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DESCRIBE THE HOUSE TO THE HOUSE

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“Son of man, describe the temple [lit. house] to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.”

Ezekiel 43:10

Ezekiel’s task

Ezekiel was called as a prophet to the children of Israel who were in exile in Babylon. In the above verse God called him to *“describe the house to the house of Israel”* (KJV). The house of God at that time had been destroyed by the Babylonian armies that took Jerusalem. Ezekiel was receiving revelation of the house of God and was told to explain it to the house of Israel so that they *“may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern”*. God wanted them to repent of their lack of understanding of the house of God and build according to the pattern.

The apostolic task today

The apostolic task of our day is the same, namely, it is to **describe the church to the church** so that the church can know her identity and destiny. When Paul wrote to Timothy he said, *“I am writing to you so that you may know how to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1 Tim.3:15). Much of what we call “church” has scant Scriptural basis. It is time to describe the church to the church and *“let them measure the pattern”* so that she can come out of Babylon and glorify the Lord.

The glory of God wants to come in

“And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory” (Ez.43:1-2). In chapter 10 of Ezekiel, he had described how the glory of God had departed from the house of God. Now he sees the glory entering into a new house. **Ezekiel saw the glory coming, he heard the voice and he saw the earth**

shining with that glory! God also wants us to be a people who see the glory of God coming and so we make the necessary preparations. He wants a people who hear His voice and who have a vision to see the earth filled with His glory (**Hab.2:14, Num.14:21**).

What is the glory?

The “glory” in the Hebrew language means “**the weightiness, heaviness, substance**”. In other words, the glory is the essence of who God is; the weight He carries; the very substance of His being; His character. Jesus, the Son of God “**is the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person**” (**Heb.1:3**). Jesus is the substance of God’s being. The glory of the God of Israel is Jesus, the Son of God and He wants to come and dwell in a house that is built according to the pattern.

“And the glory of the LORD came into the temple [lit. house] by way of the gate which faces toward the east. The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the temple [house]” v.4-5

We are brought in by the Spirit

The house of God, which is the church of the living God, is a “**spiritual house**” made up of “**living stones**” (**1 Pet.2:5**). In order to enter the house and understand the house we must be “**brought in by the Spirit**”. When we believe on Jesus the Messiah, accepting that His blood is enough to remit our sins and being baptised in His name, we then through Jesus “**have access by one Spirit to the Father**” (**Eph.2:18**). Once having this access by the Spirit we realise we “**are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**” (**Eph.2:19-20**). We are now members of the household of God, being “**built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**” **Ephesians 2:22**.

The pattern of the house under the Old Covenant was given by the Spirit

The house of God is built by revelation from the Spirit of God. Under the Old Covenant Moses was given instructions to build the tabernacle so that God could dwell among His people (**Ex.25:8**). God said to him, “**According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle...just so you shall make it**” (**v.9**). Moses was given revelation from heaven on how to build the dwelling place. Solomon also, in building the house for God, received the instructions from his father David who “**gave his son Solomon... the plans for all that he had by the Spirit**” (**1Chron.28:11a,12a**). Solomon built the house of God in Jerusalem by revelation of the Spirit.

The pattern of the house in the New Covenant is given by the Spirit

In the New Covenant, the apostle Paul says the revelation of the mystery, which is a revelation of the true body of Christ, the *“dwelling place of God in the Spirit”* (Eph.2:22), is revealed *“by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets”* (Eph.3:5). God gives wisdom and revelation to His holy apostles and prophets of how to build the house of God, *which is the church of the living God*, according to the pattern. True apostles and prophets release this revelation to the church so that God’s house can be built! They **describe the house to the house!**

The result is the glory filling the house

When we are brought in by the Spirit and receive the revelation of the house by the Spirit, we begin to see the destiny – *the glory of Yahweh filling the house!* When Moses had finished building the tabernacle according to the pattern it says, *“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the tabernacle”* (Ex.40:34). The glory will only come into the house which is built according to the pattern.

When Solomon had finished building the house for God in Jerusalem it came to the day of dedication and it is written that *“the house, the house of the LORD [Yahweh] was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD [Yahweh] filled the house of God”* (2Chron.5:13b-14). The very being and substance of God dwelt in the house that had been built according to His pattern!

“And He said to me, ‘Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.’” v.7a

The place of My throne

God rules from His house! God rules from the midst of His church. The church is to be the place of God’s throne, God’s government! The church in general has not realised the One who is in the midst of her. Jesus said, *“where two or three gather together in My name, I AM there in the midst of them”* (Matt.18:20). Why is Jesus in the midst of us? What context was this written in? *“Assuredly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven”* (Matt.18:18-19). Jesus is in the midst of us in the context of the church exercising governmental authority from heaven on the earth.

Heaven My throne and the earth My footstool

God spoke through Isaiah *“Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? (Is.66:1)*. God’s heavenly throne is expressed through an earthly vessel – His house. *Where is the house you will build Me?* God answers His question in the following verse, *“But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite*

spirit, and who trembles at My word” (v.2). The ones who fear the word of God and are concerned with being obedient to His will – these ones will be the dwelling place and the expression of God’s throne on the earth!

