



THE TEMPLE IS THE FOCUS

- Returning “Jews” called themselves Judeans
- They returned home most interested in reclaiming land, orchards, vineyards
- The Samaritans had significantly repopulated the land and opposed the intentions of the returnees
- Persians selected the Judean Sheshbazzar as the governor of Yehud

AN ALTAR, BUT NO TEMPLE

- Sacrificing was happening, but God did not accept them
- Temple important because it was where God would make His earthly abode
- The Temple is at the heart of the Mosaic Covenant
- It is the gentile Constantinian Church that has determined the Temple has no value
- Ezekiel goes into great detail on the Millennial Temple, where Yeshua will reside



HAGGAI

CHAPTER 2



- 3 more oracles from God
- 7th and 9th months of 2nd year of Darius's reign
- First of the three oracles came on the 21st day of the 7th month
- The final day of Sukkot!
- Ezra 3:10 – 13
- The older Judeans wept because only the foundation for the new Temple was done, and it obviously was smaller than Solomon's Temple

it's all RELATIVE

- Humans measure success or failure, even good vs. evil, on what we have personally experienced
- We establish baselines, and they begin with our childhood
- The Constantinian Church is a victim of relativity
- The oldest Judeans wept because they saw Solomon's Temple in its glory
- The youngest Judeans were happy just to have a Temple

The Covenant

it cuts deep



- Glory = *kaved* = in this case, it is an adjective that describes the relative splendor of the Temple
- “The people of the land” is a general term that means all the people, but primarily the returning Judeans
- Vs. 5, God tells the Judeans to return to the Covenant of Moses
- God also binds Himself to a covenant



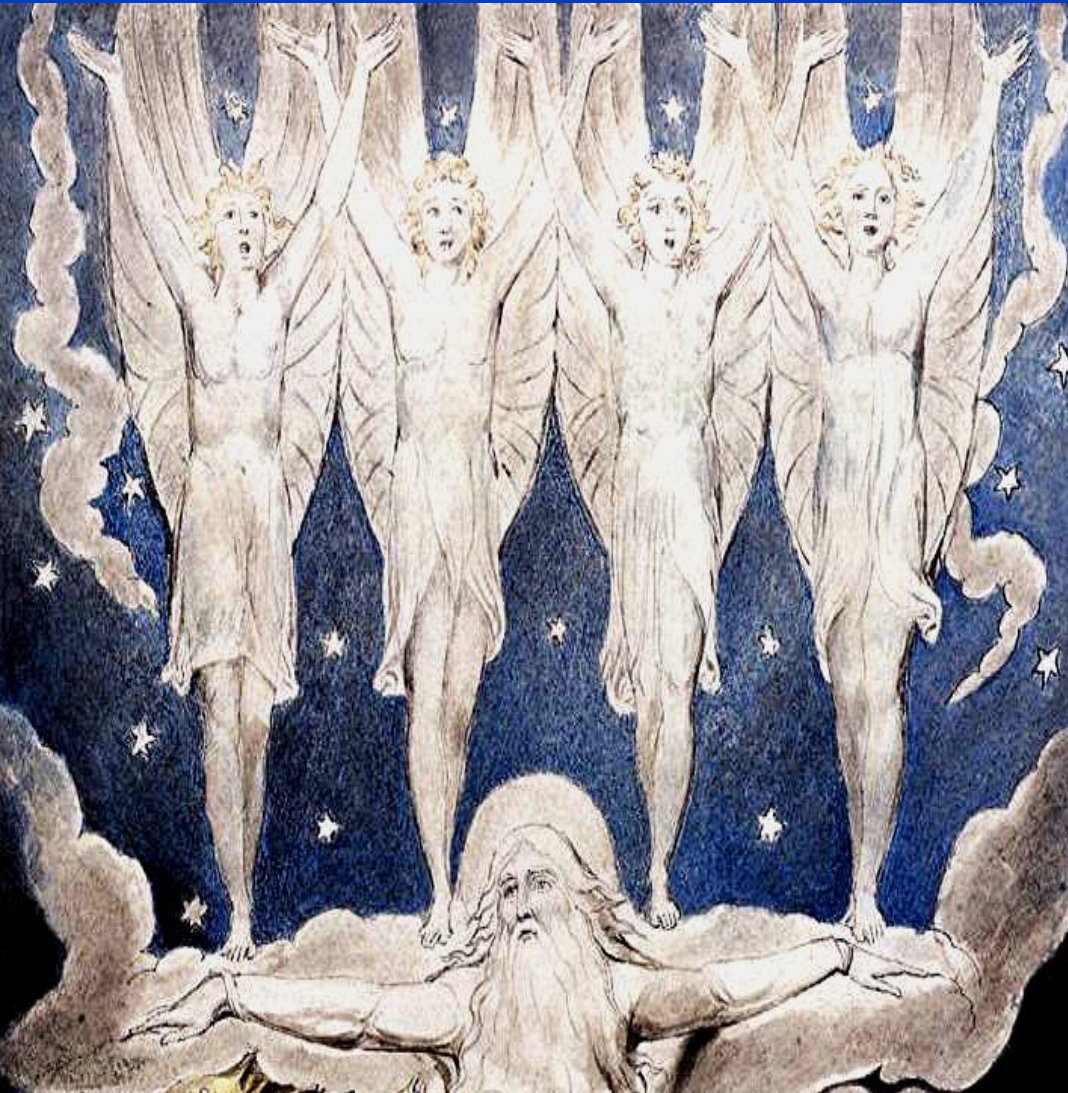
- There seems to be a missing verb between verses 4 and 5... That verb is probably “Do”
- ***“Do according to the Word that I covenanted with you...”***
- The Samaritans had created their own version of Torah, and insisted that this is what should be obeyed
- Much Tradition had been created up in Babylon

RETURN TO THE WAY



- Separating ourselves from the ways of the Constantinian Church, returning to THE WAY that Yeshua taught
- Matthew 5:17 – 20
- Yeshua essentially teaches: DO the Word that I covenanted with you
- In every age there are those who broke with manmade traditions because they realized they had been led astray
- Matthew 15:1 - 3

THE TEMPLE AND GOD'S SPIRIT



- *Ruach* = breath, wind
- When God's spirit is with someone, divine protection is given
- Vs. 5 is a command, encouragement, promise, antidote
- Yehoveh of Hosts depicts royal court terms, thus the image is of the Divine Council
- Humans have no way to process the idea of the absence of Time

When God Shakes the Earth and the Heavens

nothing escapes its effects

- Haggai 2:6 “...yet once more, in a little while...”
- Was there a previous shaking? Habakkuk 3:1 – 7
- God’s appearance on earth in His fullest presence, causes the earth to buckle and the cosmos to react
- God’s presence is so terrible that no one can stand before it Hebrews 12:18 – 29

THE FIRST SHAKING

- Hebrews 12:26
“...His voice shook the earth.. and one more time will shake not only the earth, but the heavens, too”
- The End Times shaking is found in the Prophets and in Revelation
- Haggai thought the 2nd shaking was imminent, but it was not
- We don't know when it will happen, but it must be after Israel has returned as a nation

