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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE EVOLUTION OF GOD'S TEMPLE



THE FADING GLORY

The glory of God had moved from heaven into the tabernacle of Moses, it then moved into the tabernacle in Shiloh then into the tent of David after which it moved into the Temple of Solomon which was the first solid temple. By faith we might say the glory of God further moved into Temple of Zerrubabbel which was the second temple after its restoration. Though it should be clearly noted that the second temple of Zerrubabbel which was later modified by Herod never had a physical manifestation of the glory of God.

The ark of God and the contents were never recovered after the sacking of the Israelites from the Promised Land by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. Like we established in past chapters, the Ark was actually the center of attraction in the House of God. It signified His glory in the midst of His people. That already was a sign signifying that the glory of God never really returned to Israel after their sacking from the Promised Land and their restoration back to their land.

The works of God became works of old; the old glory began to fade away. The clouds by day and the fire by night that once manifested over God's people during their wilderness journey and during the dedication of the tabernacle started to fade. It appeared briefly during the time of the dedication of the Temple by Solomon but faded with time. The seekers of God started to ask where is their God, where is the God of old, the God who brought them out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Israel become very much like the nations around them, because that glory that was once with them was no more visible. Sickness and diseases and the curses that were meant for the nations became their portion also. They were no more that spectacular nation in the world. Signs and wonders like they knew in times past were no more.

In spite of the fading glory The Lord sent His Prophets to prophesy saying that more glorious times were coming. The prophets assured them that the glory of God they had seen in Egypt and in the wilderness will be Child's play compared to the glory that was to

come. The glory and beauty of Solomon's temple will be like nothing in comparison to the glory of the Temple that was to come.

GLORY OF THE HOUSE TO COME

Ezekiel saw a vision of the glory that was to come; he saw the future temple of the Lord in its beauty and splendor [Ezekiel 41-44]. Ezekiel also saw the glory of God enter in the temple and the glory filled the temple very much the same way it filled the tabernacle of Moses and the Temple of Solomon.

Ezekiel 43:1-7 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. 6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me. 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, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

Ezekiel heard the Lord saying that, this is the place of His glory and dwelling. He also assured Ezekiel that in that day the Children of Israel will no longer defile and practice abominable things and therefore suffer the devastating consequences they had suffered for many years. God was indirectly indicating a new order will be ushered in, an order where the Children of Israel will possess the true

righteousness that God desires of them. A new order where they will be able to please God whole heartedly without stumbling. This means that the old models by Moses and Solomon were faulty. To date that temple model seen by Ezekiel has not been built so that one might be fooled into thinking that we still have to wait a while for it's manifestation in the physical.

Haggai prophesied saying the Glory of the latter house will be greater than the former glory.

Haggai 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Jehovah of Hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says Jehovah of Hosts.

God directed Haggai to prophesy as a way of encouraging the demoralized Israelites who saw or heard of the glory of the glorious Temple of Solomon.

Prophet Amos prophesied that the glorious house of David will be rebuilt.

Amos 9:11 In that day I will raise up the booth of David that has fallen, and close up its breaks; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old;

The Prophet Malachi prophesied that the Lord whom we seek will suddenly come into His Temple. The glory that had eluded the Israelites for hundreds of years was to return again. The prophet further said that God was to send a messenger ahead of Him, one that will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send My messenger, and He will clear the way before Me. And Jehovah, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Angel of the Covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He comes, says Jehovah of Hosts.

RETURN OF THE GLORY

Many years later true, to the word of the Prophets, John the Baptist appeared on the scene and told them to repent for God's kingdom was at hand. Before the appearing of John the Baptist, Israel and Jerusalem as a whole was known as the kingdom of God or the city of the Lord. So if John the Baptist talked about the coming of the kingdom of God, God was about to do away with the old. The old or the earthly are only shadows and reflections of the true model in the Heavens. Anything on this physical realm is not real; they are only projected images of the unseen.

