

Temple Mount Animal Sacrifice

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According to a press release from the so-called Temple Institute of Israel (scroll to bottom), a portable altar for use in re-instituting animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount has been built.

The purpose, according to the press release, is to “*facilitate the smooth and rapid resumption of the Divine service, upon the first opportunity that presents itself.*”

In other words, the false Jews of Jerusalem now want to re-institute animal sacrifice on the Temple Mount as a “divine service” to God.

Of course, for Christians, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fulfilled and replaced those animal sacrifices while hanging on that cross at Calvary, becoming our once-for-all sacrifice (Heb. 10:8-10). And from that time forward, any animal sacrifice for sins is regarded by our heavenly Father as blasphemy against His Living Word, which is to say, His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus. As it is written:

Heb 10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;

Here, St. Paul is quoting from Psalm 51:16-17, in which King David himself wrote, “*For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.***”

What we learn from cross-referencing Hebrews 10:8 with Psalm 51:16-17 is that if you *really* want to sacrifice to God, what He’s looking for is not animal sacrifice at all, but instead, the sacrifice of Prodigal Son-style humility (i.e., humbleness) and sincere repentance from the heart, in recognition that Christ died for your sins on that cross at Calvary.

When you sin, He wants you to turn to Him, in sincere regret of your shortcomings and in humble submissiveness to His will, just as the Prodigal son of Luke chapter 15 turned to his earthly father, saying “*Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.*”

It is this clear personal *recognition of* and deep and abiding *regret over* one’s sinfulness against God and His family household that our heavenly Father is looking for.

In other words, when we mess up, He wants worldly self-pride stripped away and replaced with humble acknowledgement that *His* way is the *right* way. And He wants this humility combined with personal willingness to submit oneself to His will for correction...for strengthening against sin...and for the patient rebuilding of one’s spirit in the image of His own Spirit, which is Christ.

Heb 10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

In verse 9 above, St. Paul quotes from Psalm 40:7-9, in which David wrote, “*Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.*”

In other words, what we learn from cross-referencing Hebrews 10:9 above with Psalm 40:7-9 is that at Christ’s first advent the empty ritual animal sacrifices were taken away, and Christ’s sacrifice on that cross at Calvary replaced them. What’s more, empty religious ritual was swept away, and knowledge of God and His Word through Christ was preached as the way back into the family household of God.

This was not just a changing of covenants between God and man, from the old to the new, but a changing of *atonements*, as well. Christ’s atoning sacrifice at Calvary took the place of the animal sacrifices our heavenly Father had grown to despise.

Heb 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Verse 10 above tells us we can only be *sanctified* – which is to say, made ready to enter God’s family household on earth in service to Him – through the “once for all” sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God. There is *no other way* into the family household of God, except through the “door” known as Christ Jesus and His great atoning sacrifice.

As it is written:

Joh 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep.

Joh 10:8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

In other words, ritualistic animal sacrifices were done away with when Christ died on that cross at Calvary. No further blood sacrifices are necessary. They are over. His sacrifice for our sins is the “once for all” sacrifice that cleanses us, making us worthy to enter His family household through the “door” provided, which is our Lord and Savior.

When we sin, which is to say, when we fall short of the standards of His family household, we need only turn to Him in sincere repentance, with a contrite spirit and a humble heart, ready to do *His* will rather than our own, and from that point forward He forgives, guides and directs us.

End Times Blasphemy

So the blood ritual sacrifices are over with. Period. And they have been for over 2,000 years.

Next to worshiping the antichrist himself, making animal sacrifices in God's name from the Temple Mount would be the ultimate blasphemy against Christ by the so-called "God's Chosen." For a Christian to support such a thing would constitute open participation in that blasphemy against Christ by God's very enemies.

The institution of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount would be a public relegation by the false Jews of Christ's great, atoning blood sacrifice on Calvary to that of the mundane, while exalting the false Jews as being those who have true communion with God *through the sacrifice of the blood of animals*.

