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SCRIPTURES

- Exodus 25:1-27:19
- Hebrews 3, 8-10, 12
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Title:

THE VOLUME OF THE SCROLL

- Copies and Shadows
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Have you ever heard the idiom, "the Devil is in the details?" As usual the enemy wishes to hijack what is rightfully Yahweh's. The truth is that it is God who is in the details and there is no better place to witness this than the directions given to Moses to build the Tabernacle, the Ark, and the Altar. But trust me; this is not just an exercise in the mundane. There is a divine reason behind each refined instruction. We discover the reasons behind the details when we explore the letter to the Hebrews. This Tabernacle made by hands is an exact copy of the heavenly Tabernacle. And we also learn that Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, and the law has a shadow of the good things to come.

I think my greatest joy in rereading the Scriptures over the years is the never-ending discoveries it has in store for us. A little gem sits in the tenth chapter of Hebrews, a reference to Psalm 40. It

reads like this: "In the volume of the scroll it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God." Those seventeen words just explode off the page. Yes, it should be so simple, so obvious, yet it remains so profound. Instantly it made sense to me why Y'shua was so frustrated with the religious leaders of the day who cared more about receiving honor from men than from God. "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me (there it is—the volume of the scroll). But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

I might ask you the same question, "If you don't believe the writings of Moses, how can you possibly believe the words of Christ?"

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." (Exodus 25:9) "And see to it that you make them according to **the pattern** which was **shown you on the mountain**." (Exodus 25:40) "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to **its pattern** which you were **shown on the mountain**." (Exodus 26:30) "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was **shown you on the mountain**, so shall they make it." (Exodus 27:8)

"Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' " Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them " (which are offered according to the law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Hebrews 10:5-10

"For **if you believed Moses**, you would believe Me; for **he wrote about Me**. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5:46-47 NKJV

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Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The Portion begins with God speaking to Moses. He tells Moses to speak to the children of Israel that they may bring an offering

- to Him. He tells Moses that the offering or contribution must be offered from a willing heart.
- 2. The contribution is for the building of a holy place (the tabernacle), the Ark and all of the instruments and furnishings.
- 3. The rest of the reading is occupied with the detailed instructions for the building of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. The details are so intricate, like a blueprint, that that they should not be overlooked or dismissed as nominal.
- 4. As we will see, four times interspersed throughout the instructions, Yahweh pauses from the narrative and emphasizes to Moses that he must follow every minute detail, without compromise, as he is actually receiving a pattern or blueprint!
- 5. Moses is told what the contributions should consist of: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.
- 6. Then in a beautiful moment Yahweh delivers these two prophetic treasures in Exodus 25:8-9, the second being our first peek into the critical importance of patterns:
 - (a) "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." Exodus 25:8 NKJV

- (b) "According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Exodus 25:9 NKJV
- 7. Moses is then instructed in detail about the materials and specifications for the Ark of the Testimony and the Mercy Seat. And he is told in both Exodus 25:16 and 21 that he is to place the Stone Tablets (the Testimony) into the Ark when it is complete.
- 8. Yahweh tells Moses that it is from that Mercy Seat He will meet with and speak with Moses and tell him all that he will give him in commandment for the children of Israel.
- 9. Next up are the detailed instructions for the table of showbread and all of its dishes, pans, pitchers and bowls.
 - (a) "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always." Exodus 25:30 NKJV
- 10. Another beautifully prophetic piece and its instructions are next, the Gold Lampstand. This seven-branched menorah shows up in prophetic themes all throughout the Scriptures. Let me remind you that even Pharaoh's Dreams that Joseph interpreted both had elements of seven in them (seven cows and seven stalks of wheat). And, of course, if we fast forward all the way to the end, the menorah is instrumental in Revelation (See Revelation 1).

- 11. There are six branches coming off each side of the Menorah and Moses is told to make seven lamps, the seventh in the center.

