

## The Watchman Returns

Welcome to The Watchman Speaks, or Welcome back to the Watchman speaks I guess I should say. It's been a little while. Six and a half weeks to be exact. Why has the Watchman been silent when there has been so much going on? We have been through the month of Elul into the month of Tishrei and Rosh Hoshana, The Feast of Trumpets, Yom Kippur, The Feast of Tabernacles and Shimini Atzeret. Why have I not been commenting on these events?

As I had mentioned in earlier posts, what I had planned and scheduled for The Watchman Speaks was not in alignment with what God had planned. Believe me, I have lots of material to be presented concerning the events of the last three weeks. However, every time I sat down to record those presentations I would hit a wall, in a spiritual sense, and I would have to back away.

I have presentations about the month of Tishrei, Rosh Hoshana and The Feast of Trumpets. About how we should remember not only God calling to the nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai with a voice of the trumpet but remember God's promise of ushering in His Kingdom with a trumpet. I have presentations about Yom Kippur (the day of atonement), The Feast of Tabernacles, and Shimini Atzeret. I had PLENTY to say, but what I had to say was put on hold. It was not time to be released. Maybe, next year.

But I do want to draw your attention to where we are right now. You see, I don't believe that the time of rejoicing and celebrating is over just quite yet. No, I believe the celebration should be continuing, and joyfully so.

Let's take a short trip to 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 17

Here, we read that David has a desire to build a house for the ark of the covenant, for God, to dwell in. The ark was in a tent if I recall. However, God sent word by Nathan, that David was not to build any such house. Since before God brought Israel out of Egypt, God had gone from tent to tent and from dwelling place to dwelling place, never once asking even His Judges to build Him a house of Cedar. That would be found in verses 4 through 6.

Moreover, God said that HE would build a HOUSE for DAVID! God would raise a son of David and establish his kingdom and his son would build a house. I suspect you'll find that in verses 10-15. You can go ahead and read the rest of the chapter. I don't suppose that it'd hurt any of you. Now, the immediate context puts Solomon on the spot to build the House for God. But God said, that He would establish David's son's kingdom forever. Now, forever is a long time and Solomon's kingdom fell. However, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, is from the House of David as well. His Kingdom will be established for....uh....how long?

Let's go to 2 Chronicles 6

Solomon HAS built the house in question. Solomon recounts that David wanted to build a House for the Name of God but God chose David's son Solomon to build such a place. Now, I want you to read the Prayer of Solomon from verse 12 through 42. I'd like to point out a few verses that spoke to me, LOUDLY. Pay attention to verses 15-16. A promise is kept, in more ways than one.

Pay attention to “you will not fail to have a man sit before ME on the throne – IF only your sons pay attention to their way, to walk in MY law as you have walked before me.” Solomon eventually fell down on that part and it cost him.

Notice verses 26 – 30 and the lists of repercussions associated with the people’s sin.

But pay very close attention to verses 32 and 33. When the foreigner comes...and prays...YOU hear...and do what the foreigner asks....THEN ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH will acknowledge YOU and revere YOU as the people of Israel do. Now THAT is a mouthful! Forget about Israel. Forget about the Jews...just for a moment. Solomon is talking about ME! Okay, now start thinking about Israel and the Jews again. Michael, you’re so far ahead of me right now, I know you’re laughing your butt off. But read the entirety of Solomon’s prayer in Chapter 6. It’s beautiful!

Now, what does any of that have to do with the price of tea in Mozambique or why I think we should still be celebrating? Remember, at the beginning I said I believe that we should still be celebrating? Here’s why.

Chapter 7, read verses 1-9. I know, it takes five minutes but go ahead and read it anyway. It won’t hurt you. It didn’t hurt me and I’m an old man. I probably have less time than most of you. Read verses 1-8 but pay close attention to what’s happening. Fire came down and the Glory of GOD filled the place. Verse 9 tells when the altar was dedicated. It was during the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of Tabernacles. Verse 9 says on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, that’d be Shimini Atzeret, they held a solemn assembly. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the seventh Month (That’s Tishrei, the current month) He (Solomon) sent the people away to their tents joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that God had done for David, Solomon, and Israel His People. The Feasts were over! Yet they were still hanging out, feasting, celebrating, and rejoicing! Why?