Of course, the elect should expect such things from the false Jews, as they pretty much live to blaspheme the honor, character and authority of Jesus Christ. So their great pronouncement of building a portable altar that will allow them to resume animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount does not surprise me.

What bothers me, however, is the *Christian reaction* to this blasphemous abomination.

Here are some of the comments from Christians on the Facebook page of the Temple Institute, in which they embrace this blasphemous activity of the false Jews and swoon over the idea that this is another sign of the Second Coming of Jesus:

- "This is so exciting.....rejoice in the coming of our Savior."
- "The KING is coming soon....blessed is HE that comes in the name of the LORD !!!!!"
- "This just gives me the chills! Praise YHVH!"
- "It's awesome to get a glimpse of what Gods Holy temple is like! Everything is Perfect for a Perfect God!! glory be to God!!"
- "The time is near when the son of God would comeback for His church plz Holy one equip us with the courage and wisdom to be ready to fly up with u oh Lord!;)"
- "The Lord is coming soon! Very exciting!!!"
- "Our Lord is almost here, so excited. It won't be long now till we see Him . Glory to God the Father!"
- "Christians, rejoice with the Jewish!"
- "Behold he comes!"
- "I feel so happy. We await your return and praise you Our King!!!"

- “This is awesome and we know it is all to the glory of the Lord.”
- “I’m so excited. Holy Holy Holy lamb of God.”
- “Do more than speak words. Give your offerings to this organization. God is using them to prepare for the establishment of the third Temple.”

In other words, rather than seeing the re-institution of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount as being a sign of the worst kind of blasphemy against Christ Jesus -- negating his sacrifice on Calvary and substituting the blood of dead animals in place of His precious shed blood -- these Christians are seeing it as a blessed sign of Christ’s Second Coming, and are thankful *to Christ’s enemies* for bringing it about.

Only one problem, of course: The “Christ” these false Jews will ultimately usher in with their blasphemous animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount is the anti-Christ, *not* Jesus Christ. And that’s who these Biblically illiterate Christians will fall down and worship -- side-by-side with the false Jews -- thinking he’s their Lord and Savior.

The Ways of Death

I could preach one humdinger of a sermon on this subject, but I’m going to suffice it (for those with eyes to see and ears to hear) to the following verses:

Pro 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Yes, it might “seem right” to rejoice alongside the false Jews over their newly finished portable sacrificial altar. After all, the Christian churches have been teaching for years that “Christ can’t come until the Jews rebuild the temple.” And this is certainly a step in that direction. (Though I have my doubts that a *physical* temple needs to be built for the end to come.)

But dear Christian, take a minute and *think* about it from a Biblical perspective. The animals to be sacrificed on that portable altar on Mount Zion for the sins of man are being offered in *replacement of Christ Jesus*. You are rejoicing over your own Lord and Savior being replaced by the blood and carcasses of dead animals that cannot save anyone, ever.

Now, you might say, “Yes, but it’s a sign that our Lord’s coming is one step closer.” And of course, it is. But it’s also a sign that the arrival of the false Christ, who comes to this earth to “deceive the whole world” (Rev. 12:9) is one step closer. And unfortunately, that’s the “Christ” most Christians on this earth will be fooled into worshiping, when he arrives to Jerusalem pretending to be God and triggering the great apostasy (II Thessalonians 2:1-4).

Our heavenly Father repeatedly warns us not to get caught up with the doings of the false Jews. Through Paul, writing in II Corinthians 6:14, we’re told by our heavenly Father, “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*”

The “unbelievers” Paul is speaking of in this verse are the false Jews who rejected Christ. Contrary to what’s taught in the Christian churches today, that verse is most decidedly *not* talking about atheists. After all, we’re *supposed* to help atheists come to the light of Christ.

As used here, by St. Paul, in proper context, the word “unbelievers” refers to the false Jews who denied Christ altogether...who caused His crucifixion...and who have sought to overthrow the Christian church from the very first day of its establishment. Them, we are to have no communion with, which is to say, *nothing spiritually in common with*.

So do we rejoice in their drive to re-establish animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount? God forbid. Only the most Biblically ignorant of Christians would even consider doing so.