 Hint: the lamps give light, the light of the world (See: Y'shua is the light in John 8:12 and you are the light in Matthew 5:14-16.)
 - (a) "You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it." Exodus 25:37 NKJV
- 12. And then for the second time we see this exclamation-type verse about patterns:
 - (a) "And see to it that you make them according to **the pattern** which was shown you on the mountain." Exodus 25:40 NKJV
- 13. As we enter chapter 26, Moses gets detailed instructions for the building of the Tabernacle itself, all the materials and measurements.
- 14. And then for a third time Yahweh speaks of the importance of patterns:
 - (a) "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to **its pattern** which you were shown on the mountain." Exodus

 26:30 NKJV
- 15. Moses is told that he is to separate the tabernacle space by hanging a veil (the curtain) and to place the ark behind the veil:
 - (a) "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The

- veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy." Exodus 26:33 NKJV
- 16. And then he is given instructions on how to arrange everything:
 - (a) "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy." Exodus 26:34 NKJV
 - (b) "You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side." Exodus 26:35 NKJV
- 17. And finally, in chapter 27, Moses receives the instructions for the Altar of Burnt Offerings and the Court of the Tabernacle.
- 18. After the details for the Altar, for a fourth time in this portion, Yahweh emphasizes the importance of strict adherence to the patterns for building:
 - (a) "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it." Exodus 27:8 NKJV
- 19. In the end, after the instructions for the Court of the Tabernacle, Moses is told:
 - (a) "All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze."

 Exodus 27:19 NKJV

COPIES AND SHADOWS

1. Patterns on the Mountain

A. Be sure you pay attention to the pattern on the mountain

- (1) Just so you shall make it!
 - (a) "According to all that I show you, that is, **the pattern** of the tabernacle and **the pattern** of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it." Exodus 25:9 NKJV
 - (b) "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain." Exodus 25:40 NKJV
 - (c) "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to **its pattern** which you were **shown on the mountain**."

 Exodus 26:30 NKJV
 - (d) "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was **shown you on the mountain**, so shall they make it." Exodus 27:8 NKJV
- (2) The patterns on the mountain showed to Moses pointed to the True Tabernacle
 - (a) "Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high

priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established [In the Greek, established means established on the Law] on better promises." Hebrews 8:1-6 NKJV

B. Behind the Shadows—Shadows of the good things

- (1) Copies of the True
 - (a) "Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;" Hebrews 9:23-24 NKJV

- (2) Stuff of the Tabernacle and the Ark—even details we don't see in the Old Testament
 - (a) "Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail." Hebrews 9:1-5 NKJV
- (3) Priest of the good things to come—not of this creation
 - (a) "But Christ came as **High Priest of the good things to come**, with **the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands**, that is, **not of this creation**. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption." Hebrews 9:11-12 NKJV

- (4) The blood of Christ does much more than deal with sin, ultimately it deals with the very consciousness of sin!
 - (a) "For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance." Hebrews 9:13-15 NKJV
 - 1. **Prophetic Note, "Shall":** it is important to realize when you read the book of Hebrews that it is written in the "prophetic tense." In other words, it is pointing to the future. Yes, 2000 years ago, decades after the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, it pointed to the future. And even in the present day it points to the future. Yes, the blood of Christ paid and pays the price for your sins, but coming soon, even the thought of sin will be eradicated!
- (5) Also necessary—patterns

- (a) "For where there is a testament, there must also of **necessity be the death of the testator.** For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:16-22 NKJV
- (6) It is NECESSARY that the copies operate just as the heavenly things
 - (a) "Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into

- heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;" Hebrews 9:23-24 NKJV
- 1. **Prophetic Note:** here in Hebrews 9 we again see the necessity of the copies being exact duplicates of the real thing. The law required blood for remission of sins in Leviticus 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'" And therefore the heavenly must as well, as the law is a perfect shadow of the heavenly.
- 2. That is why Paul said "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law." (Romans 3:31 NKJV) And "Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Romans 7:12 NKJV
- (7) Christ only once!
 - (a) "not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, **once at the end of the ages**, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to

- offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." Hebrews 9:25-28 NKJV
- 1. **Prophetic Note:** the end of the age is a span of time, not to be confused with the second coming, which happens at the "end of the end".
- 2. **Contemplation:** As you can see, by the time Christ comes a second time, He will be appearing to a generation in whom sin in no longer an issue.
- (8) Shadows of things to come—now it makes sense!
 - (a) "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands [we see here that even circumcision is a shadow], by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him

from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us [the law is not wiped out; your sin is!], which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. So <u>let no one judge you</u> in food or in drink, or regarding a **festival** or a new moon or sabbaths, which **are a** shadow of things to come [again you can see how the physical world is all shadows and copies of the heavenly world], but the substance is of Christ [Correct understanding of vv. 16-17: let no one judge you...other than the body of Christ]." Colossians 2:8-17 NKJV

Summary: COPIES AND SHADOWS

1. The reason Yahweh was adamant that Moses build all things as shown him on the mountain was because they were shadows and copies of their true heavenly counterparts.

- 2. The Letter to the Hebrews is prophetic in nature, pointing into the future, even for us now.
- 3. Hebrews continually emphasizes the significance that the physical represents shadows and copies. This in no way reduces their importance, but rather increases the need to pay attention to every detail, as they all reflect something heavenly.
- 4. No one says it better than Paul: "Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law." (Romans 3:31)

THE TRUE TABERNACLE

2. It is written in the volume of the scrolls!

A. The Law, Perfection and Sin

- (1) The Law as a shadow—looking toward perfection!
 - (a) "For the law, having a **shadow of the good things to come**, and not the very image of the things, can never
 with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually
 year by year, **make those who approach perfect**."
 Hebrews 10:1 NKJV
 - 1. **Prophetic Eye Opener:** The writer of Hebrews makes the turn in the first verse of chapter 10, revealing our destination, right before he begins to describe mankind's journey towards that destination.

- 2. And remember, Y'shua made the contrast between sin and perfection perfectly clear: "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness." I John 3:4 NKJV
- 3. Perfection is the destination and the journey is, of course, taught to us is patterns. Be sure you pay attention to all the patterns!
 - a) Where will you study these patterns, so you can fulfill them in every detail? Well, in the scrolls of the law course!
 - b) And what landmarks will you find on your travels? Well, the Feasts of the Lord, of course.
 - c) And where do all the Feasts begin? Well, Passover, of course!
 - d) And what must you have to fuel your Journey? Well, faith, of course.
 - e) Welcome to Hebrews 10, 11, and 12!
- (b) Perfection is not new to Hebrews. Y'shua called us to become just that! "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48 NKJV) So, what could make us perfect?
 - 1. The Rich Young Ruler unknowingly asks a prophetic question: "Now behold, one came and said to Him,

"Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, **keep the commandments."** [the Law] He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" [If I have kept the law, what am I still missing?] Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, [Can you recognize Y'shua's redirect from this young man's question? Perfection comes by another mechanism.] go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me. [It comes through Christ, the **VOLUME OF THE SCROLL; the law was a shadow of** good things to come; the shadow could never make those who approach perfect, only the REAL thing **could!**]" But when the young man heard that saying,

- he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." Matthew 19:16-22 NKJV
- 2. **Be Patient:** "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, **that you may be perfect and complete**, lacking nothing." James 1:2-4 NKJV
- 3. **Solid Food vs. Milk:** "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness [the volume of the scroll], for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. [they become skilled in the volume of the scroll]" Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV
- 4. **Going beyond the basics:** "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of

- laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits." Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV
- (2) What does perfection look like? Answer: no more consciousness of sins.
 - (a) "For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

 Hebrews 10:2-4 NKJV
 - 1. We saw this introduced already in Hebrews 9:13-15 (cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?)
- B. <u>Y'shua is the volume of the scroll— Let us now explore the roadmap (blueprint) and the journey to this "perfection destination"!</u>
 - (1) "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God."
 - (a) "Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, <u>But a body</u>

 <u>You have prepared for Me [the true tabernacle]</u>. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the

volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.' "Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them " (which are offered according to the law), [Is he using King Saul as an object lesson here?] then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. [In the natural, this is exactly what happened. He took away Saul to establish David] By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Hebrews 10:5-10 NKJV

