

Heart of God Ministries International
Greater Works TEAM Building

Christ's Disciples of 1st Century Church Understanding of The Church Is Zion,
The Promised House of God and The Restored House of David.

It is important to note that the Disciples of Jesus were familiar with the Old Testament.
It was their spiritual foundation.

Deuteronomy 11:19 (AMP)

You shall teach them [diligently] to your children [impressing God's precepts
on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths],
speaking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road
and when you lie down and when you rise up.

>The forerunners knew of the church as Zion...the Promised Kingdom of David.

1 Kings 6:12

"Concerning this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and
execute My precepts and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will
carry out My word (promises) with you which I made to David your father.

>Israel was taught of a coming Messiah who would reestablish the Jewish Kingdom
of David. However, they had a misconception of the Will and Ways of God.

Jesus was Sent to proclaim and demonstrate the Coming Restored Kingdom...
not as men's minds conceived, but, as Father God Planned and Fulfilled through
His Only Begotten Son... through a "Peace Treaty" of reconciliation to restore
communion as was in the Beginning! In mankind's disobedience (Genesis) and fall
from communion with God we see them hidden, then, severed from that personal
relationship with Him.

Genesis 3:8 (AMP)

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool
[afternoon breeze] of the day, so the man and his wife hid and kept themselves
hidden from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
In the closing of direct access, over generations men continued to fall from Grace.

All New Testament writers quoted the Divine Old Testament. But, not all men.

Matthew 15:9 (AMP)

'But in vain do they worship Me, For they teach as doctrines the precepts of men."

"The Church is Zion. The way to Truth is building life and ministry on the FOUNDATION.
Jesus is The Stone or Rock. He is the Cornerstone "the "stone" that holds all further
spiritual building progression secure! With His "patterns," He taught the Disciples how
to build the Kingdom in the earth realm that mankind could understand, receive and
enter into the spiritual realm of heaven. Ephesians 2:20 (NKJV) built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

The Lord Jesus is the rock solid pattern on which to build. We are to search out the
"Whole" Counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation. The Heresies live in the Church
today are attributable to lack of understanding what the chosen forerunners of Christ
understood from the Old Testament to what they heard and saw of Christ's teachings
and demonstrations of the Kingdom and purposeful introduction of fallacies of mind.

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Psalm 93:5 (AMP)

Your precepts are fully confirmed and completely reliable;
Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

[Note: We must build precept upon precept]

God promised David that the Messiah would build a House (dwelling place) for God and that House would also be the House of David. That House is the Body.

2 Samuel 7:11-16 (AMP)

11 even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that He will make a house (royal dynasty) for you.

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down [in death] with your fathers (ancestors), I will raise up your descendant after you, who shall be born to you, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He [is the one who] shall build a house for My Name and My Presence, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. When he commits iniquity (wrongdoing), I will discipline him with the rod of men and with the strokes of the sons of man. 15 But My lovingkindness and mercy will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 Your house (royal dynasty) and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; **your throne will be established forever.**

David understood by the revelation of the Spirit of God that God's House, His dwelling place would be established **upon the heavenly Mt. Zion** and would be the **New Jerusalem**; it would be raised up by God Himself and **established in the heavens**, and it would be **an everlasting House and an eternal City**. [David's psalms (his songs) are full of this revelation, this mystery. Psalm 2 and 110 are prime examples!] [Note: Jeru means "city." Shalem means "peace" (wholeness)] John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

Psalm 2 (AMP) [The Reign of the Lord's Anointed]

Why are the nations in an uproar [in turmoil against God],
And why do the people devise a vain and hopeless plot?

2 The kings of the earth take their stand; And the rulers take counsel together
Against the Lord and His Anointed (the Davidic King, the Messiah, the Christ), saying,
3 "Let us break apart their [divine] bands [of restraint]

And cast away their cords [of control] from us."

