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The Third Temple

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King Solomon was known for his wisdom, wealth and writings. He became king about 967 before Christ and had a very large kingdom. Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba; he was not the oldest son, David promised Bathsheba that Solomon would be the next king. Solomon was anointed king at the spring called Gihon while David was still alive, and he inherited a vast empire from his father. He owned 12,000 horses and 14000 chariots; 450 stalls of his have been found in Megiddo. He had 700 wives, 300 concubines and due to custom, every time the greater king gained a victory the lesser king offered his daughter in marriage thus Solomon ended up with yet another wife when Solomon won the battle let alone those wives he chose for himself. From the beginning of time God created one woman for one man (Genesis 1:27; 2:21-25 and Deuteronomy 17:17). Solomon was utterly disobedient to the Lord in all this. He loved many foreign women including the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites and the Hittites, these and others were from nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel,

1st Kings 11:1.

“You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely, they will turn your hearts after their gods’

According to Deuteronomy 17:16-17 Solomon sinned greatly against God because of his tolerance of his wives’ pagan religions. And yet he built the most wonderful Temple for God to dwell in that the then world ever knew. 1 Kings 9:10 says that it took 20 years to build the Temple and it is said to be built on the same spot that Abraham offered up his son Isaac as a sacrifice (Genesis 22). It was a magnificent building of white marble with gold columns and trimmings. It was built in ancient Jerusalem before its destruction by king Nebuchadnezzar in 586BC, the king burnt it to the ground four hundred and seventy years, six months and ten days after it was built according to the Jewish historian Josephus.

The Temple Mount and the Tribulation Temple

Temple Mount is a 35-acre walled compound within the old city of Jerusalem. It is the site of two structures, the Dome of the Rock to the North and the Al-Aqsa Mosque to the south. The Dome of the Rock is a Muslim Mosque and was created in 691AD and since that time it is believed that this Mosque was built over the site of the original Temple of Solomon. If that is not the case the Third Temple could be built in its correct position without disturbing the Dome of the Rock. Some believe the Dome of the Rock has to be demolished to make room for the Third Temple. Jewish archaeologists, findings and research have enabled Israeli authorities to determine what they believe to be the original site of Solomon’s Temple and therefore where the Third Temple will be built. It is most likely in a wide-open area north of the Dome of the Rock. In a vision of the later end of the Tribulation the apostle John was given instructions to measure the Temple of God and the altar in Revelation 11:1.

And there was given unto me a reed like a rod and the angel stood saying, Rise and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them who worship therein. But the court, which is without the

Temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles and the Holy City shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

At the end of the forty-two months will be the “end of the times of the Gentiles” (the Arab Muslims). In the southwest stands the magnificent Western Wall a remnant part of the second Temple and the Holiest site sacred to the Jewish people. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica it is all that remains of the second Temple influenced by Zerubbabel and renovated by Herod the Great in 18BC, Solomons Temple was destroyed in 70AD by the Romans. This means that Jerusalem has had no Temple for the Jews to offer sacrifices or worship in for about 2000 years. Today, the Jews have chosen the task of rebuilding their Temple making their dreams come true and an answer to their prayers. This Temple will be involved in the Tribulation period and has become known among Bible students as the Tribulation Temple.

But Jesus told His disciples of the existence of the “Holy Place” in a future temple relating to the last days. Will that Holy Place be in this Temple?

Mathew 24:15.

When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet stand in the Holy Place. Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains.

Studies of Daniel and Revelation, on the website www.wordlightmypath.com, will show why Judah must run to the mountains at this time. The Antichrist will invade Israel when he comes to power and take over the Temple. It has always been his aim to sit on the throne of God and supersede Him see “Satan’s Ambition” also on the web site. (Daniel 11:31; 12:11). These prophecies suggest that the third Temple will have been built before the Antichrist comes to power against Israel and Europe. Satan will defile the new Temple and the Holy Place of this third Temple by telling the Antichrist to violate the Holy of Holies in the last three and a half years of the tribulation then insist he is worshiped as ‘god’. It will be a very difficult time for all.

Mathew 24:21

For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time no, nor ever shall be.

Yes, a very difficult time indeed!

The apostle Paul prophesied that the Antichrist will defile the third Temple. Paul also declared that the Lord Jesus Christ will not return to the earth until “that man of sin,” the Antichrist is revealed, the son of perdition. this speaks of the Antichrist who must come upon the world before Christ returns. Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sits in the Temple, showing himself that he is God?