- 1. In order to understand this plan, first realize that the plan is all in the book. But do not consider the book itself as the fulfillment of the plan. Instead think of it as a roadmap to the fulfillment of the plan.
- 2. However, if you discount the book, or toss it away, it would be like trying to assemble furniture from IKEA without the instructions!
- 3. *"So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For

- rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."" I Samuel 15:22-23 NKJV
- (2) What is in the book? What will fulfill the pattern?
 - (a) "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— <u>To do Your will</u>, O God.' "...then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second." Hebrews 10:7, 9 NKJV
 - (b) To do His will!
 - 1. "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears
 You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You
 did not require. Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the
 scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do
 Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my
 heart."" Psalms 40:6-8 NKJV
 - (c) And His will is what? What does it look like to have the law written in your heart? I have; I have not...!
 - 1. Continuing in Psalm 40: "I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. I have not hidden Your righteousness

within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly." Psalms 40:9-10 NKJV

- a) I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness
- b) I have declared your faithfulness
- c) I have not restrained my lips
- d) I have not hidden your righteousness
- e) I have not concealed your lovingkindness
- f) I have not concealed your truth
- 2. "Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You." Psalms 119:11 NKJV
- (3) The Righteousness Connection—The law written in your heart produces righteousness.
 - (a) "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him."I John 2:29 NKJV
 - (b) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped [they become skilled in the volume of the scroll] for every good work." Il Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

- 1. You cannot practice righteousness without knowing the word, the law, the Scriptures!
- (4) You see, Y'shua is the volume of the scroll! When you ignore the scroll you ignore Y'shua!
 - (a) "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of **Me**. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. "I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"" John 5:39-47 NKJV
 - 1. **Prophetic Essential:** Y'shua is the volume of the scroll; the desire to do His will is to have the Law written on your heart; that is how you practice righteousness; you cannot do that without knowing the words of

Moses! Saying you can is tantamount to making up your own religion. Not my words...Y'shua's: "If you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

- (5) Moses needs to be written on your hearts
 - (a) "The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, **if you obey** the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it."

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 NKJV

- (6) Even Gentiles, who do not have the law, HAVE THE LAW
 - (a) "For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." Romans 2:12-16 NKJV
 - 1. The law written on your heart equates to action!

Summary: THE TRUE TABERNACLE

- 1. The writer of Hebrews opens our eyes to the end game of all these patterns—we are to be perfect.
- 2. Once we see it, it makes perfect sense that Hebrews 8-10 show us all the patterns, and Hebrews 12 shows us how we are to walk as sons with Christ from the Passover, into the Wilderness,

- and then to the mountaintop. In between, in Chapter 11, is the call to faith!
- 3. We see the prophetic reality that it is Y'shua who is the volume of the scroll. He even said of Himself, "If you do not believe Moses' writings, how will you believe My words?
- 4. Knowing the words of Moses and hiding them in your heart is essential to do God's will!

WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE

3. Two Mountains Two Houses

A. Let's peek behind the veil

- (1) The Houses of God
 - (a) "Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house." Numbers 12:7 NKJV [The first house]
 - (b) "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God [The Second house], let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

B. We are His House

- (1) The House
 - (a) "Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house [The first house from Numbers 12:7]. For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as **He who built the house has more** honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant. for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are [The Second house] if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end." Hebrews 3:1-6 NKIV
 - 1. **Prophetic Takeaway:** There are two houses—one is physical (the Tabernacle and by extension the future Temple) and one is the Body of Christ.

C. The Blueprints for the True Tabernacle

(1) David's vision for the tabernacle—a significant prophetic moment in history!

