### Sabbath Marketplace Service



### The Third Temple The Gate to Heaven

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### The Gate to Heaven

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### Today's Key Topics

- Scriptural basis for rebuilding the Temple
- Timeline on attempts to rebuild the Temple
- Can this be done?







### The Will To Rebuild

- Since the destruction of the Second temple it has been the desire to rebuild the Temple
- Each time the effort to rebuild has been divinely stop
- So will the Temple be built?
- According to Scripture there will be a Third Temple and also a Temple during the Millennium Reign of Yeshua
- Let's see what Scripture entails

### Isaiah 2:2-3 – The Millennium Temple

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### Isaiah 56:6-7

• "Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— <sup>7</sup> Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in **My house of prayer**. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *Will be* accepted on My altar; For **My house** shall be called a **house of prayer for all nations**."

### Haggai 2:7

• <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill **this temple with glory**,' says the LORD of hosts.

### Zechariah 14:16

<sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

### Malachi 3:1 – Implies when Yeshua returns...

The Jewish people believe that it is a prerequisite for the Temple to be build for the Messiah to come. The Messiah will arrive with a shout as He enters the Temple.

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

### The Second Temple was destroyed on a Sabbath

- However, on that fateful day, the Levites sang a Temple song normally reserved for Wednesday which should under normal condition, should be the song sang on Sabbath
- Only realized the divine arrangement when the Temple Mount recaptured on June7, 1967 which was a Wednesday!



### Who Wants a Temple?

- Since the destruction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple in AD70 the Jewish people have prayed for its rebuilding
- Prophet Daniel 6:10 "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."
- Today's Orthodox Jews recite three times daily the word "May it be Thy will that the Temple be speedily rebuilt in our own time."

### Rebuilding of the Last Day Temple

- Current Prophetic and future fulfilment
  - Re-establishment of the nation of Israel
  - Increasingly return of the Jews to their Homeland
- Isaiah 27:12-13
  - And it shall come to pass in that day *That* the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.
  - <sup>13</sup> So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

### Why The Jews Believe There Will be Rebuilding of the Last Day Temple

- The Messiah will return
- Zech 14:4

 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

- Matt 24:27
  - <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

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- The Temple must also be restored to maintain Israel's national blessings
- Extend Israel blessings to the nations of the world
- Israel become the focal point of prayer when Yeshua returns

### Historical Temples

- To understand the future we need to look back in the past
- And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8
  - God wants to redeem man to Himself by dwelling with them in His Sanctuary
  - Since the sin of Adam, man has distanced himself from Holy God
  - Here God is returning to man at Sinai what had been lost in Eden
  - A personal relationship manifested by His Presence
  - The Sanctuary was the means of Restoration
  - This is the reason for building the Sanctuary for God
  - King David recorded in 1 Chronicles 29:1 that the Temple is not for man, but for the LORD God
  - A witness that God exists, His covenant with Israel and His purpose through the nation of Israel as a kingdom of priests

#### **Elements Common to the Earthly and Heavenly Temples**

#### Earthly Temple

#### Heavenly Temple

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Description	References	Description	References
called "worldly sanctuary"	Heb. 9:1-2	called "Temple in heaven" or "true Tabernacle"	Rev. 7:15; 14:17; 15:5; 16:17; Heb. 8:2
seven-branched lampstand	Ex. 26:35	seven-branched lampstand	Rev. 1:12
trumpet	Ex. 19:13,16,19	trumpet	Rev. 8:2,6
altar of sacrifice	Ex. 27:1-2; 39:39	altar of sacrifice	Rev. 6:9
sacral vestments	Ex. 29, 39	sacral vestments	Rev. 4:4; 6:11; 15:6
altar of incense	Ex. 30:1-6; 39:38	altar of incense	Rev. 8:3-5
four horns of the altar	Ex. 30:10	four horns of the altar	Rev. 9:13
Ark of the Covenant	Ex. 25	Ark of the Covenant	Rev. 11:19
golden censer	1 Kgs. 7:50	golden censer	Rev. 8:3-5
incense	Ex. 30:34-36	incense	Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4
incense bowls	1 Kgs. 7:50; Num. 7:13,19,25,31,37	incense bowls	Rev. 5:8
throne (mercy seat)	Ex. 25:22; Lev. 16:2	throne	Ps. 11:4; Rev. 7:9; 16:17
Holy Place	1 Kgs. 7:50	Holy Place	Heb. 9:11-12,24
Holy of Holies	Ex. 26:25-33	Holy of Holies	Rev. 4:1-10
high priest	Heb. 4:14	high priest	Heb. 9:6-7
priestly officiants	Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:17	priestly officials	Rev. 8:2-5
rites	Lev. 1–10; 16,23–35	rites	Rev. 4:8-11; 8:2-5; 15:1-8
24 priestly courses	1 Chr. 23:3-6	24 elders	Rev. 4:4,10; 5:8
cherubim	Ex. 25:18,22; 1 Kgs. 6:23-28	four living creatures	Rev. 4:6-8
worshipers	2 Chr. 7:3	worshipers	Rev. 5:11; 7:9; 19:6
sacrifice of lambs	Ex. 29:39	slain Lamb of God	Rev. 5:6