4 He who sits [enthroned] in the heavens laughs [at their rebellion];
The [Sovereign] Lord scoffs at them [and in supreme contempt He mocks them].

5 Then He will speak to them in His [profound] anger
And terrify them with His displeasure, saying,

6 "Yet as for Me, I have anointed and firmly installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

7 "I will declare the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son; This day [I proclaim] I have begotten You. [Note: Holy Spirit declares, decrees, proclaims!]

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8 'Ask of Me, and I will assuredly give [You] the nations as Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth as Your possession.

9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall shatter them [in pieces] like earthenware."

10 Now therefore, O kings, act wisely; Be instructed and take warning,
O leaders (judges, rulers) of the earth.

11 Worship the Lord and serve Him with reverence [with awe-inspired fear and
submissive wonder]; Rejoice [yet do so] with trembling.

12 Kiss (pay respect to) the Son, so that He does not become angry, and you perish
in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled and set aflame. How blessed [fortunate,
prosperous, and favored by God] are all those who take refuge in Him!

These Divine Spiritual Passages of Psalms and Isaiah Declare Mt. Zion; The New City.

Psalm 110 (AMP) [The Lord Gives Dominion to the King of Mt. Zion]

The Lord (Father) says to my Lord (the Messiah, His Son),

"Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet [subjugating
them into complete submission]."

2 The Lord will send the scepter of Your strength **from Zion**, saying,
"Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

3 Your people will offer themselves willingly [to participate in Your battle] in the day of
Your power; In the splendor of holiness, from the womb of the dawn,
Your young men are to You as the dew.

4 The Lord has sworn [an oath] and will not change His mind:
"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord is at Your right hand, He will crush kings in the day of His wrath.

6 He will execute judgment [in overwhelming punishment] among the nations;
He will fill them with corpses, He will crush the chief men over a broad country.

7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head
[triumphantly]. [Note: Verse 6 and 7 are fulfilled in AD 70...the Great Tribulation,
the Absolution of Desolation prophesied by Daniel Christ returned in the clouds
of the Roman army.]

[Note: Isaiah also speaks of Zion] Isaiah 2:2-4 (AMP)

2 Now it will come to pass that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord
Will be [firmly] established as the highest of the mountains, And will be exalted above
the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.

3 And many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the
Lord, To the house (temple) of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us His ways
And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go out **from Zion** and the word
of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 And He will judge between the nations, And will mediate [disputes] for many peoples;
And they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not lift up the sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

[Note: The "last days" here is not our present day or an end of history, but the end
of the Old Covenant age. Law of the Spirit of Love is established in the Resurrection!]

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In the “last days” of the Old Covenant age, during a transition period, Isaiah sees Zion established as the “chief” of the mountains (Kingdoms). He sees Zion “raised above” the existing man controlled kingdoms and all the nations streaming to it.

He sees the House of the Lord, the “New Jerusalem,” established upon the hill of Zion and as the Word of God goes forth from “Jerusalem” the City, to which multitudes come to learn the ways of the Kingdom of God! (This is the Spiritual City; Spiritual Israel that has No boundaries and is eternal.) [Note: Wars of men are transformed to spiritual war.]

[Note; By the revelation of the Spirit of God Isaiah sees all nations coming to the Light of the Church’s rising (New Jerusalem)!] Jesus is that Light enthroned as King of kings!

Isaiah envisions this New Jerusalem that is built upon the heavenly Zion as David’s tent or as David’s house. Isaiah 16:5 (AMP)

5 A throne will be established in lovingkindness,

And One will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent (dynasty, family) of David;
Judging and seeking justice And being prompt to do righteousness.

[Note: once again, the New Covenant is the Law of the Spirit of Love; lovingkindness)]

Isaiah 33:20-24 (AMP)

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts and observances;
Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a undisturbed settlement, A tent which will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be pulled up, Nor any of its ropes be severed.

