

Where He Makes His Name to Dwell

- Exo 12:3 "Speak to all the congregation of Yisra'el, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month each one of them is to take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.
- Exo 12:4 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take it according to the number of the beings, according to each man's need you make your count for the lamb.
- Exo 12:5 'Let the lamb be a perfect one, a year old male. Take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- Exo 12:6 'And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then all the assembly of the congregation of Yisra'el shall kill it between the evenings.
- Exo 12:7 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.
- Exo 12:8 'And they shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire - with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.
- Exo 12:9 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire, its head with its legs and its inward parts.
- Exo 12:10 'And do not leave of it until morning, and what remains of it until morning you are to burn with fire.
- Exo 12:11 'And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Passover of YHWH.
- Exo 12:12 'And I shall pass through the land of Mitsrayim on that night, and shall smite all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, both man and beast. And on all the mighty ones of Mitsrayim I shall execute judgment. I am YHWH.
- Exo 12:13 'And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I smite the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 12:14 'And this day shall become to you a remembrance. And you shall observe it as a festival to YHWH throughout your generations - observe it as a festival, an everlasting law.
- Exo 12:23 "And YHWH shall pass on to smite the Mitsrites, and shall see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and YHWH shall pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.
- Exo 12:24 "And you shall guard this word as a law for you and your sons, forever.
- Exo 12:25 "And it shall be, when you come to the land which YHWH gives you, as He promised, that you shall guard this service.
- Exo 12:26 "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What does this service mean to you?'
- Exo 12:27 then you shall say, 'It is the Passover slaughtering of YHWH, who passed over the houses of the children of Yisra'el in Mitsrayim when He smote the Mitsrites and delivered our households.' " And the people bowed their heads and did obeisance.

There is a very relevant question that frequently comes up, among the people of YHWH who are new to the Scriptural observance of Passover; it usually goes something like this: “How do we reconcile the problem of how to prepare the Passover lamb and correctly observe Passover, (which the Scripture says is to be done **“throughout your generations - observe it as a festival, an everlasting law.”**), with the following Scripture; since most of us are hundreds of miles away from Yerushalayim?”

Deu 16:5 "You are not allowed to slaughter the Passover **within any of your gates** which YHWH your Elohim gives you,

Deu 16:6 but **at the place where YHWH your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell**, there you slaughter the Passover in the evening, at the going down of the sun, at the appointed time you came out of Mitsrayim.

One of the main reasons we must reconcile this issue is because of the following Scripture.

Num 9:13 'But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and has failed to perform the Passover, **that same being shall be cut off from among his people**, because he did not bring the offering of YHWH **at its appointed time** - that man **bears his sin**.

You see; at present time, and actually for quite a long time, the majority of those who worship YHWH do not live anywhere near Yerushalayim! Neither are they on a journey, but rather, residents in far away lands. And until the days of modern transportation, those in the Diaspora would have no way to walk to Yerushalayim, 50 miles, 75 miles, 100 miles, 1000 miles, even 2000 miles. What were they to do? Even though there *is* modern transportation today, it is not necessarily an option to Yisra'el. So what are we to do? Are we not then left with the dilemma of having to choose between these two: *performing the Passover incorrectly* and possibly sinning against YHWH or *not doing it at all* and sinning against Him for sure? I do not think that this is our only option. I believe that YHWH is an El compassionate and not an El of confusion but rather one that will make a way for His people. YHWH will not give his people a command and then make it impossible for them to keep it. Can you imagine YHWH commanding, “You do not steal” and then at another place say, “Go each of you, rob from your brother and bring the contribution to me”? Or perhaps, “You do not commit adultery” and then turn around and command Mosheh to select young women from all the tribes to serve as temple prostitutes? Of course not! YHWH does not work that way but rather makes a way for those who desire to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Okay, I am going to share with you what I believe YHWH has been showing me, here close to the beginning of the study rather than towards the end. That way if it rubs you the wrong way, you can quit reading now so that you don't invest anymore time. I will tell you at the writing of this study I do not have all the answers; but I do have at least, what I think to be evidence that YHWH has made a way for us and that we don't have to choose between two wrongs. Okay here they are.

- 1) YHWH has made a way for His people who are *too far* to go to the place where He has made His Name to dwell and given instructions for that in His Torah.
- 2) YHWH accepts offerings made at places other than Yerushalayim. Sometimes He moves the place where He makes His Name to dwell, and accepts offerings in other places as well.
- 3) And this one is the shocker; doing all of this in Yerushalayim is not even an issue at this point in time since He has said that He would remove His Name from that city and that house (the temple). He has removed His Name from Yerushalayim at present and it does not dwell there at this time anymore than it dwells in Jerusalem Georgia, Jerusalem Alabama, Jerusalem Arkansas, Jerusalem Ohio, Jerusalem Maryland, or Jerusalem Rhode Island!

Okay you might say; "I could handle it till you got to that last one; but that one is *too much* for me to swallow."

I understand. We have all been taught certain things about certain things. Sometimes when new teaching comes along it makes us feel uncomfortable. I would simply encourage you to take a look at these Scriptures and see what you think. "Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good." If it is not good drop it like a hot rock! I only ask please; let me know the error, should you find it, rather than leave me standing there with a hot rock in my hand! Okay? Let's get to it then. I will show these things from Scripture and I will try to cut it short on the commentary so that the Scriptures can do most of the speaking.

- 1) YHWH has made a way for His people who are too far to go to the place where He has made His Name to dwell and given instructions for that in His Torah.

There is no doubt; YHWH very much desires for His people to come and worship Him at the place where He has made His Name to dwell. He does not want His people to stay at home and worship Him, but rather worship Him at the place where He makes His Name to dwell. This is clear from the following Scripture. Keep in mind that this Scripture is in the same general area as the one above concerning where to kill the Passover Deu. 16: 5-6.

Deu 12:1 "These are the laws and right-rulings which you guard to do in the land which YHWH Elohim of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the soil.

Deu 12:2 "Completely destroy all the places where the nations which you are dispossessing served their mighty ones, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

Deu 12:3 "And you shall break down their altars, and smash their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their mighty ones and shall destroy their name out of that place.

Deu 12:4 "Do not do so to YHWH your Elohim,

Deu 12:5 but seek the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His Name there, for His Dwelling Place, and there you shall enter.

Deu 12:6 "And there you shall take your burnt offerings, and your offerings, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and your vowed offerings, and your voluntary offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.

Deu 12:7 "And there you shall eat before YHWH your Elohim, and shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which YHWH your Elohim has blessed you.

Deu 12:8 "Do not do as we are doing here today - each one doing whatever is right in his own eyes.

Deu 12:9 "Because you have not yet entered the rest and the inheritance which YHWH your Elohim is giving you.

Deu 12:10 "But you shall pass over the Yarden, and shall dwell in the land which YHWH your Elohim is giving you to inherit, and He shall give you rest from all your enemies round about, and you shall dwell in safety.

