

Transcript – My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer for Everyone

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom! Praise Yahweh for another week. The message today is called, *My House Shall Be a House of Prayer for All People ... My House Shall Be a House of Prayer for All People*.

I want to start in Isaiah 56 and I don't think there's a greater Sabbath blessing for, you can say, Gentiles, non-Israelites being grafted into the covenant than the Sabbath blessing that comes in Isaiah 56 for those who join the covenant; which the Sabbath is one of the signs for. So Isaiah 56 verse 4, it says:

Isaiah 56:4-7 *For so says YAHWEH to the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths and choose things I am pleased with, and take hold of My covenant: I, even I will give to them in My house and in My walls a hand and a name better than sons and than daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. And the sons of the foreigner, ... Right? The Gentiles or the ones being grafted in ... who join themselves to YAHWEH to serve Him, and to love the name of YAHWEH, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant: even them I will bring to **My holy mount** ... to Mount Zion ... and make them **joyful in My house of prayer**. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples,*

So today I really want to go into the House of Yahweh. We talk a lot about today where was the original sanctuary of Yahweh. We know it was in the City of David. Other people try to say it's where the Temple Mount is, where the Fort Antonia was. But I want to really get into the marvelousness, the amazingness, the awesomeness of the House of Yahweh because it's the greatest blessing to those who are joining the covenant ... is right here that *My house shall be called a house of prayer*. That **Yahweh will bring them to His House** that's there.

So the first thing I want to do is go over the original House. First, let's go to 2nd Samuel 7 and see why a house was even made because the *real* House of Yahweh will be made by Yahshua, the Messiah, when He returns. But Yahweh *did allow* the first sanctuary of His to be built by Solomon. So 2nd Samuel 7, starting in verse 1 says:

2nd Samuel 7:1-3 *And it happened, when the king lived in his house, ... talking about King David ... and YAHWEH had given him rest from all his enemies all around, The king said to Nathan the prophet, See, now, I am living in a house of cedar, and the ark of the Elohim dwells within tent curtains ... This is the Tabernacle of David where it's been unearthed today ... And Nathan said to the king, All that is in your heart, go, do. For YAHWEH shall be with you.*

2nd Samuel 7:4-6 *And it happened in the night, the Word of YAHWEH was to Nathan, saying, Go, and you shall say to My servant, to David, So says YAHWEH, Will you build a house for Me, for My dwelling? For I have not dwelt in a house even from the day of My bringing the sons of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a shepherds tent.*

Comment: And we know that's the heart of Yahweh. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob – they were Bedouins. And that's what they did. They dwelt in tents. And that's what Yahweh was dwelling in – tents. Because what does it show? It shows us **life is temporal**. And that everything in this life is temporal and temporary but in the Kingdom of Yahweh it'll be forever. And that's why in the Kingdom of Yahweh there'll be a sanctuary there. Not forever but at least for the thousand-year Millennium. After that there will be no sanctuary. We'll talk about that later. He says:

2nd Samuel 7:7-8 *In all places in which I have gone with all Israel's sons, have I spoken a word with one of the tribes of Israel, those I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, Why have you not built for me a house of cedars? And now, so you shall say to My servant, to David, So says YAHWEH of Hosts, I have taken you from the good pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler over My people, over Israel.*

Comment: Like we say, always remember **David was a shepherd before he was a king**. So even though it was never Yahweh's intention to build a *physical* sanctuary to dwell in until the Messiah would come, Yahweh, because David's heart was right, He was going to honor this request. He says:

2nd Samuel 7:9-11 *And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and cut off all your enemies from before you and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may **dwell in their own place** and not be made to tremble any more. Nor shall the sons of evil afflict them again, as the first, even from the day I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will cause you to rest from all your enemies. And YAHWEH declares to you that **YAHWEH will build you a house**.*

Isn't it kind of interesting they use ... because usually you don't use the "Yod Hey Vav Hey" twice in one sentence. That's why sometimes the Jews will change it when do to Adonai. They've done that more than a hundred times in Scripture. But here it's there twice. Because actually He's saying and *Yahweh, the Father, declares to you that YAHWEH, the Son will make you a house*; the two Yahweh's; Yahweh being a family name. He says:

2nd Samuel 7:12-13 *And when your days are fulfilled, and you lie with your fathers, then I shall raise up your seed after you, who shall come out of your loins, and I shall establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever ... Okay? So in verse 16 here:*

2nd Samuel 7:16 *And your house shall be sure, and your kingdom before me forever. Your throne shall be established forever.*

So here we see the promise to David was of an eternal house. Not meaning a physical building. Although Yahshua will build a physical building in the Millennium, but talking about a *physical dynasty*; a house - meaning a dynasty. But Yahweh *did allow* his son as a *type*, Solomon, to build a physical sanctuary. And it was an amazing place. Today, there's no remnant of it, except for maybe the original ground and the foundation where it was built that they have uncovered in the City of David where the sanctuary of Yahweh that Solomon built was.

But from the writings, and even from the Bible and everything we see, it had to be the most amazing thing in the world as an Israelite to actually come up at feast time. And come up whether you're coming from the north, or you're coming from the west, or you're coming from the east, wherever you're coming from. When you hit Jerusalem and you see Mount Zion and you see that hill, and you see the sanctuary of Yahweh there and the grandeur and the gloriousness of that building that Yahweh's presence was actually dwelling in.

Can you imagine? That *physically* ... that's why they couldn't even go into the Holy of Holies except once a year and the priest had to first do a sacrifice for his own sin and then the sins of the people. And actually if he went into that Holy of Holies and he wasn't right before Yahweh, he would die. If he went in any other time he would die. They got to the point where they started putting a rope around the priest to pull him out because so many priests were dying in those last days because their hearts weren't right before Yahweh.