21 But there the mighty and magnificent Lord will be for us

A place of broad rivers and streams, Where no oar-driven boat will go, And on which no mighty and stately ship will pass.

22 The Lord is our Judge, The Lord is our Ruler, The Lord is our King; He will save us.

23 Your ship’s ropes (tackle) hang loose; They cannot hold the base of their mast firmly, Nor spread out the sail. Then an abundance of spoil and plunder will be divided;
Even the lame will take the plunder. [Side Note: “*spoil and plunder*” = *benefits!*]

24 And no inhabitant [of Zion] will say, “I am sick”; The people who dwell there will be forgiven their wickedness [their sin, their injustice, their wrongdoing].

Remarkably, like David, Isaiah understood by the Spirit of God the Divine mystery or secret that the promised House of God, this Tent or House of David, would not be the earthly, Jewish Jerusalem, but would be the Heavenly City made of the “**redeemed**” of Israel and of the nations throughout the ages.

[Note: Isaiah’s clearest prophesy about this Heavenly House or Tent of David!]:

Isaiah 54:1-3 (AMP) [The Fertility of Zion]

54 “Shout for joy, O barren one, she who has not given birth; Break forth into joyful shouting and rejoice, she who has not gone into labor [with child]!

For the [spiritual] sons of the desolate one will be more numerous
Than the sons of the married woman,” says the Lord.

2 “Enlarge the site of your tent [to make room for more children];

Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, do not spare them; Lengthen your tent ropes
And make your pegs (stakes) firm [in the ground].

3 “For you will spread out to the right and to the left; And your descendants will take possession of nations And will inhabit deserted cities.

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Paul confirms that this is the true interpretation of these passages. This is an amazing amplification of Paul's apostolic revelation of this great kingdom mystery!

Ephesians 2:4-15 (AMP)

4 But God, being [so very] rich in mercy, because of His great and wonderful love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were [spiritually] dead and separated from Him because of our sins, He made us [spiritually] alive together with Christ (for by His grace—His undeserved favor and mercy—you have been saved from God's judgment).

6 And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus,

7 [and He did this] so that in the ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable and unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption].

8 For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God;

9 not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law], so that no one will [be able to] boast or take credit in any way [for his salvation].

10 For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].

11 Therefore, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, who are called "Uncircumcision" by those who called themselves "Circumcision," [itself a mere mark] which is made in the flesh by human hands—

12 remember that at that time you were separated from Christ [excluded from any relationship with Him], alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise [with no share in the sacred Messianic promise and without knowledge of God's agreements], having no hope [in His promise] and [living] in the world without God.

13 But now [at this very moment] in Christ Jesus you who once were [so very] far away [from God] have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For **He Himself is our peace and our bond of unity.** He who made both groups—[Jews and Gentiles]—into one body and broke down the barrier, the dividing wall [of spiritual antagonism between us], 15 by abolishing in His [own crucified] flesh the hostility caused by the Law with its commandments contained in ordinances [which He satisfied]; so that in Himself He might make the two into **one new man, thereby establishing peace.**

It is by instruction of our Heavenly Father that we meditate upon His Word.

Therefore, we are encouraged to **dwell** within and upon these Divine Scriptures. Please, invite Holy Ghost access to your spiritual mind.

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Ephesians 3:5-6 (AMP)

5 which in other generations was not disclosed to mankind, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit;

6 [it is this:] that the Gentiles are now joint heirs [with the Jews] and members of the same body, and joint partakers [sharing] in the [same divine] promise in Christ Jesus through [their faith in] the good news [of salvation].

[Note: God's eternal purpose is not an earthly Jewish Kingdom...the Kingdom of David and natural Israel were only shadows or types (patterns)! Jesus is Not returning to an earthly kingdom located in Jerusalem. [Note: a John Nelson Darby perverted heresy]

Christ's Eternal Kingdom and His Holy Apostolic Church are God's eternal purpose.

