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Introduction

I would first like to thank Brother Sam Fife and Sister Betty Burke, who introduced me to the basic teachings of the Tabernacle Truths, back in 1970, in New Orleans. The teachings were still in its infancy as they were just beginning to uncover these truths. It was not until 2010 when I actually started to build a full-sized replica of the Ark of His Covenant that I began to receive more profound revelation that has continued to increase to the present time and the writing of this book. This is a continuing revelation and yet a new beginning to the teachings which arose due to the discipline of following the actual Hebrew language without adding to nor diminishing from the words of scripture.

The LORD began to anoint me by the leadership of His Spirit to take up the task of writing this book. It is perhaps the first book ever written that centers on the revelation which is the result of the building of a full-sized replica of the Ark only using the exact context of the Bible and not man's imagination. Every statement contained in this book has been confirmed by the scriptures alone. No theological commentary has been incorporated into this document. Thus, this work is a complete Biblical revelation based solely on Biblical Principles and Patterns.

We will begin in Genesis, where it speaks of Joseph. Joseph and the story of his life are at the heart of almost everything identified regarding the Ark. Even the changing of the Priesthood, from Aaron to Melchisedec, is directly connected to Joseph and one of his older half-brothers, who was Judah.

There are 174 scriptures referring to the Hebrew word "Arown," which is translated into the King James Old English as the word "Ark." And there are 160 references to the word "Throne" throughout the Bible. The main reason this is important to note is because the very first time it is used, it is referring to the word, "Coffin" in which Joseph is buried in, recorded in Gen. 50:26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin (Arown) in Egypt. It is also identified as a Throne in the Ark of His Covenant.

The Spirit of God hid the New Testament in all the "types and shadows" of the Old Testament. This is confirmed by the writings of the Apostles, especially the Book of Hebrews, which takes us from the Outer Court to the Holiest of All and ultimately into The Ark of His Covenant, the most crucial illustration God, Himself, has established. In this document, there is a new path revealed when Jesus, as Son of God, comes into this world. His path begins with the inside first, the Holiest of All, then the Outer Court.

The Ark is not merely crucial because it was part of the Old Testament and built by Moses; in fact, it is genuinely appointed as a New Testament object for teaching and our learning. The confirmation of this is when we realize the first set of Tablets, "The Ten Commandments," was never placed in the Ark of the Covenant. That set was broken to pieces. It began with this statement: Ex 20:2, "I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

The second set of Tablets began with this statement, found in Deut. 6:4-6, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart." This is, in fact, the opening statement of the New Covenant. This set, the second one, was the one placed in the Ark; thereby establishing that the Ark, the Ark of the Covenant, the Ark of "His" Covenant, was actually referring to the New Covenant. Therefore, it is indeed identified as "The Ark of the New Covenant." Most theologians do not recognize this truth and therefore, have not received this revelation.

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Another confirmation that the Tabernacle is not merely an Old Testament teaching is revealed in the Book of Revelation where the Tabernacle and Temple and all things pertaining to it is referred to fifty-two times. The Tabernacle and The Ark are not just Old Testament teachings; they contain, point to, and confirm New Testament revelations.

The fact that each of the two sets of Tablets, the Covenants, began with two entirely different opening statements means they are two are altogether different Covenants. The first set was smashed and broken. It was the second set that was placed inside the Ark. They were not the same. They were not identical. They were different.

It was not until forty years later that the second set was removed from the box and revealed by Moses. For the first time that second set was read to those who were about to end their wilderness journey to enter into the Promised Land. That second set had never been read to anyone prior to this time nor was it a Covenant as of yet, not until it was read and given to the children of those who had died in the wilderness. Moses had placed it in the Ark until this time recorded in Deuteronomy. This was and is the New Covenant later referred to by both Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Jesus came to ratify the New Covenant by becoming the New Great High Priest after the Order of Melchisedec. Once the second set of Tablets, "The New Covenant," was placed in the Ark, it became a part of the New Testament. At that moment the Ark in the Wilderness transcended from its Old Covenant identity to become a New Testament reality.

I have written this book as a result of building a replica precisely as the scriptures have specified; the exact size, dimensions, and details. It is constructed of real acacia wood overlaid inside and out with gold mirrors. Also, I have replicated Aaron's Almond Rod, The Golden Pot of Manna, the Box of Sweet Spices, the Golden Censer, and the Garments of the High Priest.

