

It Is Finished

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John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

“And in God’s eyes it was finished. The Laws of Moses, every jot and tittle that pertained to the old law, was fulfilled. It has been said --and much of what is about to be shared in this study has already been said.-- “You can get a man out of the church, but it is almost impossible to get the church out of a man”. And so Christians have, in many ways, managed to reverse Jesus’ declaration on the cross, “It is finished”. Starting at the time of the concision, many laws and traditions were dragged over the line that Jesus drew on that momentous day. Tithe, the backbone of Church economy, is but one example that would warrant an exhaustive rebuttal. However there is a much more serious deception at hand; this being that there is a very real possibility that the Devil has pulled the wool over the eyes of most of the Christian world regarding the 3rd Temple in Jerusalem. I’ve touched on this subject in past blogs, but I’d like to use this blog to add a few scriptures as well as some thoughts from others about this question.

To begin I’d like to go back a few thousand years to the days of Jeremiah, a time of great apostasy in the land of Israel. Babylon, the bow of God’s judgment, was sweeping down from the north and Jerusalem was its target. One task given to the king of Babylon by God was to empty Solomon’s Temple of its articles and utterly destroy it. God had grown weary of striving with a people whose devotion was as that of a harlot --her heart just wasn’t in it. Just as Paul admonished his generation, so have God’s prophets reproached each generation since Babylon wiped the tablet clean in preparation for the writing of a new covenant. God is seeking those who love Him *“in singleness of heart, not with eye-service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart!”*--Ephesians 6:5 & 6.

Over 600 years before Jesus was born, Jeremiah foresaw a day when God would make a new covenant with His people. Under this new covenant, God would write His laws on people’s hearts rather than on tablets of stone. Jesus said that the second covenant is the fulfillment of what was promised in the first.

Jeremiah 10:20-21 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent anymore, and to set up my curtains. For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

JER.31:31-33 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 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 “inward part” Jesus is talking about here is of course the soul. Ever since the days when Adam and Eve walked in the garden of God, our Husband has sought obedience from the heart out of love. Jesus praised Mary for her love for His Word, do you remember? Martha on the other hand, her mind full of dutiful service, familiar and insensitive to the import of Jesus’ visit, scurried around in the wings more

concerned about the affairs of the Kingdom than the King Himself. No doubt, if given enough time, she would forget about the King altogether --as has surely happened in this last generation, since the King has gone on a long journey and doesn't seem to be coming back.

So where was I ...oh yes, the Second Temple --now what was the Second Temple for? It seems time had erased the memory of most people because Jesus had to remind the ancestors' children that it was a place of prayer not a common market. But did their attitude change? not for very long --to be sure, because after the King left in the clouds even leaving promises to return, the then newly named temple, "The Church" went about turning the house of prayer into a house of commerce again. You see, they didn't seem to get the point that God had come down from Heaven to destroy the Second Temple and write a new covenant in order to get them out of this temple business. To be frank, God has never been into temples. He was happy with His tent, just like the original man of faith, Abraham.

I wanted to see what others have said about some of these points, so here is something I found in my search.

THE JEWS HAD HAD NO PLACE TO WORSHIP BUT IN A TENT CALLED THE TABERNACLE because they were always on the move, always having to move because of their enemies, crossing the great wilderness for 40 years & finally moving into the Promised Land or Canaan, Israel, having kings for the first time, King Saul, the first, King David, etc.

Isn't this typifying the modern children of Israel? Indeed see Hebrews 11 are we not strangers and pilgrims on this earth, and where is our tabernacle, our tent in our hearts we carry it withersoever we go.

Here is some interesting insight I found in the letter "Reformation or Revolution".

THE PHARISEES WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO SUBSIDIZE JESUS AND HIS GREAT FOLLOWING, if only He had been willing to work with them within the existing corrupt and rotten system of their hierarchy and accept their name tag so that they could have gotten the credit for Him. They would have been happy to have shared the limelight of His popularity and used His power to their own ends--even at the cost of a little reformation to appease the people, but He refused to compromise with them, but rather worked totally outside the existing system, attacked it head-on, ruthlessly exposed it and drove the money changers from the temple, and strove to lead God's little children back to the worship of the true Father; His little lambs back into the one and only true fold of the Great Shepherd and the way of simple Truth and Love and Peace--the True Kingdom of God, whose only laws are to "love God with all their heart" and "thy neighbor as thyself", and "these are all the law and the Prophets", with no place of worship but the human heart, no Guidebook but the Bible, and no authoritarianism but the dictatorship of the Holy Spirit, for "ye are the temple" and "they that worship Him must worship Him neither here nor there, but in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him". (Reformation or Revolution? [#0000I])

Now would be a good time to ask my question. If God went to all the trouble to destroy the first temple and then, because man turned around and built a second one, send His own Son to earth to destroy that one too, why would He place so much emphasis in His Word on the rebuilding of yet another, a 3rd Temple? Now before reciting all that you have learnt about the 3rd Temple from our learned church elders, I want to ask you another question. Oh, by the way, I want to exclude David Berg as one of those "learned church elders" because I recently found the following comment he made regarding this question.