But let's go to Kings ... **1st Kings 5** and let's see this a little bit. Because I want to really talk this House that Yahweh built ... that was built for Yahweh let's say. Yahweh didn't build *His yet*. His will be soon but He allowed Solomon to build one for Him and it was amazing. **1st Kings 5:5** says:

1st Kings 5:5 *And, behold, I am commanding a house to be built for the name of YAHWEH my Elohim, as YAHWEH spoke to my father David, saying, Your son, whom I will appoint in your place on your throne, he will build the house for My name.*

Really interesting because *Your son, whom You will appoint*, in Hebrew that word is *Natan – Nathan*, and it's very interesting that Yahshua comes from the lineage ... if you look in the book of **Luke 3rd Chapter** of Nathan, not Solomon. So we know Solomon is ultimately *not the son* that is going to rule forever. He only ruled ... even his son didn't rule after him. The kingdom was divided from that point. But as a *type* Solomon was the only son that ruled over a united kingdom. No other king of Israel ruled over a united kingdom, and the way that Yahshua will when He returns. But Yahweh allowed him to build this. Let's go down to verse 15:

1st Kings 5:15-18 *And Solomon had **seventy thousand** bearing burdens, and **eighty thousand** hewing in the mountains ... can you imagine all the people that were preparing this? ... besides the rulers of Solomon's overseers who were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, those ruling over the people who were working in the work. And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, quarried stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders, and the Giblites, cut and prepared the wood and the stones to build the house.*

So here he had seventy thousand building burdens and eighty thousand hewing in the mountains. This was a major operation! Because remember once they got these stones and they got the wood and all the things to the sanctuary, there was no work done there. This place was so holy. It was so sanctified. It was so set apart because of Yahweh's presence there that they couldn't even wheel an axe. They could even bang a hammer. It all had to be done outside and then almost like a confab [pre-fabricated] house it had to become and just put together there. Let's go to 1st Kings 6 in verse 1:

1st Kings 6:1 *And it happened in the four hundred and eightieth year from the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Zif, in the second month, in the reigning of Solomon over Israel he built the house for YAHWEH ... drop down to verse 7:*

1st Kings 6:7 *And when it was being built, the house was built of finished stone made ready beforehand. And **there was not heard in the house a hammer or an axe, or any iron tool, while it was being built.***

Wow! I know today we've lived near places and we went near places that were construction sites. And it's the last thing you want to do is be near a construction site because they are loud. And you have hundreds of people there banging and sawing and hammering and cutting. And they're loud. Can you imagine here with *thousands* of people working you could basically drop a pin and hear it because of how *sanctified* that place was and why? Because the presence of Yahweh was going to be there. Drop down to verse 14:

1st Kings 6:14-16 *And Solomon built the house, and finished it. And he built the walls of the house inside with beams of cedar, from the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling. He overlaid the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with boards of fir. And he built the twenty cubits on the back part of the house with boards of cedar, from the floor to the walls. And he built for it inside, for the sanctuary, for the Holy of Holies ... the very room that would be Yahweh's room, His presence.*

1st Kings 6:17-19 *And the house was forty cubits, that is, the Sanctuary before it. And the cedar for the house inside was with carvings of gourds and flowers spread out; the whole was cedar; not a stone was seen ... So everything was covered with cedar wood ... And he prepared the Holy of Holies in the midst of the house, to place the ark of the covenant of YAHWEH there ... drop down to verse 21:*

1st Kings 6:21-22 *And Solomon overlaid the house inside with refined gold, and caused it to pass over in chains of gold to the face of the Holy of Holies, and overlaid it with gold. And he overlaid all of the house with gold, until all of the house was complete. And he overlaid with gold all of the altar that belonged to the Holy of Holies.*

So wow, can you imagine? Not only was this place made with gigantic, unbelievable hewn stones that were taken out and brought there and put together. But then once the place was up and it was done, he overlaid the whole thing with cedar wood and then overlaid the wood with gold. So when you would walk into there and it would *literally* be something that you couldn't even *imagine* that was all filled with gold that was there. And so sacred was the place. So set-apart was the place because the Ark of the Covenant, the very thing that Yahweh chose to dwell on was there. That even when they built it, on the roof of the sanctuary they had little spikes all around it so not even birds, not even pigeons, would be able to sit on the top of that house.

So they looked at this, and rightly so, because when Yahweh's presence is somewhere, wow that place is set apart. And it was a set apart place. And it was where you came up there. It was something of grandeur. Not because of how Solomon built it. Not just because of the magnificent stones and gold and all the things that were there. And the Levitical choir that was singing twenty-four hours a day as all these things are going on. But the main thing was they did all that because of the presence of Yahweh that was there.

The sanctuary was a magnificent building with a watch tower that was between ... some of the towers were three hundred ... and the north eastern tower was four hundred and fifty feet from the base of the Kidron Valley. Can you imagine? It's like a forty-five story building today with splendid gates all around, right? All the gates that were around: the Fountain Gate, the Water Gate, the Sheep Gate, the Valley Gate, the Lion's Gate and of course the Eastern Gate, the Golden Gate.

So as you come there it's not these magnificent walls that are built like you can't imagine. And actually today, what they've been doing in the City of David ... and we've seen it many times there ... we've seen the original walls of the Jebusite City. You can't believe it that almost thirty-five hundred, whether three thousand years, thirty-five hundred years ago that they could even build walls like that. And yet they were. With towers, three and four hundred feet high, and gates all around these beautiful gates of the city ... wow, it must have been something!

A matter of fact if we go to Mark 13, even in the New Testament, right, now again we know Solomon's Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians and then rebuilt by Zerubbabel and Yehoshua, the high priest, and then Herod expanded and rebuilt it up. But still in the same place as it was before. And in Mark 13 even in the New Testament look what's said:

Mark 13:1-2 *And as He was going ... talking about Yahshua ... out of the sanctuary, one of His disciples said to Him, Teacher, Behold! What kind of stones and what kind of buildings! And answering, Yahshua said to him, Do you see these great buildings? ... Do you see these great ... now He went to tell them ... Not one stone would be upon another.*

But we see that *even then* the great stones that were still there and the great buildings that were still there. So one thing we can say is that the *beauty* of the sanctuary of Yahweh is not questioned by anybody ... the grandeur, the beauty, the unbelievable-ness. And that's why today it's very interesting that when it was destroyed there's nothing there today except just the foundation of the threshing floor. That's about it. But again, like Yahshua said not one stone would be upon another.

