
The Blood Cries Out

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Hebrews 9:22

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

God knew that the blood of His only Son Jesus, was going to be shed on a Roman cross to redeem mankind from the grip of Satan and buy His creation back to freedom in Jesus Christ. So, this principle of the shedding of blood in sacrifice for the remission of sin was introduced soon after Adam and Eve came on the scene. There came a time when Adam and Eve's two sons were old enough to sacrifice to God of their own free will

They knew their sacrifice had to have a cost attached to it, it could not be bought at a local store, or handed down from father to son, they were taught there had to be shedding of blood involved. A product of the curse cannot remove the curse there has to be a sacrifice and the shedding of blood of an innocent.

Cain was the first to offer a sacrifice to God. Remember this was a sacrifice to honour the shed blood of Christ that was to come. They were both responsible to act in personal faith in the coming seed of the woman who was to bruise the serpent's head and restore man back to God. Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground. This too would be accepted but as a tithe to the Lord not as a sacrifice. (Lev. 27:30). With the fruit of the ground or indeed of the trees of the field there is no shed blood involved.

To God the blood was all important, it was only through the shed blood of an innocent victim that man could be redeemed. Cain's offering was not accepted by God because he simply disobeyed and came to God in unbelief and self-will which was an insult to God and His Son. Verse 5 says that Cain was **very angry and very miserable**, this is the result of disobedience and self-will. God says, (Heb.9:22). **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood.**

Cain ignored that command completely and brought his own sacrifice to replace the shed blood of Christ. It would appear Cain knew what he had done wrong because God told him. God even gave him another chance to bring the correct sacrifice (verse7) and his brother Abel showed him by example, and so did his father but still Cain's pride got the better of him and he introduced the concept of Religion where it was not wanted.

Religion is anything that replaces God in our churches, or our private lives and we do this today quite blatantly. A church in the UK wanted to attract more people to church so they took out loads of seats and built a helter-skelter in their place. Another church in north of England took out lots of seats and built a crazy golf game in their place, there were photographs of both in the newspapers. A TV programme uses a church most weeks to bring people together to buy and sell old furniture, a wonderful testimony to the nation I am sure.

Jesus has been left out of the very place where you would expect to find Him, His church. I guess on His return Jesus will be very disappointed to find those who boast of being saved and filled with the spirit sliding down a helter-skelter or half-way through a round of golf in His house, when we all are told to watch and pray for the Lord's return. Jesus Himself took a whip and cast out traders who were buying and selling in the inner court of the Temple of his day. He said they made His House what He called a den of thieves. We still replace God for idol worship today and wonder why God 'allows' the death of little children, the fires that burn up our land, the floods that destroyed parts of the world, and the Coronas virus bringing so much stress and killing to so many of our loved ones. We have ignored God's laws for our own pleasures, what do you expect! You have heard it, I have heard it, "if God is a God of love why does He allow all these murders, these fires, the flooding and now this virus". The answer is simple. People place themselves outside of His protection. These disasters are a consequence of man's pride and of the fallen world we live in. Jesus shed His blood for all who would repent and call on His name and live for Him. In doing so we place ourselves under the Lordship and protection of God.

2. Chronicles 7:13/14, a verse often quoted says,

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

This is another answer to your question "why does God allowed these awful things to happen?" read this verse again very carefully! If the Lord will allow such things it will be because of sin. He did it in Egypt. He sent plagues, He sent pestilence and death to the Egyptians to get Pharaohs attention. He wants our attention too, so we had better give it to Him, and quick!

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was Righteous.

Our righteousness comes from Jesus Christ and the cross and His shed blood, and the cross must be the object of our faith. Religion will not make us righteous, going to church will not make us righteous, taking communion will not make us righteous. The only way to become righteous in God is to come in faith to the foot of the cross, it is the cross where Jesus paid the price of our sin, we must recognise the cross. And I don't mean a picture of it on the wall or a wooden cross standing in the corner of the church even if it is overlaid with gold. All the animals sacrificed throughout the Old Testament, millions of them, only covered the sins of the people they did not do away with them. When Jesus died on the cross, He took our sins away to be remembered no more. Only then He said "it is finished"

Colossians 2:13.

And you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh (being dead spiritually and separated from God) has He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting out the handwriting of Ordinances that was against us which was contrary to us (referring to the Law of Moses that was God's standard of righteousness which man could not reach) and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross. (The Law was abolished in Christ's death) We are now free

to accept Jesus as our Saviour or reject Him and go our own way, and by the way look at the state of mankind who have gone their own way!

