

The Tabernacle of David in the 21st Century

In Amos chapter 9, God through His prophetic servant spoke absolutely pivotal words that pointed toward a future and glorious restoration of His house, involving both Jews and Gentiles. This powerful foretelling of events in God's plan has arrested my heart for more than 25 years:

“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;
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” (Amos 9:11-12, NKJV).

Notice that when God's presence is restored in the tabernacle of David, it is for the inclusion and blessing of all the nations: “...and all the Gentiles who are called by My Name” (v. 12). This restoration in God's house is a central key to the fulfillment of the nations – as they receive and walk in God's salvation.

God's house, the spiritual center for the global impact of His kingdom, is a house of prayer (see Isa. 56:7). If we are to see spiritual renewal in the church and the ultimate fulfillment of the Great Commission, we must align our vision of God's house with His vision of His house.

This house of prayer is also known as the house (or tabernacle) of David. David was determined to see God's kingdom authority established on the earth. No cost was too high; no sacrifice too great.

The tabernacle of David was a place of worship and prayer, a

place of unfettered devotion in the presence of God. This was David's priority. He couldn't wait to get the Ark of the Covenant back in the central place it was meant to be.

David's tabernacle was not an impressive building. In fact, it was merely a tent. But God wasn't concerned about that – He liked what was going on inside. David, along with the priests and Levites he appointed, led God's people in extravagant, whole-hearted worship. They sang endlessly, danced raucously, shouted, knelt, clapped and lifted up skilled music to God. They did this constantly – twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. This Davidic worship was the key to Israel's success and well-being.

What does the tabernacle of David look like today in the 21st century? What are those qualities of the worship from ancient Israel that God is reawakening and restoring in this hour?

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