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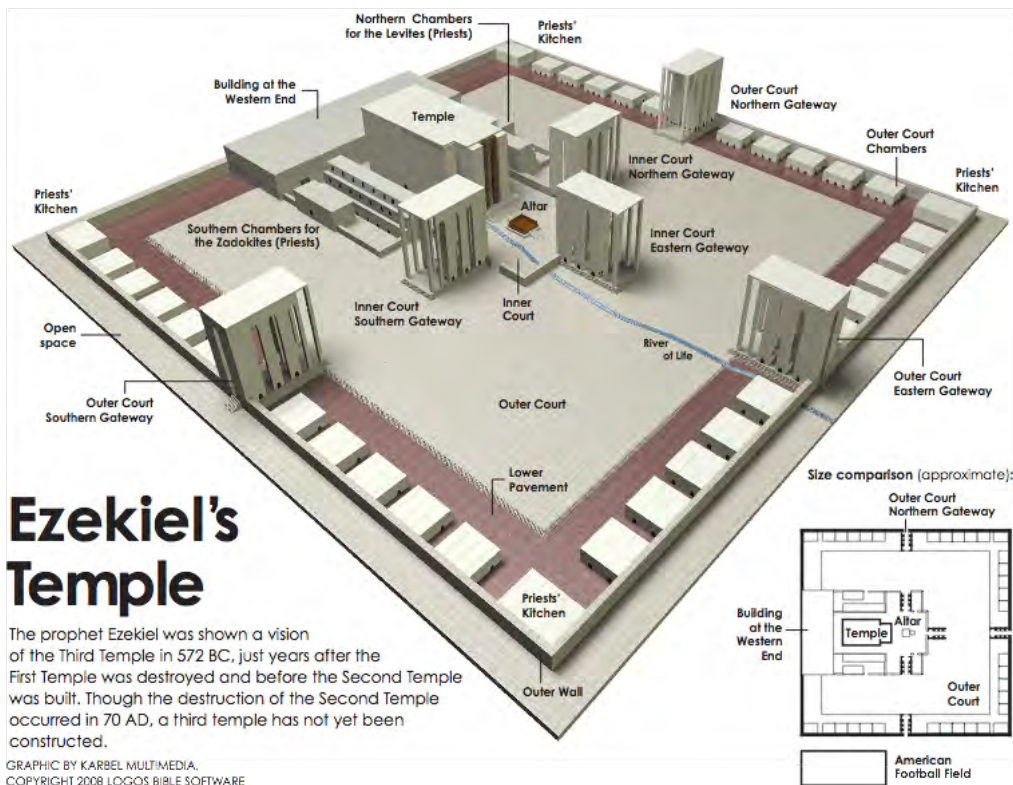
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GOD ENTERS THE MESSIANIC TEMPLE

Ezekiel 43:1-5

¹Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east. ²And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. ³And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴And the glory of Jehovah came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. ⁵And the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house (ASV, 1901).



The prophet is brought back to the east gate. This time he sees the Shekinah Glory of God returning to Israel in the same manner that He left in 586 B.C. The sound of

many waters is the wings of the Cherubim moving Him with wheels of fire. The Shekinah Glory is a physical manifestation of the God of the Universe in time and space. The word Shekinah is a term used to describe the glorious divine appearance of God to man on various occasions in human history. The usual title found in the Bible is The Glory of Jehovah or the glory of the Lord. The Hebrew term used in our Bibles is *Kvod Adonai* which means the Glory of Jehovah. There are other Hebrew forms which describe His glory. This is what the Shekinah is, the Glorious God. In Greek the title is *Doxa Kurion* and is translated as the glory of the Lord. *Doxa* means brightness or splendor. This is how God appears. From early Genesis to the book of Revelation the Shekinah has appeared in many forms. He has been a light, a cloud, a loud trumpet blast, fire and other forms. In the Tabernacle and the first Temple He made unique appearances in order to dwell with His people. When the Tabernacle was complete and operational the Shekinah dwelt among the Israelites .