Adapted from the chart by J.A. and Donald Parry in Temples of the Ancient World, p. 521.

### THE TEMPLE TROUGH TIME



### The Destruction of the First Temple

- God warned Solomon about the future destruction of the Temple
  - 1 Kings 9:6-9
  - <sup>6</sup> But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, <sup>7</sup> then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. <sup>8</sup> And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' <sup>9</sup> Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the LORD has brought all this calamity on them.' "

### Solomon's Mistakes

- Solomon lead to Idolatry by His 1,000 foreign wives and concubines
  - 1 Kings 11:1-3
  - 11 But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—<sup>2</sup> from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.
- Solomon's son, Rehoboam
- Jeroboam Northern Kingdom

### Established Alternative Site of Worship



### Northern & Southern Kingdoms

- Northern Kingdom was destroyed and exiled by the Assyrians in 721 B.C.
- The Southern Kingdom lasted 135 years
  - Shortly after the split, Pharaoh Shishak attacked Jerusalem and plundered the Temple of its gold
  - Eventually, the Southern Kingdom felled to the Babylonians
  - King Nebuchandnezzar took Jehioakim and thousands of nobles and artisans including Daniel and his friends to Babylon
  - The final destruction came in BC 587/586
  - Temple destroyed and burned
- First Temple had stood for some 374 years
- Since the invasion by Joshua, the land did not enjoy sabbatical rest for 490 years

### Second Temple

- Jeremiah explained in his writing that after 70 years from exile, they will return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple
- Daniel used this understanding to pray
- Jeremiah 25:10-12, Daniel 6:10; 9:2-19
- God arranged this through Isaiah's prophecy years before Cyrus was born

### Second Temple of Zerubbabel

- Under the leadership of Zerubbabel, 50,000 Jews returned to Jerusalem in 538 BC
- An altar was constructed and sacrifices began and observing the Feasts – Ezra 3:1-5
- Temple construction was stalled by opposition for 15 years
- Finally completed in 515 BC assisted by the decree by king Darius Ezra 6:1-15

### Desecration of Zerubbabel's Temple

- For 200 years the Second Temple served as the official center of worship
- During this period Judea came under the control of the Greeks
- The Southern and Northern Kingdoms (Daniel)
- Ptolemy (Egypt) treated the Jews favorably and allowed freedom of worship BUT
- Under the Syrian Greek (Seleucids) strife broke out
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 BC) came and desecrated the Temple
- Maccabees Victory and celebration of Hanukkah or the Feast of Dedication – John 10:22
- Further desecration came when Roman General Pompey and entered the Holy of Holies

### The Second Temple of Herod

- Rome in control of the land
- Made Herod the Great an Edomite
- He extended the former Temple extensively by creating a new platform enclosing Mount Moriah
- Herod constructed some towering walls more than 150 feet from the bedrock
- A portion of this wall still exists and known as the Western Wall (Kotel)
- These walls stretches 1,500 feet in length and 900 feet in width
- Backfilled with rocks to form today's Temple Mount 40 acres



### King Herod

- His building of the Temple is to demonstrate his support for Judaism and also to prove his loyalty to Rome
- He erected an eagle, which is a bird of prey at the doorway to the Temple
- This is a abomination to the Jewish people and riot broke up in 4 BC
- The eagle was taken down and hacked to pieces
- Herod severely punished those involved
- Some months later he died of an excruciating painful disease
- His successor Herod Antipas who ruled during the time of Jesus and Paul – Acts 12:21-23