But I want to get into if you were living in that day ... if you were living in that day, can you imagine the sanctity and the holiness and the awe of an Israelite taking his first fruit up to Jerusalem to the magnificent building of Yahweh and seeing the awesome walls and the gates of the city as he's appearing before Yahweh's presence? We can't even imagine because today it's so different from what it was thousands of years ago. And people's mindset is different; how they think is different.

And that's one of things I've loved over the last twenty-two years teaching about how the mindset of an ancient teaching, teaching about getting back to functional thinking of Scripture and not thinking like a Babylonian. Because like I said even though America is end-time Babylon the nation, the *system* of Babylon, the commercialism of Babylon, it's all over the world. And not everybody in the world, but many people in the world, they think like Babylonians. They don't think like ancient Israelites.

But can you imagine? That's why I say the *importance* of an Israelite that's living there and he's not just turning on his faucet for water. He's not just going in a cabinet and getting food or a refrigerator. No, you're not getting rain eight months of the year. And then when you plant that harvest, you're planting your wheat or your barley, or you're looking at your olive trees and your pomegranates and you're praying to Yahweh for the blessing of rain in due season – the early rain and the latter rain because you need both to get that harvest.

And then it happens because you've been obedient to the Commandments and you're following Yahweh's ways. And now you take that offering, you're so excited and you're coming up there, and as you're traveling through and you're coming through the Aravah and you see those walls and those gates in the city, it must have been tears in their eyes to think they're coming to this holy, sanctified place. That was so holy that actually you were only allowed to come in one gate and come out the other gate.

The same way when you come before the queen or the king of England, even the prime minister, as you go before him and then you bow when you're leaving. You back up because you would never turn your back to the king or the queen. And that's why even at the Wailing Wall, although it's the wall of Fort Antonia. That's what they do, they actually back out because they don't want to turn. And there's a mindset though. It's **a mindset of purity and sanctity and holiness and of having something bigger than yourself**. And in democracy, with democratic mindset, and this evil, false concept of equality to everybody and nobody is above anybody, and there's no judicial order. We lose that because you know what? Forget about human beings.

And Yahweh's put a king or puts somebody in a place of authority. Think of what Yahweh ... how if you don't understand that like the king of Israel, that King David or King Solomon, that there had to be some kind of honor and glory given to them because Yahweh put them in that position as the king over that land, how would we ever look at Yahshua as the King of the Millennium? How will you ever look at Yahweh as King of the universe? Your mindset will never have it. It's got to start in a physical way.

And I believe that's the only reason why Yahweh even allowed an earthly sanctuary because we already read it. It wasn't even His intention, because the real sanctuary will come when the King comes. But Yahweh said, "You know what David? Your heart is right and I'll use this for good because I'll build this so people will see that when they come and they see these walls and they see these gates and they see these things. They're going to understand the holiness and the sanctity goes about it."

And you know what? Why? Was it for defense? Why would you need big walls and why would you need these big gates back in those times? Why would you need them? It certainly wasn't for defense because Yahweh didn't have to worry about anybody attacking His place as long as He was protecting it. They only attacked it when the people lost Yahweh's blessing. But they were there for a reason. They were there to keep out the un-holiness, to keep out the un-sanctity.

Let's go to Matthew 21 now because now something happens. It's really odd. I don't know if you ever thought about this, this story that I'm going to read why this happened. But we're going to talk about why it happened today. Matthew 21 and it says:

Matthew 21:1-5 *And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, toward the Mount of Olives, then Yahshua sent two of His disciples, saying to them, Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loosening, lead them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, our Master has need of them. And he will send them at once. But all this happened that might be fulfilled that spoken by the prophet, saying "Say to the daughter of Tzion, behold your king comes to you meek and mounted upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey."*

Matthew 21:6-11 *And the disciples, having gone and having done as Yahshua ordered them, they led the donkey and the colt. And they put on them their garments, and set Him on them. And the very great crowd strewed their garments in the road. And others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them in the way. And the crowd, the ones going before the ones following, were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! "**Blessed is He coming in the name of YAHWEH!**" **Hosanna in the highest!** And as He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was shaken, saying, Who is this? And the crowds said, This is Yahshua, the Prophet, the One from Nazareth of Galilee.*

So now, let's add another point to this. We're already talking about the glamour of the sanctuary of Yahweh and the stones and the buildings. Now Yahshua comes there right before He's ready for His crucifixion and He comes from where He comes from Bethany, the other side of the Mount of Olives, He comes riding on a donkey like it says in **Zechariah 9:9**.

Alexander the Great comes in on the great big white horse, the earthly king but Yahshua comes riding on the donkey, Son of humility, although Yahshua will come on the white horse when He returns. But look what the people are doing. They're laying the palm branches and they're saying, "Hosanna, save now!" They're saying we want you to be King now! And He's coming into the City as King. This is the first time in His ministry that He was recognized as the King and allowed them to be.

Before this, when He did a miracle what did He always say? "Don't say anything to anybody. Don't say that." Even His disciples when He takes them in **Matthew 16** to Caesarea Philippi and says, "Who do men say Me to be?" Even at that point to His own disciples He never revealed Himself to be the Messiah. It was Peter who thought outside the box and said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim." And Yahshua said to Him, "This is not something that came from flesh and blood but from My Heavenly Father in Heaven."

But now He comes in here and He's coming in as the King. And look at what He does next. This is the point that I don't know if you ever questioned because it's probably the only thing in all the four Good News messages that you'll ever read that you think this is out of character. So now Yahshua comes in. They're cheering. They're putting down the palms. He's coming in. And then Yahshua verse 12:

Matthew 21:12-13 *He enters into the sanctuary of YAHWEH and He threw out those selling and buying in the sanctuary. And He overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves. And He said to them, It has been written, "**My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a cave of bandits.**" ... That's what I just read. This is coming from **Isaiah 56 in verse 7** that we just read here ... *My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you made into a cave of bandits.**

So my question is this: why would Yahshua who was a pacifist never promoted violence, never promoted fighting against the Romans, the complete opposite, who He says He's a humble, loving man, why would He do this? Why would somebody who preached if they strike you on one cheek, don't resist but turn to him the other? Why would He be overturning tables even making a whip and whipping them and actually using violence? To me, it's the only thing I've

seen in the Bible that seems out of character for Yahshua. I mean even when He's on the tree of crucifixion He's saying, *Father forgive them. They know not what they do.*

So what is the reason for this? Because He's coming for the first time now, this is the first time that He's coming as not the Lamb of Yah, but He's coming as the Son of David, the King of Jerusalem. So **He actually not only has the right, but He has the responsibility to do this.** Because as the Lamb of Yah He has one job; His one job as the Lamb of Yah is to die for the sins of mankind and to teach humility to us.

