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The Tabernacle of David

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See appendix for more information.*



DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my Heavenly Father¹, and to the many worshippers worldwide, who, *like King David*, live to worship Him! Through the scriptures contained within this book and the power of the Holy Spirit, may my God draw near to Himself worshippers with hearts fashioned after His own heart! May they listen and learn and in doing so, fulfil all His will!

“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.”

Acts 13:22 b

¹ For more about my Heavenly Father, read “A Name to Honour” in the Appendix.

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“To everything there is a season”
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INTRODUCTION

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:24

When Yeshua walked this earth, one day, He sat at a certain well in Samaria. When a woman came to the well to get some water, Yeshua engaged her in conversation. His discourse with her contained revelation knowledge of her past and present behaviours. Amazed by His supernatural knowledge of her life, she blurted out her conclusion about Him: *He must be a prophet!* Then, without hesitation, she turned the conversation into "*the discussion*" of that day, namely, where does the true worship to YeHoVaH take place?

According to the religion of the Samaritans of her day, the faith of their forefathers was truth. After all, their faith originated from the priests

of Northern Israel, who surely taught them truth about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Unfortunately, the Samaritans did not realize the priests of Northern Israel, who taught them their faith, were apostate teachers schooled in a religion loosely based around the Mosaic Law principles, from based on the perverted faith of Jeroboam I, King of Israel.

Thus, faith principles received by the Samaritans were contaminated with manmade teachings and doctrines. Even so, the Samaritans passed down that faith and its practices to their children. Regrettably, while their teachings² claimed alignment with the God of Israel it was not so.

As this woman of Samaria ardently engaged with Yeshua in conversation, she addressed the religious contention the Samaritans held with the Jews, namely, where is the true mountain for worship. It must be their mountain, *Mt.*

² As a point of reference, after the Assyrian captivity of Northern Israel, people were sent into the conquered lands to dwell. Priests from Northern Israel, once instructed in the religion of the land, were sown into Samaria to teach the inhabitants the religion of the God of the land. Unfortunately, these priests came from a Jeroboam style worship, which embraced false gods and idols made of gold, etc.

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*Gerizim*³ and not as the Jews contend *on Mt. Zion*.

She presented her question about the proper mountain of worship to the prophet, Yeshua, asking, *who's right?*

How did He respond?

John 4:21-22

21 Yeshua saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Yeshua's answer stunned her, for in it, He gave a powerful prophetic statement, which declared an ultimate and unimaginable shift coming to worship. "Neither in this mountain" (Mt. Gerizim), "nor yet at Jerusalem", (Mt. Zion, upon which sat Jerusalem's beautiful temple), shall you worship the Father". None of the stately customs, traditions, or barrage of worship instructions she understood, practiced,

³ This is the mountain of blessing as referenced in Deuteronomy 27:12

or knew about would remain. A definite shift was on its way.

SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS

After that shocking statement, He brought the conversation back to the *personal* level, where His interaction with her began. He identified the root issue, stating that she did not know herself what she worshipped. Clearly, His Divine perception understood the longing heart that wants truth. “Jews”, He said, “know what we worship”. Declaring the bottom line, He said, “salvation is of the Jews”. Then He added:

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Still willing to converse with Yeshua, she switched to another major topic of the day, namely, discussions about the Messiah: “when Messiah comes, He will tell us all things”.⁴ That

⁴ John 4:25

opened the door for a response that shocked her even more.

John 4:28-30

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Immediately, she left her water pot behind at the well, her task to fill it left incomplete. She barrelled ahead non-stop until she reached the men of the city where she dwelt. There, she declared what happened to her. In response, they went out of the city and came to speak with Yeshua. Soon, they invited him to return to their city. He did so and stayed there two days. As a result, many embraced Yeshua as their Saviour.

John 4:40-42

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman,

Now we believe, not because of thy saying:
for we have heard him ourselves, and know
that this is indeed the Christ, *the Saviour of
the world*.⁵

SAMARITANS' RECEPTION

Yeshua's reasons for speaking to the Samaritans were numerous and varied⁶. It produced good fruit for the kingdom of God for these Samaritans understood that Yeshua was the way to Truth. In reflecting upon that time between Yeshua and the Samaritans, there are some major points, which believers can see as applicable to our day. Some of those major points include Yeshua's promise of living water, springing up to eternal life.⁷ Another benefit is a glance into the shift in worship.

⁵ Please note: Yeshua's topic with the woman was "Salvation". Also, since many received Him as Saviour, His conversation with the Samaritans also pointed to Salvation.

⁶ Yeshua, in speaking with Gentile Samaritans, foreshadowed the time when God would bring the gospel to the Gentiles.

⁷ John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Yeshua's promise to the Samaritan woman, to give her living water, He fulfilled. That happened as He declared His mission as Saviour, and she embraced it. This woman, herself, would no longer worship at Mt. Gerizim, nor switch to worship at Mt. Zion.

