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Early Foundations:

Our Alliance was originally established in England in 1925. During the Nazi era, some of our European affiliates were decimated. The remaining groups worked together to fund the escape of many fellow Jews.

This life saving work was officially recognized by Great Britain. Our earliest leaders were honored i.e. Sir Lawrence Levinson was knighted by royal decree and Harcourt Samuel was given the "Order of the British Empire" (OBE).

In 1976, the IMJA, in conjunction with two other founding charities established the Ebenezer Home in Haifa, Israel. This institution continues today and the IMJA annually helps fund its operation. It is home to 30 individuals, without regard to original nationality, race or religion. Food, clothing, medical care and transportation are provided. About a hundred people can be seen at some of its social events and there is always a waiting list to become a resident.

In Exodus 25:31-40, this is a source of light. In the second and third chapters of Revelation, there are seven gold lamp stands (on the left). We come upon it before we come to the Altar of Incense. It is made of one piece of gold and not assembled from various parts (oneness). Of course, Yeshua called himself the Light of the World (John 1:1-3, 8:12).

Table of Showbread

In this 30 x 50 foot room, this table also comes before the Incense Altar (on the right). There are 12 flat bread loaves (Israel's tribes, Apostles). It represents the nourishment for believers. So, if we have the light and spiritual food, we can then approach the place where we are a sweet aroma to God.

Altar of Incense

As we have entered, the lamp stand is on the left; showbread on the right; and incense is on the top = Cross. This sweet smell is an expression of honor and recognition of the most pleasantness given to a king or dignitary.

Holy of Holies

Within this chamber, the priest would come upon the Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat as furnishings. The Ark was a treasure chest made to house the two stone tablets of the Law. On top of the chest was the Mercy Seat. On the ends of the chest were images of heavenly cherubim (Hebrews 9:5).

We must have right standing in the face of the Law and this is only possible in Yeshua, who satisfied its requirements perfectly. Under the Mercy Seat was the sin offering. Once a year the High Priest would sprinkle the pure blood on the seat. When all the blood was sprinkled, the seat was soaked. From God's view on high, he couldn't see past the blood to the sin offering beneath the Mercy Seat.

Unfortunately, most of Israel and the Jewish people haven't yet gotten into the Holy place with our Priest, Messiah Yeshua. It's coming. We are seeing the beginnings now! Hallelujah.

In Yeshua,

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Temple-Ark of the Covenant

Dear Fellow Workers,

The film "Indian Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark" was for many people their first contact with this subject. Few in our generation know about the history that inspired the motion picture. Actually, the Temple built by Solomon to house the Ark is more amazing than fiction.

It is little known that small groups in Israel are quietly making preparation for a restoration of a new Temple. We don't need it for our salvation or worship. Nevertheless, efforts are underway. Is this frivolous activity that will wither over time? It would seem not, since we are informed in Zechariah 14 that there will come a day when every nation will send representatives to Jerusalem (vs. 16); or there will be no rain in their country (vs. 17). Also, there will be sacrifices made (vs. 24). In the future, II Thessalonians 2:3,4 says the "Son of Perdition" will sit on a Temple Throne.

Present Developments

In Numbers 19:2, we learn of the need for a red heifer without a spot of blemish. During the last decade, genetic sifting has taken place to produce such an offspring. A few years ago, we learned of such an animal, but two gray hairs were found. Since then there have been rumors this has been solved and pure offspring are being produced. This is now under a shroud of secrecy for fear of political turbulence because of it.

Harp like those used in the ancient Temple are being produced by a Christian couple in Jerusalem and are for sale by Micha and Shoshona Harrari. They hope to produce 4,000 for a future Temple orchestra. The Temple Institute located in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem has scholars and artisan working on such things as utensils and garments.

Gershon Solomon is the leader of the "Temple Mount Faithful". He was

What We Do

Israel Support:

- Home for the elderly
- Humanitarian aid of goods from local warehouses
- Unwed mothers and widows
- Civil Rights Defense for Messianic Jews in Israel
- Jerusalem Headquarters utilized by Ethiopian Jewish Believers

Among the nations:

- Fostering the growth of New Testament Messianic Congregations (now numbering 750, including 120 in Israel).
- Small Ministries—Poor Countries: In many countries fund raising is not a practical possibility, especially for Jewish work. These works are volunteer efforts where even small amounts go a long way. It is our fervent wish to do what we can to facilitate Jews and Gentiles worshipping our Lord together.