That as sinners we need to be humble and we need to understand this. But **as the King of Israel** as the very Son of David that they're saying here, not only does He have the right, but He has the *authority* to cleanse that Temple ... why? Because **Yahweh's presence is there, the holiness, the sanctity.** And He's coming through the Golden Gate. He's coming through the most important gate of the Temple and He's seeing this defilement that's there in *His* Temple. He is the King in His sanctuary and He's doing that. Let's go to John 2 and we'll see the same story again, a little different this time ... a little different. John 2 in verse 13:

John 2:13-17 *And the Passover of the Jews was near. And Yahshua went up to Jerusalem. And He found those selling oxen and sheep and doves in the sanctuary, and the money changers sitting. And making a whip out of ropes, He threw all out of the sanctuary, both the sheep, and the oxen, and the money changers, pouring out the money and overturning the tables. And to the ones selling the doves, He said, Take these things from here! Do not make **My Father's house** a house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Your house has consumed Me."*

Comment: So I want to stop there for a minute. So we see the same story. And actually even here it talks about even making a whip and literally whipping these people and kicking them out because of the holiness, the sanctity. No other place. Remember in the history of mankind there has been no other place that Yahweh *physically* ... now in Spirit Yahweh is everywhere ... but physically chose to dwell on the Ark of the Covenant in His sanctuary. So as we continue though, look what happens.

John 2:18 *Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?*

Comment: Well, because this is pretty heavy what He's doing. I mean throwing out the moneychangers doing. And look what Yahshua says. This is the sign that He gives them.

John 2:19-22 *Yahshua said to them, tear down this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up. Then the Jews said, This sanctuary was forty six years being built, and do You raise it up in three days? But He spoke about the sanctuary of His body. Then when He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled that He said this to them. And they believed the Scripture, even the Word that Yahshua spoke.*

So I believe part of this was that we read it in Samuel when Yahweh is telling David, "You know what? You have a heart of gold. You have a shepherd's heart. You want to build a house for Me? I'm going to tell you what I'm going to do. I am going to build a house for you." And He tells him it's going to be an eternal house that a Son that will come from his loins, talking about Yahshua. He is going to be the One to build this house. And yet like we said, Yahweh allowed him to build this physical sanctuary. Yahweh even agreed to abide there for a time. But remember there was no Ark of the Covenant in the second sanctuary. That was only in the first.

Since the Babylonian's destroyed the sanctuary in 586 BC nobody has ever seen the Ark of the Covenant again. I have an idea where it is. I have a very good idea where it is but Yahweh's presence left that ark. That's why it doesn't really matter. And you read in Jeremiah, the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh, *no longer will they say the Ark of the Covenant of*

Yahweh because His presence left the Ark of the Covenant. And where did it go? It went to the east. It went to the Mount of Olives, the very place that *Yahshua* was crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended up to Heaven.

So I think one of the reasons that *Yahshua* did this was because He was sick of it. He saw even something like the sanctuary of *Yahweh*, a physical building ... leave it to human beings they're going to defile it. And it boils His blood that there's nothing to human beings that is sanctified, absolutely nothing.

And then look what He says, "This was not even the plan. You took something physical and you defiled it". And you know what? That's not really the sanctuary of *Yahweh*. The real sanctuary of *Yahweh* is what? He spoke about the sanctuary of His body. That's the sanctuary of *Yahweh*. Not a building, a wonderful building that Solomon built as much as *Yahweh* allowed at that time. **The sanctuary of *Yahweh* is the body of Messiah with *Yahshua* as the Head.** He was cleansing the earthly sanctuary to prepare for the spiritual one. His body is the sanctuary and we are members of that body. 1st Corinthians 12 ... 1st Corinthians 12 in verse 12:

1st Corinthians 12:12-13 *Even as the body is one, and has many members, but all the members of the one body, being many, are one body, so also is Messiah. For also we all were baptized by **one Spirit** into **one body**, whether Jews or Arameans, whether slaves or free, even all were given to drink into the one Spirit.*

So what does it say, *My House shall be House of prayer for all people*. No longer is that sanctuary just a sanctuary for Israelites. And in the physical sanctuary there was a sign. They actually found it. It's a stone that says any Gentile going past this point is at the point of death. If you past from the court of the Gentiles into the court of Israel and you were not an Israelite, it was death. But this is what he's saying here that all the members of the body, it doesn't matter whether you're a Gentile or whether you're an Israelite, you're all grafted into the one house of Israel. Verse 20:

1st Corinthians 12:20 *And now, indeed, **many are the members, but one body.***

So, the sanctuary of *Yahweh* is the holiest place on earth because *Yahweh* dwelt in it. And where the Spirit of *Yahweh* dwells there is only truth, purity, humility and honor ... where the Spirit of *Yahweh* dwells. Everybody's looking for the sanctuary. They could look for it on the false Temple Mount, Fort Antonia. You could look for it in the City of David. It doesn't matter where you're looking for it or where it actually really stood. What matters is it's not there anymore. It's not in that place that the sanctuary of *Yahweh* is just like *Yahshua* said He tore down that building in three days and three nights when He was resurrected.

For forty years *Yahweh* allowed the building to stand as a sign to the Jewish people. There were signs that happened there for *forty years* ... forty straight years. From the time *Yahshua*'s resurrection until the Temple was destroyed, what happened? The great heikhal doors that took twenty men to open and close opened by themselves every night. They would close them and every night the doors would open by themselves.