Some think that the third Temple will be built by the Antichrist, but both Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 and John in Revelation 11:1-2 describe the Third Temple as “the temple of God” suggesting that it will be rebuilt by the Jews as a genuine Holy Temple. Despite the Islamic and Arab opposition to any Jewish building on the Temple Mount the Lord prophesied that the Jewish exiles would return to their Promised Land and rebuild the Temple.

I will make a covenant of peace with them: it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them and multiply them and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore (Ezekiel 37: 26-28)

Today is the day when the Jews could fulfil God’s command to “build me a sanctuary”

Jesus declared, “Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise, ye when ye shall see all these things, know that it is

near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled” Matthew 24:32-34.

The fig tree is the symbol of Israel as the Eagle is the symbol of America. The fig tree was ‘birthed’ in 1948 amid great opposition, but for the hand of the Lord steering events to the smallest detail things would not have gone the way they did. Jesus said from the birth of the fig tree that generation shall not pass away until all will be fulfilled, I remember that exciting time 74 years ago as a young boy and probably I am just about included in that ‘generation’, Jesus speaks about so I am looking for the Lord to move upon God’s land or at least the later outpouring of the Holy Spirit He speaks about, How about you? *it’s that close!*

Many have thought that the Third Temple would not be built at all. One major obstruction was the absence of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin is the highest court of Jewish lawmakers in the land, made up of 71 religious men who met in the Chamber of Hewn Stones in the Temple and they met every day except the sabbath, but they have ceased to exist for some fifteen centuries. The Sanhedrin must exist to train priests in the ancient rituals of Temple animal sacrifice also to re-establish the authentic Levitical priesthood also to identify the correct location for the rebuilding of the Temple. A Sanhedrin could judge a tribe, a false prophet, or the high priest, they were quite a powerful body of men. Many other obstacles remain not least the political situation, a move to break ground for any building would certainly risk inciting a brutal Holy War. A sample of this happened in 2007 when an Israeli repair team worked on an access ramp leading to the Mount, the repair work was some 165 feet from the nearest Islamic sacred site! but there was still trouble!

The Temple Institute is dedicated to every aspect of the new Temple of Jerusalem and the important role it will fill. With the future building of the third Temple the Institute is ready to support, advise, promote and teach wherever it can to once again fulfil the spiritual well-being of Israel and the nations of the world. It is the Institute’s aim to see Israel rebuild the Temple on Mount Moriah in Jerusalem. This site, on Mount Moriah, is considered most Holy by the Jewish people and considered the only site in the world God chose to rest His presence in the establishment of Solomon’s Holy Temple. Mount Moriah was purchased by David from the owner Ornan the Jebusite. Ornan agreed to the sale and offered David all that was necessary to make an offering to the Lord, but David refused and said he would not take that which is for Lord without cost. (1 Chronicles 21:22). We mentioned earlier the Bible says *without the shedding of blood there is no remission for sin*. Jesus paid the full price for our sin on the cross by shedding His own blood, we cannot be saved from sin with a cross-less salvation.

God commands a Sanctuary.

Exodus 25:8

And let them make Me a Sanctuary: that I may dwell among them.

He gave David the pattern of the first Temple and all the instruments for the inside and Solomon had to make them precise in every detail to God’s instructions. God has not changed His mind on these instructions concerning the first and second Temples.

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Behold, days are coming declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth, and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety; and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness. For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the House of Israel. Neither shall the Priests the Levites want a man before Me to offer Burnt Offerings and to kindle Meat Offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

In the Kingdom Age the Branch of Righteousness is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and He shall come from the throne of David which was broken off with Jehoiachin (2 Kings 24:10-16). That throne has been unoccupied ever since and will be until Jesus occupies it on His return in His own Temple which will be cleaned and sanctified by God before use, when this scripture in Jeremiah will be fulfilled.