Every book of the Bible is about God and Man. Because the Ark is built with a combination of wood and gold, the nature of man and the nature of God, that means that every book contains a revelation of the Ark within its testimony. Those secrets are discovered one-by-one in a Divine Order as we study the pure scriptures to find those revelations. Some are displayed openly, but many are deeply hidden.

Sometimes they are revealed through the character of a person and the circumstances God allows. Often, they suddenly materialize; to those who are spiritually minded. God hides Himself in thick darkness, in a Cloud or Fire. Regardless the most important aspect is to follow the instructions as God gave them without change anything.

Ps. 18:11, "He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies."

1Kings 8:12, "Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell in the thick darkness."

Heb. 12:29, "For our God is a consuming fire."

Teaching Notes on The Ark of The Covenant

Basic Rule # 1

Isa. 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Isa. 40:21 Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isa 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Isa. 41:26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.

Isa. 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Basic Rule # 2

Ex. 28:28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod.

Basic Rule # 3

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Basic Rule # 4

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

1John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Basic Rule # 5

Mt. 13:52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Song 7:13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

Basic Rule # 6

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Mt. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Rev. 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Deut. 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Basic Rule # 7

John 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the Law, and the Prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Lu. 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He, Jesus, expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.

Scriptural Context for Teaching the Ark of the Covenant

Dan. 9:22-24 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore, understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 1. to finish the transgression, and 2. to make an end of sins, and 3. to make reconciliation for iniquity, and 4. to bring in everlasting righteousness, and 5. to seal up the vision and prophecy, and 6. to anoint the most Holy.

Eight Times

Isa 46:10 Declaring the End from the Beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Joseph

There are several things and persons in the Bible that establish a pattern that is within the foundational teachings of the Tabernacle and the Ark. Joseph's name is found 229 times compared to Abram/Abraham of 280 in the entire Bible. When David writes of Joseph in five different Psalms, it reveals the respect and admiration David had for Joseph and expresses the impact Joseph had on David's life. So Joseph has a significant role as far as his testimony to the New Testament Church. The words, "ring, throne, linen/many colors, crown, sheaf-first-fruits," all speak directly of the Tabernacle. When we read these words and consider who they might remind us of, we think of none other than JOSEPH!

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The first time these words, "a long coat of colors/linen," are mentioned in the Bible, it is regarding Joseph, Genesis 37:3. The word "Ring" is mentioned in Gen. 41:42. "Throne" is first mentioned in Genesis 41:40. The first time "Linen" is mentioned is Gen.40:42. The connection is that of the Ark which was covered with Linen of many colors just as Joseph was. Moreover, finally, the Coffin that Joseph was placed in is the same Hebrew word for the Ark, "Arown," which means a coffin, box, or a gathering place. Gen. 50:26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin (Arown) in Egypt.

David

Ps. 80:1 "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the Cherubims, shine forth."

Ps. 17:8 "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings."

Ezekiel the Priest and Prophet

Eze 1:3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

4 ¶ And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

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15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.

18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other: everyone had two, which covered on this side, and everyone had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Wheel Within a Wheel

Eze 10:8 And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.

10 And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.

Sweet Spices

Perhaps you were not aware that there were three Anointings explained and illustrated in the Tabernacle Patterns. The first one is for the Seven Branch Lampstand in the Holy Place. That information will be provided in the teachings which will be in the following book "The Holy Place," which is the second room or compartment of the Tabernacle. This is where the "The Seven Branch Almond Tree, the Table of Shewbread and the Golden Altar of incense" is located.

In this chapter, we will spend our time looking toward the other two. We will compare them and see their different purposes. The second Anointing Oil was to anoint the Tabernacle and the Priests of which typifies the Body of Christ and New Testament Five-Fold Ministry. The third was to embody the anointing of the True Great High Priest made after the Order of Melchisedec which would be Christ Jesus. When Jesus arrives, he is to ratify the New Covenant, and His death could only do that.

That Anointing is characterized as "Sweet Spices," which is entirely different from the first one, as an Ointment. Here we see a different formula for the anointing with a different composition of spices, and it was not to be used at all but placed in front of the Ark of the Covenant. It will be used for the Messiah when He arrived and then for us as we come into Christ's death.

Php. 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

Ex 30:34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, 1.) stacte, and 2.) onycha, and 3.) galbanum; these sweet spices with 4.) pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight.

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy.

36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the Tabernacle of the Congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you Most Holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people.