The great menorah that was lit twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three-hundred sixty-five days a year; every night the priest lit it. Every night it went out. And they heard a voice that said *My Spirit has left here*. They knew it. It's written in the Talmud. You could read these things. They knew that the Spirit of *Yahweh* had left there. On the day of Yom Kippur when the priest would go in to the Holy of Holies he would have a red string around his finger and if *Yahweh* accepted the sacrifice that red string would turn white. For forty years from the time *Yahshua* is resurrected not once did it ever turn white.

The lots, there was a black lot and a white lot for the two goats on Yom Kippur for forty straight years the lot came up black. Can you imagine? If you just think about this because in the law of odds and probability, it's virtually *impossible* because even though it's fifty, fifty, if it's black and white every time it keeps coming out black, black, black, black, the

chances of another one coming out is astronomical. It's astronomical. Too impossible for that to happen forty straight years that it happened because Yahweh was showing that's not the sanctuary anymore. His sanctuary is still holy. His sanctuary is still set apart. His sanctuary is still in truth. But now, it's dwelling in the body of Messiah ... wow. John 4 in verse 20 ... John 4 in verse 20 ... John 4 in verse 20:

John 4:20-24 *Our fathers have bowed down and worshiped in this mountain, ... this is when Yahshua is talking with the woman on Mount Gerizim where there was also an altar by the Samaritans. And the women's saying ... Our fathers have bowed down and worshiped in this mountain, and you say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship. Yahshua said to her, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain or in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for life is of the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**. For the Father also seeks such, the ones worshipping Him. Elohim is spirit, and the ones worshipping Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

Comments: Wow, that's a heavy scripture. No longer would the believers have to *seek* Yahweh in a physical place with an animal sacrifice to have a relationship with Him. He never meant it to be that way anyway. **The whole Levitical order was added because of transgressions.** Yahweh never meant a sacrificial system. He meant that *I would be your Elohim and you would be My people. And you come and I'm going to speak to you face to face, even on Mount Sinai.* And what did the people say? They were scared to death. And they said, "No, Moses you be the mediator for us. We can't hear Yahweh. We can't hear His voice and live." But Yahweh meant them to be a Kingdom of priests.

Exodus 19 it didn't work out that way because of their sin. And **the Levitical order was a temporary order.** And that a *physical* building was a temporary order. It wasn't Yahweh's will. But Yahweh's will is that the hour is coming where the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth. For the Father seeks one worshipping Him.

And look what He says ... *you say that in Jerusalem is the place. And Yahshua says, Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain (in Mount Gerizim) nor in Jerusalem. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such, the ones worshipping Him.*

And that time is now. The time is now to *get away from* all of these ... what almost becomes idolatry, this obsession with building a third Temple ... this *obsession* with even where the Temple Mount is. This obsession when the fact of the matter is the House of Yahweh, the House that He says will be a House of prayer for all people, is His very body, His very sanctuary with Yahshua as the Head. It's a spiritual sanctuary. It's no longer a physical sanctuary.

Now, but like I said, Yahweh allowed the physical sanctuary for a reason. And there was a reason for it. We can read it in the Bible and for the first ten/fifteen minutes of this message, I'm telling you – the sanctity, the holiness, the loyalty that a person felt going up there and seeing these magnificent walls and these magnificent gates. And they did *mean* something. There was a reason why Yahweh had the walls of the sanctuary and the gates because they were meant to guard what would enter. The gates were there meant to guard what would enter.

The sanctuary, like we said it had a Fountains Gate. It had a Lion's Gate. It had a Golden Gate, or an Eastern Gate. So now my question is ... in the spiritual temple what are the gates to this temple? I want to go over three gates that we should be thinking of because **we are the watchmen of that temple.** We are part of that temple. We are living stones in that temple. And I want to go through these three most important gates because three is the number of unity.

The first gate that we have to watch is called, the **mouth gate.** It's the mouth gate. Matthew 12 in verse 33 ... because it's a *real* sanctuary the same way as that physical sanctuary that Solomon built was a *real* sanctuary, the sanctuary of

Yahweh today is the body of Messiah, is a real sanctuary. So the first gate in the sanctuary is the mouth gate. Matthew 12 in verse 33.

Matthew 12:33-37 *Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by the fruit. Generation of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man out of the good treasure of the heart puts forth good things. And the evil man out of the evil treasure puts forth evil things. But I say to you, that **every vain word**, whatever men will speak, they shall give an account of it in Judgment Day. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

As stones of that living temple, we are watchmen to watch the gates. And the most important gate, the first gate we have to watch is the mouth gate because by our words they will justify us and by our words we will be condemned. Proverbs 18:21 says:

Proverbs 18:21 *Death and life are in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

So when people come to the sanctuary of Yahweh they're coming there because they're seeking Yahweh and you are the guard of the mouth gate, what do they see? What's the first thing they see? Do they see compliments? Do they see welcoming? Do they see encouragement? Life and death are in the power of the tongue. Or do they see gossip? Do they see making fun of? Do they see criticism? Do they see jealousy? What do they see when they come to the mouth gate? What do they see? Jacob 3 ... Jacob 3 which is an amazing chapter in the Bible because it really shows about the tongue. It really should humble all of us to read this but really meditate on it and think about how we can apply this in our life.

Jacob 3:1 *My brothers do not be many teachers, but know that we will receive a greater judgment.*

Comment: Today everybody wants to be a teacher. And I say the only way you should be a teacher is if you were a master. You have to master something before you could teach it. But nobody wants to master anything. They just want to teach because people are Laodicean's and it's ruled by the people. And they don't want to be under any kind of government. They don't want to be under any kind of leadership. It's a Laodicean spirit in the world. And that's why they can't even understand the sanctity of the sanctuary of Yahweh because it's a Laodicean spirit, but not deceived.

