

Zechariah 2

The plans for the rebuilding Lord's city
The protection of the Lord's city
The preservation of the Lord's people

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v.1-3 the plans for the rebuilding of the Lord's city

Ezekiel 40-44

Chapter 40: 1-37 the temple area is described- (*Rev 11:1-2 NKJV*) *Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. {2} "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.*

v.38-43 Sacrifices instituted

v.44-46 sons of Zadok- those who remained faithful

everything described in detail

Where will it be?

Dome of the Rock built in 691 AD or mosque of Omar

- inside is rock with indentation supposedly where Mohammed leapt to heaven

- hollowed out chamber of rock where they believe that the dead meet twice weekly to pray

- Time magazine Oct. 16, 1989 Time for a new temple?- told of schools where sacrifice is being taught

- Temple institute making implements

- Dome of Spirits or Tablets area

Chapter 43

The glory of the Lord filled the place- what makes the Temple the Temple? the Glory of the Lord

- (*Rev 11:19 NKJV*) *Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.*

- (Rev 15:8 NKJV) *The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*

(Exo 16:10 NKJV) *Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.*

(Exo 24:16-17 NKJV) *Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. {17} The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.*

(Exo 33:21-22 NKJV) *And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. {22} "So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by.*

(2 Cor 3:18 NKJV) *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

In the gospels we read of Jesus' transfiguration, being seen in His glory, the glory of His grace.

Back to Zechariah The protection of the Lord's city

v.4-5 Jerusalem today, no walls except around Old City- walls are protection

- God says that He will be a wall of fire, His glory will be their protection

Psalm 18:2

² *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Psalm 31:2

² *Bow down Your ear to me,
Deliver me speedily;
Be my rock of refuge,
A fortress of defense to save me.*

Psalm 31:3

³ For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake,
Lead me and guide me.

Psalm 71:3

³ Be my strong refuge,
To which I may resort continually;
You have given the commandment to save me,
For You are my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 91:2

² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

Psalm 144:2

² My lovingkindness and my fortress,
My high tower and my deliverer,
My shield and the One in whom I take refuge,
Who subdues [£]my people under me.

Jeremiah 16:19

¹⁹ O LORD, my strength and my fortress,
My refuge in the day of affliction,

The preservation of the Lord's people

v.8 he who touches you, touches the apple of my eye

How does this apply to us?

The Lord builds His city- the Lord builds His church

Matt. 16:13 through Matt. 16:18 (NKJV)

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Col. 2:6 through Col. 2:7 (NKJV)

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

1 Pet. 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Cor 3:16-17 (NKJV)

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

1Cor 6:19 (NKJV)

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

The Lord protects His city- He has His hand of protection on you

Rom 8:28 (NKJV)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

See Jeremiah 29

You are the apple of His eye- He delights in you, He loves you more than you possibly imagine