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End of Days Thoughts: The Tent

Many are looking for another temple to be made for the end times. This is mostly mostly because of what Paul said to the Thessalonians. He said...

2 Thessalonians 2:4

He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple (ναόν)(naon), proclaiming himself to be God.

However, it is often over looked that the word for temple here is not that which is used in other places in referring to one that is made of stone.

Such as...

Matthew 21:12

Jesus (Yeshua) entered the temple (ιερόν)(hieron) area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

Matthew 24:1

Jesus (Yeshua) left the temple (ιερόν)(hieron) and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.

The word used by Paul to the Thessalonians is one that refers more to a temporary sanctuary.

It’s the same word used in Revelation in referring to the Temple in heaven.

Revelation 15:5

After this I looked and in heaven the temple (ναός)(naos), that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was opened.

It is even referred to as a tabernacle. Why is this of any significance? Because the Tent of Meeting that Moses instructed the Israelites to make was modeled after the temple in Heaven according to the author of Hebrews...

Hebrews 8:5

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”

So what does that tell us? It implies that the temple in Heaven is actually a Tent of Meeting just like the one that Moses had made. Remember, it was the pattern for Moses.

So we see that the word Paul used regarding where the Antichrist sets himself up is one that implies the Tabernacle and not a temple made of stone.

Plus, note that the word Paul uses is the same word that is used for us being the spiritual temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16, 17

Do you not know that you are a temple (ναός)(naos) of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple (ναόν)(naon) of God, God will destroy him, for the temple (ναός)(naos) of God is holy, and that is what you are.

This is because we are mobile. Just as the Tent of Meeting was. Again, this word does not imply a stone made temple but rather a tabernacle that is mobile.

This all being said, we can now see the plausibility of Paul’s words showing that the Antichrist will actually set himself up in Yahweh’s Tent of Meeting and not in a temple made of stone.

Some hold to that the temple the Antichrist sets himself up in is the hearts of Yahweh’s people because of the verse that says we are the temple now.

Yet how could the Antichrist set himself up in our hearts? If we allowed him to do such a thing, would we still be considered the Temple of the Yahweh? How could it make any sense for believers to allow the Antichrist to set himself up in our hearts? If that is allowed, would we still be followers of Yahweh at that time? It just doesn’t seem to add up.

We believe it is better understood that Paul is telling us that the Antichrist will set himself up in Yahweh’s Tent of Meeting than to believe he will set himself up in our hearts. And we see it very possible that the Tent of Meeting will be used instead of a temple made of stone.

Just some thoughts to consider.

Shalom

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