



THE OLD JERUSALEM AND THE NEW JERUSALEM

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Before Israel's entry into Canaan, the Jebusites lived on the mountains of Jerusalem. The Jebusites were mentioned as inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Joshua 15:8 ; 18:28) Jerusalem is called the city of Jebus, and they are probably a mixture of Amorites and Hittites. The Judeans and Benjaminites had failed to expel the Jebusites who were then living in Jerusalem. David had to conquer the city and the castle from them and called it "the City of Davids" and built fortifications around it and settled there. (2 Sam. 5:6-16). Solomon's idolatry has torn the kingdom in two, and his son has been given one tribe for the sake of David and Jerusalem, whom God has chosen, so that God's Servant David will always be a lamp before God in Jerusalem, the city God has chosen to establish his name there. (1. Kon. 11).

Jerusalem Old Testament/Covenant

In the Old Testament, Jerusalem is the headquarters for the nation of Israel, the place where God placed His Name and where the temple was built. It was the place where the Levitical priesthood was and the place of worship and where David's Royal Family and all the kings ruled after him, and the place where God gave them a Light to the house of David (along with the tribe of Benjamin).

But where first the place was in the Old Testament, in which David wrote the Psalm and prayer (122:6) 950 B.C., **"Pray to Jerusalem for peace: may he who love you enjoy rest; 7 peace be within your wall, rest in your fortresses,"** a turning point happened after 300 years, God will turn Jerusalem around. Manasseh, the king of Judah, reigned in Jerusalem. He did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to the abominations of nations that the Lord had cast out before the Israelites (2 Kings 21) Since Manasseh, the king of Judah, did these abominations, he did more evil than anything the Amorites did before him; he also caused Judah to sin through his idols. 12 Therefore, says the Lord, the

God of Israel: **Behold, I bring doom upon Jerusalem and Judah**, by which all who hear of it will prick up both ears; 13 and I will make to Jerusalem the measuring lead that I have laid out to Samaria, and the lead that I have laid out to the house of Ahab, **and I will wipe out Jerusalem, as one wipes out a dish; if one wipes it out, one turns it upside down.**

In 2 Kings 23 it says: **26** But the Lord did not turn away from his fiercely burning wrath, which was kindled against Judah for all the cries with which Manasseh had offended Him. **27** And the Lord said: Also **Judah (2 tribes, Jews)** I will put away from my face, **as I have removed Israel (the 10 tribes of Israel)**; and despise I will despise this city which I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I have said, My name will be there.

Jerusalem has finally fallen, and God brings the Babylonian army and takes Judah and brings them into captivity. And so we see that God's glory has left Jerusalem, in **Ezekiel 11:22** "Then the cherubs raised their wings with the wheels beside them, while the glory of the God of Israel was above them; **23** the glory of the Lord rose from the center of the city and placed itself on the mountain that lies east of the city. "

In Jeremiah 18:11,12, Jeremiah addresses the **house of Judah and Jerusalem**.

We can read in Jeremiah's chapters 18 and 19 that Jeremiah **is showing the two nations and their destiny** here. Here it is about **the house of Israel** (the 10 tribes) and **the House of Judah** (the 2 tribes, called the Jews).

But in Jeremiah 18 verses 11 and 12 it says, "Now then, say unto the men of **Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem**: Thus says the Lord, behold, I prepare calamity upon you, and plot against you; yet convert everyone from his evil way and improve your trade and walk. **12** But they say, "It is of no benefit, for we will follow our own thoughts and act each one according to the inveterateness of his evil heart."

Jeremiah had to tell **Judah and Jerusalem** that the LORD, like the potter, was busy for the **house of Israel**, now also for **the house of Judah** to make a workpiece. He is preparing disaster against them and plotting a plan of doom against them. They still have time to repent to avert disaster, but they did not convert them.

Jeremiah was instructed by the Lord to buy a potter's jar in chapter 19:1-3 states:

" The Lord said thus: Go, buy yourself a potter's jar, and go with some of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests, **2** to the valley Ben-Hinnom, which lies before the Gate of Shards, and cry out there the words which I will speak to you, **3** and say: Hear the word of the Lord, **you kings of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem**. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: **behold, I bring calamity upon this place, by which everyone who hears of it will prick up his ears. "**

Jeremiah had to say to Judah because of their rebellion against YHWH, that He will destroy the nation of Judah and Jerusalem and will fall the people with the sword. He had to show by a symbolic act the downfall **of Judah and the city of Jerusalem, so that it could no longer be restored..**

Jeremiah 19:10-12

10 Then break the jar in the beholder of the men who have gone with you, and say to them: 11 Thus says the Lord of hosts, so I will break this people and this city to pieces, as one breaks potter's utensils to pieces, **which cannot be made whole again**; and in Tofet one shall bury, because there is no place for burial. 12 **So shall I do with this place**, says the Lord, and with its inhabitants, in order to make this city as a Tophet.

The old city of Jerusalem will never be restored and destroyed, the old earthen pot was smashed. And once you break old pots or jars, they can never be made again, and they are brought to the "Shard Gate". The city has been destroyed about 9 times so far and rebuilt each time. It is partially fulfilled God's Word cannot be broken, but Jerusalem will one day be completely broken and never restored.

That is why the LORD has established a **"New Jerusalem."** The old city is under a curse of the LORD and will never become the seat of Jeshua's government.

We can pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122), and may those who love you enjoy rest; peace be within your wall, rest in your castles, but that was from the Old Testament in the time of David when the temple was still there, **but it is not a prayer for 300 years later and for now, now that the temple is no longer there and God has left it**, if we pray for this it is not a prayer according to God's will because the LORD has other plans for earthly Jerusalem, not peace but mischief.