Hebrews 12:22 (AMP)

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels [in festive gathering],

Peter understood this great mystery!

1 Peter 2:2-6

2 like newborn babies [you should] long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may be nurtured and grow in respect to salvation [its ultimate fulfillment],

3 if in fact you have [already] tasted the goodness and gracious kindness of the Lord.

4 Come to Him [the risen Lord] as to a living Stone which men rejected and threw away, but which is choice and precious in the sight of God.

5 You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy and dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a chosen stone, a precious (honored) Cornerstone, And he who believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will never be disappointed [in his expectations]."

The great question concerning the Church is when?

When did the Lord lay this choice stone, this precious cornerstone as the foundation in Zion? Answer: When He raised Jesus from the dead and enthroned Him on the eternal throne of His father David!

When God raised Jesus from the dead, He not only moved the throne of David into heaven, He also raised and moved Zion into "heaven" and established the throne of David as the very foundation of the Heavenly Jerusalem, the City of the living God (When Christ Ascended, He was given all Power and Authority of Heaven and earth!)

(Matthew 16:18.) Jesus prophesied boldly the gates of hell would not be able to prevail against His Church!

Understandingly, He spoke this coming reality as revealed by Father God to His Son as encouragement for the work of the Cross ahead of Him. Jesus knew His destiny. He knew He would be crucified and then resurrected.

He knew He was going back to the Father as He ministered to His 12 disciples on Passover and the established memorial of the Table of the Lord in the Upper room. John 16:5 "But now I am going to Him who sent Me;...)

The gates of hell would not be able to prevail against His Church!

1. This is the fundamental reason the Church will ultimately succeed in its mission to disciple cities and the nations and fill the earth with God's glory. It is founded in Heaven, established upon the Rock of Salvation; the Lord Jesus Christ! It cannot fail!

2. James, the leader of the Jerusalem church, was the half brother of Jesus. He became a believer after the resurrection of Jesus and was later martyred for his faith. He declares to all gathered in Jerusalem for the 1st Apostolic Council regarding the Gentiles and circumcision that their conversion is proof that God has fulfilled the words of the prophets and has restored the tabernacle or tent of David!

Acts 15:13-16 (AMP)

13 When they had finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me.

14 [Simeon (Simon Peter) has described how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name [to honor Him and be identified with Him].

15 The words of the Prophets agree with this, just as it is written [in Scripture],

16 'After these things I will return, And I will rebuild the tent of David which has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it,

17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,

And all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been invoked,'

18 Says the Lord, Who has been making these things known from long ago.

3. In Revelation 21 and 22 the beloved John sees the New Jerusalem, the wife of the Lamb, coming down from God out of heaven filling the earth with God's Glory!

4. By the revelation of the Spirit John sees the nations walking in the light of this Heavenly City and the kings or governments of the earth bringing their glory into it. This is the fulfillment of the mystery of God foretold by Isaiah and the Prophets of Israel.

5. The Church is the New Eden, the garden of God, and the river of God flows out from the midst of the City-garden transforming the desert or the wilderness of the world into the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 51:3 (AMP)

For the Lord will comfort Zion [in her captivity]; He will comfort all her ruins.

And He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the Lord; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and the voice of a melody.

[Note: Spiritually, It is paradise restored!]

6. The point is that spiritual Israel is the eternal purpose of God, not natural Israel. The Lord's Church is the House of God, the great Temple-City made without hands, made of living stones, His Sons and daughters, His Household, His family! We are children of the living God; He is our Heavenly Father and the Church, Zion, the Jerusalem above is our mother.

7. The Lord's Church, the Church, King Jesus is building, the Church of the Forerunners is the promised House of God and the House of David!

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We are the House of God, not only His dwelling place in the Spirit, but also His family, the Household of faith. And we are the House of David, Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem the Israel of God!

Matthew 5:14 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told His disciples, "You are the light of the world, a city on a hill cannot be hidden...Let your light shine before men."