Jacob 3:1-5 *My brothers do not be many teachers, but know that we will receive a greater judgment. For we all stumble in many ways ... that's true ... If any one does not stumble in word, this one is a mature man, also able to subdue the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the mouths of the horses, for them to obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold, the ships also, being so great, and being driven by violent winds, they are directed by a very small rudder, wherever the one steering wishes. So also the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how a little fire sets ablaze large forests!*

Jacob 3:6-8 *Now the tongue is a fire, and the world of sin is like a forest. And this very tongue, while it is among our members, can **defile our entire body**; ... Can you imagine this tiny little member can defile our entire body ... and rolls down like a wheel and set on fire the course of our entire life; and in the end it is consumed by fire ... Right? By your words you're justified, by your words you're condemned ... For every species of beasts, both indeed of birds, and creeping things, and sea animals, is tamed, and has been tamed by the will of man; but no one of men is able to tame the tongue; it is an **unrestrainable evil, full of death-dealing poison**.*

Jacob 3:9-10 *By this we bless Elohim, even the Father; and by this we curse men having come into being according to the image of Elohim. Out of the **same mouth** comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting for these to be so.*

Comment: And you know in Jacob 1 what does he say over there ... in verse 6:

Jacob 1:6-7 *the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, being driven by wind being tossed to and fro; do not let that man suppose that man will receive anything; he is a double-minded soul, not dependable in all his ways.*

Comment: So we can't one way think that we're going to sit here and pray to Yahweh and bless Him and then we're going to just have foul words the rest of the time.

Jacob 3:10-14 *Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting for these to be so. Does the fountain out of the same hole send forth the sweet and the bitter? My brothers, a fig tree is not able to produce olives, or a vine, figs. So neither can a fountain produce both salt and sweet water. Who is wise and knowing among you? Let him prove his works by his good **behavior**, in meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.*

Comment: What did we say? **Truth, purity, humility, honor! This is the sanctuary of Yahweh** and unless you have that coming out of you, you can't be in that sanctuary. And not only to have it, we got to guard the door. You're guarding these gates for this.

Jacob 3:14-18 *But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth. This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and **devilish**. For where jealousy and contention are, there is confusion and every foul deed. But the wisdom from above is firstly truly **perfect**, then peaceable, gentle, obedient, full of mercy and of good fruits, **not partial** and without hypocrisy ... Judging according to righteous judgment ... And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for the ones making peace.*

So, this is the mouth gate. One last scripture for this is Zephaniah 3:9; an awesome verse, Kingdom verse talking about when Yahshua returns in His sanctuary, right? What's He saying?

Zephaniah 3:9 *For then I will give a **clear lip** ... a pure language ... to the people, to call all of them by the name of YAHWEH, to serve Him with **one shoulder**.*

What does that mean? It means **everybody is going in the same direction**. What does the Apostle Paul say? I wish you all to be saying the same thing, having the same doctrine. Why? Because we're **one body, one faith**. There's one Father. There's one Messiah. And in this time ... in this time in Zechariah when the Messiah returns, then *I will give a clear lip, a pure language, to all the people to call all of them by the name of Yahweh, to serve Him with one shoulder* - all of us going in the same direction through the mouth gate ... through the mouth gate. The mouth gate will be pure in the sanctuary of the Kingdom. How serious are we about guarding this most important gate?

Second gate ... the second gate I want to get into is the **eye gate** ... the eye gate. Matthew 6 in verse 19 ... Matthew 6 in verse 19, He says:

Matthew 6:19-21 *Do not treasure up for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust cause to corrupt, and where thieves dig through and steal. But treasure up for yourself treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust cause to corrupt, and where thieves do not dig through and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Comment: **The Kingdom of Yahweh is not in our words. It's in our deeds.** That's what faith is. Faith is the evidence of our deeds. So it's not about the good words that we can say. It's about the deeds that we practice.

Matthew 6:21-24 *Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. Then if your eye is pure, all your body is light. But if your eye is evil, all your body is dark. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is*

the darkness! No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth.

How pure is your eye? Do you see things from purity? Do you give people the benefit of the doubt? Or is everything you're seeing something that's evil? Titus 1 in verse 15 ... Titus 1 in verse 15 says:

Titus 1:15 *Truly, all things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled.*

Comment: Right? Because everything starts in the mind and then the mind gives the response. And then the action comes out. It starts as a thought.

Titus 1:16 *They profess to know Elohim, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.*

Do we give the benefit of the doubt? Or is everything **always** thinking the worst about everybody? The eye gate; **the eye is the lamp of the body**. It is *main gate* where everything enters, every single thing. So this is the main gate of the sanctuary of Yahweh, the Kingdom sanctuary. **The main gate is the eye gate** because everything enters there; lust, pride, jealousy, coveting. All comes through the eye gate.

What are you letting into the sanctuary? Whatever you watch, whatever you surf on the internet. Whatever you read, whatever you're looking at. These are all things that you are allowing because now **you're the guard of the eye gate**. What are you allowing into the sanctuary? Are you worried about fashion? Are you worried about looking good? Or are you worried about holiness? That's what it comes down to, okay, the eye gate. Proverbs 20 in verse 8 says:

Proverbs 20:8 *A king who sits on the throne of judgment does not look upon any evil with his eyes.*

Okay? So **the eye is the gateway to the soul** ... the eye is the gateway to the soul. How do you see things? How is your mind? How is your nervous system? How is your neuro-associations *perceiving it* from your eye? Like I said every single thing in life ... when there's a knock on the door, what are you thinking? Are you thinking, wow, somebody's coming to visit! Wow, somebody may need help. Or are you thinking, who's coming to rob me. **Titus 1:15 and 16** – *Everything is pure to the pure; nothing is pure to the person who's defiled*. So we have to be thinking of this. We will be kings and priests in the Kingdom; part of the very body of Messiah, stones of the very spiritual temple. And we must guard the eye gate.

