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CTHIM Newsletter

Introducing Our Leaders

Dave and Linda Renick are very faithful and committed servants in this ministry. After having been ordained last year, we felt that God wanted them to assist us in the pastoral ministry. Dave truly has a pastors heart and loves people. Linda is very gifted in hospitality, and she will be heading up that ministry.



The Significance of the Red Heifer

By: Esther Upham Aluoch

In August of 2018, a red heifer was born in Israel. According to the Temple Institute, the rabbis approved this animal a week after it's birth, nevertheless, they will continue to examine the animal to determine if it develops any blemishes over the next 2 years. As long as it remains without blemishes, this animal can be used in the ritual cleansing sacrifice outlined in Numbers 19. "This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke" (Numbers 19:2).

The significance of the red heifer being born is that ashes are needed from a red heifer in order for the priests and nation of Israel to be cleansed before God. Once this cleansing has, the Jewish nation will be ready to begin construction on their temple so that they can begin sacrifices again. Jews believe that the temple is not only a place for them to worship, but that it is a "house of prayer for all nations" according to the scriptures (Is. 56:7). They also understand the importance of a third temple being rebuilt in



Mary Davis is a passionate intercessor who has proven to be very faithful and gifted. She will be heading up the Ministry of Intercession, and partnering with Esther in Women's Ministry.



Mary Belz is passionate and energetic, and loves people. She has also exhibited a lot of faithfulness. With her gifting and desires, she will be heading up the Evangelistic Team and working together with Dave Renick for ideas on evangelism.

order for Messiah to come. Their sages have said that when Messiah returns, he will stand on the roof of the Holy Temple and cry out, "Humble ones, the time of your redemption has arrived!" (*Holy Temple Myth Busters Part V*)

For Christians, we also know that there will be a 3rd temple on the earth when Messiah Jesus (Yeshua) returns. The words of Jesus indicate this in Matthew 24:15 "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place...", which is referring to the Temple. Then, if you look back at Daniel 11:31, he writes: "...they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate." Therefore, there must be a 3rd temple before Jesus returns in order for there to be a place where the abomination of desolation occurs.

However, for Christians, we do not need the ritual cleansing, and neither do we need the daily sacrifices. We know that Jesus (Yeshua) already paid the price for our sins and cleansed us with His blood. In Hebrews 10:5, it says that "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for me." And then later starting at verse 10: 10 "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified." How awesome, and amazing that God chose to cleanse us by sending His very own, perfect and spotless lamb.



During this time of Passover, we watch and pray with excited anticipation of our Lord's return seeing the signs of the times with the appearance of a red heifer. However, we always keep in mind the sacrifice of our dear Lord Jesus as our Passover lamb, and with gratefulness we humbly bow at His feet, even as they do in heaven 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" (Rev. 5:9-10).

Steps to Glory by Theodore Aluoch

To become a mature Christian, we need to grow from “faith to faith”, and from “glory to glory”. This happens when we obey the Lord daily and take up our cross which increases our faith, and brings us more into God’s glory. Some keys to understanding the believer’s “steps to glory” can be found in understanding the temple and most specifically, the altar, a place of death.

Heb. 9:11 *“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation. And then in verses 23-24 “Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”*

It is evident, from these passages, that the throne room in heaven is essentially a heavenly temple. It resembles the earthly temple because the earthly temple is a mere copy of the things in this heavenly temple. In fact, the things in the earthly temple are temporal symbols of the permanent realities of the heavenly temple. The above passages in Hebrews 9 refer to this heavenly temple in the context of Christ’s sacrifice for sins, which he accomplished years ago on the cross.



The altar of the heavenly temple is found in Rev. 6:9-11, *“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.”*

This mention of an “altar” in verse 9 is the first reference to a temple-related object. It mentions the altar as if there is only one, yet we know that the earthly temple had two altars: 1-The

altar of burnt offering (outside the temple in the court of the priests), where sacrifices were slain. 2-The golden altar of incense (inside the temple, but in front of the curtain, just outside the Holy of Holies) which was used daily. John said the altar because the context identifies which altar it must be. The altar mentioned in Rev. 6:9 is associated with people who were slain for their testimony to God which uniquely identifies that altar as the altar of sacrifice. This outer altar of the temple was where sacrifices



were slain and offered up to the Lord, and in the context of the fifth seal, this altar is connected with people who have been martyred for the sake of the word of God. In other words, their lives were sacrifices offered up to the Lord on this symbolic altar. Also, their souls are depicted as being under the altar, which makes sense when you consider that this is where the blood of the sacrifice would flow (Lev. 4:7), and that the life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11).

It is important to note that the fifth seal goes on in verse 11 to say that more saints must be killed during the “little while” of the end times. In terms of the symbolism being used here, this means that there will be a final period in which more saints must be sacrificed on the same altar for their testimony to God’s word. This final period can only be the future tribulation. The fifth seal indicates (in verse 10) that after this future period of martyrdom is over, God will avenge the blood of the martyrs on those who dwell on the earth.

While pondering these verses in Revelation which speak of martyrdom, we are reminded that Paul encouraged us as believers to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. Rom. 12:1 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship.* In preparation for the Lord’s return, not knowing the day or the hour, may we daily offer our lives to God as living sacrifices knowing that we may someday be required to give our life literally and physically for the sake of the gospel. These are our “steps to glory” as we die daily to our flesh, picking up our cross, and making ourselves ready to be the bride of Christ.