

God's Dwelling Place

May the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the **fellowship** of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14



Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:2

the first reference to the Spirit

The Spirit of God has made me;
the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Job 33:4

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8



Lost
fellowship !

Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:3



So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14

the promise to
Moses and the Israelites

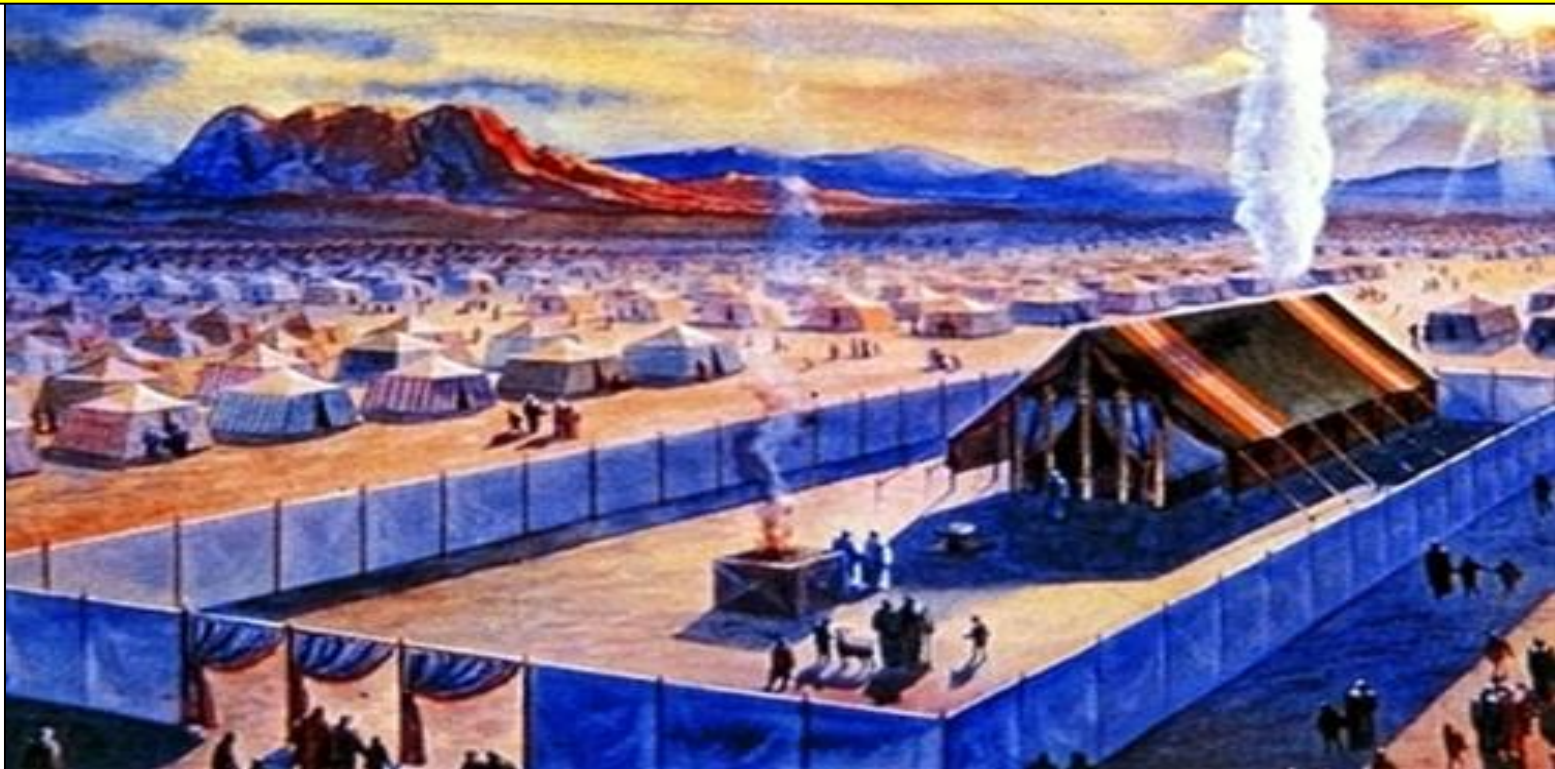


"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.

Exodus 23:20-21

In the tent of meeting, outside the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law, Aaron and his sons are to keep the lamps burning before the LORD from evening till morning. This is to be a lasting ordinance among the Israelites for the generations to come.

Exodus 27:21



Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:34

The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there.