As it is further written in the great book of Ephesians:

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

The wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience because of their great swelling words of deception and blasphemy against Christ. They’re getting ready to re-institute animal sacrifices on Mount Zion, and they’re telling us, in essence, it’s going to help bring God home. But as we’ve seen, our heavenly Father had His fill of animal sacrifices a l-o-o-o-n-g time ago. Indeed, He reiterates in Isaiah chapter 11:

Isa 1:11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

The ritual blood sacrifices were all *types* of Christ, our Lord and Savior Who would come to this earth as the Lamb of God, and willingly give His life for our sins. But over the course of time, that meaning became lost on the people of Israel, and the sacrifices became little more than empty rituals designed to fill the coffers of the false Jews of the temple who had taken over the priesthood in Jerusalem.

That’s why our heavenly Father no longer delighted in their sacrifices -- i.e., Christ, which they symbolized, was being left out of the picture.

Isa 1:12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Again, it was empty, ritualistic tradition that brought people into the temple of God. Much the same as today, the people were busy playing church, and in the process, missing out on the broader spiritual picture. They were leaving Christ out of the picture, when in reality, He was, still is, and always will be, the *central focus* of the picture.

Isa 1:13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

If Christ isn't the central focus of one's religious activities, then it is indeed iniquity. And our heavenly Father doesn't want anything to do with it at all. Even in Old Testament times you could sacrifice every bull, goat or sheep on the face of the earth and it would have no impact whatsoever on one's salvation, *if you did not understand that the animal sacrifice was symbolic of that Lamb of God who was to come in the future, to provide the once-for-all-time sacrifice by which man can be saved.*

Isa 1:14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Our heavenly Father is not a big fan of playing church, nor of religious ritual for the sake of ritual. He wants us to worship Him out of knowledge and understanding of His will to save His children and restore them to His family household through Christ Jesus, the Messiah (II Peter 3:9). Religion for any other purpose is just play-acting.

The sacrifices made during the course of the "new moons" and "appointed feasts" became a loathsome thing to our heavenly Father, because the knowledge of Christ (which the sacrifices pointed to) was being *left out* of them.

The Jewish religious leaders had convinced their congregations that the animal sacrifices *alone* could rid them of their sins. But this was not so. The animal sacrifices were designed to allow the people to *look forward in time* to the ultimate, once-for-all times sacrifice of the Messiah – "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

It was the "seeing" of His forthcoming sacrifice in those ritualistic Old Testament animal sacrifices that brought about the forgiveness of sins. Put another way, the blood being shed during those animal sacrifices of old was *symbolic of the blood of Christ*. But once He came to this earth and shed His own blood for our sins, no other blood sacrifice was necessary -- ever again. The sacrifices He wants are those of our love to Him, through Christ, and our willingness to serve His will through Christ (Hebrews 13:15-16).

Isa 1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

The false Jews can sacrifice all of the bulls, sheep and goats they want on that mountain, and spread their arms wide to the Lord in prayer if they want to. But it will do them no good whatsoever. When they leave Christ out of the equation, God steps out of the room and leaves them all standing there by themselves, drenched in the worthless blood of bulls and goats and sheep.

As we're further warned in the great book of Ephesians:

Eph 5:7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

We are not to be partakers of the deception and blasphemies being brought about by the enemies of Christ. If they want to slaughter animals on Mount Zion, let them. But for a Christian to rejoice and be glad in this blasphemy, thinking it's the sign of Christ's imminent arrival, is a serious error.

Spiritually speaking, Christians who rejoice with the false Jews at this re-institution of animal sacrifice on Mount Zion are being "partakers with" the false Jews in their blasphemy against God and His Christ who put an end to the need for animal sacrifices once and for all times.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

For me, this is the sad part. You see, as Christians we were all once in darkness. Every one of us. But once you come to the Lord and start studying His Word in earnest, you're supposed to come out of the darkness and into the glorious light of the Lord, which means you're supposed to come into the Biblical knowledge and understanding that sustains and protects Christians from getting wrapped up in the "politically correct" tissue of lies now enveloping this world.