Although many today apply Mount Sion to earthly old Jerusalem, John **"Mount Sion" fits in with the new and Heavenly Jerusalem. Sion represents the seat of government of heavenly Jerusalem.** Hebrews 12 wrote in verse 22, **"But you have come to Mount Sion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem."**

God has left the Old Jerusalem that has gone after the flesh and has placed His Name in the New Jerusalem that is walking by the Spirit.

Ezekiel 40-48 is a reflection, a shadow of the reality to come. There will be no more Levitical priesthood, no more animal sacrifices, that has come to an end. We must interpret these shadows in a New Testament context. This is the^{11th} of the total of 13 scrolls of Ezekiel, this was after the fall of Jerusalem. Ezekiel (40:1-4) gets vistas from God and the Lord put him on a high mountain, on it was built something like a city, the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem, there was a man, who looked like he was made of copper, with a linen cord and a measuring rod in his hand (looks like revelations 11). In Revelation 11:8 you see that God makes ancient Jerusalem as Sodom and Gomorrah, where their Lord was crucified. Jeremiah 19 you see that the jar (Jerusalem) is broken and will not become whole again.

It seems that earthly Jerusalem will fall and experience a nuclear attack if you read Isaiah 29:5 and 6, they become like fine dust, immediately and suddenly says the prophet, this explosion causes storm and the flame of consuming fire. That can only be a nuclear explosion. (Zech. 14:12 He will make everyone's flesh, while still standing on his feet, eat away, and everyone's eyes will fade away in their sockets, and everyone's tongue will eat away in his mouth).

Topographically there will therefore also be great changes in the land and in Jerusalem, it will be a Plain there to the south, also the Mount of Olives will split in the middle and there will be a great earthquake (Zech. 14:4). Revelation

11:13 also speaks of a great earthquake of which a tenth of the city collapses. Jerusalem will lie as an open place an open Plain (Zech. 2:4-5).

But God's Headquarters is not in ancient earthly Jerusalem, the old place of worship and never will be there, the earthly is still the old system in the old world, the old Levitical priesthood which is in slavery (Gal. 4:21-31), which God has left behind. The Old City of Jerusalem and the sanctuary will be destroyed. (Dan. 9:25) Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets and stoned those sent to you, behold your House is left to you. (Luc. 13,34,35) It is no longer God's city in which His Name dwells and where His glory has disappeared.

God's Headquarters is in His Son Jeshua the Messiah, He who is High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, and in His Body, the Church of Christ, which is a holy nation and a Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. Jeshua is our King, He is King of Kings and LORD of lords. He Himself will build the temple of the Lord, His Spiritual House, where He dwells in our hearts. The sacrificial system is replaced by the only true Sacrifice for Sin, Yeshua the Messiah, who is the fulfillment of all sacrifices. He rules from the heavens, from the New Jerusalem, we Christians, the believers are the Temple of God, for His Spirit dwells in us, we Are not the old part of the New Jerusalem that has been rejected and will be discarded. The final place for His name is on the foreheads of those who are sealed and marked with God's signature. This is the location of His new home. The New Temple is alive, for it is built of living stones on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ being the Cornerstone.

1 cor. 6: 19 "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, which dwells in you, which you have received from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought and paid for. Then glorify God with your body."

1 Cor. 3:16 "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone violates God's temple, God will violate him. For the temple of God, and that is what you are, is holy!"

The City of God, the Heavenly Jerusalem (Heb. 12), which floats in the Millennium, as it were, between heaven and earth. **There will then be two kinds of people, those with an earthly body who will all have the Holy Spirit and will serve Him in the outer court, and those with a glorified resurrection body, who will rule with Him, they will move freely from the heavenly Jerusalem to the earthly realm.** There the priests of Zadok (the sons of God, His Body, Zadok is a type and shadow of the order of Melchizedek) will approach God to serve Him. They will move between the spiritual and physical dimensions as Yeshua did and will no longer be bound by normal restrictions of the flesh. When they serve the people, from the heavenly to the earthly, they will **have to change their clothes** every time, because it is contrary to the law to serve the people in linen clothing. They will serve them in woolen clothing in the outer court. (Ezekiel 44).

The prophet Ezekiel spoke of this, where he distinguishes between two types of clothing, one for the outer court and one for the inner sanctuary. The Bible teaches that heavenly clothing is the immortal body, while the earthly garment is a mortal body.

The Lord says in **Revelation 3:12**, "Whoever overcomes him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out; and I will write on him the name

of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from heaven of my God, and my new name.

The promise given to the overcomers, the sons of God, is that they will enter the Holy and not leave. It means that they will arrive at their destination once and for all in the presence of God and will no longer lose His presence. Thus, overcomers are known by the "name" of God and the Lamb and of the City of God and the New Jerusalem, as opposed to the earthly city.

In Isaiah 2:3 it says, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God Jacob, that he may teach us about his ways and that we may walk his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Where is that exalted Mountain of the Lord where all nations will flow and where the law and the Word of the Lord will go from Zion. Exactly, it is not earthly Jerusalem, no it is from Mount Zion from heavenly Jerusalem, the Living City of God, to which we have come (Heb. 12:18-24), from there comes the law and Yeshua is the Living Word, and His Word will come from Zion.

We also see that God's Sanctuary has a different location, not on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem but outside it will be close to Siloh. There will also be a beaten way, called the holy way, no unclean one will enter it, but only the redeemed, the redeemed of the Lord walk on it (Isa. 35:8) God's Sanctuary is in the Holy part at the center of the land, where heaven and earth will be connected, there will be the sons of Sadok, to serve the sons of God with resurrection bodies, in the holiest area, for it is holy to the Lord.

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