Sacrifices were offered up to point to the coming Jesus who was to shed His blood on the cross to redeem mankind from sin and death. It was at the cross that Jesus offered His life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world once for all. (John 3:16). He is the supreme sacrifice there is no more need for lambs, goats, oxen, doves and the like and Jesus prophesied this in Jeremiah 33 saying *“Neither shall the Priests the Levites want a man before Me to offer Burnt offerings and to kindle Meat Offerings and do sacrifice continually”*

Solomon’s Temple took 20 years to build and one might think that the new Temple will take a similar time therefore the Lord’s return could be many years away. But not necessarily, as it is understood that rabbis, researchers, archaeologists and many more interested parties under the guidance of Rabbi Yisrael Ariel founder of the Temple Institute, have constructed, to the original design given by God for the first Temple, detailed drawings and plans and recreating the precious vessels to be used in Temple worship. They are made of the original source materials such as gold, silver, copper and wood. Musical instruments have been made for the Levitical choir, and so has the golden crown of the High Priest. After many years of study and research the Temple Institute has remade probably the most important and central vessels of Divine Worship in the Temple: the seven-branch candle stick called Menorah, the Incense Altar and the Table of the Showbread all made of pure gold. All these items and more can be seen in the Temple Institute Museum in Jerusalem.

Seventy-one new members of the Sanhedrin, the supreme religious body in the land have been appointed and have been in training for some years now. They were abolished in 425AD, today they are being revived. Five hundred Levites are being trained in the process of offering sacrifices in the Temple. Many of the lost treasures have been found under the Temple Mount by archaeologists and are now locked away for safe keeping until the new Temple is complete. Many more are being copied exactly to the instruction of God from the Old Testament and kept in readiness. Great effort and preparations are being made by many authorities working together because they all want to offer sacrifices and worship God in their own Temple again.

Under the Temple Mount

In his book *The New Temple and the Second Coming* the late Grant Jeffrey writes of visiting tunnels and massive cisterns under the Temple Mount. Just after the six-day war in 1967 and the recapture of the Temple Mount, archaeologists began digging a nine-hundred yard (823 metres) long tunnel along the Western Wall almost 65 feet (20 metres) below the streets of Jerusalem. This tunnel is used by Orthodox rabbis who also desired to build the new Temple and think they know exactly where it would be built and pray 65 feet down as close to the old Temple foundations as possible. Grant Jeffrey took photographs of some granite stones used as foundation stones for King Solomon’s Temple and some used for the foundation of King Herod’s extension to the Temple. Archaeologists measured some of them to be 46 feet long by 20 feet by 10 feet in size and weigh up to 1000 tons each. I have seen the biggest stones on a TV programme, and these are gigantic blocks of stone that were cut from a quarry about a mile away and placed 65 feet beneath the Temple Mount as foundation stones. I doubt if any modern machinery could transport these stones at 1000 tons each today. When the Islamic authorities were told of the successful findings of the Israeli Archaeologists after the 6-day war they closed down all digging and research with the excuse of inadvertently defiling the Holy of Holies of the ancient Temple.

In 1947 the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in a cave in Qumran and archaeologists dated them to be about 2000 years old. One in particular was of great importance and they named it 3Q15. This scroll was approximately eight feet long and one foot wide. It had corroded so much it could not be unrolled in the usual way, what’s more the sheets were riveted together which drew attention to the importance of it to the archaeologists. The brittle scroll had to be cut, and the sheets carefully and painstakingly separated. When the scroll was deciphered the writing showed no less than sixty-four secret locations where the Jewish Priests of that day had hidden gold and silver treasures from the Temple some 2000 years before. Some, as we know from the Bible were stolen by the Babylonians. Included in the find was a container of the Oil of Anointing. This had to be treated and analysed and has now become another item ready to use in the anointing process in the new Temple, a few of the original vessels used way back in Solomon’s time have been found and are now able to be used again when the new

Temple is built. All these items Israel has in preparation to use in the new Temple, but God does not seem to be excited about all this at all yet.

The Oil of Anointing

The oil of anointing was to be used to anoint the worship vessels, the Tabernacle, the High Priest, their sons, Exodus 30: 26-31

And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony...and thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to me in the priest's office. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, "This shall be a Holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations." This formula is very similar to the list of ingredients given to Moses in Exodus 30:23. This same anointing oil will be crucial in the last days used to anoint the Messiah when He returns.

After almost 2000 years Israel is clearly moving towards building the Third Temple on Mount Moriah. The Orthodox as well as the everyday Jew is beginning to seek to promote the building of the Third Temple and pray for its speedy completion. This unity of purpose has to some extent brought Israel together.

Haggai 2:9

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The honour of this last house will be greater than that of the first, says the Lord of Hosts; and in this place I will grant peace says the Lord of Hosts.