Third gate ... third gate is the **ear gate**. Third gate is the ear gate. Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil; the mouth gate, the eye gate, the ear gate ... the ear gate. So we know in the world today there's a lot of gates. There's Watergate and there's this gate. And there's that gate. And there's servile gate and all these things. But this is not the gates we're talking about. We're talking about the real gates to the Kingdom which are the mouth gate, the eye gate and now the ear gate. Mark 4 in verse 21 ... Mark 4 in verse 21 says:

Mark 4:21-23 *And He said to them, Does the lamp come that it may be put under the grain measure, or under the bed? Is it not also that it may be put on the lamp stand? For there is not anything which is hidden which will not be revealed, nor anything existing secret that won't be revealed. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.*

Comment: And we see this in Revelation. We see it over and over. We see it to the Seven Congregations. What's the main thing? Those that have **ears to hear and eyes to see**. And that should be the most important thing we're thanking Yahweh in these days we're in because ninety-five percent of the world don't have ears to hear or eyes to see. And the

fact that He opens our ears and heals our eyes! And that's why Yahshua *physically* ... the same way there was a physical sanctuary to lead us into the spiritual sanctuary of Yahshua's body. That's why Yahshua did physical miracles. That's why He healed the eyes of the blind and healed the ears of the deaf so that we could understand it's about spiritual healing. It's about having eyes to see and ears to hear. And then He says:

Mark 4:24 *And He said to them, Watch what you hear with what measure that you measure. It will be measured to you and it will be increased to you, those who hear ... watch what you hear ... watch what you hear ... watch what you hear.*

Gossip is evil but to have gossip you have to have a listener. Sometimes, if somebody comes up to you and says, "Hey, you want to hear something? Or you want to hear something ... this?" You could very easily say, "No, I don't want hear that. No, I don't want to hear that." And you walk away from it. Gossip is evil but in order to have gossip you have to have a listener. Proverbs 20 in verse 19 ... Proverbs 20 in verse 19 says:

Proverbs 20:19 *A revealer of secrets walks about as a gossip, do not meddle with him who opens his lips wide.*

And in the times we're living in now, this is life and death in the underground congregation. For people who can't keep their mouth shut. They simply can't keep their mouth shut. And I hate to say it but I've seen it even in recent years that there'll be somebody that you're talking to, or that you're saying, "Look we need to keep this private. We can't say something." And the minute they walk out, they're already telling somebody else. With admittance you'll hear them telling private information that was told to them.

And I say, particularly as a leader, an elder. That is a qualification of an elder. If you cannot keep the confidence of the people who trust you, then you will never, ever, ever be a leader, or an elder in Yahweh's Congregation. It's impossible. Or in His Kingdom for that matter because Yahweh is trusting us even more than the person who may be saying something to you. Yahweh's trusting you. And to go out and gossip and repeat things, repeat things about people's past, there's nothing more evil than somebody who goes out and repeats the sins of others.

That's one of the reasons I hate the internet because that's one of the main things the internet is there for is to just to dig up dirt on other people and put it out there on everybody. And it's an evil, evil thing before Yahweh because Yahweh is the One who forgives our sins. And Yahshua *died* for those sins to be put from the east to the west. And for other people to try to look at sins of others and to try to spread that around simply to build themselves up is about the most vilest, and sinister thing in the world and a hundred percent against the promises of Yahweh. Proverbs 17 in verse 9:

Proverbs 17:9 *He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.*

I would tell our elders this over and over and over through the years because knowing all the men, I know their strengths and I know their weaknesses. And I say my job is to try to cover your weaknesses and help you overcome them and to build up your strengths. Not to go around trying to put people down and then try to *reveal* the weaknesses of others. That's a weak person who does that kind of thing.

So in order to have gossip though, you have to have a listener as well as a gossiper. And the ear gate, the ear gate because what do we want to hear? We want to hear the things of Yahshua. We want to hear the things of Yahweh. And you know Yahshua cleanses the sanctuary of the moneychangers, those selling the Word of Yahweh. That's one of the reasons why He did that because in His spiritual sanctuary there will not be anyone who is selling and marketing the Word of Yahweh. And Yahshua had to set the precedent back then two thousand years ago to get rid of the people who were selling in the sanctuary. And what do people do today? Even some believers, some believers are out there and they're buying from the people who are selling, right?

As I travel around I'll meet people sometime, "What do you think of so and so? What do you think of this person?" And it's somebody that's out there selling books for thirty and forty dollars, selling DVD's for thirty and forty dollars. Having conferences where it's a spiritual conference and you're charging somebody forty/fifty dollars. Now they just livestream it, you don't even have to go to the conference. Pay \$79, we'll livestream it right into your house! *Freely you receive, freely you gave. My House shall be a house of prayer for **all people!*** And seventy to eighty percent of the world or more couldn't afford \$10 to livestream a message. That's why every single thing we have is free. It's Yahweh's Word. It's not my Word. *Freely you receive, freely you give.*

And shame on believers ... if you're supposed to be a believer in Yahweh, and you're out there listening to ministers that are out there selling the Word of Yahweh. Or even worse, some of them have left the Word of Yahweh. Or they've been put out of the Congregation and there's people that will still listen to these people. The same way that Yahshua put out the moneychangers.

Unfortunately there's times where we have to put out an elder from the Congregation. And when we put that person out it's not because we don't like him. It's because the person is sinning. Because the person did something wrong and the person needs to repent. And sometimes people that are supposed to be guarding the gate, the ear gate, are out there listening to the very person that's been put out of the Congregation; or left the Congregation for whatever reason. There's one body. There's one faith. There's one Messiah.

And for two thousand years, there's been one lineage, one line. Not two million lines. And it is our responsibility to guard that! And if we don't guard it, there won't be another generation to give it to. And that's why I say how much I admire the Amish. Because in four hundred years the reason why they're still there today riding their horse and buggies, and doing what they're doing, not having electricity, is because they're **guarding the gates** of their sanctuary. They're guarding the gates of their congregation. Are we guarding the gates of Yahshua's Congregation? 1st Corinthians in verse 9 ... 1st Corinthians 3 in verse 9 he says:

1st Corinthians 3:9-11 *For we labor work together with Elohim you are Elohim's work, and you are a building of Elohim ...* So it's no longer a physical building, a physical place. **We are the spiritual sanctuary of Elohim ...** *According to the grace of Elohim given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, but another builds on it. But let each one be careful how he builds. For no one is able to lay any other foundation beside the One having been laid, who is Yahshua Messiah ...* That is the foundation of the sanctuary of Yahweh.