Deu 12:11 "And it shall be, that unto the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell there, there you are to bring **all** (note that word "all") that I command you: your burnt offerings, and your offerings, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to YHWH.

Deu 12:12 "And you shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim, you and your sons and your daughters, and your male servants and your female servants, and the Lewite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

Deu 12:13 "Guard yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see,

Deu 12:14 except in the place which YHWH chooses, in one of your tribes, there you are to offer your burnt offerings, and there you are to do all that I command you.

Deu 12:15 "Only, whatever your being desires you shall slaughter and eat, according to the blessing of YHWH your Elohim which He has given you, within all your gates. The unclean and the clean do eat of it, (That's clean and unclean people, not meat.) of the gazelle and the deer alike.

Deu 12:16 "Only, the blood you do not eat, pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:17 "You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or of the firstlings of your herd or your flock, or of any of your offerings which you vow, or of your voluntary offerings, or of the contribution of your hand.

Deu 12:18 "But eat them before YHWH your Elohim, in the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses, you and your son and your daughter, and your male servant and your female servant, and the Lewite who is within your gates. And you shall rejoice before YHWH your Elohim in all that you put your hands to.

Deu 12:19 "Guard yourself that you do not forsake the Lewite as long as you live in your land.

Okay, YHWH is being pretty consistent here. When you come into the land, which is your inheritance, you do this only in one of your tribes where He YHWH chooses to place His Name there. No problem, right? But our question is what to do when we do not live near the place where He chooses to make His Name dwell, (supposedly Yerushalayim) right?

Deu 12:20 "When YHWH your Elohim enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you eat as much meat as your being desires.

Deu 12:21 "When the place where YHWH your Elohim chooses to put His Name is too far from you, then you **shall** slaughter from your herd and from your flock which YHWH has given you, as I have commanded you, and **you shall eat within your gates** as much as your being desires.

Deu 12:22 "Only, as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you are to eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike eat of it.

Deu 12:23 "Only, be firm not to eat the blood, for the blood is the life, do not eat the life with the meat.

Deu 12:24 "Do not eat it, you pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:25 "Do not eat it, that it might be well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the eyes of YHWH.

Deu 12:26 "Only, the set-apart gifts which you have, and your vowed offerings, you are to take up and go to the place which YHWH chooses.

Deu 12:27 "And you shall make your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of YHWH your Elohim. And the blood of your offerings is poured out on the altar of YHWH your Elohim, and you eat the meat.

Deu 12:28 "Guard, and obey all these words which I command you, that it might be well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the eyes of YHWH your Elohim.

I realize that some will say that this is talking simply about meat when you wish to eat meat; but there is no commandment to slaughter every animal that you wish to eat on the altar is there? Also; this is only for those situations where the place that He makes His Name to dwell is *too far*. After all, *too far is too far*. This exception, though not as detailed, is conspicuously close to all of the instruction for going to the place where He makes His Name to dwell. This leads me to think that He obviously very much wants His people worshiping Him there, (thus all of the detail), but allows for the distance problem. He does go to the trouble of adding *some* detail to show that when it is too far then the other stipulations still apply; like these for instance which are just like the requirements that go with the first instructions concerning "not within your gate" and "where He makes His Name to dwell".

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Also; I realize that this does not say specifically that you can eat the Passover within your gates, but remember in verse eleven it said,

Deu 12:11 "And it shall be, that unto the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell there, there you are to bring **all** (note that word "all") that I command you: your burnt offerings, and your offerings, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to YHWH.

He said that “you are to bring all that I command you” to the place where He makes His Name dwell, but then turned around and made an exception for those who are too far away. I would say that He still expects those folks to bring “all that He commands you” (Passover being part of that “all that I command you”) just like the folks who are close by; the only difference is that they bring all and “eat within your gates” when it is too far. The only other option that we have is to not do it at all and disobey YHWH for certain. Too far *is* too far. YHWH is merciful and makes a way for us to obey.

Here is another example of YHWH’s understanding of it being too far.

Deu 14:22 "You shall tithe without fail all the yield of your grain that the field brings forth year by year.

Deu 14:23 "And you shall eat before YHWH your Elohim, in the place where He chooses to make His Name dwell, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and of the firstlings of your herds and your sheep, so that you learn to fear YHWH your Elohim always.

Deu 14:24 "But when the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to bring the tithe, or when the place where YHWH your Elohim chooses to put His Name is too far from you, when YHWH your Elohim is blessing you,

Deu 14:25 then you shall give it in silver, and shall take the silver in your hand and go to the place which YHWH your Elohim chooses.

Deu 14:26 "And you shall use the silver for whatever your being desires: for cattle or sheep, for wine or strong drink, for whatever your being desires. And you shall eat there before YHWH your Elohim, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

I understand that in this case YHWH is saying go there with the silver and eat, but the point is that He is being merciful and making allowances for distance.

Okay; now point 1) YHWH has made a way for His people who are too far to go to the place where He has made His Name to dwell and given instructions for that in His Torah, is going to transition into point 2) YHWH accepts offerings made at places *other than* Yerushalayim, sometimes He moves where He makes His Name to dwell, and He accepts offerings made in other places as well. It is going to be a little difficult to keep them apart and so point #2 will transition into point 3) Doing all of this in Yerushalayim is not even an issue at this point in time since He has said that He would remove His Name from that city and that house (the temple). He has removed His Name from Yerushalayim at present and it does not dwell there at this time. Remember; I am not saying that YHWH does not expect us to offer at the place where He makes His Name dwell. I am simply saying that there is more to this picture and it is not so cut and dried, as “Thou shalt go only to Yerushalayim to offer”. Okay; point two. Look at what YHWH instructs the Children of Yisra’el when giving the Torah to Mosheh. Remember, the “Ten Commandments” are in the verses just preceding these verses.

Exo 20:22 And YHWH said to Mosheh, "Say this to the children of Yisra'el: 'You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from the heavens.

Exo 20:23 'You do not make besides Me mighty ones of silver, and you do not make mighty ones of gold for yourselves.

Exo 20:24 'Make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you.'

Exo 20:25 'And if you make Me an altar of stone, do not build it of cut stone, for if you use your chisel on it, you have profaned it.

Exo 20:26 'Nor do you go up by steps to My altar, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.'

This is not talking about Yerushalayim here. It says "Make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you."

The following is not Yerushalayim, and it doesn't say anything in particular about His Name dwelling there either.

Deu 27:1 And Mosheh, with the elders of Yisra'el, commanded the people, saying, "Guard all the commands which I am commanding you today.

Deu 27:2 "And it shall be, on the day when you pass over the Yarden to the land which YHWH your Elohim is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and plaster them with plaster,

Deu 27:3 and write on them all the Words of this Torah, when you have passed over, so that you go into the land which YHWH your Elohim is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' as YHWH Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you.