YOU SAY, "OH, DAD, REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS SAID THE JEWS HAD TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE FIRST so that he could sit in it & claim he was God & erect the Image outside in the holy place!" The holy place is still there, he doesn't need a temple to put up the Image. And what have I said about what is the TRUE holy place? If he endeavors to set himself up in everyone's HEART at that time & demand worship & stop all other worship, what truer temple could he have chosen than the one that God says is the REAL temple?--The temple of the human body & the human heart! (Revelation of the Beast!, The [#2501])

It is easy to forget what the king has said after he leaves, isn't it? Here are some more tidbits the king left us on this subject.

We're the very temple of God ourselves!--You and me!--His children, living with Him day by day and having our own hearts as His place of worship! He dwells within the human heart! Buildings cannot contain Him, but your heart contains the Lord Jesus Christ if you love Him!

Christian worship in the early days needed no buildings, no great temples built with hands of men--which could not contain God anyway! They worshipped Him in homes, in upper rooms, in basements, in the market place, beside the river and in the forest under the trees--wherever they happened to be!--And Christianity came to cover the Earth--because the Apostles obeyed and went out! Instead of building buildings, they went out and built the True Church of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men!--"The living stones," as Peter calls us! (1Peter .2:5).

His Church has always been the body of believers, the fellowship of the Saints, the assembly of the Saints. The word church comes from the Greek word Ecclesia, meaning the called-out ones, or the separated ones! The church is not the building! It's the people!

Now I'm not saying that the stubborn Jews aren't going to turn around anyway, in spite of all that God has done to show them that He isn't at all interested in their temple or their religion of pious works, and build the 3rd Temple. They may very well do that. But what has that got to do with us? The book that we read, from which we are getting all this information about the Endtime, isn't it written to the New Covenant believers, those that have His Word written in their inward parts? When Jesus said, "It is finished." He meant everything pertaining to the Jewish religion was finished, all except the history, which is there as an ensample to us, a guide and a very parallel guide at that. In other words, what happened in the lives of God's children in the Bible very often reoccurs in the lives of those following in latter years. Jesus gave us a coded message when He told the Jews in John 2:19 "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." They, in their carnal minded obsession over their temple, misinterpreted His statement. We of course know that He was talking about the New Covenant Temple, the third and final Temple of the body of Christ, a temple that would never be destroyed again, after He rebuilt it, that is.

God may allow the Jews to rebuild their fake religion and reinstate lamb sacrifice, but then again, He may not. You can deliberate the ins and outs of that question if you want, but I believe the Devil has duped everyone into thinking along this line in order to throw us off the chase. If people are looking for the fox over yonder in Israel when in fact he is looking to destroy the true temple of God in the hearts of man, the place where true worshippers go to pray, then of course the good man of the house will not be prepared for the thieving fox when it enters the sheep fold.

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1 Peter 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.

Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament (covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

"YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD!" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

During my search for scripture on this subject I came across something David Berg said in a letter called "Happy Daze", days btw is spelt Daze...

I CAN REMEMBER BEING SO SICK FROM THE VACCINATION that I crawled into a box on the back porch curled up like a little sick dog--& I was sick as a dog too! And that's when they were building the Tabernacle just a block away down the street. I can remember going down there watching the workmen build & playing in the building, & we started having meetings there & everything. (Happy Daze! [#0958])

Are many Christians in a daze regarding this vaccination being forced on the whole world? Is the Devil after the tabernacle of our hearts where Jesus said true worshippers would worship in spirit and in truth? If you are sick with the vaccination, go into your tabernacle and there find your salvation. The Devil knows this and is trying to destroy that very tabernacle that Jesus built 2,000 years ago. The following quote is from "Is Love Against the Law?"

SOME OF HIS DISCIPLES WERE BEGINNING TO LEARN WHAT THE LAW OF LOVE MEANT. He was trying to teach them the new way and the law of love. According to the old Mosaic Law they were compelled to worship at the tabernacle, or the temple or Jerusalem. But when the woman at the well said, "WELL, OUR FATHERS SAY YOU OUGHT TO WORSHIP HERE, AND YOUR FATHERS SAY YOU OUGHT TO WORSHIP THERE." He said, "The hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

IN OTHER WORDS HE WAS SAYING THE TIME HAS COME WHEN IT DOESN'T MATTER A DAMN BIT WHERE YOU WORSHIP, here or in Jerusalem, in church or out of church, in the nearest bar or bawdy house, as long as you worship God in your heart, in spirit, and in truth, in love in other words. That's the kind of people God wants to worship Him, not those who simply worship Him according to law or church rules or the old Mosaic Law or in Jerusalem or at Mecca or anyplace else. (Is Love Against the Law? [#0648])

You see, I don't believe the Devil gives a damn about all those people following the false, dying or dead religions of this world. They are already dead ducks and will no doubt take the vaccine. In fact, Israel is the leading the world in vaccine compliance. The churches are not too far behind with their pastors waving the flag of submission and agreement up front of all their dumb sheep. As for the Hindus, well, India was recently bragging about reaching the 1 billion user mark. Revelation 13:16 is indeed prophetic in saying that all the world will take the mark.