(a) "Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around [a good time for prophetic downloads], that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." [David has somehow developed a conflict in his heart over the ark of the covenant sitting inside a tent while he dwelled in a gorgeous palace. Do note that it was David who rescued the ark from the Philistines and chose to bring it to his palace and place it in the tent, even while the tabernacle of Moses was still in existence.] Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My

people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?" " [At this point it seems David is in trouble. It would seem that Yahweh is about rebuke David for conjuring up this scheme to build Him a new Temple. Where ever did he get such an idea when God **NEVER told anyone to do such a thing?**] Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. [Nathan then tells David that the Lord is reminding you of all He has done for you: I made you king, I defeated your enemies, I made your name great; I gave you a permanent home; and I gave your rest! And now,

because you conjured up this idea, I will...] Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' " [Yes, you read my heart David! So, I will make YOU a house and establish YOUR kingdom **forever.**] According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: [Nathan tells David the good news and this is David's **response...**] "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great

while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them. [Thank you, thank you, thank you. But, it is all you God. I would not have know any of this except you made me to know.] Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. "Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said. So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the house of Your servant

David be established before You. For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You. [I could have only ever prayed to build you a House Yahweh because you put it in my heart!] "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."" II Samuel 7:1-29 NKJV

- (2) What did David see beyond the phyical Temple he would build? David saw the True Tabernacle (House of God)
 - (a) **REMINDER:** "Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He

would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises." Hebrews 8:1-6 NKJV

D. Solomon knew that his father's vision was bigger than a building!

- (1) Who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?
 - (a) "Then Solomon sent to Hiram king of Tyre, saying: As you have dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build himself a house to dwell in, so deal with me. Behold, I am building a temple for the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to Him, to burn before Him sweet incense, for the continual showbread, for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, on the New Moons, and on the set feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. And the temple which I build will be great, for our God is

greater than all gods. **But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?** Who am I then, that I should build Him a
temple, except to burn sacrifice before Him?" II
Chronicles 2:3-6 NKJV

- (2) **If-Then:** If you walk before Me as your father David—then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David.
 - (a) "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel." II Chronicles 7:14-18 **NKJV**

- 1. As promised to David in II Samuel 7
- (3) I've built it—I've done my part—now keep your promise, but we know it cannot contain you!
 - (a) "You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!" I Kings 8:24-27 NKJV

E. Among or In?

- (1) Moses says—Yahweh will dwell **AMONG** and walk **AMONG** them!
 - (a) "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may <u>dwell</u>

 <u>AMONG</u> them." Exodus 25:8 NKJV
 - (b) "I will **dwell AMONG** the children of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD

- their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God." Exodus 29:45-46 NKJV
- (c) "I will walk AMONG you and be your God, and you shall be My people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright." Leviticus 26:12-13 NKJV
- (2) Paul says—Yahweh will dwell **IN** and walk **AMONG** them!
 - (a) "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell IN them And walk AMONG them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."" II Corinthians 6:16 NKJV

F. Why IN and not AMONG?

- (1) Because you are God's Building, the Temple of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit!
 - (a) Whose house we are: "but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end." Hebrews 3:6 NKJV

- (b) **God's building:** "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, **you are God's building**." I Corinthians 3:9 NKJV
- (c) The temple of God: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" I Corinthians 3:16 NKJV
- (d) The temple of the Holy Spirit: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV
- (2) The Church Body is the Temple—architectural terms—edifice...
 - (a) Edifying the edifice: "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the

trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

G. From Passover to the Mountain to the Kingdom

- (1) At the Table—Look down the last supper table through the the eyes of Y'shua!
 - (a) "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [After Hebrews 11, the Faith Chapter], let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV
 - 1. The joy set before Him were the disciples who sat before Him at the Last Supper table.

- 2. And of course, as He taught from that table, He included all others who would believe because of them. "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word." John 17:20 NKJV
- (2) Passover Reveals Legitimate Sons
 - (a) "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons." Hebrews 12:3-8 NKJV
 - 1. Keep in mind that Passover literally is the Feast that separates God's true sons from sons who are not His, firstborns from firstborns!

- 2. So we see Christ at the last supper table in verses 1-2 and how He must choose the cross as the Passover sacrifice. And then we see the Passover itself in verses 3-8. This all comes after the chapter on faith in Hebrews 11, (it takes faith to apply the blood and exit Egypt), which came after the patterns on the mountain pointing toward our prophetic destiny (perfection) in Hebrews 8-10.
- (3) The Preparation for the Mountaintop—peaceable fruit of righteousness
 - (a) "Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:9-11 NKJV
 - 1. As we exit Egypt into freedom, there is still some testing ahead, but it is all for our benefit. If we endure

- the training, the payoff will the peaceable fruit of righteousness.
- (4) Be careful with your birthright (Sonship)
 - (a) "Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears." Hebrews 12:12-17 NKIV
 - 1. On your journey pursue peace will all men and be holy. Falling short will manifest as bitterness, but really it amounts to a lack of faith and a disdain for your birthright.
- (5) Two Mountains—Be sure you also do all things according to the patters shown on the mountain!