Deu 27:4 "And it shall be, when you have passed over the Yarden, that on Mount Eybal you set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall plaster them with plaster,

Deu 27:5 and build an altar to YHWH your Elohim there, an altar of stones - do not use an iron tool on them.

Deu 27:6 "Build the altar of YHWH your Elohim with complete stones, and you shall offer burnt offerings on it to YHWH your Elohim,

Deu 27:7 and shall offer peace offerings, and eat there, and rejoice before YHWH your Elohim.

Jos 8:30 And Yehoshua built an altar to YHWH Elohim of Yisra'el in Mount Eyb'al,

Jos 8:31 as Mosheh the servant of YHWH had commanded the children of Yisra'el, as it is written in the Book of the Torah of Mosheh, "an altar of unhewn stones over which no man has wielded iron." And they offered on it burnt offerings to YHWH, and slaughtered peace offerings.

Why would Yehoshua do that; make an altar of stone as Mosheh commanded in the Torah and offer burnt offerings to YHWH on it when there was a perfectly good Tabernacle with a bronze altar that he could have gone to should he be close enough to get to it? Don't you think YHWH could have waited till he got back? Or could it be that this was a "place where YHWH caused His Name to be remembered" and the worship of Him was the most important thing?

[Here's some more.](#)

Jdg 6:24 And Gid'on built an altar there to YHWH, and called it: YHWH Shalom. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abi'ezerites.

Jdg 6:25 And the same night it came to be that YHWH said to him, "Take the young bull of your father, and the second bull of seven years old, and you shall throw down the altar of Ba'al that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.

Jdg 6:26 "And you shall build an altar to YHWH your Elohim on top of this rock in an orderly way, and shall take the second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the image which you cut down."

Jdg 13:16 And the Messenger of YHWH said to Manowaḥ, "Though you detain Me, I do not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, offer it to YHWH." For Manowaḥ did not know He was a Messenger of YHWH.

Jdg 13:17 Then Manowaḥ said to the Messenger of YHWH, "What is Your name? When Your words come true, then we shall esteem You."

Jdg 13:18 And the Messenger of YHWH said to him, "Why do you ask My name, since it is wondrous?"

Jdg 13:19 And Manowaḥ took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to YHWH. And He did wondrously while Manowaḥ and his wife looked on.

Jdg 13:20 And it came to be, as the flame went up toward the heavens from the altar, that the Messenger of YHWH went up in the flame of the altar. And Manowaḥ and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

Jdg 13:21 And the Messenger of YHWH did not appear any more to Manowaḥ and his wife. Then Manowaḥ knew that He was a Messenger of YHWH.

Jdg 21:2 So the people came to Beyth El, and sat there until evening before Elohim, and lifted up their voices and wept bitterly,

Jdg 21:3 and said, "O YHWH Elohim of Yisra'el, why has this come about in Yisra'el, that today there should be one tribe missing in Yisra'el?"

Jdg 21:4 And it came to be on the morrow, that the people rose early and built an altar there, and brought burnt offerings and peace offerings.

1Sa 7:15 And Shemu'el rightly ruled Yisra'el all the days of his life,

1Sa 7:16 and each year he made the rounds of Beyth El, and Gilgal, and Mitspah, and rightly ruled Yisra'el in all those places.

1Sa 7:17 Then he returned to Ramah, for his home was there. And there he rightly ruled Yisra'el, and there he built an altar to YHWH. [Note that the Prophet of YHWH built an altar to YHWH in Ramah, his home town; the Tabernacle however and the altar of YHWH was in Shiloh!](#)

Sa 14:35 And Sha'ul built an altar to YHWH. [It was the first altar he built to YHWH. Indicating that Sha'ul built more than one altar to YHWH!](#)

2Sa 24:11 And Dawid rose up in the morning, and the word of YHWH came to the prophet Gad, Dawid's seer, saying,

2Sa 24:12 "Go, and you shall speak to Dawid, 'Thus said YHWH, "I hold three options before you. Choose one of them, and I do it to you." '

2Sa 24:18 And Gad came that day to Dawid and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to YHWH on the threshing-floor of Arawnah the Yebusite." This is not the Dwelling Place.

2Sa 24:19 And Dawid, according to the word of Gad, went up as YHWH commanded.

2Sa 24:20 And Arawnah looked and saw the sovereign and his servants coming toward him. And Arawnah went out and bowed before the sovereign with his face to the ground.

2Sa 24:21 And Arawnah said, "Why has my master the sovereign come to his servant?" And Dawid said, "To buy the threshing-floor from you, to build an altar to YHWH, so that the plague be withdrawn from the people."

2Sa 24:24 And the sovereign said to Arawnah, "No, let me buy it from you for a price, for certain. I am not offering burnt offerings to my YHWH Elohim without cost." So Dawid bought the threshing-floor and the cattle for fifty sheqels of silver.

2Sa 24:25 And Dawid built an altar to YHWH there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And YHWH answered the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Yisra'el.

This next one is during Temple times.

1Ki 18:31 And Eliyahu (Elijah) took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ya'aqob, to whom the word of YHWH had come, saying, "Yisra'el is your name."

1Ki 18:32 And with the stones he built an altar in the Name of YHWH. And he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed.

1Ki 18:33 And he arranged the wood, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."

1Ki 18:34 Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

1Ki 18:35 And the water flowed around the altar, and he filled the trench with water too.

1Ki 18:36 And it came to be, at the time of bringing the evening offering, that Eliyahu the prophet came near and said, "YHWH Elohim of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Yisra'el, let it be known today: You are Elohim in Yisra'el, and I Your servant, have done all these matters by Your word.

1Ki 18:37 "Answer me, O YHWH, answer me, and let this people know that You are YHWH Elohim, and You shall turn their hearts back to You again."

1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of YHWH fell and consumed the burnt offering, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.

1Ki 18:39 And all the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, "YHWH, He is the Elohim! YHWH, He is the Elohim!"

1Ch 21:22 And Dawid said to Ornan, "Give me the site of the threshing-floor, so that I build an altar to YHWH on it. Give it to me at the complete price, so that the plague is restrained from the people."

1Ch 21:26 **And Dawid built there an altar to YHWH, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on YHWH. And He answered him from the heavens by fire on the altar of burnt offering...**

1Ch 21:27 Then YHWH commanded the messenger, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

1Ch 21:28 At that time, when Dawid saw that YHWH had answered him on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yebusite, he slaughtered there,

1Ch 21:29 **for the Dwelling Place of YHWH and the altar of the burnt offering, which Mosheh had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gib'on.**

1Ch 21:30 **But Dawid was unable to go before it to inquire of Elohim, for he was afraid of the sword of the messenger of YHWH.**

Okay; we have documented from Scripture, as stated in point number two; YHWH accepts offerings made at places other than Yerushalayim, sometimes He moves where He makes His Name to dwell, and accepts offerings in other places as well.