That does not mean a more beautiful and grander Temple, but a house with greater spiritual authority and wonderment which is far more important. We know that will be the case because Jesus the Messiah will rule from it, but is this third Temple the one that will have greater spiritual authority? Is this third Temple the one the presence of the Messiah will dwell in?

Those taken captive by the Babylonians in 586 BC were asked by their captives to sing a song of Zion. As the war-torn, battered city of Jerusalem receded into the distance, in the minds and thoughts of the captive Jews, and most probably with their eyes filled with tears sang this song; from

Psalm 137:1-9

**By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea we wept, when we remembered Zion.
We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof
For there they who carried us away captive required of us a song; and they who wasted us
required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
If I forget you O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember you, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I prefer not Jerusalem
above my chief joy.**

The captive singers of Israel ask the Lord to remember the cries of the children of Nebuchadnezzar as they ransacked their beloved city.

**"raise it raise it, even to the foundations thereof" O daughter of Babylon, who is to be destroyed
happy shall he be who rewards you as you have served us. Happy shall he be who takes and
dashes your little ones against the stones."**

By the rivers of Babylon is a Rastafari song written by Brent Dowe and Trevor McNaughton of Jamaica, this group has caught the spirit and feelings of these captives as they longed for Zion and their homeland.

As they sang their song of home the smoke of the beautiful Temple burning on Mount Moriah rose up to the sky that could be seen for miles around, Israel's sorrow was translated into a song that is sung to this day.

This song ended with a prophetic prayer that Babylon would pay a high price for the destruction of their beloved city and the burning of the Temple. The Jews have never had another capital and Jerusalem has never been the capital of any other nation. The two Holy Temples that stood in Jerusalem gave the city its eternal meaning. The prayer of the Jew is "may the Holy Temple be rebuilt speedily and, in our day," and when he prays that prayer, he stands facing Jerusalem and the site of the Solomon's Temple just as Daniel did in his captivity many years before.

Despite the sarcasm, the opposition, the disbelief, even from some Christians who should know better if they read their Bibles, God will have the last word. He will have His new Temple built and it may not be this one, He will have this Temple threatened and abused by the Antichrist, but Jesus will rule and reign from His Temple in the end, He will have the last word; He will have a Temple of His choice make no mistake!

The Tribulation Temple

The passage that speaks about the building of the Temple for the Tribulation is Isaiah 66:1-6 and they are the words of Jehovah God and He says;

The heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool: Where is the house that you build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things hath mine hand made and all those things have been says the Lord: but to this man will I look even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.

God says look at the heavens. Our Solar system consists of our star the sun, and everything bound to it by gravity, that is the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, dwarf planets such as Pluto, dozens of moons and millions of asteroids, comets and meteoroids. NASA has discovered hundreds of other planetary systems orbiting other stars just like ours. God says I have made all this by my own hand, and they have been there for a vast number of years. All this He says, is His throne.

In this passage God reminds us that His Temple is the vast space above us which is His throne and earth which man is so proud of but makes such a mess of, is His footstool. And He says in the light of that what type of house will you build Me? I will copy out Isaiah 66:1-6 in full so we can understand what God thinks of this Third Temple Israel is planning to build.

Isaiah 66:1-6

Thus says the Lord, the Heaven is My throne and the Earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things have My hand made, says the Lord, but to this man will I look, even to him who is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at My Word.

Even in the light of His throne being the heavens, in the light of His handywork being the worlds, planets and the heavenly bodies He says He delights far more in the humble contrite, broken spirit of a man that trembles at His Word.

That's how much He loves us, enough to die on a cross and shed his blood to save us, so a man who has fully accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord of his life is a far better Temple for Jesus to dwell in than all the heavens, the stars, moons, suns, or the brightly polished golden altars we call church, He wants faith in the heart of man.

3. He who kills an ox is as if he slew a man; he who sacrifices a lamb as if he cut off a dog's neck; he who offers oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he who burns incense as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways and their soul delights in their abominations.

But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at my word.

God declares that He will not accept our offerings and sacrifices, our religious services and ceremonies beautifully designed by man and displayed so zealously. The traditional church is adorned with golden statues of Mary and a baby, golden candles and golden pictures on the wall of Jesus with a crown of thorns on His head, no reference to a risen Christ at all. The modern church is painted black with flashing coloured lights everywhere with banging drums, trumpets, and a lot of noise. In a church I once attended a friend and I were talking after the service and we had to shout at each other to hear what we were saying. And I mean shout! The music was horrendously loud, I asked the sound engineer if he would be kind enough to reduce the sound of the music a little so we and others could fellowship, and he promptly turned the sound up louder!