Abel offered his sacrifice in the manner that God taught him, by taking a young lamb without blemish. This lamb was as close to sinless as man could get. It was given to the Priest, and he slit its throat and let its blood flow round the base of the altar. The base of the altar was the proper place to sprinkle the blood of all sacrifices signifying deep humility and surrender of the heart of the person offering the sacrifice. The blood was used by the law of Moses when the Priest sprinkled blood on the altar to signify acceptance of the covenant and the Children of Israel's pledge to obey it when they saw the blood. Exodus 24:7 And half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the presence of the people: and they all said, "**all that the Lord has said we will do and be obedient**". Then Moses would take the other half of the blood and sprinkled the book of the law and all the people then considered the covenant binding. It all centred on the blood; it was the blood the people looked to.

Cain and Abel had seen their father offer a sacrifice of a lamb, now Abel offered his lamb in the same manner and this lamb was accepted by God. Cain brought his offering of fruit as a sacrifice which was not accepted by God which made Cain very angry. In a jealous frenzy he took the life of Abel and killed his brother by slitting his throat. 1 John 3:12 says Cain slew his brother, the word slew in the Greek is "sphazo" which means to cut the throat whereas the word to kill in the Greek the word "apothnesko" is used. God knew what Cain had done because *Abel's blood cried out to Him* from the ground demanding retribution. The Hebrew 'for cry out' means to 'shriek in anguish'. In the life of Abel's blood was all the posterity, ambition, skills, compassion, love, joy, laughter and everything else that makes up the composition of a man, and his blood cried out at the waste, loss and unfulfillment of such a life. If the blood of Abel cried out for retribution from a righteous God how much more dose the blood cry out of all the martyrs, who were slain for the sake of the gospel, the disciples and those burnt at the stake down through the ages. What about the estimated **76 million unborn babies** worldwide whose lives were taken in abortion because they may interrupt the selfish lives of their mothers and fathers. God the creator knows about them and hears the sobbing cries of such waste. Thank God He is mindful and understanding of those who have to lose loved ones due to illness, I believe He has those in His arms, and they are special to Him.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.

The Bible says the life of a baby is in the blood, not the flesh, the flesh is what the doctor ruins thinking the abortion is complete. We now understand life is in the blood of the little one and while the flesh cannot cry out to God the baby's blood can, and God hears it.

It was the blood of Jesus Christ God's own Son that was laid on the altar of the cross and His blood was poured out to atone for our sins. It is the shed blood of Jesus that cries out to us from the cross, to repent of sin. It is the blood, together with our testimony that is our weapon against Satan.

Revelation 12:8/11.

Satan dwelt in the heavens with Christ, there was a war in heaven (1000s of years ago) and Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon (Satan) and his angels and they prevailed not. (They lost!)

...neither was their place found any more in heaven. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, NOW is come Salvation and Strength and the Kingdom of our God and the Power of His Christ: for the accuser of our Brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night. (verse 11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they loved not their lives unto death.

NOW! After centuries and millions of inadequate lambs, goats, and doves being offered up to God as a sacrifice until Jesus came. The Bible says NOW Salvation and the Kingdom has come. Jesus died, once for all and the shed blood of the Lamb of God replaces all else that man can offer, sin is NOW dealt with by the shed blood of Jesus God's own Son on the cross.

These two verses alone tell us how important the shed blood of Jesus is. Satan wars against Christ, Michael and his Angels fight against Satan and his angels. This scenario in God's own dwelling place is bad enough but God then threw Satan and his followers out of heaven onto earth. It is at that point that God gives His people, not only the ability to fight but the weapons to use against the accuser of the brethren which is Satan. He said NOW! After years of offering lambs and so on, is come Salvation Strength and the Kingdom of God and the Power of His Christ. With Satan cast out of heaven, no place left for him anywhere, being humiliated having lost the war and his home, God knew he would be fuming and out to get God's people in revenge, so God gives us all we need to fight him. And it is by the shed blood of Jesus that flowed from the cross and the testimony of what the blood of Jesus has done for us that makes us overcomers.

John described seeing the innocent souls of those who were slain and placed under the altar of incense and hearing their blood cry out asking God "how long until we will be avenged". The blood of martyrs and the blood of those innocent babies cry out to God as Abel's did, but they will not be avenged until all those yet to be martyred in the tribulation and until Jesus comes again when He will right all wrongs.

If you want to know how important the blood was to God read Leviticus Chapters 5/6 for instance. Without the shedding of the blood of an animal no sin could be forgiven. For centuries an animal was sacrificed on the altar, its blood was shed to represent the shed blood of the coming Jesus the spotless Son of God who was made a curse in our place. The blood of thousands upon thousands of lambs took the place of Jesus as a sacrifice until it was reduced to a mere formality and ritual. God could not stand Israel's pretence anymore.

Isaiah 1:11. God said,

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 beast; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs or of he goats.