Well, what about the last point, number three; "doing all of this in Yerushalayim is not even an issue at this point in time since He has said that He would remove His Name from that city and that house (the temple). He has removed His Name from Yerushalayim at present and it does not dwell there at this time"? But; does the Scripture not say that He has placed His Name in Yerushalayim and that it will be there forever? Remember that point two and three are going to overlap some.

1Ki 9:3 And YHWH said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me. I have set this house apart which you have built to put My Name there forever, and My eyes and My heart shall always be there.

1Ch 23:25 For Dawid said, "YHWH Elohim of Yisra'el has given rest to His people, and He dwells in Yerushalayim forever," **Of course, David said this not YHWH.**

2Ch 7:16 "And now, I have chosen and set this house apart for My Name to be there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall always be there.

2Ch 33:4 And he built altars in the House of YHWH, of which YHWH had said, "In Yerushalayim is My Name, forever."

1Ki 8:26 "And now, O Elohim of Yisra'el, please let Your word come true which You have spoken to Your servant Dawid my father.

1Ki 8:27 "For is it true: Elohim dwells on the earth? See, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are unable to contain You, how much less this House

which I have built! Shelomoh understood that this house could not contain YHWH!

1Ki 8:28 "Yet, shall You turn to the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O YHWH my Elohim, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today?

1Ki 8:29 "For Your eyes to be open toward this House night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My Name is there,' to listen to the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

1Ki 8:30 "Then, shall You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Yisra'el when they pray toward this place, when You hear in Your dwelling place, in the heavens? And shall You hear, and forgive?

2Ch 6:17 "And now, O YHWH Elohim of Yisra'el, let Your word come true which You have spoken to Your servant Dawid.

2Ch 6:18 "For is it true: **Elohim dwells with men on the earth!** See, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are unable to contain You, how much less this House which I have built!

2Ch 6:19 "Yet, shall You turn to the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O YHWH my Elohim, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servant is praying before You?

2Ch 6:20 "For Your eyes to be open toward this House day and night, toward the place You have said to put Your Name there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant prays toward this place.

2Ch 6:21 "And shall You give heed to the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Yisra'el, when they pray toward this place, and hear from Your dwelling place, in the heavens, and shall hear and forgive?

Nehemiah certainly felt like he was in the same place mentioned above.

Neh 1:8 "Please remember the word that You commanded Your servant Mosheh, saying, 'If you trespass, I shall scatter you among the peoples,

Neh 1:9 but if you shall turn back to Me, and guard My commands and do them, though you were cast out to the end of the heavens, I shall gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen, to make My Name dwell there.'

There are many Scriptures supporting the idea that YHWH's Name dwells there forever, no doubt. That's why it can be somewhat upsetting when someone brings up the prospect that it may not be there today. But the question is; is YHWH locked into some legal technicality forcing Him to stay in a defiled place, prohibiting Him from leaving, no matter how bad things get? The answer is; no; that is not the case, and He told Shelomoh that from the beginning.

1Ki 9:1 And it came to be, when Shelomoh had finished building the House of YHWH and the house of the sovereign, and all the desire of Shelomoh which he was pleased to do,

1Ki 9:2 that YHWH appeared to Shelomoh the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gib'on.

1Ki 9:3 And YHWH said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me. I have set this house apart which you have

built to put My Name there forever, and My eyes and My heart shall always be there.

1Ki 9:4 "And you, if you walk before Me as your father Dawid walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, if you guard My laws and My right-rulings,

1Ki 9:5 then I shall establish the throne of your reign over Yisra'el forever, as I promised Dawid your father, saying, 'There is not to cease a man of yours on the throne of Yisra'el.' [Then there comes this great big disclaimer from YHWH Himself!](#)

1Ki 9:6 **"If you at all turn back, you or your sons, from following Me, and do not guard My commands, My laws, which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other mighty ones and bow yourselves to them,**

1Ki 9:7 then I shall cut off Yisra'el from the face of the soil which I have given them, and send away from My presence this house which I have set apart for My Name. (He just said, I will not stay if things get too bad around here!) And Yisra'el shall be a proverb and a mockery among all the peoples.

1Ki 9:8 "And **this house**, which has been exalted, everyone who passes by it shall be astonished, and hiss, and say, 'Why has YHWH done thus to this land and to this house?'

1Ki 9:9 "Then they shall say, 'Because they have forsaken YHWH their Elohim, who brought their fathers out of the land of Mitsrayim, and they embraced other mighty ones, and bowed themselves to them and served them. That is why YHWH has brought all this evil on them.' "

[By the way, in Yerushalayim to this day there is Catholicism and Islam, with crosses and idols and moons and stars, and the "Jews" will not even let His Name be said there today!](#)

[Okay; but that says the Temple and Yisra'el, it doesn't specifically say Yerushalayim.](#)

Jer 9:11 "And I shall make **Yerushalayim** a heap of ruins, a habitation for jackals; and the cities of Yehudah I shall make a waste, without an inhabitant."

Mat 24:15 "So when you see the 'abomination that lays waste,' spoken of by Dani'el the prophet, set up in the set-apart place" - he who reads, let him understand -

Mat 24:16 "then let those who are in Yehudah flee to the mountains.

Mat 24:17 "Let him who is on the house-top not come down to take whatever out of his house.

Mat 24:18 "And let him who is in the field not turn back to get his garments.

Mat 24:19 "And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days!

Mat 24:20 "And pray that your flight does not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

Mat 24:21 "For then there shall be great distress, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 "And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the sake of the chosen ones those days shall be shortened.

2Ki 23:24 And also, Yoshiyahu put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, and the household mighty ones and idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Yehudah and in Yerushalayim, in order to establish the words of the Torah which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the House of YHWH.

2Ki 23:25 And before him there was no sovereign like him, who turned back to YHWH with all his heart, and with all his being, and with all his might, according to all the Torah of Mosheh; and after him none rose up like him.

2Ki 23:26 However, YHWH did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His wrath burned against Yehudah, because of all the provocations with which Menashsheh had provoked Him.

2Ki 23:27 And YHWH said, "Even Yehudah I shall remove from My presence, as I have removed Yisra'el, and I shall reject this city Yerushalayim which I have chosen, and the House of which I said, 'My Name is there.' "

Is Yerushalayim the first and only place where YHWH has set for His Name to dwell? No. He placed His Name at Shiloh before that; at the first!

Jer 7:12 "But go now to My place at Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of My people Yisra'el.

Has YHWH ever left His dwelling place before?

Psa 78:57 But they turned back And acted treacherously like their fathers; They twisted like a treacherous bow.

Psa 78:58 For they enraged Him with their high places, And moved Him to jealousy with their carved images.

Psa 78:59 When Elohim heard this, He was wroth, And greatly despised Yisra'el,

Psa 78:60 And He left the Dwelling Place of Shiloh, The Tent which He had set up among men.

Jer 7:8 "See, you are trusting in false words, which do not profit -

Jer 7:9 stealing, murdering, and committing adultery, and swearing falsely, and burning incense to Ba'al, and walking after other mighty ones you have not known.