Isaiah 11:

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me says the Lord. I am full of the Burnt Offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs or of he goats.

This is what He thought of the offerings of Israel, who were just as zealous in their “church” life as we are. What on earth does He think of our offerings and sacrifices each Sunday and I wonder if He likes very loud music?

But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at my word.

According to Isaiah they are an abomination and an offence to God, and He treats them as if they are addressed to an idol. (*and some may get offended at what I write!*) He is looking for us to offer our hearts.

4 And I will choose their delusions and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: But they did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I delighted not.

This speaks of a Temple that God does not sanction and He is quite blunt about it. But then when He calls we do not answer and when He speaks we do not listen can we wonder a victorious Christian life is very hard to be found. Our churches are either struggling with empty seats or they are full of entertainment seekers.

Isaiah 66:5

5 Hear the voice of the Lord you who tremble at His Word; Your brethren who hate you, who cast you out for my names sake, said Let the Lord be glorified but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

“*Hear the voice of the Lord*” is somewhat an admonishment to the church to listen to the Word of God and not the voice of man who substitute their own words and opinions. The prideful never tremble at the word of the Lord and may cast you out when they think fit and not show love. A relation of mine was a leader in a church and when he became bankrupt in business, he was excommunicated from his post and the church, no I couldn’t believe it either, but it is true he is my cousin! And these Church leaders who turned him out are Christ’s representatives...or should be.

But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembles at my word.

The Red Heifer

Numbers 19:2-10

This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord has commanded saying, speak unto the children of Israel that they bring you a red heifer without spot wherein is no blemish and upon which never came

a yoke. And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest that he may bring it forth without the camp and one shall slay her before his face.

The children of Israel were to bring a red heifer and present it to Eleazar the Priest. The heifer was a symbol of Christ and it had to be spotless and free from any blemish whatever and its colour red was a symbol of the shed blood of Jesus on the cross.

This chosen, selected red heifer was an illustration to the children of Israel that purity, wholeness, cleanliness was what God required of every person in the camp. The heifer was to be killed outside the camp just as Jesus hung on a cross on a hill outside Jerusalem. Israel also noticed that the skin, her flesh, her blood, her waste, all had to be burned in a blazing fire in front of the Priest. It spoke of the Judgement of God that was put upon Jesus instead of upon us who rightly deserved it. Jesus took all our sin so God can declare us not guilty. The red heifer is a type of Christ dying on the cross of Calvary atoning for the sin of mankind. The ashes of the heifer were to be mixed with water and the priest had to wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in the water for purification before he can mix with others.

Numbers 19:4

And Eleazar the Priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the Tabernacle of the congregation seven times.

There were certain rules concerning the purification that are listed in Numbers 19: and they involved the whole congregation. There was no doubt God wanted a pure obedient congregation in His Temple. The way had been made, by the sacrifice of the Red Heifer and that way was open to all who had sinned and become unclean. Any who accepted the way that God had made was accepted by God. Those who did not purify themselves were “cut off” from the congregation because he defiled the Sanctuary of God and not had the water of purification sprinkled on him. (Numbers 19: verse 20). In the New Covenant any individual who ignores the only remedy for sin, which is the shed blood of Jesus and places his faith and love in anything else will be eternally lost.

In 2015 The Temple Institute sought the birth of a Red Heifer. Certain farms were commissioned to produce a Red Heifer. The Red cow is needed to complete the requirements of worship in the Temple. Two years later 2 red heifers were born and after very close inspection proved ideal candidates. As recent as June 2020 experts from the Temple Institute visited these two cows to inspect them again, they are under close inspection to see no harm or blemish comes to them. Israel believes that the entire Temple service depends on the presence of water mixed with Red Heifer ash, they go further, **“...the one and only means of purifying one who has come in contact with death”**. (Israel Today) **“The short of it is that without the Red Heifer the Temple can't be built”** (Israel Today)

There is a great deal more involving the Red Heifer which I do not want to go into in this study. If you do, then look up the web sites of the Temple Institute and Israel Today, and The Red Heifer and see just how Israel is locked into their own world thinking before Jesus came to set them free and they believe in building a new Temple and bringing back animal sacrifices, and relying on a Red Heifer for purification and not the shed blood of Jesus. Israel's history is repeating itself here, how many times did they go their own way coming out of Egypt through to Calvary where they said **“crucify Him, crucify Him and may His blood be on us and our children's children”**, how many times did they ignore their God and now I believe they are doing it again.