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. ³⁶And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout all their journeys: ³⁷but if the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys (ASV, 1901).

God's glory manifesting as cloud covered the Tabernacle, and then the glory of Jehovah filled the Tabernacle. The Hebrew word for "tabernacle" is *Hamishkhan*, having the same root as *Shekinah*. Thus, the word "tabernacle" can also be translated as "the dwelling place of the *Shekinah*." He appearing as a cloud took His abode with Israel. The word "abode" is a translation of the Hebrew, *shachan*, where once again the same root is found. Jehovah appearing as a cloud led Israel through their wilderness wanderings.



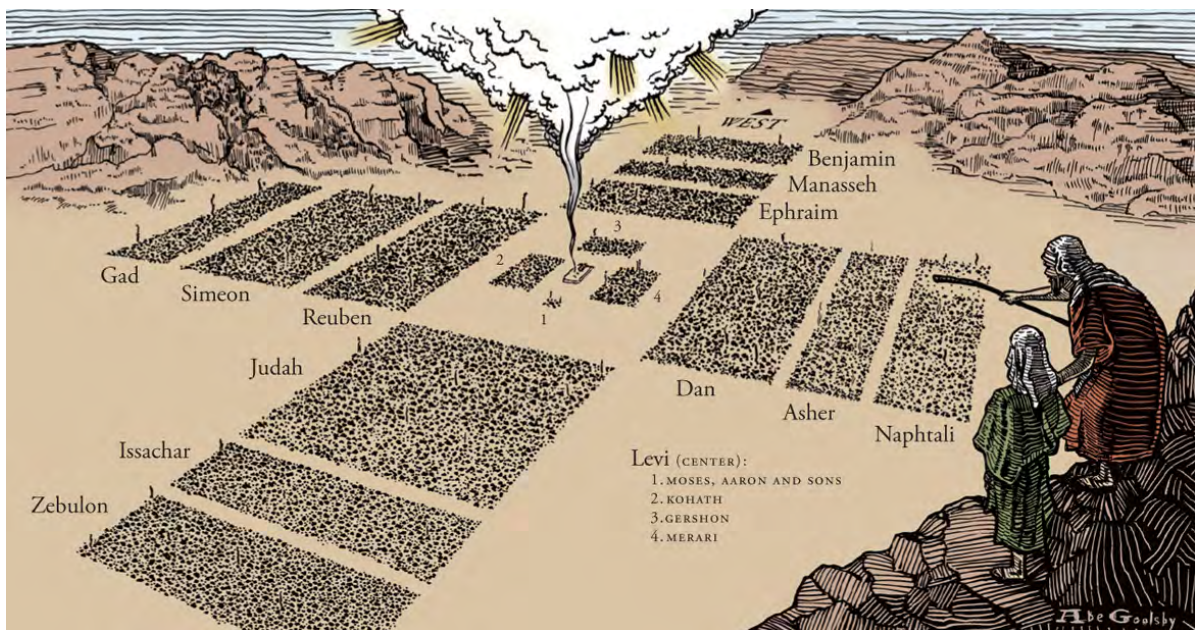
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The Tabernacle was portable and crafted by wise and skillful workmen. It was transported, assembled and maintained by one tribe (the Levites) during the forty years in the desert wilderness, and after that in the land of Canaan. The Tabernacle had three primary functions ordained by God:

1. It was to be where God's presence would reside while meeting with the Children of Israel in the Holy of Holies, which was the inner most chamber.
2. It would represent God's heavenly Throne.
3. It would be a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ here on earth as well as a representation of what is in Heaven.

The level of detail and order we are seeing in the Messianic Temple was also in the Tabernacle as well. One of those characteristics was the arrangement of the tents of the children of Israel as they encamped around the Tabernacle while they wandered in the wilderness for forty years and beyond.