Jer 7:10 "And you came and stood before Me in this house which is called by My Name, and said, 'We have been delivered' - in order to do all these abominations!

Jer 7:11 "Has this house, which is called by My Name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Look, I, even I Myself have seen it," declares YHWH.

Jer 7:12 "But go now to My place at Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of My people Yisra'el.

Will He do it again?

Jer 7:13 "And now, because you have done all these works," declares YHWH, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you, but you did not answer,

Jer 7:14 "I shall also do to this house, which is called by My Name, in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

Jer 7:15 "And I shall cast you out of My presence, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the seed of Ephrayim.

- Jer 7:16 "And you, do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me, for I do not hear you.
- Jer 7:17 "Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim? Yerushalayim; remember; this is the city where we are told that His Name dwells. Yet He says that *He will do there as He did at Shiloh*, where He left the place that He set His Name at first.
- Jer 26:2 "Thus said YHWH, 'Stand in the courtyard of the House of YHWH, and speak to all the cities of Yehudah, which come to bow themselves in the House of YHWH, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word.
- Jer 26:3 'If so be that they listen and each turn from his evil way, then I shall repent of the evil that I plan to do to them, because of the evil of their deeds.'
- Jer 26:4 "And you shall say to them, 'Thus said YHWH, "If you do not listen to Me, to walk in My Torah which I set before you,
- Jer 26:5 to listen to the words of My servants the prophets I am sending you, even rising up early and sending them - though you have not listened -
- Jer 26:6 then I shall make this house like Shiloh, and make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." ' ' "
- Jer 26:7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Yirmeyahu speaking these words in the House of YHWH.
- Jer 26:8 And it came to be, when Yirmeyahu had ended speaking all that YHWH had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, "You shall certainly die!
- Jer 26:9 "Why have you prophesied in the Name of YHWH, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and **this city be dried up**, without an inhabitant'?" And all the people were gathered against Yirmeyahu in the House of YHWH.
- Jer 26:10 And the heads of Yehudah heard this, and they came up from the sovereign's house to the House of YHWH and sat down in the entrance of the new gate of the House of YHWH.
- Jer 26:11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the heads and all the people, saying, "A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears." Just like today, it has never been popular to say that the Yerushalayim would be destroyed like Shiloh, which included YHWH's Name departing.
- Jer 26:12 And Yirmeyahu spoke to all the heads and all the people, saying, "YHWH sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words you heard.
- Jer 26:18 "Mikayah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hizqiyahu the sovereign of Yehudah, and he spoke to all the people of Yehudah, saying, 'Thus said YHWH of hosts, "Tsiyon shall become a ploughed field, and Yerushalayim be heaps, and the mountain of the House like the bare hills of the forest." ' "

What happened in Shiloh?

You will need to read 1 Shemu'el, chapters 4-7 to get the whole story but I will include some of it here. In a nut shell (a great big nut shell though it may be); Yisra'el of course was in a state of idolatry and the priesthood had become corrupt. YHWH said that He would punish Eli the high priest for not correcting his

sons for their sins in the Tabernacle and its service. The Philistines were defeating Yisra'el in battle and Yisra'el decided to bring the ark out of the Tabernacle and into the battlefield. Consequently, that means that they had to pull the veil of the Dwelling Place *out of the way*; the veil in front of the Most Set-apart place (where YHWH dwelt between the cherubim), which put separation between Him and the defilements of man, in order to get the ark out of the Tabernacle so as to put it in the battlefield. Remember this, because YHWH said that He would do in Yerushalayim what He did in Shiloh. Just as a side note: When Yahushua died, the Scripture says that the veil of the Dwelling Place was *rent in two from top to bottom* and of course that would have exposed the ark and the Most Set-apart Place to the rest of the world as well.

1Sa 4:10 And the Philistines fought, and Yisra'el was smitten, and every man fled to his tent. And the slaughter was very great, and there fell of Yisra'el thirty thousand foot soldiers.

1Sa 4:11 And the ark of Elohim was captured, and the two sons of Eli died, Hophni and Pinehas.

1Sa 4:12 And a man of Binyamin ran from the battle line the same day, and came to Shiloh with his garments torn and dirt on his head.

1Sa 4:13 And he came in and saw Eli, sitting on a seat by the wayside watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of Elohim. And the man came into the city and reported it, and all the city cried out.

1Sa 4:14 And Eli heard the noise of the outcry and said, "What is the noise of this uproar?" And the man came hastily and informed Eli.

1Sa 4:15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were so dim that he was unable to see.

1Sa 4:16 And the man said to Eli, "I am he who came from the battle. And I fled today from the battle line." And he said, "What was the matter, my son?"

1Sa 4:17 And the messenger answered and said, "Yisra'el has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. And your two sons have died, Hophni and Pinehas, and the ark of Elohim has been captured."

1Sa 4:18 And it came to be, when he made mention of the ark of Elohim, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate. And his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he ruled Yisra'el forty years.

1Sa 4:19 And his daughter-in-law, Pinehas' wife, was pregnant, about to bear. And when she heard the news that the ark of Elohim was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, because her pains came upon her.

1Sa 4:20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, nor did she set her heart to it.

1Sa 4:21 And she called the child Ikabod, saying, "The esteem has departed from Yisra'el!" because the ark of Elohim was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

1Sa 4:22 And she said, "The esteem has departed from Yisra'el, for the ark of Elohim was taken." (Do you remember what YHWH did when showed His esteem to Mosheh (Moses)? This is an interesting side note.

Exo 33:17 And YHWH said to Mosheh, "Even this word you have spoken I shall do, for you have found favour in My eyes, and I know you by name."

Exo 33:18 Then he said, "Please, show me **Your esteem.**"

Exo 33:19 And He said, "I shall cause all My goodness to pass before you, and I shall proclaim the Name of YHWH before you. And I shall favour him whom I favour, and shall have compassion on him whom I have compassion."

Exo 33:20 But He said, "You are unable to see My face, for no man does see Me and live."

Exo 33:21 And YHWH said, "See, there is a place with Me! And you shall stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 "And it shall be, while **My esteem** passes by, that I shall put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 "Then I shall take away My hand and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

Exo 34:1 And YHWH said to Mosheh, "Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I shall write on these tablets the Words that were on the first tablets which you broke.

Exo 34:2 "And be ready in the morning. Then you shall come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain.

Exo 34:3 "And let no man come up with you, and let no man be seen in all the mountain, and let not even the flock or the herd feed in front of that mountain."

Exo 34:4 And he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Mosheh rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as YHWH had commanded him, and he took two tablets of stone in his hand.

Exo 34:5 And YHWH came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the Name, YHWH.

Exo 34:6 And YHWH passed before him and proclaimed, " YHWH, YHWH, an El compassionate and showing favour, patient, and great in kindness and truth,

Exo 34:7 watching over kindness for thousands, forgiving crookedness and transgression and sin, but by no means leaving unpunished, visiting the crookedness of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

So we see that the esteem of YHWH is accompanied by His Name from His own mouth! It is significant then that Pinehas' wife named the child "Ikabod" which means "no esteem" because "The esteem has departed from Yisra'el, for the ark of Elohim was taken". When the esteem of YHWH departs; so does His Name depart with it!)

