

Comments on Brother Derek's Introduction:

Thanks very much to Brother Derek for his great introduction. The way he explained the background of the place of worship for the nation of Israel as the Kingdom of God, and the Divine worship in the Age to come was a helpful reminder.

Our brother referred us to key passages such as Isaiah 2:2: *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*

Isaiah 56:6-7 *6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.*

He referred us to others as well, and explained how representatives of all nations will assemble every year at Jerusalem to worship. (This is good point, because how can all the worlds inhabitants literally cram into one place, and some need to be left behind to tend to domestic issues, just as all the tribes went up to Jerusalem on the feast days, but in fact, it was representatives of every tribe and family that went.)

Immediately we read these passages we can see that the Scripture is talking about a Kingdom of God on the earth, with world central government, and nations all coming together in one place at certain times of the year.

There are many faiths who state that the temple of the Lord is just spiritual, and in fact when we die we go to heaven. Others still say

that the temple in the future will be built along the lines that it was built by the nation of Israel. Indeed, there is an organisation known as the Temple Institute whose stated aims and reason for their existence is to prepare the materials and furniture for the new temple in the Kingdom, their idea of the temple in the future resembles something like what Solomon built. These religious Jews of course are thinking only of themselves, but the Scriptures show, as Brother Derek reminded, is to enable a meeting place of huge numbers of people to worship God together, a literal temple on a far greater scale than anything Solomon envisaged.

As Brother Derek has shown us there is a Need for a Temple in the Future Kingdom of God

- To fulfil prophecy
- To be a house of Prayer
- To be a Place of Gathering of the nations
- To be a House of God – (note not a house for God as He explained to David, He does not need a House to dwell in as Brother Derek reminded us of that passage)

Further reasons mentioned and alluded to by our Brother are also highlighted here:

- Zechariah 6:15 *And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.* Isaiah 60:10,11 *And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. ...Even in the process of development, construction and inauguration the Temple will act as a focal point for consolidation of the nations all contributing and*

assisting in some way in the construction of this massive edifice – an international act of fellowship. In the same way but on a far grander scale in the way all the children of Israel donated materials willingly for the tabernacle.

- Ezekiel 43:7 *And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever,...* It will be used to house the central authority of the Kingdom, centred upon the Throne of the House of David, which will be graciously inherited by none other than the Greater Son of David – Jesus Christ. Jeremiah 3:17 *At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem...*
- Zechariah 8: 22 *Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.* Zechariah 14:17 *And it shall be... all the families of the earth [will come] unto Jerusalem to worship the King,* It will provide a process and method for reformation and reconciliation – Strong nations praying and seeking – and they will find the God of Israel by worshipping communally. The Temple will be needed to provide the facilities to do just this.
- Micah 4: 2 *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.* This passage like Isaiah 2 Brother Derek quoted, shows how a Central Location will be needed as a Distributor and Source of One Law, which will supersede all the world's parliaments, and legislative bodies. The Temple will be known as that Fountain of Justice and Equity.
- Psalm 51:18-19: *Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole*

burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.
Ezekiel 20:40 *For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.* The Temple will be needed as the location to offer sacrifices and give offerings as part of the Divine Law, to teach and educate the nations of the Great Sacrifice of Christ Jesus

- Ezekiel 43:10 *Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.* The Temple of the Kingdom is a requirement to show those who are truly concerned of the great difference between the corrupt rulership of men, and the Righteous rule of the Son of Man. As even the pattern was so designed to shock and awe the nation of Israel at the time of Ezekiel into repentance, how much the actual edifice itself!!
Verse 11 *And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.*

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