True, they were excited about the altar being completed and dedicated. They were excited about the Feasts. But they were excited that the Glory of God had come and filled the place in their midst. It’s kinda like “In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God. “The word became flesh and tabernacled among us.”” That would be Yeshua, Jesus that little piece of Scripture is talking about. Interestingly, the use of the word “tabernacled” there. It means He “tented out” with us. It was like the tabernacle of Moses where the Glory of God was witnessed. The Glory of God was witnessed at the Temple Solomon built. The Glory of God was witnessed in Yeshua, Jesus Christ. And the Glory of God will be seen when Yeshua returns. Why are we not seeing the Glory of God? Hold that thought for a moment.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:12 “...I have heard your prayer and I have chosen this place for Myself as a House of Sacrifice.” A house of Sacrifice? God said that He had chosen that place as a house of Sacrifice. You ever heard that Jesus said “My house shall be a House of Prayer”? Well, Jesus did say that in Matthew 21:13 and Luke 19:46 but He was quoting Isaiah 56:7. Could it be that our current sacrifice should be exhibited or manifested through our prayer life?

It could have some play in the game that during the course of Chronicles and Kings that David and Solomon were told, numerous times and simply paraphrased, “If you walk in my statutes and ordinances, doing all I command you will prosper.”

One more thing I’d like to point out, just in case you think I’ve lost my mind, is one little teeny little thing in Solomon’s prayer in 2 Chronicles 6:28-31.

<sup>28</sup>“When there is famine in the land, when there is pestilence, blight, mildew, locust or grasshopper, when their enemies besiege them in the land by their gates, whatever plague or sickness may come, <sup>29</sup>and any prayer or plea is offered by any individual or by all Your people Israel—each acknowledging his own afflictions and pain, even spreading his hands toward this House— <sup>30</sup>then may You hear from heaven, Your dwelling place and forgive. May You give to every man according to all his ways, as You know his heart—for You alone know the hearts of the children of men— <sup>31</sup>so that they will fear You and walk in Your ways all the days that they live in the land that You gave to our fathers. <sup>1</sup>

Now, let’s stop and talk for a few moments because all this has meaning in the New Testament as well. Now, as I’ve mentioned, the people were hanging out from the 15<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Tishrei in a state of continued celebration. Why? Because, as I mentioned earlier, the Glory of God came down and filled the temple!

Considering the state of our nation, the political unrest here and abroad, and the world wide pandemic we all face, I’d say that each of us individually and as a whole should remember the prayers of David and Solomon. We should walk in the statutes and ordinances of God. We should follow the ancient path of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:14 (1) when MY people (2)who are called by MY Name (3) Humble themselves (4) and pray (5) and seek My face (6) and turn from their wicked ways THEN I will (1)hear (2) forgive (3) heal the land.

I want to give you the New Testament tie in for all this. Remember, “In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God.” Then, “The Word became flesh and tabernacled (tented) with us.” That be Yeshua, Jesus Christ. But let us consider 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:16. “Do you not know that you are a temple of GOD and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?” Friends, we ARE the temple! Why do we not see the Glory of God descending upon His Temple? Because we are not following His Instructions, in His time, according to His Word and His voice.

Maybe, just maybe, then we too could see the Glory of God and rejoice in these days just as the people of Israel did when Solomon was king. At least, during the first part of his reign. Even the

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<sup>1</sup> Messianic Jewish Family Bible Society. (2015). [\*Holy Scriptures: Tree of Life Version\*](#) (2 Ch 6:28–31). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

great Solomon fell. He stopped walking in the statutes and ordinances of God and God destroyed the temple just as He promised He would.

I am The Old Watchman. Rejoice! Celebrate! Sacrifice (Crucify) your flesh in prayer. Rejoice! Watch for the Glory of God to fall. Now you know, You have been warned.