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King David Handling the letter to Uriah by Thomas Hawk. .

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THE PRINCE OF ISRAEL IS REVEALED

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EZEKIEL 44:1-8

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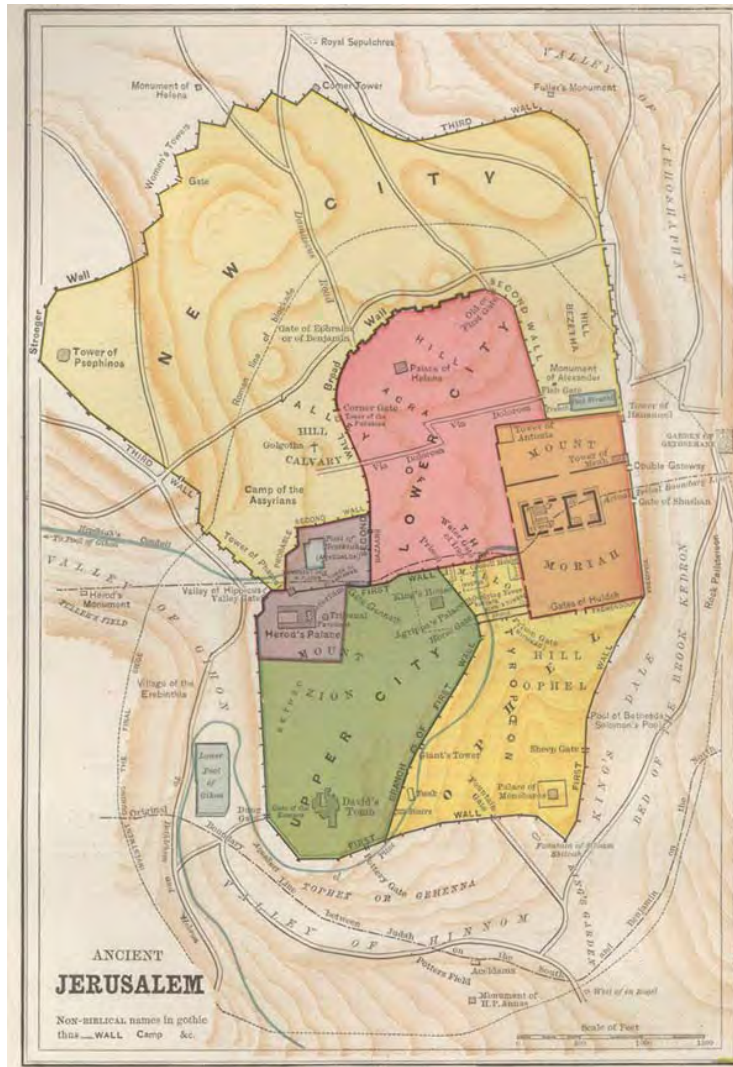
THE GLORY OF GOD LEAVES THE FIRST TEMPLE

When God left the Temple in 586 B.C. He had the Cherubim lift Him out of the Temple and exit through the eastern gate.

Ezekiel 10:19

¹⁹ And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of Jehovah's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above (ASV, 1901).

So the Lord moved from the Holy of Holies to the Temple threshold and them to the eastern gate and finally to the mount of Olives where He hovered as He departed from Israel because of their gross sins.



From there God hovered over the Mount of Olives.

Ezekiel 11:23

²³ And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city (ASV, 1901).



