

A GLORIOUS CHURCH

INTRODUCTION: Jesus Christ is preparing a glorious Church through all the earth before His 2nd Coming, Eph.5:27. The Old Testament gives us a prophetic picture of this glorious Church, in the Temple of Solomon. This prophetic picture also shows us that God has a special purpose for Asia in the Last Days.

1. The Temple of Solomon is a type of the Church of Jesus Christ, 1 Cor.3:16, 1 Pet.2:5.
2. It was made to be a glorious temple, famous throughout the earth, 1 Chron.22:5. -The Lord is raising up His people to be a glorious testimony to the world before His second coming, Eph.5:27, Rev.19:7-16.
3. King David prepared for the building of the Temple, 1 Chron.22:14-16. \$35 billion of gold!
-King Jesus (the son of David) paid a greater price to prepare for the building of His temple, 1 Pet.1:18-19.
4. The stones for the temple were also prepared before it was built together, 1 Kings 6:7.
We are the living stones being prepared for the Temple of the Holy Spirit, 1 Pet.2:5.
-The Lord is preparing us & shaping us- Before we are all brought together to be joined, Prov.27:17.
5. The temple was covered with gold, 1 Kngs.6:22. Gold is a symbol of the divine nature (gold is the most beautiful & famous metal, doesn't rust or decay, & lasts forever. The Church will be covered with the nature of Christ!
- The stones in the temple were all covered with gold, to be united and glorious.
- We will all be covered with the beauty of the Lord. We will all be equal, and only Jesus will be seen!
6. In the court of the temple was a huge bronze bowl filled with water that was used by the priests, 1 Kngs.7:23-26.
-WATER is a type or picture of the Word of God, Eph.5:25-26.
-it stood on 12 OXEN. An OX = minister, 1 Cor.9:9-10. They are to carry the word of God as cleansing to all the nations, Mt.28:18-20, Mt.24:14.
-12 = the number of government. There are 12 apostles, 12 tribes, 12 hours, 12 months, 12 musical notes. All the church leadership should join together to send the Word of God throughout the nations.
-2,000 BATHS of water filled the bowl. How will the Word of God fill the nations? For 2,000 years! 2,000 is prophetic of the *approximate* length of the Church Age, Joshua 3:3-4 & 14-16.
-The Oxen faced North, West, South, & East. Where has the Word of God been carried?
1st North of Jerusalem, to Europe, for the first 1,000 years of church history.
2nd West of Jerusalem, to the Americas, from 1500 - 1800 A.D.
3rd South of Jerusalem, to Africa, the great missions thrust of the 1800's.
4 LASTLY, EAST to the Orient. The water of cleansing is coming to Asia! The last & greatest revival will move through Asia, Lk.13:30, Eccles.7:8, Jn.2:10.
-THE PHILIPPINES is called of God to be part of this great revival:
a) The nation is "beloved for the sake of the fathers," Rom.11:28-29.
b) "As his name is, so is he," 1 Sam.25:25. Names are prophetic: the Philip-pines!
7. When the Temple was all complete, on the day of dedication, God filled it with His glory, 1 Kngs.7:51, 8:10-11. The Lord is waiting until His Church is ready to be completed & shown to the world. Then He will fill us with His Glory! Ezek.43:2, Isaiah 60:1-3, Eph.5:27.

CONCLUSION: The Lord is preparing a Church that He will raise up in revival power and glory before His Second Coming. We must let Him prepare us, that we will be chosen as part of this glorious Church. We must also fill Asia with the Word of God, so that the glorious Church will become prepared in all the earth!