

תְּרוּמָה

TERUMAH/OFFERING Shemot/Exodus 25:1-27:19

As we have discussed other years, the **Tabernacle** is an **earthly picture** of the **heavenly Tabernacle**. As such, the **earthly copy cannot compare** to the **magnificence** of the **spiritual original**:

Shemot 25:9 "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the Tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Hebrews 3:3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moshe, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is Yah. ⁵ And Moshe indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, ⁶ but Messiah as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

יהוה gave us the **physical Tabernacle** to picture the **ideal** of a **unified body**, built on the **foundation of the Messiah**, who is the **“chief cornerstone.”** Today we are still in the **process of working towards unity**, with **His Presence dwelling within us...in individual, “earthen tabernacles/vessels”**:

2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the Elohim who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Yah in the face of Yeshua the Messiah. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of Yah and not of us.

Today, as we find ourselves **“scattered among the nations”** in **our individual tabernacles**, we **wait anxiously** to be **divinely gathered together** and **taken to the “Land of Israel”**:

Ezekiel 11:16 "Therefore say, 'Thus says Adonai יהוה: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the nations, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone." ' ¹⁷ "Therefore say, 'Thus says Adonai יהוה: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." ' "

Much thought is given these days to **safety during** the days of **tribulation**. The **Almighty** speaks of a **“secret place”** in **His own “Tabernacle”** where **He “hides”** those who **“fear Him”**:

Psalm 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion (הֶסֶךְ); In the secret place of His Tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 31:19 Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men! ²⁰ You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion (sukkah הֶסֶךְ) from the strife of tongues.

What is the **“pavilion”**...this **“secret place of His Tabernacle”**? The **Hebrew word** is **sukkah (הֶסֶךְ)**, the **temporary abode** in connection with the **Feast of Tabernacles** or **Sukkot**. Thus we see that

during the tribulation, He will provide for us in His very own sukkah, “high upon a rock” ...i.e. “Messiah”!

Ephesians 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of Yah,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua the Messiah Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy sanctuary in Adonai,

Unity was the theme in constructing the earthly Tabernacle, and it continues to be the theme today as all of Israel comes together to make up His “household”, i.e. His Tabernacle.

In Romans, we see the picture of offering ourselves individually as living sacrifices as we take that first step into the Tabernacle of unity:

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yah, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Yah, which is your reasonable service...³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as Yah has dealt to each one a measure of faith.⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Messiah, and individually members of one another.

It is HIS plan and HIS desire for us to be a unified Tabernacle, and it is holding fast to the Messiah and to Torah that will enable us to be for future “signs and wonders in Israel”:

Isaiah 8:13 יהוה of Hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared and taken.”¹⁶ Bind up the testimony, Seal the Torah among my disciples.¹⁷ And I will wait on יהוה, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him.¹⁸ Here am I and the children whom יהוה has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From יהוה of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

The book of Revelation gives us the picture of the completed unified heavenly sanctuary. This is the same heavenly sanctuary that Moshe was privileged to view from the mountain top. The New Jerusalem, Israel, His bride, His people, will be perfected!

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Yah, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the Tabernacle of Yah is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. Yah Himself will be with them and be their Yah.

Shabbat Shalom!

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