- (a) "For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling." [Deut. 9:19]) **But** you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the **living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,** to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of **Abel.**" Hebrews 12:18-24 NKJV
 - 1. Your first major stop after you enter the wilderness is Mount Sinai, but really this is just the physical pattern pointing to the real thing!
 - 2. You are the church of the Firstborn! Can you see the true Passover in these shadows and copies?

- 3. Ables blood cried out from the earth, but that too was a shadow. The true blood that cries out from the earth is Y'shua's!
- (6) We are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken
 - (a) "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, *"Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:25-29 NKIV
 - 1. *"'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will

- shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple [the second house] shall be greater than the former [the first house],' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."" Haggai 2:5-9 NKJV
- 2. ""But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."" Luke 22:28-30 NKJV
 - a) When He shakes the Heaven and Earth the glory of the latter temple (the second house, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church) will be greater that the shadow (the first house, the Tabernacle, the Temple!)
 - b) Back at the table, Y'shua bestowed on us a kingdom, one that CANNOT BE SHAKEN!

Summary: WHOSE HOUSE WE ARE

- 1. Moses built the Tabernacle, David conceived and Solomon built the Temple, and we are the Temple.
- 2. David was able to perceive the idea to build a Temple, without being told to do so, because he was a man after God's heart.
- 3. God blessed him forever because of it.
- 4. Moses, David, Solomon and Paul, all knew that no physical Temple could contain God, and Paul in many ways understood and taught that we, His people, have become the Temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. We see that we are the joy sitting before Y'shua at the last supper table. We are the ones preparing for an exodus, and we are the ones who will come to the heavenly mountain.
- 6. The next stop after that on the prophetic journey for God's people is the Kingdom.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Moses was given detailed instructions to build the Tabernacle, the Ark and the Altar. Four times God reminded him to, "Make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

A. Why was it essential that he follow the instructions down to the smallest detail?

2. Why does the writer of Hebrews say the following:

- A. The Holy Place made by hands is a copy of the true?
- B. Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come?
- C. The law has a shadow of the good things to come?

3. Explain the relationship between Hebrews 10:7 and Y'shua's words in John 5:46-47:

- A. Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God. Hebrews 10:7
- B. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words? John 5:46-47

4. Explain the following verses in Hebrews:

- A. "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them (which are offered according to the law)." Hebrews 10:8
- B. "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God. He takes away the first that He may establish the second." Hebrews 10:9

5. Now explain Hebrews 10:7-9 in relationship to the following:

A. "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is

- written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."" Psalms 40:6-8
- B. How do these Hebrews and Psalms passages relate to Samuel's rebuke of King Saul in I Samuel 15:22-23 for his direct violation of God's instructions, while claiming he did so to honor the Lord with an offering?
- 6. David had the prophetic discernment to build God's a House (Temple) in II Samuel 7. Relate that prophetic moment to the following:
 - A. Hebrews 3:1-6 (...Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are.)
 - B. Exodus 25:8 (Moses says—Yahweh will **dwell AMONG** and **walk AMONG** them!)
 - C. Exodus 29:45-46 (Yahweh will **dwell AMONG** the children of Israel.)
 - D. Leviticus 26:12-13 (Yahweh will **walk AMONG** you and be your God.)
 - E. II Chronicles 2:3-6 (But who is able to build Him a temple, since heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him?)
 - F. II Corinthians 6:16 (Yahweh will **dwell IN** them and **walk AMONG** them.)

- 7. Hebrews 12:25-29 refers to Haggai 2:5-9 when it says "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."
 - A. What do you think that means for us today in the year 2021?