

## 2. Worship & the Tabernacle of David

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Sub-title: Gentiles seeking the Lord

Recently we launched a series of messages about worship. We are studying God's Word about worship in connection with the Tabernacle of David.

- Worshipping God is the highest expression of our faith
- Worshipping God is/will be a major feature of the end-time church
- We sense a renewed drawing of God's Spirit into the place & practice of worship
- The Tabernacle of David foreshadowed the worshipping church

**James 4:8 (NKJV) *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you ...***

- As we draw near to God in worship, He draws near to us
- The level & intensity of God's presence in our lives is determined by the level & depth of our worship

Main points of our 1<sup>st</sup> message:

1. Old Testament Worship versus New Testament Worship
2. A new and living way of Worship
3. God is rebuilding the Tabernacle of David

**Amos 9:11–12 (NKJV) *On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and **repair its damages**; I will **raise up its ruins**, and **rebuild it as in the days of old**; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," says the Lord who does this thing.***

- The Tabernacle of David was primarily about:
  - God's Presence (Ark of the Covenant)
  - Unrestricted Worship
- Acts chapter 10 onwards became a partial fulfilment of Amos' prophecy concerning the rebuilding of David's Tabernacle
- Since the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross, Gentiles (non-Jews) can be saved and come into the Presence of God

- Today we will discuss the Tabernacle of David in further detail
- Since God is rebuilding it, we should know how it relates to us today!

## 1. Three main Records of the Tabernacle of David in the Bible

- a. When David built it and brought the Ark of the Covenant into it  
1 Chronicles chapters 15 & 16
- b. When Amos prophesied saying that God would rebuild it  
Amos 9:11–12
- c. When Pastor James of the Jerusalem church quoted Amos' prophecy in connection with Gentiles getting saved  
Acts 15:13-17

## 2. The First Council of the Church at Jerusalem

- From Acts 10 onwards, Gentiles (non-Jews) started to come to Christ
- Simon Peter, in response to a vision from God, went to the home of a Roman soldier (Cornelius) & preached the gospel to him & his household
- In Acts 11, Simon Peter had to justify himself before the other apostles & leaders in Jerusalem, since he has gone to the house of an “uncircumcised” Gentile
- Thereafter, the gospel began to be preached freely to Gentiles (Hellenists)
- Some Judaizers demanded that the new Gentile converts be circumcised
- So the church in Antioch sent a delegation to the church in Jerusalem to discuss the matter with the apostles and elders

**Acts 15:13–17 (NET)** *After they stopped speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. 14 **Simeon has explained how God first concerned himself to select from among the Gentiles a people for his name.** 15 **The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written,** 16 **‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David; I will rebuild its ruins and restore it, 17 so that the rest of humanity may seek the Lord, namely, all the Gentiles I have called to be my own,’ says the Lord, who makes these things.***

- James summarised their discussions about Gentile conversions, and quoted Amos' prophecy about God rebuilding the Tabernacle of David
- Vs. 17 *So that the rest of humanity may seek the Lord, namely, all the Gentiles I have called to be my own,’ says the Lord*
- Clearly, the “rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David” has to do with Gentiles seeking the Lord & coming to Christ

- The early church (up to Acts chpt. 10) were (exclusively) Jewish believers
- Thereafter, Gentiles started to get saved en masse

### 3. The Gentile Church

**Galatians 3:6–9 (NLT)** *In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” 7 The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. 8 What’s more, **the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would make the Gentiles right in his sight because of their faith.** God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.” 9 So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.*

- The church today is largely made up of Gentile believers
- But the day is coming soon when all Israel will be saved

**Romans 11:25–27 (NET)** *For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: A partial hardening has happened to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 **And so all Israel will be saved,** as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion; he will remove ungodliness from Jacob. 27 And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”*

- We are in the Times of (the Fulness of) the Gentiles
- A partial hardening (blindness) has happened to Israel, which will end when the full number of Gentiles have been saved
- Then, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ, all Israel will be saved

### 4. In Christ, God creates “One New Man” from both Jews and Gentiles

**Ephesians 2:11–22 (NLT)** *Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. **You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews,** who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 **In those days you were living apart from Christ.** You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. **You lived in this world without God and without hope.** 13 **But now you have been united with Christ Jesus.** Once you were far away from God, but **now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.** 14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. **He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross,** he broke down the wall of hostility that*

separated us. **15** He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. **He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.** **16** Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. **17** He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near. **18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.** **19** So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. **20** Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **21 We are carefully joined together in him,** becoming a holy temple for the Lord. **22** Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

### **5. In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Gentile**

**Galatians 3:26–29 (NLT)** For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. **28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.** **29** And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

### **6. Amos' prophecy of the restoration of David's Tabernacle complete fulfilment**

**Revelation 5:8–10 (NKJV)** Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down **before the Lamb**, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for **You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,** **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

- We have been called "out of" **every** tribe, language, people and nation to worship Jesus Christ