John preached the coming of the Lord and warning that all men should begin to manifest love and seek the true God of creation. A particular moment arrived; While He was preaching and administering baptism to people, something suddenly happened. A man by the name of Jesus suddenly appeared on the scene, He came to be baptized by John the Baptist like all others before Him. After being baptized, a cloud in the form of a dove entered into Him. A voice from heaven said this is my son in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3:16 - 17 And Jesus, when He had been baptized, went up immediately out of the water. And lo, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him. 17 And lo, a voice from Heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

We saw the Lord coming down from heaven with His clouds of glory when Moses dedicated the Tabernacle (**EXODUS 40:33-38**). We also saw the Lord come down with this same clouds of glory when Solomon dedicated the Temple (**2 Chronicles 5:13-14**). Now we see the Lord coming down in a cloud shaped as a dove into the Jesus as He dedicated His life to God. Somebody may ask how do I know it was a cloud? "Well I received it by revelation from the spirit of God"

Isaiah 60:8

8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud, And like doves to their

roosts?

From the moment of the baptism of Jesus, it was God walking and doing all things in Jesus. God dwelt in Jesus Christ, this was the eternal temple and habitation of God revealed. From the appearing of Jesus the era of physical buildings being temples or habitations for God was over. What we see here is an evolution from that physical temple form created by man into the very Son of God who is likened to a temple built without hand.

God will not dwell in buildings made with hands. Those physical models were mere shadows and were never intended to be the true house of God. If they were really the true temples of God they would have remained to this day.

God made sure that every bit of the old physical temples and the old physical ark were destroyed or vanished. He did this so that men do not idolize these objects; these were mere objects not God.

THE TRUE TEMPLE OF GOD

When Jesus pointed to the Temple, He told the scribes and the Pharisees destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days. They all thought He was speaking about the Physical temple of Herod, not knowing He was referring to His Body which had become the Temple of God.

John 2:18 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do you show us, since you do these things? **19** Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. **20** Then the Jews said, This temple was forty-six years building, and will you rear it up in three days? **21** But He spoke of the temple of His body. **22** Therefore when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Jesus clearly said He was the Temple of God, but most people to this day do not believe this. Some Historians and theologians say the Temple was destroyed some years later in fulfillment of the prediction made by Jesus. The things of God are so mysterious that unless the Lord open's our eyes, we could just lose our way.

Jesus Christ confirmed He was the house (Same as Temple) of God while speaking to His disciples.

John 14:1-14

14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Chapter 14 of the book of John is one of the most misinterpreted scriptures in the bible today. What people, even professing Christians have been taught, is that Jesus died on the Cross and has gone to heaven somewhere in the skies to prepare mansions of gold and precious stones. They say He will be back at the appointed time to take the Christians away into the sky so that they may be with Him. The word mansions in the original meant abiding place. What Jesus simply meant was that His leaving this physical world was for the good of the disciples. He had to go so that He could send the spirit of God which at that time was embodied in Him. He was saying it is when He finishes His ministry in the flesh that the spirit will come. When the spirit comes, it is in its power from above that enables us to abide in Him; Himself being the House of God. The house of God is spiritual even though it was revealed through the flesh of Jesus; understand that it is invisible and eternal in the spirit realm or the heavens. His leaving this world gives us the opportunity to be as He was in this world. It gives us the opportunity to live in that grace and exceeding favor of God that was demonstrated in Jesus.

Jesus Christ further told the Disciples that God dwells in Him, meaning that He was the house of the Father.

John 14:8-11 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Today as we know, we abide in that House which is the body of Christ the House of God. The Devil does not want Christians to know this, because this type of revelation brings about victory and deliverance to the saints. When you know the truth you are set free from those cunning fables of men that seek to keep you away from God's glory.

REVELATION OF THE FATHER

When the Lord Jesus Christ went about healing the sick and ministering deliverance unto those who were oppressed of the devil, it was actually God in Him administering mercy unto the poor and needy of this world from His mercy seat in Christ **[John 14:10-11]**.