There are four things to notice. The spices that are used in this compound come from four different foundations, different than the ones in the first, which had Anointing Oil compounded within it. Second, it contains no oil as a base, and third, it was never measured. Fourth, it was never used on anything or anyone, not even Aaron. It was placed in the Holiest of All in front of the Ark of the Covenant, which was the Coffin with the Crown and the Throne above it.

Golden Censer

Ministry of Intercession

Lev. 16:12 And he shall take a Censer full of burning coals of fire from off the Altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the Vail. 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the Mercy Seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not.

We now come to The Golden Censer that has been overlooked by many was the subject of the incense, "...after the art of the apothecary." Exodus 30:34-38 tells us this incense, this perfume, was placed in the Most Holy Place before the Testimony. That means it was placed before the Ark of the Covenant and that incense was something extraordinary. It was never to be used for any other purpose by anyone or put on the body of anyone. It sat as a testimony. It was a prophecy that one day, there would be a Priest worthy of having it poured on Him for burial. That Priest would enter the Coffin, The Ark, to become a sweet-smelling savor unto the Most High God.

This, of course, is familiar if you've ever read the account of the woman with the alabaster box anointing the head of Jesus.

Mark 14: 3-9 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon, the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brakes the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come to aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." This is repeated in Matthew 26:6-13.

Almond Rod of Aaron

One of the fascinating objects in the Holiest of All was "Aaron's Rod."

Num. 17:8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the Tabernacle of Witness; and, behold, the Rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

According to horticulture, the Almond Tree produces the bud first. After some time, the flower blooms until all the blossoms fall off the tree. This process also takes some time. About the time of winter, it starts to produce the Almond Nut. The fact that Aaron's rod did all of those phases at the same time was the indisputable evidence of God proving that He had chosen Aaron from all the other tribes of Israel to have the office of the Priesthood. The first miracle was the fact that this "Rod" was cut off from the ground and

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had no roots to draw life from the earth. It also had no branch with leaves to draw its life from the heavens above. Its Life was within it its self.

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so, the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Having all three stages of its life cycle all at the same time, which was absolutely impossible to do, was the second aspect of this marvelous miracle.

John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.

But there is more to the mysterious "Rod" that sat in the Holy of Holies. Its existence seems to be the only attention given to it if any attention is paid to it all. There is a history behind the Rod that provides this object with more color. It is deserving for God to have it sit in front of Him in symbolism with the Ark, which was behind the Vail. Let's begin with the scripture that contains the word "Rod" in that which pertains to "Aaron's Rod" to see its Hebrew meaning.

Num. 17:3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon "The Rod of Levi": for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.

Heb. 04294 Matteh, a branch (as extending); figuratively, a tribe; also a rod, whether for chastising (figuratively, correction), ruling (a scepter), throwing (a lance), or walking (a staff; figuratively, a support of life, e.g. bread):--rod, staff, and tribe.

Power of the Rod

In this section of Chapter 21, we saved the best for last. The most powerful thing about this particular branch was the fact that it had produced all of the different stages of the life process at the same time, making it a process-less fruit tree, not like the trees of our present time or dispensation. If we understand what plant life was like before the Fall of Man and the earth, then and only then, we too would be utterly astonished. We will re-read and examine in a much more profound manner what it must have been like in the Garden. We go back to the beginning to see what we may have overlooked for thousands of years.

Golden Pot of Manna

Rev. 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna, and will give him a White Stone, and in the stone a New Name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Num. 11:7 And the manna was as coriander seed and the color thereof as the color of bdellium. 8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

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John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The subject on Manna is spoken of seventeen times in the Bible, twelve in the OT and five in the NT. Of all of them, the most interesting is in the Gospel of John in chapter 6, when Jesus identifies Himself as the true Manna. Here is how it all began.

After the children of Israel complained about not being fed meat to eat is when this part of the revelation of Manna begins.

Exodus 16:1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

By now they have run out of provisions that they carried out with them from Egypt, the day after the Passover night, approximately a little over a calendar's month later.

There are two types of Manna. The first one they ate for forty years as their daily bread. This type wasted away after the Sun rose because the flakes of this manna melted in the heat.

Ex. 16:20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank.

16:21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

Ex. 16:31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

This is where Jesus prays in the "LORD's Prayer,

Mt. 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

David, in 12 different Psalms, describes how desolate and barren the wilderness was for Israel.