## Were there warnings on the destruction of the Herod Temple?

- At Yeshua's death, the Temple veil was ripped off
- AD66 at the time of Passover the huge Nicanor gate that secured the Eastern Gate was observed at the sixth hour to open of its own accord
- AD 66 revolt by the Jews led by Eleazar, son of the captain of the Temple
- Emperor Nero sent his best General Vespasian and the finest legion, the Tenth Legion to retake the land lost to the Jews
- AD 68 Qumran was retaken by the Romans
- Nero died and replaced by Vespasian who sent his son Titus to capture Jerusalem
- On 9<sup>th</sup> Av, Jerusalem was taken and the Temple. Titus ordered not to damage the Temple BUT... fulfilling Yeshua's prophecy –Luke 19:43-44



- The Jews rejoiced over the rebuilding as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy
- Christians saw it as a fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy Dan 11:34
- 125 AD Emperor Hadrian also known as Publius Aelius Hadrianus forbid the Jews from rebuilding the Temple
- 132 AD Bar Kokhba rebellion to rebuild the Temple
- 135 AD Emperor Hadrian retakes Jerusalem destroyed the Bar Kokhba temple
- AD 326 Emperor Constantine builds Church of the Holy Sepulchre to overlook the Temple ruin

- Building material was funded by Emperor Julian, nephew of Emperor Constantine and the Jews and ready to start the rebuilding on May 20, 363 AD
- Major earthquake that destroyed Nabatean city of Petra and also the building material stored in Solomon's Stables
- Roman historian Ammianus Marcellinus recorded "Terrifying balls of flame kept bursting forth near the foundations of the Temple" burning some of the workers to death.
- Julian died in the Persian campaign and replaced by the Christian Emperor Jovian

- 691 AD Muslim Caliph Abd al-Malik completed the Dome of the Rock
  72 years after Mohammed's flight from Mecca to Medina
- 701 AD Muslim Caliph al-Walid completed the AL-Aqsa Mosque on the site of the Byzantine church
- 1099-1118 AD Crusaders captured Jerusalem and transformed the Dome of the Rock into a Christian Church (Templum Domini : the Temple of God") and the Al-Aqsa Mosque into HQ of the Order if the Knights Templar
- 1187 AD Saladin recaptures Jerusalem and converts Templum Domini and AL-Aqsa to mosques

- 1538-9 AD Sultan Suleiman ("The Magnificent") beautifies the Dome of the Rock and builds present perimeter walls and gates around Jerusalem and designated the Western Wall as the official place for Jewish worship
- 1897 AD Theodore Herzl holds First Zion Congress and establishes that Israel must be the Jewish homeland, sparking the first wave of Aliyah to the Land
- 1917-1948 Jerusalem is conquered by British. Israeli independence granted May 14 1948 but no access to Western Wall or Temple Mount
- May 25, 1948 Old City falls to the Jordanians and Jews are forbidden access to the Western Wall for the next 18 years. Jordan destroyed 58 synagogues in the Jewish Quarter

- 1958-1964 Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia underwrite extensive repairs the Dome of the Rock
- June 7, 1967 Six Day war liberates Temple Mount. Rabbi Goren suggested blowing up the mosques on the Temple Mount but stopped by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan. Ordered the Israeli flag on the Dome of the Rick removed
- June 8, 1967 IDF Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and team carefully measured the Temple Compound based on available archaeological remains compared with recorded in Josephus, Mishnah tracts
- June 17, 1967 Moshe Dayan met with leaders from Al-Aqsa Mosque and returned Temple Mount to the Muslim Wakf as a gesture of peace

- June 29, 1967 Israeli Knesset declared the reunification of East and West Jerusalem, making the Temple Mount part of modern Israel
- August 15, 1967 Rabbi Shlomo Goren leads group to pray on Temple Mount. Base on his measurements taken on the Mount in June, he contends that he knows where is the Holy of Holies is located and the rabbinic ban against entering the Temple Mount is no longer applicable
- Oct 8, 1990 The Temple Mount Faithful attempts to lay a cornerstone for their Third Temple – riots. 20,000 Jews assembled for the FOT services were pelted with stones from 3,000 Muslim Palestine Arabs

- Dec 2, 1998 The UN General Assembly passes a resolution declaring Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem illegal and calling for Israel to give the right of self-determination to the Palestinians who wanted Jerusalem as their capital and forbidding any Jewish presence on the Temple Mount
- Sept 27, 1999 The Temple Mount Faithful conduct the water drawing ceremony at the Pool of Siloam and anoint the cornerstone and attempt to lay it on the Temple Mount

### Where is the Possible location of the Temple?





### Holy Communion



Please prepare your elements for the Holy Communion at the end of the sharing