But moving right a long, the Philistines smote Yisra'el and captured the ark of YHWH! They put it in the temple of Dagon. YHWH smote the idol Dagon and the Philistines with a plague of tumors and rats! They decided to get it out of their midst and put it in Gath and it sat in the "field of the Philistines" for seven months! They finally sent it away with a guilt offering of five golden rats and five golden tumors on a wagon pulled by two cows. The cows, with the wagon went to Beth Shemesh where the people were reaping their wheat harvest. They broke the wagon and used it for wood and offered the cows as burnt offerings to YHWH, the Levites took the ark down, and the men of Beth Shemesh slaughtered

offerings and made burnt offerings to YHWH the same day. (By the way; they slaughtered and made burnt offerings in *Beth Shemesh*; remember though, that this place was *not Shiloh* and YHWH had not yet put His Name in Yerushalayim; yet these men of Beth Shemesh, with the Levites there too, seemed convicted that this was the appropriate thing to do? Keep in mind also that this is a long *time* after Mosheh gave the Torah concerning slaughtering only where “YWHH makes His Name to dwell”.) Some of the men there tried to look into the ark and YHWH smote seventy of the men there for doing this. There is something else, very important, that we need to consider with regard to this study. We read in this account that it was understood that the esteem of YHWH had departed from Yisra’el; read 1Sa 4:21-22 above again. What may not be immediately obvious is that YHWH allowed the Tabernacle to be completely destroyed by the invading enemies of Yisra’el who attacked Shiloh and took away the ark. How do we know this? Well; we will in a moment, read where the ark was brought to the house of Abinadab where it remained for *twenty years*! In 1Ch 15:1 we read that *David prepared a place for the ark of Elohim and David pitched a tent for it there*! Then in 2Sa 6 we read about how David brought it up to Yerushalayim; but it had a three month layover at the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite (2Sa 6:11). In 1Ch 16:1 we read that David brought the ark to Yerushalayim, and he set it in the tent that *he had pitched* for it. So here’s the question; why did David feel the need to “pitch a tent for the ark of Elohim” rather than place it in the Tabernacle, according to the Torah as YHWH had commanded? Because YHWH allowed the invading enemies of Yisra’el to completely destroy Shiloh, up to and including the destruction of the Tabernacle of YHWH before carrying off the Ark of the Covenant, when the esteem of YHWH departed from Yisra’el; that’s why! As we read on page 13, YHWH told Jeremiah to go to Shiloh and observe what He did to it, “But go now to My place at *Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first*, and see what I did to it because of the evil of My people Yisra’el.” and then instructed Jeremiah to tell the people “If you do not listen to Me, to walk in My Torah which I set before you, to listen to the words of My servants the prophets I am sending you... then *I shall make this house like Shiloh*, and make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth” That is why David *did not* put the ark in the Tabernacle! There was no Tabernacle any more and the esteem of YHWH had departed! Shiloh, (“*where I set My Name at the first*”), was meant to be a glaring reminder and a warning to the people, what was in store for them and what would happen again; only this time, if they turned away from YHWH, it would be to Yerushalayim and the Temple. YHWH made good on His word, as we shall see; and *that* is why it is important understand what happened in Shiloh, as it relates to this study, “Where He Makes His Name to Dwell”. Okay; that was quit a large nutshell I must admit; I’ll start back with the Scripture again.

1Sa 7:1 And the men of Qiryath Ye’arim came and took the ark of YHWH, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and set apart El’azar his son to guard the ark of YHWH.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye’arim, that the time increased, it came to be **twenty years**. And all the house of Yisra’el lamented after YHWH.

1Sa 7:3 And Shemu’el spoke to all the house of Yisra’el, saying, “If you return to YHWH with all your hearts, then put away the foreign mighty ones and

Ashtaroath from among you, and prepare your hearts for YHWH, and serve Him only, so that He delivers you from the hand of the Philistines."

1Sa 7:4 And the children of Yisra'el put away the Ba'als and Ashtaroath, and served YHWH only.

1Sa 7:5 And Shemu'el said, "Gather all Yisra'el to Mitspah and let me pray to YHWH for you."

1Sa 7:6 And they gathered to Mitspah and drew water, and poured it out before YHWH. And they fasted that day, and said there, "We have sinned against YHWH." And Shemu'el rightly ruled the children of Yisra'el at Mitspah.

1Sa 7:7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Yisra'el had gathered together at Mitspah, the princes of the Philistines went up against Yisra'el. And the children of Yisra'el heard of it, and were afraid of the Philistines.

1Sa 7:8 And the children of Yisra'el said to Shemu'el, "Do not cease to cry out to YHWH our Elohim for us, that He would save us from the hand of the Philistines."

1Sa 7:9 And Shemu'el took a suckling lamb and offered it as a burnt offering, completely, to YHWH. We have here the prophet of YHWH offering a burnt offering in Mitspah and the ark was in Qiryath Ye'arim! Did YHWH place His Name among His people Yisra'el at this point when they repented and turned from their idols? I cannot say for sure, but for whatever reason it was acceptable by evidence of YHWH's response. And Shemu'el cried out to YHWH for Yisra'el, and YHWH answered him.

1Sa 7:10 And it came to be, as Shemu'el offered up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Yisra'el. But YHWH thundered with a great noise on that day on the Philistines, and troubled them, and they were smitten before Yisra'el.

1Sa 7:11 And the men of Yisra'el went out from Mitspah and pursued the Philistines, and drove them back as far as below Beyth Kar.

1Sa 7:12 And Shemu'el took a stone and set it up between Mitspah and Shen, and called its name Eben Ha'ezer, saying, "Thus far YHWH has helped us."

1Sa 7:13 Thus the Philistines were humbled, and no longer came into the border of Yisra'el. And the hand of YHWH was against the Philistines all the days of Shemu'el.

1Sa 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Yisra'el were returned to Yisra'el, from Eqrn to Gath. And Yisra'el recovered its border from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Yisra'el and the Amorites.

1Sa 7:15 And Shemu'el rightly ruled Yisra'el all the days of his life,

1Sa 7:16 and each year he made the rounds of Beyth El, and Gilgal, and Mitspah, and rightly ruled Yisra'el in all those places.

1Sa 7:17 Then he returned to Ramah, for his home was there. And there he rightly ruled Yisra'el, and there he built an altar to YHWH. What's up with that? Ramah is not Shiloh; it was the home of Shemu'el, where he lived, where his gate was, and he built an altar to YHWH! What does one do on an altar? Hmmm.

Anyway; that is what He did to Shiloh, in the territory of Ephrayim before He moved to Yerushalayim in the territory of Yehudah (Judah).

What about the New Yerushalayim?

