desecrate it and to declare that he is in fact god.

But for the first three and a half years of the Tribulation he is kept away from achieving this goal by the presence on the Temple steps, of the Two Witnesses who are sent by the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

At the mid way point of the Tribulation, Antichrist's lieutenant, the False Prophet has these two Witnesses killed, and Antichrist, who is at this point in fact Satan, enters the Temple and desecrates the Most Holy Place and accomplishes his goals, and turns against Israel and attacks them, in an attempt to wipe out the People of GOD.

One third of the Population of Israel subsequently flee into the Wilderness and safety as prophesied in Revelation chapter 12: these will have been by this point brought to the knowledge and Faith in JESUS as their MESSIAH through the faithful preaching of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists who are raised up for this purpose just after the Rapture of the Church.

At the end of the 7 years of Tribulation KING JESUS returns to this Earth, slays the Antichrist's massive army and brings an end to his political apparatus, Globally.

KING JESUS will also rescue the One Third of the Born Again Jewish Believers from the Desert, from Bozrah, where HE has sequestered them and Leads them back into Israel and Jerusalem in victory.

Then the greatly damaged City of Jerusalem is rebuilt and the New, Fourth Temple will be built, as described in the Book of Ezekiel from chapter 40: onward.

This Temple will be greater than anything ever seen before and it is to this glorious place that the Shekinah Glory of GOD will finally return to dwell and Tabernacle amongst HIS people, this has not occurred since the days of Solomon's Temple so many centuries before.

Ezekiel 43:1-5

Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; 2 and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. 3 And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to bring the city to ruin. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 4 And the glory of Yahweh came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. 5 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the house.

So there are 4 physical manifestations of the dwelling place of LORD YAHWEH recorded in the Old Testament, but while no manifestation of the Shekinah Glory of GOD existed, LORD YAHWEH while in HIS Earthly body, LORD JESUS HIMSELF, visited the Second Temple, the GLORY entered in veiled form.

There remains today no physical Temple in Israel, during the New Testament era, BUT, there is as I said earlier, the Spiritual Temple of the Born Again which will remain on Earth till the end of the Church Age, and then, will come the prophesied Temples, 2 of them, which are yet to be built, the Tribulation Temple and the glorious Millennial Temple which will make their appearance in the near future.

Thus we are shown that there are actually 7 Temples, 7 Holy of Hollies, where the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY has, is and will be, 6 physically present where Worship is physically offered and one Spiritual where worship is offered in Spirit and in Truth.

7 Days of Creation, 7 HOLY of HOLLIES, 10 7 Holy Temples, 7 Thousand years of life here on Earth.

HIS ways are constant, HE never changes, justice and righteousness dwell with HIM, forever.

Difficulties indeed there have been, and always will be until the end, **BUT GOD**, has shown us that even with this in mind, there is always a place where the LORD GOD is worshipped and HE encourages HIS People with the knowledge that the conditions of perfection which were on Earth in the Beginning, in Eden, will be here on Earth at the end in the MILLENNIAL KINGDOM, the SABBATH REST OF GOD.

For, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, worship and honour and praise and glory will be offered from the HOLY PLACE to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and for the Christian it is and must be offered to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the ONE, True and LIVING GOD, in the NAME of JESUS MESSIAH, PRIEST and KING, and RISEN LORD,

So, my Friends, do you have a place in the Spiritual Temple of JESUS MESSIAH ? That Holy place of Salvation and Safety as we read in

Psalm27 :4-6

One thing I have asked from Yahweh, that I shall seek:

*That I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of Yahweh
And to inquire in His temple.*

5

*For in the day of calamity He will conceal me in His shelter;
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;
He will lift me up on a rock.*

6

*And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with loud shouts of joy;
I will sing, and I will sing praises to Yahweh.*

Or will you be cast into the outer Darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth... as we are told in (Matthew 8:12 and 13:42 and 13:50 and 22:13-14)

*So we pray : The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Corinthians 13:14***

Awaiting HIS Appearing