

The Most Sacred Place

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The TEMPLE Mount is the most SACRED place in Israel because it is where G-d's glory DWELT, Messiah SERVED, and G-d's glory will RETURN.

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Genesis 22:1-2

¹ Now it came about after these things, that G-d tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

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² He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

Genesis 22:5, 9

⁵ Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you." ⁹ Then they came to the place of which G-d had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

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Deuteronomy 12:5, 11, 13-14

⁵ "But you shall seek the L-rd at the place which the L-rd your G-d will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

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¹¹ then it shall come about that the place in which the L-rd your G-d will choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the L-rd.

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¹³ "Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every cultic place you see, ¹⁴ but in the place which the L-rd chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

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¹⁵ And G-d sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but as he was about to destroy it, the L-rd saw and was sorry over the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now relax your hand." And the angel of the L-rd was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

I Chronicles 21:15-22

¹⁶ Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the L-rd standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, covered with sackcloth, fell on their faces.

I Chronicles 21:15-22

¹⁷ David said to G-d, "Is it not I who commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly, but these sheep, what have they done? O L-rd my G-d, please let Your hand be against me and my father's household, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

I Chronicles 21:15-22

¹⁸ Then the angel of the L-rd commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar to the L-rd on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹ So David went up at the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the L-rd.

I Chronicles 21:15-22

²⁰ Now Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat. ²¹ As David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor and prostrated himself before David with his face to the ground. ²² Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the L-rd.

I Chronicles 21:26, 28

²⁶ Then David built an altar to the L-rd there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the L-rd and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering. ²⁸ At that time, when David saw that the L-rd had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there.

I Chronicles 22:1

¹ Then David said, "This is the house of the L-rd G-d, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

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I Kings 8:10-13

¹⁰ It happened that when the priests came from the holy place, the cloud filled the house of the L-rd, ¹¹ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the L-rd filled the house of the L-rd.

I Kings 8:10-13

¹² Then Solomon said, "The L-rd has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud. ¹³ "I have surely built You a lofty house, a place for Your dwelling forever."

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I Kings 8:41-43

⁴¹ "Also concerning the foreigner who is not of Your people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Your name's sake

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⁴² (for they will hear of Your great name and Your mighty hand, and of Your outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name, to fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Your name.

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Ezekiel 10:3-4

³ Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the inner court.

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⁴ Then the glory of the L-rd went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the L-rd.

Ezekiel 10:18-19

¹⁸ Then the glory of the L-rd departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. ¹⁹ When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the L-rd's house, and the glory of the G-d of Israel hovered over them.

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Haggai 2:6-9

⁶ "For thus says the L-rd of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

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⁷ 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the L-rd of hosts. ⁸ 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the L-rd of hosts. ⁹ 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the L-rd of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the L-rd of hosts."

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John 2:13-17

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

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¹⁵ And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; ¹⁶ and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

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Ezekiel 43:1-7 (up to forever)

¹ Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; ² and behold, the glory of the G-d of Israel was coming from the way of the east and His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

Ezekiel 43:1-7

³ And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city and the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. ⁴ And the glory of the L-rd came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east.

Ezekiel 43:1-7

⁵ And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the L-rd filled the house. ⁶ Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a man was standing beside me. ⁷ He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever

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Zechariah 14:16-17

¹⁶ Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the L-rd of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

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¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the L-rd of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

Isaiah 56:6-7

⁶ To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, and a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.
⁷ Even those I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

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I Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from G-d, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify G-d in your body.

John 4:24

²⁴ "G-d is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."