Rev 3:7 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write, 'He who is set-apart, He who is true, He who has the key of Dawid, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens, says this:

Rev 3:8 "I know your works - see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it - that you have little power, yet have guarded My Word, and have not denied My Name.

Rev 3:9 "See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 3:10 "Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 3:11 "See, I am coming speedily! Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

Rev 3:12 "He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and **My renewed Name.** *Is it possible that YHWH could write His Name on us and by renewed it means that the esteem will return to His Name among the people?*

Rev 3:13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies." '

Rev 21:1 And I saw a renewed heaven and a renewed earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more.

Rev 21:2 And I, Yohanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, "See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and **He shall dwell with them,** and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.

Okay, again; in Yerushalayim to this day there is Catholicism with crosses and idols and Islam with moons and stars. They have a very liberal, *legal*, abortion system; they *legally* tolerate homosexuality; prostitution is a thriving and very lucrative business in Israel, etc. etc. The "Jews" will not even allow YHWH's Name to be spoken, according to *their* faith, in Yisra'el today. For me; all of that really begs the question; does His Name dwell, today, in the midst of all of that lawlessness in the midst of a people that forbid His Name to be spoken? *That is a good question!*

We are told that Antiochus Epiphanies slaughtered to his mighty ones in the Temple there and poured the blood of hogs on the altar of Elohim! This was *not* the Abomination of Desolation, however it should have served as an eye opener to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim that things could get much worse. Did YHWH stay there for the hog blood and other defilement that went on? This we can't answer for sure. If He did remove His presence however; we have to conclude that He returned after they cleansed it and that He was there during Yahushua's lifetime. Though they cleansed the Temple, YHWH still allowed its destruction. In 70 CE Titus came and the ark, the menorah, the table of showbread and all the

other articles of the temple were carried away! The temple was razed to the ground and the inhabitants slaughtered! Today, the country of Israel is a secular nation, using its history to make large sums of money from sincere pilgrims; Israel is not serving YHWH Elohim! They killed the prophets and even the Son of YHWH Elohim! When this happened, the veil of the Dwelling Place was rent completely in two from top to bottom; much like a contract is torn in two when it is broken!

In the Christian Church; I was taught, (by ministers who reject the Torah of YHWH I might add) that this tearing of the veil at the moment of Yahushua's death meant that "You don't need a Priest anymore; because you now have a High Priest in Heaven and now you could "go boldly before the throne" and go *directly to Elohim!*" (Except that they did not say "Elohim" of course; but instead used the "G" and "L" words.) I do not discount that we have a High Priest in Heaven at all, however; I have to respectfully disagree with these fellows conjecture that the renting of the veil had so much to do with going *directly to Elohim*. There are *too many instances* of people, in the Scripture, praying *directly to Elohim* to conclude that this was a brand new liberty bestowed on all mankind as a result of the unrighteous conviction and execution of the innocent Son of the Most High by some evil men! No; I believe that it means something very different indeed. Yahushua told this parable:

Luk 20:9 And He began to speak this parable to the people, "A certain man planted a vineyard, and leased it to farmers, and went away for a long time.

Luk 20:10 "And at harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers, to give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

Luk 20:11 "And again he sent another servant. And they beat him too and maltreated him, and sent him away empty-handed.

Luk 20:12 "And again he sent a third. And they wounded him too and cast him out.

Luk 20:13 "And the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? *I shall send my son, the beloved. They might respect him when they see him.*'

Luk 20:14 "But when the farmers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, so that the inheritance becomes ours.'

Luk 20:15 "And they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, shall the owner of the vineyard do to them?

Luk 20:16 "He shall come and destroy those farmers and give the vineyard to others." And having heard, they said, "Let it not be!"

Luk 20:17 But He looked at them and said, "What then is this that has been written, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone'?"

Luk 20:18 "Everyone who falls on that stone shall be broken, but on whomever it falls, he shall be pulverized."

YHWH was not pleased when they killed His Son! Neither did He throw up His hands and say something like, "Fine then! I'll just give them access; absolute access to My Throne!" No; not at all. He came and destroyed Yerushalayim in 70 C.E. at the hands of Titus!

But what about the renting of the veil? Well; my personal opinion is that when they killed Yahushua, His Son that He sent; YHWH departed, just like he said that He would do, and removed Yerushalayim from His presence; and the fact that the Dwelling Place was exposed, just like it was during that nasty little indiscretion at Shiloh, was evidence that His Word concerning making it like Shiloh was nigh!

Jer 26:4 "And you shall say to them, 'Thus said YHWH, "If you do not listen to Me, to walk in My Torah which I set before you,

Jer 26:5 to listen to the words of My servants the prophets I am sending you, even rising up early and sending them - though you have not listened -

Jer 26:6 then I shall make this house like Shiloh, and make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." ' "

If we believe that there is a new Yerushalayim to come where YHWH will make His Name dwell forever, and YHWH has said that He would reject the one on earth, there has to be a point in time when He does so. Consider the things that have happened to Yerushalayim since Yahushua has died; couple that with the current state of the city and the nation of Israel. If *that* is not enough to convince you that He has not already done so, then what would have to happen in your mind to believe that The Name of YHWH has finally departed from that place?

Psa 74:7 They have set fire to Your set-apart place, They have profaned the dwelling place of Your Name to the ground.

It is also interesting to note and remember the following Scripture again. If you will recall, this is the chapter where it explains how we are to bring the tithes and offerings to the place where YHWH places His Name to dwell.

Deu 12:8 "Do not do as we are doing here today - each one doing whatever is right in his own eyes.

Deu 12:9 "Because you have not yet entered the rest and the inheritance which YHWH your Elohim is giving you.

Are we entered into that rest and that inheritance today? No, we are not. Are we not sort of back in a similar situation as the children of Yisra'el, a people having not yet received the rest and inheritance? If so, then is it far fetched to suspect that something like where He makes His Name to dwell might have *returned* to the way that it was before we lost the rest and inheritance; until the time when we receive it forever?

Look at what Yahushua said.

Joh 4:19 The woman said to Him, "Master, I see that You are a prophet.

Joh 4:20 "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you people say that in Yerushalayim is the place where one needs to worship."

Joh 4:21 Yahushua said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you shall neither on this mountain, nor in Yerushalayim, worship the Father.

Joh 4:22 "You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, because the deliverance is of the Yehud'im.

Joh 4:23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father also does seek such to worship Him.

Joh 4:24 "Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship Him need to worship in spirit and truth."

Later on He said.

Joh 12:28 "Father, esteem Your Name." Then a voice came from the heaven, "I have both esteemed it and shall esteem it again."

Let us not put limits on YHWH. He is everywhere He chooses. We cannot keep Him in a box.

Eze 43:7 And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, when I dwell in the midst of the children of Yisra'el forever, and the house of Yisra'el shall no longer defile My set-apart Name, they nor their sovereigns, by their whoring and by the corpses of their sovereigns on their high places.