Indeed, the eternal salvation, which God provides for all who believe, opened a wide door to the Father, which in turn, made room for a satisfaction which truly quenches the spiritual thirst.

Walking through that door of truth, as it was presented to her by Yeshua, without manmade religious trappings, meant direct access to the One Who created all humankind. Once through the door, who could ever thirst again?⁸

A WORSHIP SHIFT

His prophetic words, "the hour is coming" spoke of a new day coming, but did Yeshua shed any light on that day? What about the shift in worship place and focus, about which Yeshua

⁸ If you don't know Yeshua as Saviour, please turn to the Appendix and find the section entitled, "Salvation Message".

spoke? Did the people of Samaria with whom Yeshua spoke, understand that truth?

Luke 9:52-56

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

In verse 53, we see Yeshua set His face to go to Jerusalem. This was a mandatory feast, which all male Jews must attend, thus, He set His face, or focused on going to Jerusalem. Since the Samaritans followed a religious system only based on the true system, *but not fashioned exactly like it*, they'd celebrate their feast, their style and upon Mt. Gerizim, not Mt. Zion.

Yeshua visited them but He could not stay and worship with them. He must continue to Mt. Zion.

Perhaps, that is the main reason the Samaritans did not receive Him on this visit. In any case, the point here is worship. While many Samaritans received His message on His mission, they showed no signs of receiving either the message or the shift of the true place of worship.

AFTER THE TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION

With the Temple destroyed in 70 A.D., a different focus in worship was obvious. According to the book of Hebrews, it was important all true worshippers embrace the shift from worship at the physical temple to the original temple in heaven, where Yeshua sits at God's right hand and serves as High Priest.

Hebrews 8:1-2

1 Now of the things which we have spoken [this is] the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which YeHoVaH pitched, and not man.

With that shift in place, there is yet another shift to embrace:

a temple of a different kind.

Hebrews 3:6

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.”

Two powerful shifts to embrace! This was a challenge for them, however, the shifts were the focus of the words of Yeshua, as we read earlier:

John 4:21

21 Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Noting that fulfilment, Yeshua’s words describe more about the shift to take place:

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. 24 God is a

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Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

While the Samaritan woman and perhaps the Jewish worshippers understood God was not physically sitting in the temple, the question remains, how did they perceive the words of Yeshua when He said, “worship Him in Spirit and in Truth”?

Perhaps, for some people in that timeframe, it was a radical thought, however, Apostolic writings reveal that the apostles got the shift without a problem. While they still went to the Temple to pray, we know their focus was reasoning with the Jews to bring them to salvation in Yeshua. Yet, they continued to worship in their homes, and even while alone, as this scripture verifies:

Ephesians 5:17-21

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of YeHoVaH is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and*

*making melody in your heart to YeHoVaH;*⁹

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

THE ALL-IMPORTANT SHIFT

Worship, indeed, experienced a marvellous and important shift through Yeshua. No longer do New Testament style believers think about worshipping at a Temple, such as Solomon built! A building, such as that Temple, is not the focus for one who loves YeHoVaH and desires to worship Him, His Way! God's way embraces worship from the heart, as often spoken about in the Prophets. Additionally, it is seen in the Apostolic writings, too, as they admonished believers to speak to themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in their heart to YeHoVaH¹⁰.

On the surface, some might think that embracing a study of the Tabernacle of David seems a step backward. Afterall, that tabernacle existed a long time before Yeshua. Why even

⁹ Bold and italics here added by author of this book

¹⁰ Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

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study it? Why not stay focused within the Apostolic writings alone?

Our answer lies in recognizing the enormous difference between the Tabernacle of David and all other temples in the past, and even from the proposed Temple the Jews plan to build in our day. David's Tabernacle, sandwiched between the Mosaic Tabernacle and the Temple of Solomon and the solemnity of those worship systems, invites us to investigate its uniqueness. It draws us to understand its significance and embrace its difference and the message therein.

Our study of David's Tabernacle walks through the seasons of its existence in the past, its reality in our day and its existence in the future. Looking at the Tabernacle in this manner shows how David's tabernacle foreshadowed God's model of true worship. That tabernacle, even looking back at the timeframe in which it operated, taught principles of worship, matching Yeshua's instructions to worship God in Spirit and in Truth!

Dear reader, *through the pages of this book and your diligent study*, you will discover these amazing things including excellent principles of true worship, designed to move the ready

worshipper to a place of worship to honour and love God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength, as did David.

Indeed, this study, which embraces the past, present, and future of the Tabernacle of David, gives a marvellous opportunity for you to grow in the avenues of worship, love, and service to the King of Kings AND shows *a prophetic picture of Yeshua's return!* Truly, this utterly amazing topic of David's Tabernacle, with all its glory and beauty, when understood, teaches believers to

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