God did not accept the Religious activity of Israel; in our modern words He says He is fed up with our worship when our hearts are far from Him. Israel looked to the ceremony rather than what the ceremony represented. He will not accept our Religion or idol worship today either. We are all guilty of bringing to the Lord that which He doesn't want. I remember spending the best part of the week of evenings painting a Dickens type picture right across the front of the church at Christmas. On another occasion my friend and I spent a similar amount of time making a large waterfall on the platform with water cascading down with coloured lights changing the colour of the water as it flowed. Oh! they were good, and the congregation

looked forward each year to see what we would do next. Did Jesus enjoy them, I very much doubt it! It was Religion and idol worship brought into the house of God much like the crazy golf we spoke about earlier. When will the modern church learn that God wants our hearts...completely? Without all the trappings that we bring! All our religious activity which may well be genuine on our part but in most cases, it is empty and is an abomination to God, He said so.

Verse 13 God said

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Although God given it was an abomination to Him because it had become just religious activity.

We are much like Israel we bring into our church and include in our meetings all sorts of additions which are simply labelled Religion and idol worship. The Prophet Isaiah cuts across the excuses of the people who were maintaining that all the outward ordinances were required by Law, so they protested that they were blameless. But read what God said about them in verse 10.

Isaiah Chapter 1:10

Hear the Word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the Law of our God you people of Gomorrah.

God not only calls the rulers of Israel to listen to the voice of God laying much of responsibility for, people of Gomorrah. Hearing these words, you can imagine the anger all round Jerusalem. This is what the Bible tells us, and I don't think the modern church is exempt from this sort of teaching even if it is not preached from the pulpits of today. We should expect to hear a true wakeup call from the true prophets and then act on everything God is saying. *We are in a season of preparation for the end times. A time to draw close to Jesus and a time to get our lives right and be ready to meet Him.*

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? says the Lord.

A question God asked Israel all those years ago.

A question God asks of us today.

The pure blood of Christ

Mathew 1:18

We believe in the virgin birth, lots don't. Joseph was married to Mary. Espousal amongst the Hebrews was the legal part of a marriage. All documents were signed, contracts were completed, and the contract specified a time from the signing to the actual coming together of the married couple. (Gen 29:18. Deut. 20:7). Before they came together Mary was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit. This would normally be a frightening thing to happen and worthy of death (Deut. 22:22-28). But this birth was of the Holy Spirit and there was a difference. Joseph, a Godly and upright man thought to hide Mary to save her shame, but an angel came to him in a

dream and said *Joseph son of David fear not, that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost*. Note Joseph was called son of David, even in the birth of Jesus that bloodline was kept.

We are told today by our medical men and women that the blood of a baby comes from the man and not the woman. We read in the scriptures that *life is in the blood* so did the life and blood supply of Jesus come from Joseph then? No! his blood was contaminated by sin the same as everyone else's, also Mary and Joseph had not come together yet according to the espousal contract, so nothing had passed between them. That would have played right into the hands of Satan. He could have said Jesus was a mere man and full of sin so could not die in man's place. And he would be right, Salvation from sin would be finished before it had started, the cross would have been a waste of time, and the shed blood that flowed from the cross would be no better than yours or mine.

Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and all the flock over the which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which He purchased with His Own Blood

Paul addressed the Pastors in Ephesus who were to teach this truth to the Church and tell them they were purchased by God's Own Blood which makes our Salvation steadfast and sure. So, who bought the Church? God bought the Church, with what did God buy the Church? His Own precious Blood. Pastors tell your congregations this wonderful truth. The blood of Jesus came from His Father in heaven by the Holy Spirit. Pure, Holy and powerful blood able to wash away the sins of the world and the Holy Spirit gave it to Mary direct from God the Father, man's blood could not take away the sin of the world. Does God have blood then? Well He did on this occasion! Thank you, Heavenly Father.

The only thing that can take away your sin, your guilt, your depression, your sickness is the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross at Calvary. All the sacrifices offered by millions since the time of Abel whose blood still cries out, cannot and will not please God enough for Him to wash away sin. What He does accept is the Holy Blood of His Son Jesus. If you want your sins forgiven why not accept Jesus too. In faith meet Jesus at the cross, ask Him to forgive you for all your wrong doings, start to read the Bible at St Johns Gospel in the New Testament and simply tell Jesus how you feel. He will meet you at the cross where He shed His Blood for you.

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King Solomon was known for his wisdom, wealth and his writings. He became king about 967 before Christ and he had a very large kingdom. Solomon was the son of king David and Bathsheba; he was not the oldest son, but 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 11:1-3

“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 in a war which will 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. When you see the Israelis wearing hard hats with picks and shovels congregate on the Mount you will know they have found the spot! 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 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, it 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 will show why Judah must run to the mountains at this time on the website www.wordlightmypath.com. 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 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 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. But will God's presence be found in this new 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 the 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 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 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, has He confirmed these instructions for the Third Temple?

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Behold, days are coming declares the Lord, when I will fulfill 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”*

It is likely to get very busy on the Mount when building starts. 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. The burning question is, is it God’s will for this Temple to be built? And is all this preparation a waste of time in the eyes of God?

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!

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

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 sung 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 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.*

If you read in the newspapers, or 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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