1st Corinthians 3:12-15 *And if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw, the work of each will be revealed; for the Day will make it known, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire will prove the work of each, what sort it is. If the work of anyone which he built survives, he will receive his reward. And the one whose work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he will be delivered, but so through fire.*

1st Corinthians 3:16-17 *Do you not know that **you are a sanctuary of Elohim**, and the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you? And whoever defiles the sanctuary of Elohim, Elohim will destroy; for **the sanctuary of Elohim is holy, which you are.***

How much clearer does it have to be? We are the sanctuary of Elohim and we have a great responsibility. We need to guard the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling in us as the most sacred gift that He's given us. 1st Peter 2 in verse 5 ... 1st Peter 2 in verse 5, he says:

1st Peter 2:5 *You also as living stones are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah ... drop down to verse 9:*

1st Peter 2:9-10 *But you are an elect race, a royal priesthood; a holy people, a people for possession; ... the possession of Yahweh and Yahshua ... that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness to His precious light: you who then were "Not a people, but now are the people of YAHWEH; who had not obtained mercy, but who now have mercies poured out upon you."*

Wow! So what is he saying here? We are *lively stones* in that sanctuary of Yahweh ... very, very, very clear. We are the living stones of the spiritual house of Yahweh. And we are watchmen for the gates that He's given us – the mouth gate, the eye gate, the ear gate. Isaiah 62 in verse 6, he says:

Isaiah 62:6 *I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem. All the day and all the night they shall not always be silent; you who remember YAHWEH, keep not silent ... keep not silent ... I have set watchmen on your walls.*

The watchmen are there to watch the gates because the gates are the way that the things enter the city. Whether it's people, whether it's material, right? Remember Nehemiah when they were bringing their wares on the Sabbath through the gate of the city. And they were watching by the gate, and he said, "You come again I'm going to lay my hand to you!" Like Yahshua did.

He said *I'm going to get physical. I'll give you this last warning. Don't come to this gate again on Shabbat! You do, you're going to be sorry!* Do we guard the gate the same way? Do we guard the people that are coming in to our fellowship? Are we guarding that gate of who's coming into our fellowship? And are we guarding the mouth, the eye and the ear gate of our soul? Yahweh has sent us watchmen to the gates of the sanctuary. We need to guard what enters.

Revelation 21 ... Revelation 21 in verse 1, he says:

Revelation 21:1-3 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and the sea no longer is. And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from YAHWEH, having been prepared as a bride, having been adorned by her Husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of YAHWEH is with men! And He will tabernacle with them, and they will be His people, and YAHWEH Himself will be with them as their Elohim.*

The same way that He always wanted it and now He's doing that. **He's actually dwelling in His sanctuary in us. His Spirit is living in us!** And that's like what we read in John 4. It's a spirit of truth. And those that worship Him must worship in spirit, in truth because Yahweh expects it so. So they will be His people and Yahweh Himself would be their Elohim. And drop down to verse 22. Look what it says:

Revelation 21:22a *And I saw no sanctuary was in it,*

Yahweh Almighty is its sanctuary and the Lamb. In the New Jerusalem that comes down out of Heaven after the thousand year Millennium. After Yahshua restores all things, right? There will be a sanctuary during the Millennium because the Israelites have to be brought into the New Covenant. And Yahweh will pick up where He left off. That's the only sanctuary that He ever planned on building that Yahshua will build for Him.

But when the thousand years are over, the New Jerusalem comes, there's no need for a sanctuary because *then* Yahweh is dwelling in the hearts and souls of each person on this earth by His Spirit. And there's no need for it because why? Because Yahweh Almighty is its sanctuary and the Lamb. Wow, how special, huh? Revelation 22 in verse 14 ... Revelation 22 in verse 14, He says:

Revelation 22:14 *Blessed are the ones doing His commandments, that their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and that they may enter by the gates into the city ... Blessed are the ones doing His commandments, for their authority will be over the Tree of Life, and that they may enter in by the gates of the city.*

By guarding the gates of Yahweh's sanctuary we are rewarded with eternal life ... by guarding the gates of Yahweh's sanctuary we are rewarded with eternal life. And you know something? **Haggai 2:9** says, *The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Yahweh of Hosts ... The glory of this latter house shall be **greater** than that of the former, says Yahweh of Hosts.*

I read to you at the beginning how awesome that first sanctuary of Solomon was; the stones that you can't even imagine the gold overlaid and everything; the physical presence of Yahweh on that Ark of the Covenant and the grandeur of the gates and the pearls and the gold and everything else. And yet He says, *The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former.* Why? That was just stones. That was just rocks. That was just metal, gold, whatever. And the latter house, its people. It's people who are literally the children of Yahweh. It's people who are literally becoming the bride of Messiah.

So of course the glory of the house is greater because **we are living stones**. We're not just a stone being cut out. We are living stones in that sanctuary. And Yahweh has set each of us on those walls of that sanctuary to guard as watchmen the gates of what is entering that sanctuary. And like we read in Corinthians, he who destroys the sanctuary of Yahweh will be destroyed. That's a serious, serious thing for it to happen.

Last scripture, Isaiah 56 in verse 7 ... I'm going to read it again now. And I hope this scripture means a little bit more to you now than it did at the beginning of the message.

Isaiah 56:7 *even them I will bring to **My holy mount** and I will make them **joyful** in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for **My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the people** ... My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the people.*

Yahweh's sanctuary in the New Covenant is not made up of stones that are quarried in Jerusalem. They're made up of living stones that are quarried from every nation on the earth. It's a world-wide message. And that's why the Great Commission that we are to go out in all nations gathering these living stones that are being part of that temple, part of that sanctuary. And that's why Yahshua was so upset with the moneychangers because they took the physical analogy and they were destroying it. Yahweh had an analogy there and they were destroying that analogy. And He was showing the same way today the moneychangers have to be taken out of the sanctuary.

Yahweh's house is a house of sanctity and prayer to all people world-wide. His spiritual sanctuary, His body is made up of members from all over the globe. And since Yahshua and Yahweh are only pure and holy, we need to also keep Their sanctuary that we are part of, holy and pure and fulfill our Great Commission as watchmen for the gates of this awesome sanctuary where Yahshua is the Head. We must guard the gates of the sanctuary and not allow anything in to defile it.

Yahweh bless. Shabbat Shalom!