Pauline and I believe in Israel, we love Israel we tithe to Israel as well as our church, we remember 1948 and watched its birth, so it disturbs us that so often they forget their Lord and Saviour their Messiah Jesus Christ.

We have asked the question will God approve of this Temple? More importantly will His Spirit dwell in this Temple like it did in Solomon's Temple? Have the builders asked permission from the one the they are supposedly building it for?

Jesus said he would build His Temple from which He would rule the world. Strangely enough Israel will be very much involved in ruling the world with Jesus, but that is after Israel recognises their Messiah with shouts of *“blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord”* Daniel helps us with the introduction of the Abomination of Desolation in Daniel 9:27. What or who is the Abomination of Desolation?

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

The Antichrist will set a covenant of three and a half years with Israel. This will allow Israel to continue to worship and offer sacrifices in their new Temple. All the new vessels, musical instruments, the golden candlestick, altar of incense, the choir, the use of the red heifer that we have mentioned above will have been brought out and used in Temple worship. Soon after the Antichrist is revealed he will show his true colours and will stop the sacrifices in the Temple and at that time will invade Israel causing her to suffer her first military defeat since her formation as a nation in 1948. (Matthew 24:21-22).

Daniel 9: again;

“Even until the consummation” means the suffering and desolation caused by the Antichrist will continue until the end of the 7-year Great Tribulation period.

The fact that the sacrifices that were made to stop by the Antichrist part way through the tribulation period tells us the Temple had been functioning for some time. Israel had fallen back to the days of sacrificing lambs and goats and relying on the blood of animals to forgive sins and not the blood of Jesus their Messiah. This means surely, that the Temple has to be built during the first half of the Tribulation or sometime before the Tribulation. This is as close as we can get to the timing of the rebuilding of the Tribulation Temple and I believe we can see the preparations being made now.

The Abomination of Desolation

What is the Abomination of Desolation?

Daniel 12:11

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

This passage in Daniel tells us that the Abomination of Desolation will last a total of 1290 days. But still does not tell us what the Abomination of Desolation is. If we turn to Matthew 24:15-16 he gives us a clue.

When you see therefore the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet stand in the Holy Place (whoso reads let him understand), then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains.

Jesus gives the Jews a warning. That as soon as they see or hear about The Abomination of Desolation standing in the Holy place, they are to get out of Israel very quickly. In the verse above God says *whoso reads let him understand* which tells me that, to the Jews this must be vitally important to the saving of their souls.

Revelation 11:1-2

And there was given unto me a reed like unto a rod: and the Angel, believed to be Christ stood saying, Rise and measure the Temple of God, and the Altar and them who worship therein.

This refers to the Temple of Jerusalem Israel are planning to build at the moment and Daniel prophesied 500 years before Christ in Daniel 9:27.

But the court which is without the Temple leave out and measure it not for it is given over to the Gentiles and the Holy City they shall tread under foot for forty and two months.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, most manuscripts read, " and except there come a departure first" referring to the rapture of the saints, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, he that opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the Temple of God showing himself that he is God.

So! We are Introducing the Abomination of Desolation. He is the son of perdition, he opposes all that is good and true and exalts himself against all that is called God, the Antichrist will seat himself on a throne in the Temple of God which refers to the rebuilt Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, also called the Tribulation Temple and sets himself as God.

He also causes a statue of himself to be made and placed in the Holy of Holies. This blasphemy is prophesied in Daniel 9:27 and Revelation 11:1-2, 2Thessalonians 2:3-4. He will set up his throne in the Temple and a statute of himself in the Holy of Holies of the Third Temple declaring himself to be the one true God. He will be sponsored by Satan himself who will give him all power, signs and lying wonders, with deceit, *unrighteousness for them that reject the Saviour and received not the love of the truth that they may be saved.*

When you read in the newspapers and see on Television a man sitting in the place of God in the Temple, firstly you will know this is the Antichrist and his statue will be in the Holy of Holies, the Abomination of Desolation has arrived! All hell is about to break loose. For those who accept the Saviour we will live with Him and Revelation 21, describes the new heaven and new earth coming down from God in heaven. The Temple will be gone and from that moment on verse 3 tells us the Tabernacle of God is with man and He will be our God.

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