So when I see Christians gushing over the blasphemous works of the false Jews, as if those works could possibly have anything at all to do with our heavenly Father and His Christ, or with salvation and the forgiveness of sins, then it indeed saddens me to see the extent to which the deception has engulfed this world already.

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Do you believe the re-institution of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount is a thing of "goodness and righteousness and truth"? Do you think it's part of the "fruit of the Spirit"? Why would the Spirit of Christ support the re-institution of animal sacrifices on Mount Zion, after Christ paid that price *once and for all times* on that same mount?

As a Christian, if you actually believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and His generous and loving act of redemption and personal sacrifice on that cross at Calvary, you could not possibly applaud the re-institution of animal sacrifices on that same mount. Why? Because the offering of animal sacrifices is like spitting in God's eyes, and saying, "We don't want or need your Christ. We'd rather just ritualistically burn animals instead. Enjoy the smoke."

Do you think the false Jews don't know that our heavenly Father already rejected their animal sacrifices, stating to them in Isaiah 1:11, "*To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*"

If you'll think about it, critically, for just a moment, perhaps you'll come to realize that the re-institution of animal sacrifices by the false Jews is not designed to please God, but instead, to please their own father, the devil (i.e., John 8:44), by *insulting* God and His Christ. Again, by re-

instituting these ritualistic animal blood sacrifices the false Jews are in essence saying to God, “We don’t want or need your Christ.”

Eph 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Institution of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount is certainly *not* “acceptable unto the Lord.” It is a negation of everything He’s done, through Christ, on our behalves. It is a direct repudiation of His Word and His will, which is to save His children through Christ Jesus (II Peter 3:9).

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Best advice you could ever follow, and it doesn’t cost you a dime. The re-institution of animal sacrifice on the Temple Mount is indeed an unfruitful work of darkness. It can’t save anybody. It can’t get even one tiny sin forgiven. It’s a complete waste of time, in terms of salvation and deliverance. Don’t get wrapped up in it. Watch it, sure, just as you’d watch all of the other important news and events of these end-times in relation to Bible prophesy. But understand it for what it actually *is* -- an attempt by the false Jews to stick their thumbs in God’s eye.

Eph 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

In Ezekiel chapter 8, your heavenly Father has already told you how corrupt the temple priesthood is, and what those secret (and idolatrous) things are that they do inside and outside of the temple. The word “shame” in the above verse means *a filthy thing*. What they do in the course of their worship practices is indeed spiritually unclean, because it eliminates Christ from the picture altogether, meaning it rejects both God and His Savior and counts on vain and repetitious religious ritual to “save” man.

Eph 5:13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

So gently and kindly reprove your fellow Christians when you see them falling for this blasphemous nonsense which is clearly designed by the false Jews to deny Jesus, to snuff at God’s will, and to further the aims of the antichrist and his children.

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

You can’t wake up from the spiritually dead on your own. But you can put in the footwork that leads to it, and Father will bless you with the rest, if you’re sincere. You have to study your Father’s Word, and learn how to rightly divide it. You need to know the difference between the events leading up to the antichrist’s arrival, and those leading up to Christ’s arrival.

Christ Jesus is in no way magnified by the re-institution of animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount. Instead, He is relegated to a status of spiritual impotence by the false Jews. And the false Jews are raised (by Biblically illiterate Christians) to the status “God’s chosen” servants working to usher in the Messiah.

Listen, Christian, *you’re* the one supposed to be working to usher in Christ, by carrying forth His Word of Truth to others. Can you imagine sitting at the judgment seat of Christ in the not-too-distant future, and when asked “What did you do to help usher in Christ’s Second Advent?” you’d have to answer, “I supported and embraced the false Jews in their re-institution of animal sacrifices on Mount Zion.”

The bottom line is this: Their rock is not our Rock (Deuteronomy 32:31). Their god is not our God. And until Christians figure that out, they’ll continue to fall for these stories of Jews working hand-in-hand with God to usher in the kingdom of God on this earth.