Ps. 107:4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

This leads us to the fact that even the bread that was used in the Tabernacle as the unleavened bread came from the Manna that was gathered in the wilderness for forty years.

The Golden Crown

Old Testament

Gen. 49:26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren.

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Ex 25:11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

Ps. 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.
{compass: Heb. crown}

Ps. 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

New Testament

Mt. 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

1Co 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

2Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Jas. 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Rev. 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Acacia Wood

Old Testament

Gen. 45:5 Now, therefore, be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Ps 32:7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Ps 40:11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

Pr 2:8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.

New Testament

Lu 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life *shall preserve it. (In all four Gospels)*

2Ti 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and *will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom*: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Preserve, Greek 4982, Sozo, from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saos, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively):--heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

This Greek word is used 103 times in the New Testament.

Mt. 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Mt. 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Ro 1:18; 3:25; Eph 2:13; 1Th 1:10; Heb 9:14; 1Jo 1:7

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Eph. 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

1Pe 3:1 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Two Tablets-The Two Sets

Ex. 25:16 And thou shalt put into the Ark the Testimony which I shall give thee.

The Testimony was written twice and on two separate sets of two stones (front and back) by the finger of God.

A. First Set of Stones: broken by Moses after he came off the mountain.

B. Second Set: The set that was placed in the Ark/Coffin

C. Both made of polished stones.

Stone, Heb. # 03871, Luwach, {loo'-akh}; from a primitive root; probably meaning to glisten; a tablet (as polished), of stone, wood or metal:--board, plate, table.

There is a significant difference between the two sets most are not aware.

The next item that is mentioned is the Testimony. This is most familiar to us as the "Ten Commandments." We read them for the first time in:

Ex 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God:
- 12 Honor thy father and thy mother:
- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet.

Prerequisite to Being God's People

Ex. 19:5 Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine.

6 And ye shall be unto me a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Let us trace the conversation between God, Moses, and the leadership of Israel.

Ex. 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

The first set is broken, and a New Set is written but never read to them. The New set is place in the Ark/Coffin and will not be seen nor heard of until some forty years later.

What Moses is doing is rehearsing to those that were children at the time but are now adults, what had taken place after the first Set of Tablets were broken.

The Second Set - A New Command

Mr 12:29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

Deut. 10:1-2 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an Ark of wood. And I will write on the tablets the words that were in the first tables which thou break, and thou shalt put them in the Ark.

Deut. 10:4, And He wrote on the tables according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments.

A most exciting variation between the two sets surfaced when I began to compare the two in detail. In the book of Hebrews, it states this.

Heb. 12:18-29 For ye are not come unto the Mount(Sinai-Hora)) that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest. And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded). And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake.

But ye are come unto Mount Sion and unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven. And to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

This is a recount of the giving of the Law and the comparison of the two; the Old and the New. I have always wondered how the prophets of old got the understanding that God was going to change the Covenant of the Law to a Covenant of Faith and Grace. They, the Prophets, lived under the Covenant of the Law. I never saw any clues as to how they got their revelation of the New Covenant. And yet, several Old Testament prophets spoke of it. Let us first explain the difference between the Old and the New.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut. 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

With that being said by God, it will set the stage just shy of a thousand years later for God to shake Israel's core relationship with Himself. Israel was carried away into captivity some 700 years later, and Judah was exiled for 70 years, some 850 years after the Commandment was spoken. Then add the 40 years after they came out of Egypt, totally 890 years.

The New Covenant

When this subject comes up after exiting Egypt, the Covenant given to Moses is generally noted as "The Ten Commandments." But as we know, it is far more reaching and complicated than that. It involves not only laws and rules but also judgments, statutes, and precepts as well. As we noted in, Chapter 14, Two Tables-Two Sets on Pg. 214, it was that they didn't want to hear God's Voice.

Deuteronomy 4 is where Moses begins this New Covenant, which was different than the one spoken to their fathers forty years earlier when coming out of Egypt.

Deut. 4:1 Now, therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

This has always impressed me because it is precisely the same as when Jesus is closing up His statements and visions to John the Apostle in Revelations.

Rev. 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this book.

Tabernacle Truths

The New Tables have been seated in the Ark/Coffin/Throne for the past 40 years. He explains that the LORD God had not made this same Covenant with their fathers who are now dead in the wilderness. All along, this Ark had an identity and name as “The Ark of the Covenant.” And yet they don’t know what it says, because they didn’t want to “Hear.”