Joshua 18:1



The first
Resting-Place

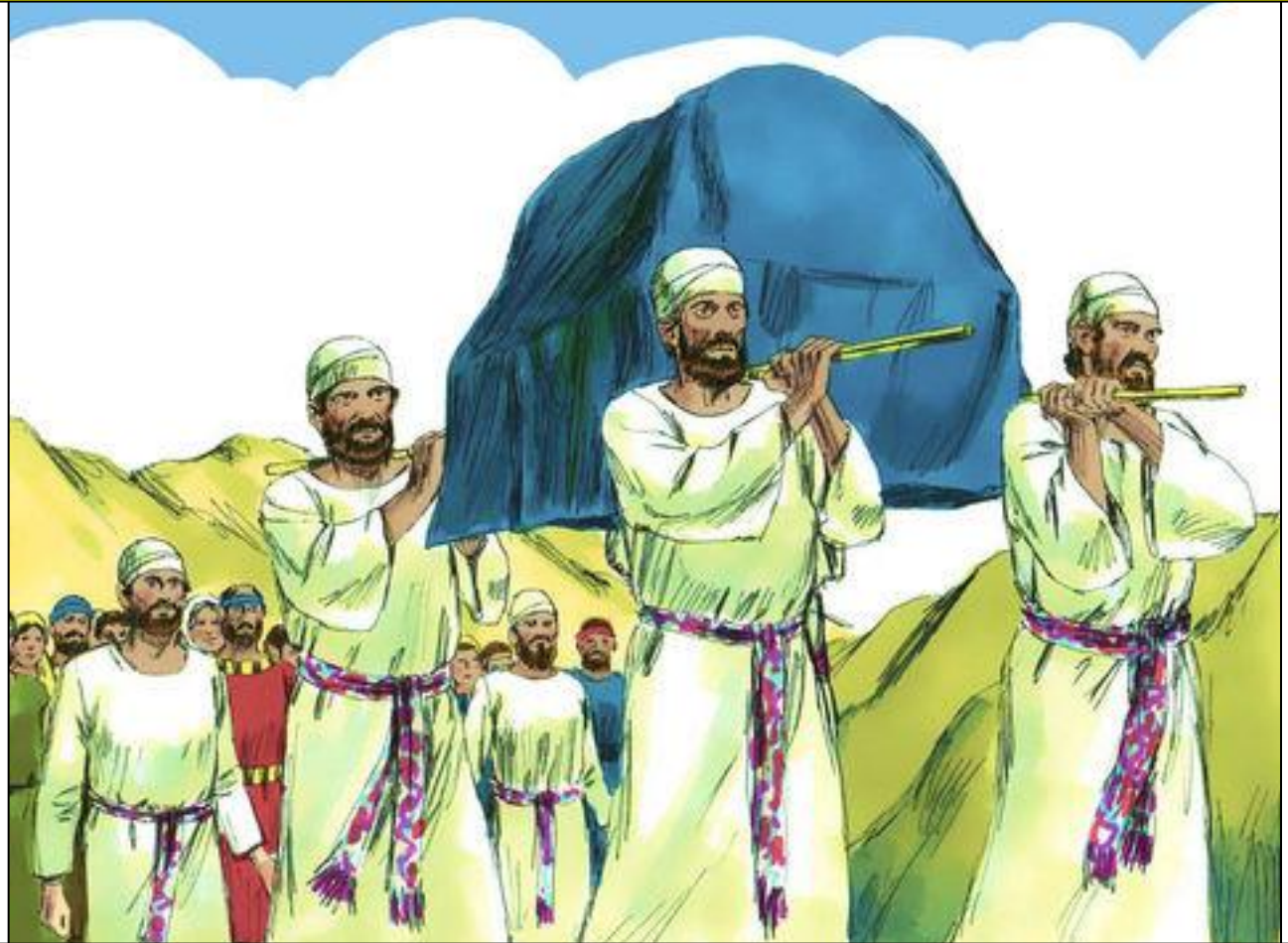
Shiloh is situated about
30 miles north of Jerusalem



and they brought up the ark of the LORD and the tent of meeting and all the sacred furnishings in it. The priests and Levites carried them up,

1Kings 8:4

This time
they did it
God's way



For the LORD has chosen Zion,
he has desired it for his dwelling.

Psalms 132:13

In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.

1Kings 6:1



When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

2 Chronicles 7:1



At the dedication ceremony
about 1000 B.C.



300 years later
(730 BC)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1

BUT 100 years later.
(586 BC)



Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!"

Jeremiah 7:4

For this is what the high and exalted One says-- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14



And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Ezekiel 36:27 :

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.

Ezekiel 37:14

The promise
of a new
covenant



"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Joel 2:28

Jesus replied,
"believe me, a time
is coming when you
will worship the
Father neither on
this mountain nor in
Jerusalem. ..

The promise of
a 'new' way



Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true
worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth,
for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is
spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in
truth."

