



Truth Nuggets Part 13

Millennial-Kingdom Myths (Part 9) More on the Third Temple

There's no question that the Bible points to the Temple being rebuilt; but, will it be a physical temple, or a "spiritual" temple? In the last article we presented many scriptures to indicate that the 3rd-temple would be a people in whom dwelt the Spirit of the living God, and for further emphasis, pointed to the verse that God does not inhabit buildings made by human hands. Both temples are actually "physical," but one is a building made by human hands, and the other is a people.

We have wonderful friends who believe that the temple will be a physical building in Jerusalem, and others (of equally strong opinion), who think that it will be made up of people globally. I try to be open to the idea that the third Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem as a physical temple, and to understand why some friends think that way. It seems at first to be so limiting, so small in scope, and even to be going backwards from God's progressive revelation to inhabit a people, however, we have love & respect for those who think differently.

I have not found any convincing scriptures that say that it will be a building in Jerusalem, but there are some that use that as an analogy, such as in comparing Sarah & Hagar, (Galatians 4:25). One woman represents a physical place and the other a people. One place represents the Word as requirements & rituals, the other is symbolic of a people who walk in the intent of the Word by the guidance of Spirit, not man. One outward government...the other inward...two different Covenants.

I admit that I lack insight to see what these friends see. After all, there is a temple institute intent on rebuilding the building, and they have made significant progress toward that goal. Well, what's the purpose?...I doubt for sacrifices, since God makes clear in several places that they are not what pleases Him, but rather the offering of an obedient heart of love. So, perhaps the building would be built as a multipurpose building, to serve as a government building, a museum, a teaching center, a gathering place for Feast Days, and a phenomenal tourist attraction. However, if so, then I suppose that it would likely become an idol, a distraction from God Himself, leading

me back to I don't see the rebuilding of the building as part of God's plan of further light, truth, & revelation. Jews emphasize rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem to distract from the Messiah. Believers who lean toward Judaism can unwittingly fall into that trap.

What about the people of the earth streaming to Mt Zion to learn the ways of Yahovah as it says in Micah 4:1-3? These nations go up to the "mountain of Yahovah," specified as the mountain exalted above all other mountains. That Mountain is the Kingdom of Daniel 2, made up of a people fashioned not by man, but by His Spirit, who increase until they cover the earth. Mt Zion represents those of the First Resurrection everywhere, (Luke 20:35). Our worship is no longer limited to a place, (John 4:24).

When all the living stones are put in place, then the Spirit of Yahovah fills this spiritual temple. This presence of God coming into the Temple is seen as a resurrection of the remnant. Wow! Suddenly the nations, will be seeking these immortals to learn all about God & His ways. They won't be going to physical Jerusalem, but to people of the New Jerusalem (Messiah's Bride), His Glory (Habakkuk 2:14) wherever they may be found!

(No, I have not forgotten Ezekiel's Temple...just need more time to take a closer look at it... maybe next article?)

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