I always ask this question when I preach or teach this part of the Book.

“What is the First Commandment?”

The first thing that everyone says is “Thou shalt Love the LORD...”

Then I question them, “Are you sure?”

Then everyone sits there dumbfounded as though there are missing something.

Then I say, “Hear O Israel.”

You say that I may be too picky, but it is the only reason that the New Covenant may be experienced in a person; it is by “Hearing.” There are divine steps that first must be taken before one can enter into the New Covenant. One must first accept "Into their heart," the only Person that God the Father has chosen to mediate this New Covenant, His Son, Jesus the Christ AND THEY MUST DO IT BY FAITH! You see, the New Covenant is all about the change that first takes place in your Spirit and then your Heart, before any serious changes can take place and manifest outwardly.

Ezek. 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a New Spirit within you, and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh.

Ezek. 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a New Heart and a New Spirit.

Ezekiel and Daniel were in Babylon at the same time Jeremiah was in Judah before the destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. Jeremiah wrote.

Jer. 24:7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

Jer. 31:33 But this shall be the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The question is, where did Jeremiah get that from? He read the same verses from Exodus, where the second set was addressed. Then he learned the same things that you just read and now understand in this book coming from Deuteronomy that Moses wrote in the Book.

Deut. 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Deut. 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

When we trace down this by going back towards the beginning of this New Commandment, we find that David was already experiencing the New Covenant. I want to show you the words that David wrote that revealed he was experiencing this New Covenant in his own personal life.

Ps. 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Ps 37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever. 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Meditation is still the key to unlock the New Covenant from within us. When we said that we would give our hearts to Jesus, this is what it means,

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Ps. 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Ps. 49:3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Ps. 104:34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Ps. 119:97 O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

Why do you suppose Paul the Apostle wrote -

Col. 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

David's first Psalm is about the heart being fixed on meditation and the results of one who keeps the Covenant in the Heart.

Royal Priesthood

Apostle Peter

1Pet. 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. Ex 19:5-6

Book of Hebrews

Heb 7:5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

Heb 7:11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

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Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Heb 7:24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Apostle Paul

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Cor. 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. {darkly: Gr. in a riddle}

2Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Tabernacle of David

The Place of Worship: Inside the Believer

The other most important aspect about this Tabernacle was the introduction of God's official presence outside of the Tabernacle of Moses. Mount Zion will forever be identified with this Tabernacle of David, even into the Book of Hebrews and the Book of Revelation. Again, The Most Holy is by revelation identified as the Spirit and the Holy Place as the Soul. The two, the Spirit and Soul becoming one again after the fall is represented by David Tabernacle. It shows how David was able to come into the Presence of God without the legal requirements. This was the way Adam and God were before the fall. This time it would take a broken heart and a contrite spirit listed in Ps. 34:18 and 51:17.

David receives revelation that God does "not desire the sacrifices" of animals but his ears were open to what God was revealing to him. In Ps. 40:6 and in Ps.51:16 David write some things that are to supersede Moses' Law of sacrifices. A list of sacrifices that David introduced in his Palms is given to us as such:

- Ps. 4:5 The Sacrifice of Righteousness
- Ps. 27:6 The Sacrifice of Joy
- Ps. 32:7 Songs of Deliverance
- Ps. 51:19 The Sacrifice of a Broken and Contrite Heart
- Ps. 54:6 The Sacrifice of Praising Thy Name
- Ps. 107:22 The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
- Ps. 118:27 Prayers as Incense, lifting of hands as Evening Sacrifice

Several scriptures that refers to the "Secret Place of Worship:

- Ps. 27:5 The Secret of His Tabernacle
- Ps. 31:20 The Secret of His Presence

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Ps. 81:7 The Secret Place of Thunder

Ps. 91: 1 The Secret Place of the Most High.

All of these speak of the New Testament Church not being in the literal Temple or in Jerusalem and not even in the Holy Land. This takes place in the Spirit, in the heart of the Believer. Jesus spoke about that if two or three were gathered in His Name there He would be in the midst of them, any time any place. The story of the women at the well is one of the illustrations that the Bible brings out about place, time and kind of worship the Father is looking for. The statement of Jesus to the woman that God was seeking those that would worship in Spirit and in Truth is one of the main bases of the Tabernacle of David. After all he was speaking to a Samaritan woman of which Jews forbade to speak with. This well goes beyond the customs of the Law.