Isa 57:15 For thus declares the high and exalted One who dwells forever, whose Name is set-apart, "I dwell in the high and set-apart place, with him who has a bruised and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of bruised ones.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. For Your Name is called on me, O YHWH Elohim of hosts.

Jer 23:23 "Am I an Elohim close by," declares YHWH, "and not an Elohim afar off?"

Jer 23:24 "If anyone is hidden in secret places, would I not see him?" declares YHWH. "Do I not fill the heavens and earth?" declares YHWH.

1Ki 8:41 "Also, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Yisra'el, but has come from a far land for Your Name's sake -

1Ki 8:42 since they hear of Your great Name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm - and he shall come and pray toward this House,

1Ki 8:43 hear in the heavens Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, so that all peoples of the earth know Your Name and fear You, as do Your people Yisra'el, and know that this House which I have built is called by Your Name.

Exo 20:24 'Make an **altar of earth** for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you.

Psa 119:54 Your laws have been my songs In the place of my sojournings.

Psa 119:55 I have remembered Your Name in the night, O YHWH, And I guard Your Torah.

Psa 119:56 This has become mine, Because I have observed Your orders.

Psa 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, But we remember the Name of YHWH our Elohim.

Though we may still have questions; I believe that there is enough evidence to show that things are not so cut and dried, so as to say we cannot prepare the Passover in some place besides Yerushalayim and that it can only be done in Yerushalayim. I believe that YHWH places His Name in the *midst of His people Yisra'el* and as long as we are scattered He will continue to place His Name with us, in every place where He causes His Name to be remembered. We are *still* however, confronted with the following dilemma: Do we observe the Passover according to all of its commandments, as the children of Yisra'el did it in the wilderness, to the best of our ability and understanding, and possibly get something wrong; or do we not do it at all and get it all wrong for sure? But before we answer too quickly we need to remember; this dilemma does not stop with killing the Passover alone; but rather the same stipulation about "where YHWH chooses to place His Name" applies to the location of the observances of the Set-apart gatherings at His Appointed Times of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Day of Atonement, and The Feast of Tabernacles as well. Most "Feast keepers" observe the Feast at some location other than Yerushalayim and have no problem with that. But isn't it just a little inconsistent to on the one hand, *participate* in the Set-apart gatherings, (which *are* to be held in the place where *He makes His Name to dwell*), at some location *other than Yerushalayim* while, on the other hand, forbidding or forsaking the killing of the Passover because of not being in Yerushalayim?

This is especially significant when one considers the fact that the Passover slaughtering *at the Temple* was *never* commanded from YHWH but was rather a *man made tradition*. As commanded by YHWH; the Passover was supposed to be a home slaughtering done by the family or by small groups of families? Hezekiah and Josiah both held Passovers that *were done by the Priests*; but these were both *attempts by the Kings* to try and restore the hearts of the people Yisra'el to righteousness and allegiance to YHWH; and though yes, this was a noble effort on the part of these Kings; they were still, in fact, *proclamations of the Kings, not YHWH*. YHWH never commanded the Priesthood to perform the Passover. The Passover was actually instituted and observed before there was ever even such a thing as a Levitical Priesthood; before the Tabernacle; before even the Covenant given at Sinai.

Another interesting note is: though they *were in Yerushalayim*, (because YHWH had not departed yet), Yahushua was killing the Passover with a *small group*, His taught ones; and there is no indication that they were doing so at the Temple but rather at someplace outside of the city. Note too that in the following verse, "it says "lamb" not "lambs". "Lambs" *plural*, would have suggested something like a Temple gathering, where there would have been many "lambs" slaughtered; but what we read next says "lamb" *singular*, suggesting that there was only *one* for this small group of Torah observant followers of Yahushua.

Mar 14:12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they were slaughtering the Passover lamb, His taught ones said to Him, "Where do You wish us to go and prepare, for You to eat the Passover?"

(Note that they were outside of the city at this point.)

Mar 14:13 And He sent out two of His taught ones and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man bearing a jar of water shall meet you, follow him.

Mar 14:14 "And wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I am to eat the Passover with My taught ones?" ' "

As I said before; we may still have questions about this thing or that thing; but among the things to consider, from which we draw our conclusions, are the three points that were addressed in this study. And though the reader may not agree with all views expressed in this study; we have seen the following:

- 1) YHWH *has* made a way for His people who are *too far* to go to the place where He has made His Name to dwell and given instructions for that in His Torah.
- 2) YHWH accepts offerings made at places other than Yerushalayim. Sometimes He moves the place where He makes His Name to dwell, and accepts offerings in other places as well.
- 3) Doing all of this in Yerushalayim is not even an issue *at this point in time* since He has said, because of all of the evil there, that He would remove His Name from that city and that house (the temple). And as sad as it may be; just as He said that He would do; He has made Yerushalayim like Shiloh where He made His Name to dwell at the first and has removed His Name from Yerushalayim. At present the land of Israel (Yisra'el) is as evil as it has ever been! and His Name does not dwell there at this time, anymore than it dwells in Jerusalem Georgia, Jerusalem Alabama, Jerusalem Arkansas, Jerusalem Ohio, Jerusalem Maryland, or Jerusalem Rhode Island!

May the restoration of all things come soon!

Rev 21:1 And I saw a renewed heaven and a renewed earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more.

Rev 21:2 And I, Yohanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, "See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.

Rev 21:4 "And Elohim shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying. And there shall be no more pain, for the former matters have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And He who was sitting on the throne said, "See, **I make all matters new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and trustworthy."

Rev 21:6 And He said to me, "**It is done!** I am the 'Aleph' and the 'Taw', the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I shall give of the fountain of the water of life without payment.

Rev 21:7 "The one who overcomes shall inherit all this, and I shall be his Elohim and he shall be My son.

Rev 22:14 "Blessed are those doing His commands, so that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city.

So until then, we have to prayerfully *strive* to do our dead level best to be as obedient to His commands, His Torah, as we possibly can, during this time of dispersion. But won't that be a great day indeed; to enter into the city, the renewed Yerushalayim when the Booth of Elohim is with men! In the mean time:

Num 9:13 'But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and has failed to perform the **Passover**, that same being shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of YHWH at its appointed time - that man bears his sin.

Yahushua said,

Mat 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."

It is the author's opinion that we basically find ourselves in an old familiar situation with regards to the relationship between YHWH and Yisra'el; that being a state of dispersion due to disobedience. This is a time of testing for His people. I believe that YHWH is looking for a people who are thirsting for righteousness, with a love for His Torah; even during this time of dispersion; this would naturally include the Scripturally commanded observance of the Passover.

Psa 86:11 Teach me Your way, O YHWH; Let me walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your Name.

May YHWH show His people mercy, as we endeavor to worship Him in spirit and in truth, and be pleasing to Him, until the time when He restores all things! HalleluYah!

Please read our article "Is Passover for Today?" for more information on the Passover for YHWH's people in these days.

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