The ancient Israelites were instructed to camp around the Tabernacle in a very specific configuration (Numbers 2:1-34). An aerial point of view would show this encampment to be like a cross with the Tabernacle in the middle where the tribe of Levi (ministering priests) is located.



Title: The Camp of Israel around the Tabernacle

Source: www.gracepointdevotions.org/2011/02/07/numbers-2-israelite-encampment

The Temple that Solomon was ordained to build had a brand new inner chamber also called the Holy of Holies. At this time the *Shekinah* Glory relocated from the Tabernacle to the Holy of Holies in the Temple. The Ark of the Covenant was brought into the Holy of Holies, then the transfer of the *Shekinah* Glory took place.

I Kings 8:1-13

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴And they brought up the ark of Jehovah, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; even these did the priests and the Levites bring up. ⁵And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. ⁶And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. ⁸And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah. ¹²Then spake Solomon, Jehovah hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ¹³I have surely built thee a house of habitation, a place for thee to dwell in for ever (ASV, 1901).



Source: <http://www.bliblinews.com/news/ark-of-the-covenant-stolen>

Ezekiel makes reference to what the Lord showed him when He sent the destroyers to bring judgment on Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 9:1-2

¹ Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. ² And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar (ASV, 1901).

These angels are prepared to execute judgment upon Jerusalem in that each is fitted with a *destroying weapon in his hand*. Since seven is the number signifying completeness in the Bible their actions would result in complete destruction. They entered the Temple compound by way of the upper gate which was built by Jotham (II Kings 15:35).

THE SHEKINAH DEPARTS

As we have seen in this book, the *Shekinah* is always associated with the cherubim, as it was in the Garden of Eden and in the Tabernacle and the Temple. It is also associated here with the Holy Spirit. Ezekiel relates the departure of the *Shekinah* Glory in stages.

From Holy of Holies to the threshold of the door of the Temple

Ezekiel 9:3

³ And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side (ASV, 1901).

Ezekiel 10:4

⁴ And the glory of Jehovah mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Jehovah's glory (ASV, 1901).

Then the next stage was The Lord leaving the threshold of the door of the Temple moving to the eastern gate.

Ezekiel 10:18-19

¹⁸ And the glory of Jehovah went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. 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).

Then the Shekinah moved from the eastern gate and to be over the Mount of Olives.

Ezekiel 11:22-23

²²Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²³And 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).

Finally from the Mount of Olives the Shekinah departed from the history of Israel. When the Second Temple was built and expanded by Herod the Shekinah was not in that Temple in His previous form of a cloud, smoke or fire. God says through the prophet Haggai that the second Temple has no value as the first due to the absence of the Shekinah Glory.

Haggai 2:3

³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as nothing (ASV, 1901)?

But he continued to offer a promise.

Haggai 2:9

⁹The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, says Jehovah of hosts (ASV, 1901).

So here is the Lord declaring through Haggai that the Glory of the second Temple would be greater than that which was in either the Tabernacle of the First Temple. So the promise was made that the glory that once departed would come in a greater way to that very same Second Temple. They would again see the manifestation of God's presence in the Shekinah Glory. This new form was declared by the apostle John.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth (ASV, 1901).

This fulfilled that which was spoken of by God through the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:2

²The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelled in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined (ASV, 1901).

Jesus entered the Temple on the eighth day of His life for His circumcision. He was recognized by Simeon and Anna who were waiting patiently for the Messiah who is the Lord Jesus and a form of the Shekinah Glory.

Luke 2:25-39

²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, ²⁸then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹Now lettest thou thy servant depart, Lord, According to thy word, in peace; ³⁰For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, ³¹Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; ³²A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

³³And his father and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him; ³⁴and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; ³⁵yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. ³⁶And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, ³⁷and she had been a widow even unto fourscore and four years), who departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth (ASV, 1901).