Over the dark ages before the appearance of Jesus, The God that was known was known for wars and vengeance. The God that was known was a tribal God that chose to be God of the Hebrews. That was a God who administered the law and revealed Himself as a visible consuming fire. We are beginning to understand that, the manifestations of God of old were just as shadow of God because it was Christ who revealed the true God of love and mercy. Israel had not known the true God they had known and worshiped the shadow all along, and some still worship a shadow God till this day. When

you hear such things do not get offended, just humble yourself and ask God for a true revelation of Himself to you.

Nobody knows the Father except the son and nobody knows the son except the Father. Jesus being the only begotten of the Father was the First Person in flesh form to reveal the true God of creation. Nobody had seen the Father except Jesus the Son and the Father confirmed this on several occasions with a voice from Heaven saying this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.[**Matthew 11:27, Matthew 3:17**]. Never before then had God thundered from Heaven to confess anyone to be His son who is well beloved of Him. The many others before Him were servants who did their parts while awaiting the promise that was to be revealed by the only begotten of the Father. He is the firstborn from among the dead and the first to transcend humanity in ascending back to the Father.

The only begotten revealed a Father of unconditional love and truth. He confirmed that His Father was not the same Father and God of Elijah because Elijah operated with a completely different spirit. Elijah operated with a spirit of vengeance and destruction [**Luke 9:51-56**]. Jesus Christ operating with the spirit of the Father preached nothing but love and the willingness of God to preserve the lives of all who believed Him. He did not go out to unleash plagues and destruction on people even when he was persecuted and rejected like Moses and Elijah did. So all this, it is clear that Moses, Elijah and the other great men of God in the past never really knew God, they walked in shadows.

In God there is no shadow of turning, He is light and administers only light. The True Father Jesus revealed has open hands and is always willing to save and bring people into the knowledge of the truth so that they might be healed. He does not go about destroying people, when we find ourselves in trouble it is because we put ourselves there either out of ignorance or out of rebellion to His truth. The moment man hears the truth and approaches God, He is speedily revived. The best God can do is give you His counsel, from there it is up to you to accept your true inheritance of love and glory

in Him or to foolishly turn your back on your inheritance. Turning our back on Him means creating darkness for ourselves.

We have a free will to do as we will God does not go about hurting anybody, we only reap what we sow. Jesus in His humanity had the choice set before Him to either carry His cross and glorify the Father or reject it. At Gethsemane we saw how Jesus wrestled with His self will as a human and the will of God. The choice was His, He could have walked out if He wanted but He said thy will be done not mine. He had the choice to become king in this world or to reign in the unseen kingdom of God. The choice was always set before Him to gain this world at the expense of His soul or to forsake this world to gain God and live. So also the choice is ours to go down and live a life void of the knowledge of God who is our true lifeline or to live a life unto Him.

God demonstrated His glory rested in Jesus by mighty works He did through Jesus. The healings of the peoples was like the rivers of life Ezekiel saw gushing out of the Temple to the end of the earth. Ezekiel saw in the Vision of the heavenly temple of God. **[Ezekiel 47:1-9]**.

The healing waters of life flowed from the throne of God in the temple Ezekiel saw in the vision. To date that Temple has never been built in Jerusalem and never would be built. Jesus Christ is that temple of the living God that the prophet Ezekiel spoke about. He came that he should give life and life abundantly. The seas prophetically talks about the nations of the world and its habitants living in the deep where there is no light. The rivers of God is flowing and will flow into the world in a magnitude that has never been seen before so that all who receive Him shall be saved and healed from all forms of the curse we inherited in the fall through our Adam-like consciousness.

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out

of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

God is great; those who listen to the Lord speaking from His temple will be saved and healed.

God has been revealed once and for all through the revelation of Christ Jesus. The same way Jesus went about doing good so also is the Lord still working today. That is the real revelation of the Father and God of all created spirits on the face of the earth

The glory of the latter days is here like the prophets prophesied and it all started with the Head of the Body Christ Jesus. We will soon discover that the Temple remains and can never be moved.