Witness:

- Jewish outreach and evangelism
- New Testament Jewish roots
- Jews & Gentiles in joint worship

National Alliances

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Holland
- Israel
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Russia
- South Africa
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United States
- Uruguay

among the Israeli Defense Forces, who went out onto the Temple Mount in June 1967, when Jerusalem was again unified. Several days later the Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan, gave control of the site back to the Moslems. Solomon still works towards his dream of a Biblical House of Prayer.

Moslem Complications

The Islamic Dome of the Rock has stood on this site since 1691. Standing next to the Dome is the Al Aksa Mosque. Prior to Moslem occupation, the Romans had reduced this area to rubble. Later, the Christians of the 4th Century used the area as a dung heap. This was intentionally done to offend the Jews. It has evolved into the third most holy site of the Islamic world.

Jewish History

Solomon's first Temple stood for 500 years. The Second Temple was built on the same location, but was torn down by Titus and the Roman Legions in the year 70 of the Common Era. The Ark of the Covenant was housed in this location until 556 BCE, when Babylonian armies sacked Jerusalem and her Temple.

According to I Samuel 5, the Ark was taken to Ashdod by the Philistines (then Gaza) to the house of their god Dagon. However, by morning the statue of Dagon, had fallen on its face before the Ark with its head and hands cut off. Also, carrying the Ark was dangerous, as is told in II Samuel 6:6,7. So, it seemed the Ark has magical properties!

Where is this valuable treasure? The Ethiopians claim to have it, but many think it is buried under the previous Temple area. Perhaps God took this holy relic artifact into heaven, as suggested in Revelations 11:19.

Under the reign of Nebuchadnezzar the articles of gold were cut up (II Kings 24:13). However, we are not told that this happened to make the Ark. Most guess it was captured or hidden. We do not know that the Ark was present when the Temple was rebuilt. Moreover, the Ark is not mentioned a future Temple described by Ezekiel in chapters 40-43.

Meaning of the Ark

We are not interested in the treasure or seeking its mystical powers. Our curiosity has to do with its practical implications and the Temple that was built to house it. Finding these

things help us to estimate a timeline pertaining to Messiah's return. It reminds us about the world's increasing lack of absolute standards of morality. Perspective is restored when we are forced to realize God will be worshipped on His terms and not ours.

It also reasserts the centrality of Israel and the Jewish people in the culmination of the Biblical drama. Temple design was patterned after that of the Tabernacle. Detailed instructions for its design were given on Mt. Sinai along with the Ten Commandments and were designed to be a companion to the moral law.

Deciphering the Symbols

It is common for Bible readers to skip over long passages describing ornaments, procedures etc. pertaining to either the Tabernacle or the Temple. It seems so inscrutable. Yet, for those who want to mine for a real depth of understanding of God's prophetic message about this life and the next, perhaps new efforts can be made simpler.

Let us take these items one at a time and see what they represent. Once we have some perspective, we might gain more insight.

The Bronze Altar of Sacrifice

There is only one entrance to the priestly worship area and once inside we would come immediately upon an altar for sacrificing innocent animals. This symbolically transferred human guilt and was not about social or civil justice. A thief couldn't solve his transgression with such a sacrifice. Rather, he had to make restitution. The sacrifice had to do with making peace with God. This was done through the sin offering mentioned in Lev. 17:11, Isaiah 53:6. These animals were only a shadow of the real thing according to Hebrews 10:1-14.

Bronze Basin

This implement was filled with water to emphasize the purity cleansing by the priest before entering the holy place. (Exodus 38:8). Defilement was a serious issue for the priest's procedures. This suggests Jewish people and all others have to undergo spiritual cleansing (Ezek 11:17-21) before they can enter the Holy of Holies.

Holy Place

Outwardly, this facility does not look inviting, but it is beautiful in its interior. Only those who enter in (the faith) can see its glory. It is a place of dependence. God has all the power; we have none.

Golden Lamp Stand

Foreign Translations

The Fig Tree Blossoms is a primary book about our Movement translated into Hebrew, Russian and now Spanish. It is a 30 year old classic and explains why accepting a Jewish Messiah, foretold by Jewish Prophets in a Jewish Land is a very Jewish thing to do. Distributions of the Holy Scriptures are available in 17 languages:

- Yiddish
- English
- Armenian
- Bulgarian
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Hebrew
- Ukranian