Jesus walked in the Temple Compound during His ministry which fulfilled the prophecy of Haggai. His glory was manifested by His cleansing of the Temple of the money changers and sellers of sacrifices, and by His teaching in the Temple Compound, especially during the Feasts of Passover and Tabernacles. He was there every day of the last week of His life debating with the religious leaders and then leaving each night to stay with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. It was not safe for Him to stay in the city just yet as He would surely be apprehended and charged with blasphemy. Since His time had not yet come for His own sacrifice He stayed outside the city. He as the Paschal Lamb had to be sacrificed on the Passover, which was one week away.

When He entered Jerusalem on the colt the people declared Him their king and it is most probable that He entered through the eastern gate because the Mount of Olives is on the east side of the Temple Mount. So Jesus entered Jerusalem through the East gate around 33 A.D.as He came down from the Mount of Olives and entered the temple according to

Luke 19:28-48. He would have entered through the original gate in the eastern wall which was destroyed with the city by the Romans in 70 A.D.

Mark 11:1-2

¹ And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, ² and saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him (KJV).



Jesus was sacrificed, rose from the dead three days later and after forty days He ascended back to heaven. He will again come for His church but not touch down to earth at the Rapture and Resurrection. At the end of the Tribulation He will return physically with the Church to establish the Messianic Kingdom.

At the time Jesus entered the Temple it was most probably the Eastern Gate, which is also called Shushan or HaKohan gate. That was also the main entrance into the Temple area. According to the Lord's words to Ezekiel in 43:1-5 the Messiah would also enter the Temple through the east gate. The eastern gate holds a special holiness. The Shekinah will appear through this gate.

When the Messiah comes to dwell with us in the Temple in Jerusalem after He enters through the eastern gate it will be permanently closed.

Ezekiel 44:1-2

Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. ²And Jehovah said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut (ASV, 1901).

Fifteen hundred years after Jesus ascended to Heaven the eastern gate of Jerusalem was sealed preventing its use. This eastern gate is now the only one of the eight gates in Jerusalem that is sealed. The Eastern Gate of Jerusalem is also called the Golden Gate or the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:2). In Hebrew, it is Sha'ar Harahamim, the “Gate of Mercy.” It is currently the oldest gate in the Old City, having been reconstructed in the 6th or 7th century AD after the Roman destruction of AD 70. Also, it is the gate that gives the most direct access to the temple mount. If it were unsealed one could pass through the arches of the Eastern Gate, he would be right where the Jewish temple used to stand. When Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives in described Matthew 21 and elsewhere, He used a gate in the same location as the current Eastern or Golden Gate.

The Arabs believe that because the Jews expect their Messiah to come through this gate, they would prevent any possibility of His return. The Eastern Gate was sealed shut in AD 1540–41 by order of Suleiman the Magnificent, a sultan of the Ottoman Turkish Empire. Ezekiel 43:1-5 states that the Messiah will pass through the Eastern Gate when He comes to rule. The Muslim Suleiman was attempting to thwart the Messiah’s plans by sealing it shut.



Source: <https://www.thatttheworldmayknow.com/the-eastern-gate>

The Eastern Gate has remained sealed for nearly the past 500 years and a cemetery was planted in front of it, with the Arabs thinking that the Jewish Messiah would not set foot into an unholy cemetery, and therefore wouldn't arrive. However, When the Messianic Kingdom begins the Temple Mount will be the highest mountain on the earth and fifty miles square. The entire earth will be transformed and the Temple mount will have new

walls and gates as well as a new Temple. The old gates will be gone and the Shekinah will enter through the new eastern gate after which it will be sealed shut. The entire world will be run by the Messiah after He completes His Tribulation on this world to bring it into subjection to Him. Man's feeble attempts to stop the Messiah from coming or stop the prophecies that God has declared will never be effective.

Joshua 21:45

⁴⁵ Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass (NASB).

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