John 4:21-24

I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:6-14



Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

John 2:19



The Spirit in the body



The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Mark 15:38

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

1 Corinthians 3:16 -17

The Spirit in the 'body'



In Jesus the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

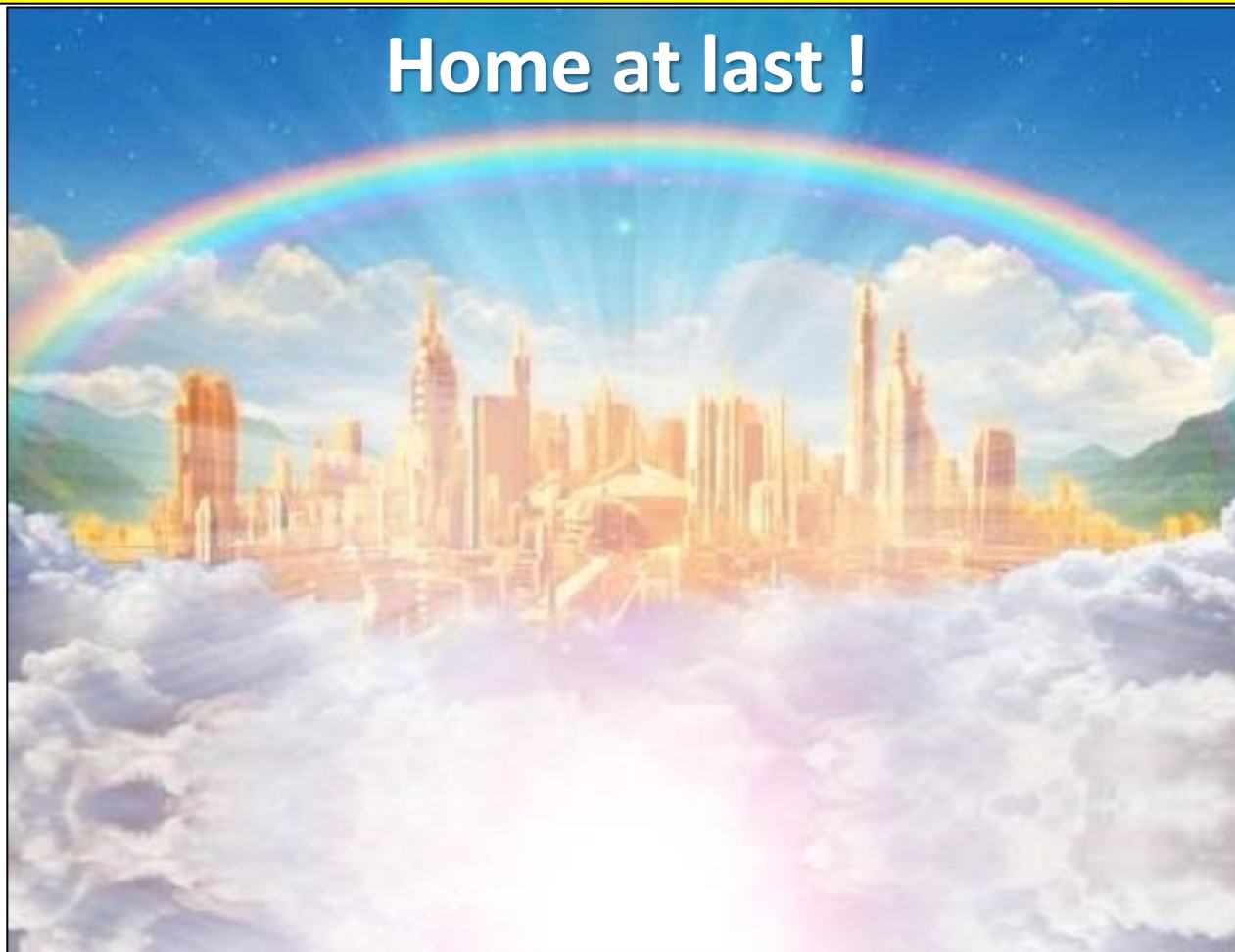
Ephesians 2:19 - 22

Work in progress !



Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Revelation 21:1 -2



I did not see a temple in the city,
because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Revelation 21:22





And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them.

They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:3 - 5

The last reference to the Spirit

The Spirit and the bride say,
"Come!" And let the one who hears
say, "Come!" Let the one who is
thirsty come; and let the one who
wishes take the free gift of the
water of life.

Revelation 22:17

come
to Jesus

A photograph of a sandy beach with waves crashing in the background. A series of footprints leads from the foreground towards the ocean. The text is overlaid on the image.

SINCE WE LIVE BY
THE SPIRIT, LET
US KEEP IN STEP
WITH THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:25

Father God, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, because Jesus, your Son, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended to your right hand.

Make us sensitive to His voice in our hearts, His encouragements and warnings, so that we may bear the fruit that He desires and that we may live for Jesus and bring praise to You.

Hear our prayer for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Spirit of God, show me Jesus,
Remove the darkness,
Let truth shine through
Spirit of God, show me Jesus,
Reveal the fullness of His love to me.

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