The Valley of Jehoshaphat looking West toward the Temple Mount

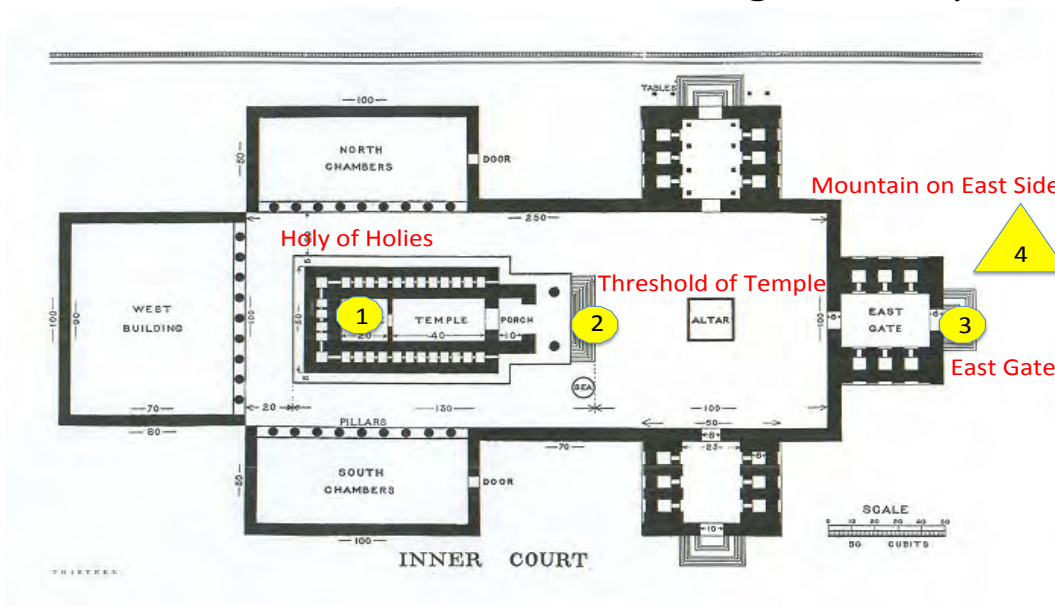


Photo From Har Hazeitim (the Mount of Olives)



Photo Looking at the Har Hazeitim (the Mount of Olives)

Gradual Movements of God Leaving The Temple



Ezekiel was blessed to see the Glory of God depart the First Temple. God went from the Holy of Holies to the Threshold of the Temple to the East Gate and finally to the Mount of Olives on the east of the Temple Mount across the valley of Jehoshaphat, which is now the Kidron Valley. The Shekinah Glory of God then moved to the final resting place in Jerusalem to position number four on the map of the Temple Mount. This is the Mount of Olives. The Glory of God further distanced Himself from the sins taking place in Jerusalem. Six hundred eighteen years later the Lord Jesus left the earth, which was forty days after His resurrection by way of the Mount of Olives.

THE LORD JESUS' ASCENSION

Mark 16:19

¹⁹ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. (KJV).

The apostles and other eyewitnesses watched Him ascend back to Heaven. He departed from the Mount of Olives.

Acts 1:9-12

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye beheld

him going into heaven. ¹²Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey off (KJV).

Jesus ascended from the Mount of Olives. As He went up angels assured the watchers that Jesus would return in a like manner the second time in clouds to the Mount of Olives. When Jesus work was complete He sat down at the right hand of God The Father where He had authority over Heaven and earth (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 1:3, 8:1).

THE GLORY OF GOD RETURNS TO THE TEMPLE

Ezekiel is now is blessed to witness the Glory of God returning. God will return through the Eastern Gate of the Millennial Temple and enter the Holy of Holies.

This is a different Temple and Temple mount than the one that He took leave from in 586 B.C. This has nothing to do with the present Temple mount in Jerusalem. The world's geography will be dramatically altered during the Tribulation. The resulting mountain supporting the Temple will be the highest in the world and the flat top of it will be fifty miles square. The new Temple built on it will be one mile square and have gates that do not resemble the present gates in Jerusalem. The eastern gate in Jerusalem today is closed and called the Golden Gate. The *Shekinah* Glory did not enter through it, nor did Jesus, since the present gate was built six centuries after He was here. The *Shekinah* left the Temple Mount and went to the Mount of Olives. Jesus departed from the earth to Heaven by way of the Mount of Olives. Just as the angels assured the apostles that *this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.* He will come back to the eastern gate from the Mount of Olives. The eighth stage of the final battle in the Great Tribulation called the Campaign of Armageddon will be on Mount Olivet.

The last stage involves the Lord alighting on the Mount of Olives as He left when he ascended back to heaven in thirty-three AD.

The campaign of Armageddon involves eight stages. They are as follows:

1. The Assembling of the Allies of the Antichrist.
2. The Destruction of Babylon.
3. The Fall of Jerusalem.
4. The Armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah (Petra).
5. The National Regeneration of Israel.
6. The Second Coming of the Messiah. The Place of the Second coming & The Manner of the Second Coming.
7. The Battle from Bozrah to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Jerusalem).
8. The Victory Ascent Up the Mount of Olives.

The last stage of the Campaign of Armageddon focuses on the Lord Jesus touching down on the Mount of Olives. From here He will make His path to the new Temple as soon as it is finished.

Zechariah 14:3-4

“³Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. ⁴And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the mount of Olives shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south (ASV, 1901).

From there He will cover the new Mount Zion.

Isaiah 4:5-6

⁵And Jehovah will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. ⁶And there shall be a pavilion for a shade in the day-time from the heat, and for a refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain (ASV, 1901).