The trouble with the Jews and the church is that they are stuck in the past. They like what their religion has given them. They are in a daze and don't want to give up the good life. Therefore, when some new twist in their doctrine comes along, they just can't take it. And this vaccine is indeed a new twist on 666 as is this idea of the 3rd Temple being the millions of truly born again children of Jesus that are scattered

around the globe, which, by the way, is a whole lot more difficult to erase than one long-forgotten temple in Jerusalem.

Luke 5:36-39 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REFORM THE OLD FOR THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT IT, and in the attempt the bottle will be broken and the contents lost, which is why God has to take young "new bottles" today, strong to contain the power of His Spirit, and a totally new batch of wine for a totally New Day. The old religious and economic systems cannot be patched up for they are tattered, threadbare and rotten & must be cast upon the fires of His Judgment that He may create "a new Heaven and a new earth" in which "old things are passed away and all things are become new God has never been for Reformation of the old rotten carcass, only for its total burial and the resurrection of a completely new man, for we are "new creatures in Christ Jesus". We must "be born again...to see the kingdom of God," the new world order which is about to take over, truly under God this time. The filth and debris of the old is only in the way of the new structure which cannot rise upon its ruins, for God has nothing to do with that which is in ruins. But God's new order must rise upon a clean, new foundation--the only Foundation which can last--the Personality, Power and Truth of Jesus Christ, upon which can only be built a brand new building of "new and living stones".

THE DEAD AND ROTTEN, CRUMBLING TIMBERS OF THE OLD MUST BE TOTALLY SWEEPED AWAY and destroyed in the fires of His purification. Too many have tried too many years to patch up the old. The truly great Revolutionists from Noah to Christ had to totally do away with the old and start anew; for the old debris and the self-righteous hypocrisy of self-satisfaction always seeks to smother the new flame and stamp it out, lest it expose the sins of the existing system with the brilliance of the new light.

And that is what Jesus is going to do when He comes back in a few short years --do away with the old once and for all. The old religions of Judaism and Churchianity and Islam and Buddha and Hinduism, all of them will be gone --never to return-- and will be replaced with only two commandments, two laws, the new covenant of love. Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your dear neighbor as much as you love yourself.

PSA.77:56-72 Yet they tempted, and provoked the most high God: and they kept not his testimonies. And they turned away, and kept not the covenant: even like their fathers they were turned aside as a crooked bow. They provoked him to anger on their hills: and moved him to jealousy with their graven things. God heard, and despised them, and he reduced Israel exceedingly as it were to nothing. And he put away the tabernacle of Silo, his tabernacle where he dwelt among men. And he delivered their strength into captivity: and their beauty into the hands of the enemy. And he shut up his people under the sword: and he despised his inheritance. Fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not lamented. Their priests fell by the sword: and their widows did not mourn. And the Lord was awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that hath been surfeited with wine. And he smote his enemies on the hinder parts: he put them to an everlasting reproach. And he rejected the tabernacle of Joseph: and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But he chose the tribe of Juda, mount Sion which he loved. And he built his sanctuary as of unicorns, in the land which he founded forever. And he chose his servant David, and took him from the hocks of sheep: he brought him from following the ewes great with young, to

feed Jacob his servant, and Israel his inheritance. And he fed them in the innocence of his heart: and conducted them by the skilfulness of his hands.

WELL, WHEN THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT IN TWAIN WHEN JESUS DIED, what do you suppose the great congregation of Passover worshippers discovered at that moment, that awesome moment at the height of the Passover celebration, when the greatest Passover Lamb Who ever lived was being slain for their sins on the cross--Jesus Christ! What do you suppose the congregation discovered had happened to the Ark of the Covenant which was supposed to be standing behind that four-inch thick curtain behind which only the High Priest could go?

THEY DISCOVERED TO THEIR AMAZEMENT, THEIR ASTONISHMENT, THEIR HORROR, THAT THE ARK WAS GONE, SYMBOLISING THE PRESENCE OF GOD! God was gone from their midst! He was gone from their Temple! He had deserted them & their Holy of Holies & their ... Loveless, Messiah-less religion! And He caught the Ark of God up to Heaven with Him & places it in His Temple there!

WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE GOD RENT THE TEMPLE VEIL IN TWAIN? Well, the High Priest hadn't told'm the Ark was gone, he wasn't gonna tell them, of course not, because that was the center of their religion, was that Ark of the Covenant behind the veil in the Temple, the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem! Their whole religion would have collapsed had they discovered that the Ark was gone, & that's exactly what happened! God rent the veil in twain so they could see the Ark was gone!--Along with God!

And yet, you know, ... [t]hey kept right on worshipping even after God was gone & had deserted them & the Ark was gone! The whole religion should have collapsed then, but somehow or another they managed to hush it up! I don't know whether they sewed up the curtain again & tried to tell the people, "Well, that was just a hallucination, you didn't see what you saw, the Ark was really there. We know, we've been there. Shhhh! Now don't tell anybody, because that was a mistake!"

BUT THEY WENT RIGHT ON WORSHIPPING FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS OF THEIR EMPTY, SACRIFICIAL WORSHIPS, when the only Sacrifice which could pay for sin had already been slain on the cross! ...

WELL, AS THOUGH THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, TO DISCOVER THEIR ARK WAS GONE TOO, that just about killed their religion! And if that hadn't done it ... they went ahead worshipping an empty worship anyway, with God gone, the Ark gone, their Messiah gone--God sent the Romans along & soon their Temple was gone!

HE JUST COMPLETELY DESTROYED THEIR ENTIRE RELIGION!--Totally destroyed their place of worship, their glorious Temple, which was necessary, the very heart of their religion for their blood sacrifices to supposedly relieve them from sin! He had removed the Ark of the Covenant which symbolised His presence in the Shekinah Glory of God which shone there between the angels when God was there. He'd rent the veil in twain, removed the Ark of the Covenant as they had removed their Messiah, then finally the Romans removed their Temple!

[Then] they went off to their synagogues, after a million of them were crucified by the Romans, 100,000 on the hills of Jerusalem! ...

I think God has done all He can to show us the truth, but there are always some sly foxes around the vineyard that do all they can to spoil the vines. These are the ones that love the old and want always to make the Word of God of none effect by dragging those unaware ones back across the finish line that Jesus crossed at His death.

[SO GOD] TURNED THEN TO THE GENTILES AND THEY BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD & OF ABRAHAM BY FAITH! They today are the seed of Abraham! We today are the Children of God! We today are the modern Israel of this day of grace since Jesus came, & you can be too! Anyone can be a Jew today! Anyone can become a part of true Israel, the Israel of God, a prince with God & with man, just by receiving God's Son Jesus Christ, just by believing on the Messiah, the King of the Jews!

WELL, HE WAS KING, BUT THEY REJECTED HIM, SO HE'S NO LONGER KING OF THE JEWS! He's now just King of all of those Children of God when believe on Him & receive Him as their Saviour--the true spiritual Israel, the true Jews of God, Children of God, that's who are the Jews of today! He is not a Jew who says he's a Jew, he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, St. Paul says, but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, in his heart, the crucifixion & the circumcision of the heart! (Last Trump!, The [#1187GOE])

Hebrews 8:1-8 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

Hebrews 9:8 & 9 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Hebrews 9:15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For without death the new cannot come forth, all things are passed away behold all things are become new.

HEB.12:27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

HEB.12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Just before we finish, I want to add these very interesting verses I found in 1 Chronicles 22. These verses are very interesting in themselves, but amazingly enough they fall a chapter after a great plague fell on Israel. The plagues were a punishment on King David for numbering the people (666). See Chapter 21. And do you think it a coincidence that 21 correspondes with the year the vaccines were pushed upon the world of men? Okay, the verses that caught my attention in Chapter 22 are verses 6-10: 6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel. And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God: But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, (Jesus) and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.

This chapter strikes me as a type, as I believe Chapter 21 is typifying the outcome of numbering people; so 22 is typifying God the Father using His Son to build a Temple to Himself that will endure forever (the

human body). The number 22 is also fascinating as it is regarded as the number associated with Jesus Christ as God's Suffering Servant.

1 Timothy 1:9 knowing this that the law is not made for a righteous man. And where is our righteousness found?

...in Christ, and where is Christ found for His believers on earth? In the new tabernacle, the one He built: our body. If you still need a physical building and a physical pastor, both being representative of the old covenant, are you not still living under the old covenant? The church, no doubt the concision...(these guys must have been plants, just as Judas was a plant, but both allowed by God to continue, for certain reasons which I hoped I've covered in this class.) almost immediately began dragging the Early Church believers back into old covenant ordinances.

So I'm going to leave you here; beware that you aren't looking in the wrong direction for that old fox, the deceiver --the Devil.

MAT.24:43-51 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.