The true Church is that City on a hill...the heavenly Zion...the light of the world! (Not just the light of the Gentile nations, but also the light of the present nation of Israel.)

In Psalm 110:2 (AMP) David prophesied, The Lord will send the scepter of Your strength from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

The authority and power of Christ's Kingdom issues or proceeds forth out of Christ's Church! Our praise and worship, our prophetic utterances and our governmental prayers on the Lord's Day release His supernatural power and His righteous judgments in the earth.

Think about what really happens on the Lord's Day. The Israel of God goes up to the heavenly Zion, in rank and order, congregation-by-congregation, city-by-city, region-by-region, and nation-by-nation until the whole Church of Jesus Christ worldwide assembles before His kingly throne! We praise and worship and celebrate His Kingship and His saving rule! We prophesy and pray governmental prayers, binding and loosing, and releasing His Divine power and His righteous judgments in the earth.

(See Psalm 45 and 68. Read them in spiritual connotation and context rather literal. Children of the King, are the "born-again. Sons and Daughters are the redeemed. The Queen of Ophir (gold) is the holy apostolic universal church. Gold represents divinity (holiness) and sovereignty. The church is the bride, the wife, of the King! The Church's unity and governmental structure is so important! The Church of Jesus Christ is supposed to be one, made of many allotments of believers, built together through the joining of eye-witness forerunner elders and Ascension-gift functioning elders. All functioning in unity as One Holy Apostolic church in heaven and in the earth.

The Church is Zion, the City of the living God; together, we are to be a demonstration of life under the government (the Law of the Spirit of Love) of King Jesus! This is a wonderful mystery, a Divine secret to those who do not enter into communion with Holy Ghost!

2 Corinthians 13:14 (AMPC)

The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the presence and fellowship (the communion and sharing together, and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (so be it).

The Church is the instrument of His Kingdom purpose. Built together and joined and connected through spiritual joints and Divine connections, the Lord's true Church is His Spiritual Body, the body of His Kingdom purpose in Heaven and in the earth! His purpose is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost!

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Romans 15:13 (AMP)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promise

Christ's Kingdom is the everlasting heavenly kingdom that God promised David He would establish for David's Son!

Christ's Church is the House God promised He would build for David and that David's Son would build for God; it would be made of living stones, sons and daughters born of the Spirit of God; they would be His dwelling place forever!

We must be anchored in 7 Keys of the Kingdom of God.

1. Foundations (physical and spiritual)
2. Family (natural and spiritual)
3. Forgiveness (God, oneself and others)
4. Faithfulness (grounded in like-kind-faith, sense worthiness in God, of self and others)
5. Finances (reap a harvest in divine giving according to biblical foundations)
6. Follow Through (prayer, planning, activation, record keeping to know past and plan future)
7. Faith (We MOVE in the "power" of the Kingdom with this Key)

2 Samuel 7:16 (AMP)

16 Your house (royal dynasty) and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; your throne will be established forever. This is the throne at the "right-hand" of Father!

[Note: Christ's Kingdom is established! It is endued with Power and Authority!]

He is Not waiting on a future Day to come to earth to set up an earthly throne! Jesus reigns Now, Today and Forever! He has been building and is currently building "the House" of God for the past 2000 years! That House is the instrumentality of the Body of Christ. There is great diversity in the Universal Apostolic structure of the church.

His Plan is actively building the Body in the image and likeness of the Trinity of God!

Genesis 1:26 (AMP)

Then God said, "Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness];

Genesis 1:27 (AMP)

So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God

He created him; male and female He created them.

Ephesians 4:21-24

21 If in fact you have [really] heard Him and have been taught by Him, just as truth is in Jesus [revealed in His life and personified in Him], 22 that, regarding your previous way of life, you put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, 23 and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude],

24 and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation].

And these truths are non-negotiable!