Isaiah is describing God’s *Shekinah* Glory as a *cloud* and *smoke* by day and the *shining of a flaming fire* by night just as in the Exodus and the Tabernacle. The Glory is described as a covering giving protection from the heat, storm and rain. The new Mount Zion, will be the highest mountain on earth with a fifty-mile square plateau on top with the new City of Jerusalem on the south side and the Millennial Temple on the north side. Over this mountain will be the visible manifestation of the *Shekinah* Glory as a cloud, smoke and flaming fire. God goes on to say through Zechariah that He will also hover over and around Jerusalem,

Zechariah 2:4-5

⁴And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein. ⁵For I, saith Jehovah, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her (ASV, 1901).

Then after the new Messianic Temple is built He will enter the eastern gate to take up residence in the Temple’s Holy of Holies.

Ezekiel 44:1-2

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The eastern gate will be closed after the Lord enters the Temple compound through it. Once in the Temple God will not leave it for the entire thousand year period of the Messianic Kingdom. Since this gate will be permanently closed, entry and exit into and out of the porch of that gate will have to be from and into the outer court. This is the special entrance and egress of the Prince who will be dining in the presence of the Lord.

THE PRINCE

Ezekiel 44:3

³As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before Jehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same (ASV, 1901).

This prince is the resurrected King David. He will be a King over Israel and the Jews but a Prince under King Jesus who will be the supreme ruler of the world. There are a number of passages that speak to the fact that this will be David's role during the Messianic Kingdom.

Jeremiah 30:9

⁹But they shall serve Jehovah their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them (ASV, 1901).

So this passage let's us know that the nation Israel will ultimately serve the Messiah but also David the King. David will be resurrected by God in order to become the second in command of the Jewish branch of the world's government in the Messianic Kingdom under the leadership of King Messiah our Lord Jesus.

Ezekiel 34:23-24

²³And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Jehovah, have spoken it (ASV, 1901).

Under David there will only be one kingdom of Israel. This passage is making reference to the civil war after Solomon's reign which produced two Israeli kingdoms with two kings.

Ezekiel 37:24-25

²⁴And my servant David shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in mine ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. ²⁵And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children's children, for ever: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever (ASV, 1901).

God used Ezekiel to convey a similar message that He gave him earlier. In the thirty-seventh Chapter the focus is the Messianic Kingdom with David as the king and their prince. He will guide them in keeping the Law of God's righteous commandments. God also told His prophet Hosea the same thing.

Hosea 3:5

⁵Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek Jehovah their God, and David their king, and shall come with fear unto Jehovah and to his goodness in the latter days (ASV, 1901).

God again says exactly what He spoke through the other prophets about David in the Messianic Kingdom. This is a literal David, the king of Israel, resurrected and ruling Israel under King Messiah. He will function as the king over Israel and as a prince in obedience to the King of the world, Jesus. So this is how David will serve both as king and prince. From his role over Israel, David will be their king. But from his subordination to Jesus the Messiah, David will be a prince.

EZEKIEL IS BROUGHT TO GOD

Ezekiel 44:4-8

⁴Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah: and I fell upon my face. ⁵And Jehovah said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Jehovah, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every egress of the sanctuary. ⁶And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, ⁷in that ye have brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, to add unto all your abominations. ⁸And ye have not kept the charge of my holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves (ASV, 1901).

Ezekiel is led into the inner court through north gate because the east gate, is now shut. The Temple will hereafter be filled with the glory of the Lord, as follows: *and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord*; as he had seen before. Once again Ezekiel is extremely humbled in the Fear of The Lord and falls upon his face in obeisance. Now the Lord begins to speak to him in a great voice to pay strict attention to all He will tell him regarding the laws and ordinances of the Temple for to convey to others. The temple is now repeatedly called the House of the Lord, the place where His glory dwells, exalted above the hills, to which the nations shall come (Isaiah 2:2). He wants him to speak to the other Israeli prisoners of war in Babylon. God wants Ezekiel to remind them of the rebellion they

engaged in toward Him which resulted in their being conquered by the Babylonians. He reminds them of the abominations they committed toward Him and His House the Temple. He says to them, "*O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,*" They will no longer be tolerated, nor will Israel in the Messianic Kingdom ever sin again. He reminds them of their sinful past and of the demands of holiness for His house. There will never again be any pagans in the House of The Lord. All Israel will be saved (Romans 11:26) and no longer tolerate any Canaanitish people in their Temple. Going in to the Messianic Kingdom there will be a world of only regenerated believers. The Lord said the same thing to Zechariah.

Zechariah 14:21

²¹Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto Jehovah of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil therein: and in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts (ASV, 1901).

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