

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this booklet is to collect in one place the prophecies given to me concerning these three aspects of God's plan for the 'Restoration of all things'.

### Why a Temple?

"On this Rock I will build My Church."<sup>i</sup> In the Song of Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 32:4 he declared that God is the Rock. Isaac slept upon the rock that was later to become the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite which King David purchased as the site for the Temple.<sup>ii</sup> How do these things connect?

The Jewish people call the rock upon which the holy of holies rested: the Foundation Stone, the Gate of Heaven. It is the place where Heaven and earth are connected, a place of fellowship and meeting with Yaweh. However, Jesus called something else the Rock. He called Peter the Rock and through him Jesus declared that He would build His Temple made without hands, a Temple of faith, an instrument of meeting and fellowship between God and humanity.

The rock of the Temple was in a place. It was earthly. It had materiality and yet it had heavenly or spiritual qualities. The Temple that Jesus mandated to replace Herod's temple was formed in the hearts of His followers – the Church. It became the construct through which fellowship with Yaweh was to be restored and perfected.

Jesus is mandating the preparation of another Temple for the restoration of His fellowship with Israel and the transfer of Jesus' authority in the earth to Israel for the preaching of the Gospel, once the Bride, the Church has been raptured away to the Banquet in Heaven.

### Why a Golden Temple?

Gold is the material of blessing and eternity. It does not rust. The Temple is the place of communion between God and humanity. When the Lord first spoke to me a prophecy referring to the Golden Temple of the New Jerusalem I thought "Oh no! Not another golden thing!" I apologize for that reaction but I felt the weight of trying to explain yet another spiritual construct.

If we reduce the concept to its aspects of blessing, eternity and communion I think it is easier to interpret the intention of the prophecies. Read them for yourself. I cannot claim to have comprehended them fully, but I offer some thoughts about them to you.

The phrase 'Golden Temple of the New Jerusalem' refers to a spiritual construct that is being formed in the heart of the Church. It manifests itself as a desire for the salvation of all Israel, a love for the land of Israel and a willingness to prepare for the return of Jesus with His stated intention of removing His Bride – the Church – for a 7-year Banquet and passing the burden/authority of preaching the Gospel to Israel.

The Church is a building made without hands<sup>iii</sup> arising out of the body of Christ. We are "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone: in whom all the building fitly framed together growth into an holy temple in the Lord: in whom you also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."<sup>iv</sup> We are "built up a spiritual house."<sup>v</sup>

It appears that the Church is being asked to give birth to another temple like herself, one for Israel. It will be a place of communion between Israel and Jesus throughout the 1,000-year reign of Christ. This will be the Bride's gift to the Groom when she is taken away to the banquet of consummation in Heaven. It is also given in tribute to Israel for all that is owed to Israel by the Church (the grafted-in branch).

What is the Biblical foundation of this? God has always prepared a place (ha makom) of communion with His people. In the wilderness it was the Tabernacle. In the land of promise it was in Jerusalem. When Israel was exiled to Babylon the Temple had to be restored first, before she could return and be restored as a nation. No Temple, no Israel.

Herod embellished that temple and tried to make it a wonder of the world in honour of himself and to obligate the Jews to his rule. This corresponds to the temple to be built by the Antichrist. Such a temple was inadequate. It was destroyed and along with it Israel was also destroyed from being a nation in 70A.D.

In 1948, when Israel was restored as a nation, control of Ha Makom, the Place, the Temple Mount and the Foundation Stone was denied them. Israel is still in need of a Temple. The Golden Temple of the New Jerusalem is a construct for the 1,000-year reign – a Tabernacle – a tent of meeting between Jesus and Israel. It will be superseded at the end of the Reign by the Heavenly Temple.

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<sup>i</sup> Matthew 16:18

<sup>ii</sup> Genesis 28: 11-17, 2 Samuel 24:21

<sup>iii</sup> Mark 14:58

<sup>iv</sup> Ephesians 2:20-22

<sup>v</sup> 1 Peter 2:5