The place of the soles of My feet

Through God’s house, God has a place to walk on the earth – a place *“for the soles of My feet”*. King David said, *“I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD [Yahweh], and for the footstool of our God...” (1Chron.28:2).* The house of God is a place for God to dwell and rest in the earth. A footstool is for resting your feet. God wants His feet to rest upon the earth, His enemies being made *“a footstool for Your feet” (Ps.110:1).* We are to *“worship at His footstool” Psalm 99:5.*

God walks on the earth in a body

God will walk on the earth through the ones He lives in! God walks on the earth through His church, through your feet. The house of God in the New Covenant is the body of Christ. Christ is the head, and we are the body, the place of His feet. God told Joshua, *“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you...” (Josh.1:3).* As your feet are shod *“with the gospel of peace” (Eph.6:15a)* be assured that Jesus is walking in you and taking the land, the nations, as an inheritance! Paul says we *“are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them...’ 2 Corinthians 6:16.* The house of God is the *place of the soles of His feet!*

Where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever

The house of God is God’s eternal dwelling place in the midst of His people forever. *“In My Father’s house there are many mansions [rooms]” (Jn.14:2).* In the Father’s house there are many places to dwell. Jesus, through dying on the cross, has prepared your place for you in the Father’s house (Jn.14:3), which is the house of God, **the church of the living God!** (1Tim.3:15). God has a place prepared for you in the Body of Christ, setting the members *“in the Body just as He pleased” 1Corinthians 12:18.*

Individually you are a dwelling of God and corporately we are the Father’s house! Jesus said that when He had died and risen, He would *“give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (Jn.14:16).* God would live in us by His Spirit. This was on the condition that *“If you love Me, keep My commandments (Jn.14:15).* We are the house of God, His eternal dwelling place if we keep His commandments, building according to the pattern.

Keep God’s word and become His home

Jesus then said a little later in the same conversation, *“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (v.23).* The Father and Son make a home in us as a result

of keeping His word. If we truly desire to be His dwelling place, we must be careful that we build according to His word.

“Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever. Son of man, describe the house to the house of Israel... and let them measure the pattern.” Ezek.43:9-10

Time to put harlotry away from us

Harlotry refers to anything that has allured our loving obedience away from Jesus. It refers to idolatry. We can make idols out of our own ministries and our own mindsets. We need to put this away and turn our attention onto Jesus, the One who said, ***“upon this Rock I will build My church and the gates of hades will not prevail against it” (Matt.16:18)***. Jesus is building His church His way and we are not to be allured by certain methods and church growth programs.

Time to put the carcasses of kings away from us

The carcasses of kings is the men of old who led the people of God. While many of these men may have done good things we are not to worship or emulate them. There have been many great leaders of the church in the past and denominations have formed around their teachings. However, they are dead, and while we can learn from them we need to seek the Living God now for this generation. We do not follow men, we follow Jesus and He does not want us to camp in yesterday’s revelation. It is time to move on and go on to maturity.

Describe the house to the house

We are to describe the church to the church. We are to ***“make known to them the design of the house and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws [teachings]” (Ez.43:11)***. We are to share the ***“whole counsel of God” (Acts20:27)***. We are to understand that ***“God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers...” (1Cor.12:28)***. We are to understand there is ***“no other foundation”*** except Jesus Christ (1Cor.3:11). We are to understand that we are ***“living stones being built up a spiritual house” (1Pet.2:5)***, ***“a dwelling place of God in the Spirit” (Eph.2:22)***.

Let them measure the pattern

The house of God must be built according to the pattern:

- we are founded upon Jesus Christ (1Cor.3:11)
- He is the ***“chief cornerstone” (Eph.2:20b)***.
- As the church matures, we are to ***“grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ” (Eph.4:15)***
- until we all come ***“to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph.4:13c)***.

The **pattern is Jesus the Christ**, and we are to measure up to Him. The mature Body has all the ministries and gifts flowing to equip, set in order, perfect, and edify the

saints (**Eph.4:11-12, 1 Cor.12:8-10**). The mature Body of Christ has every member functioning, every part doing its share and it is *“edifying itself in love”* **Ephesians 4:16**. The mature corporate Body of Christ looks like Jesus as finally, **Christ is One Body – 1Corinthians 12:12**.

Is what you are doing causing brethren to grow up into the *“image of His Son”* (**Rom.8:29**)?

When the work of building the house is complete then will come the full revelation of the mystery, *“Christ in you, the hope of glory”* (**Col.1:27b**). The glory, which is Christ, will fill the house and there will be a perfect revelation of God in the earth. Jesus will be seen on the throne, in the midst of His Body, dwelling in us and walking among us forever.

*“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and He will dwell with them,
and they shall be His people.
God Himself will be with them and be their God”*
Revelation 21:3

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