(See the news release below from the so-called Temple Institute on their new portable altar for making animal sacrifices on the Temple Mount. Links may no longer work by the time you read this study, so I’ve reprinted the entire Press Release without alteration.)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: THE TEMPLE INSTITUTE COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION OF MODULAR STONE ALTAR FOR REASSEMBLING ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT

The Temple Institute has recently completed construction of a stone altar ('mizbeach' in Hebrew) that can be broken down and swiftly transported to the exact original location of the altar on the Temple Mount, in order to facilitate the smooth and rapid resumption of the Divine service, upon the first opportunity that presents itself.

The completion of this altar represents the culmination of over a decade of intense research, study and experimentation on the methodology and technical aspects of the Biblical requirements of the stone altar.

A recently published news item in the Hebrew media has been translated into English and reported on major news outlets around the world, describing the new stone altar. Some of these reports contain inaccuracies, while others reflect views that are not true to the Torah commandments concerning the stone altar, nor do they reflect the intentions of the Temple Institute.

In light of these rumors and speculation, the Temple Institute has been flooded with requests to verify and clarify the status of the altar project. The Temple Institute hereby clarifies that the altar was completed in late 2014, and was unveiled before a packed audience on the seventh night of Chanukah as part of the public Golden Menorah kindling demonstration that was conducted by the Temple Institute. Photos of the altar were posted on this Facebook page at the time.

The height of the altar is five amot. An 'amah' is a Biblical measure, the equivalent of approximately 46 - 48 centimeters (18 -19 inches). The length of the 'kevesh' (ascent ramp) incline which leads to the top of the altar is sixteen amah. The altar was built according to the Biblical requirements as described by the Rambam (Maimonides). Its size represents the minimal required dimensions for a valid, functioning altar. The architectural schematic for the altar was drawn up by Shmuel Balzam, the same renowned architect who is currently drawing up working blueprints for the Holy Temple Sanctuary, a Temple Institute initiative which was unveiled and funded by last summer's successful Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign. The preliminary stages of that monumental project will be presented publicly for the first time on next week's International Temple Mount Awareness Day event, (March 25th).

The new altar is based on a unique construction, one that fully embraces all the halachic requirements concerning the stone altar, but also allows for its easy dis-assemble and re-assemble on the precise location of the original stone altar that stood to the east of the Holy Temple Sanctuary. Indeed, the emphasis of this project has been for the scholars and scientists of the Temple Institute to 're-learn' the lost art of constructing an altar according to the Divine instructions. The people of Israel are required to build an altar exclusively on the site of the original altar on Mount Moriah, the Temple Mount. When circumstances become favorable, this new altar can be quickly re-assembled on the proper location, enabling the Divine service to be resumed without delay.

The altar consists of an outer frame of earthen bricks, oven-baked to withstand the extreme heat of the altar when in use. This outer frame is filled with natural stones, untouched by metal implements, as per Torah imperative. The outer brick frame is covered with a thin white plaster, as was done with the altar that stood in the Holy Temple courtyard. The altar 'yesod' (base) contains the two portals to accept the blood which is poured on the altar base as an intrinsic element of the service of the offerings. The top of the altar is "crowned" with four "horns," one in each corner, as described in Torah.

The altar is temporarily on display in the Temple Institute's Jerusalem old city exhibition. Most of the brick frame of the altar has been left exposed, for instructive purposes, as well as the bottom edge of the altar ramp, which is cut away to expose the stone "fill" of the altar.

The completion of the altar creates a new reality for the people of Israel. The 'Korban Pesach' (Passover offering) which is commanded by Divine decree (see Exodus 12) to be performed in three weeks' time (on the 14th day of Nisan, this year April 3rd), does not require that the Holy Temple be standing, but it does require that the stone altar be standing in its precise intended location to receive the blood collected from the Passover offerings. Now that an altar has been built that can be easily deconstructed and quickly reconstructed on the Temple Mount, no halachic obstacles stand in the way of the performance of the Passover offering at the place of the stone altar on the Temple Mount for the first time in 2000 years.