

THE LORD'S HOUSE

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Thesis: To demonstrate the divine planning for establishing the Lord's house which is the kingdom of God.

INTRODUCTION

1. Micah had prophesied about the destruction that was coming on the inhabitants of Samaria and Jerusalem because of their sins (Micah 1,2,3).
2. As he prophesied of the judgment of God on Zion (Jerusalem) and all their houses and high places, he gave a contrast to God's plan concerning the Lord's house.
3. Although the people will be punished, that will not change the redemptive plan, God will establish His house in Zion that many may flow into it for their salvation (Micah 4).
4. The Lord's house is not a physical temple but the spiritual nation of God.
5. We shall consider three main things.
 - a. Prophecy of the house.
 - b. Establishment of the house.
 - c. Destiny of the house.

DISCUSSION

- I. PROPHECY OF THE HOUSE (Micah 4:1-2).
 - A. Prophecy to David about the house.
 1. David desired to establish a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1-5).
 2. God rather promised to raise a seed of David after his death who shall build a house for the Lord (2 Sam. 7:6-13).
 3. David accumulated things for the building of the temple by his son (1 Chron 22:1-5).
 4. Solomon was chosen to reign after David, and he built a temple for God (1 Chron 22:6-10).
 5. However, that could not be the house because Solomon did not reign forever as Nathan had prophesied about the builder (2 Sam. 7:13).
 6. Therefore, after the dedication of the temple in 977 BC, Micah and Isaiah prophesied of God building His house (Micah 4:1-2; Isaiah 2:2-5).
 - B. Daniel prophesied about the house of God calling the kingdom.
 1. That in the days of the fourth (Romans') kingdom, God will establish His kingdom (Dan. 2:44-45).
 2. The kingdom will be given to the Son of Man who came before the Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:13-14).

3. The Son would receive it and give to the saints to possess it forever (Dan. 7:14, 18).

C. Angel Gabriel foretold about the house to Mary (Luke 1:26-33).

1. That the virgin Mary shall born a son and call His name Jesus (Luke 1:31, Isa. 7:14).
2. He shall be the Son of God from the seedline of David (Luke 1:32, 2 Sam 7:12,14).
3. The Son will reign in the house and the kingdom forever (Luke 1:33; 2 Sam. 7:13-14).

D. The house was prophesied with different names yet the same thing.

1. Nathan, Isaiah, and Micah called it a house (2 Sam 7:12-16, Isa. 2:2-3, Mic. 4:1-3)
2. Daniel referred to it as God's kingdom (Dan. 2:44-45; 7:13-14).
3. Angel Gabriel called it both house and kingdom (Luke 1:33).
4. John the Baptist called it the kingdom of heaven (Mat. 3:2).
5. Jesus called it both kingdom and church (Mat. 4:17; 16:18-19; Mark 9:1).

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOUSE (Micah 4:1).

A. All the prophecies were fulfilled (Mat. 5:17-18).

1. The church came with power on the first Pentecost day after the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:4-8; 2:41-47).
2. Peter spoke to the people on the Pentecost day about the Power of God that should come with the kingdom (Acts 2:1-14 cf. Mark 9:1; Matt 16:18-19, Dan 2:44-45).
3. Peter explained how Jesus has been given the apostles power and a kingdom from the Father (Acts 2:22-24, 29-33 cf. Dan. 7:13-14).
4. Peter literally opened the door (Acts 2:36-41).
5. God added the saved to the church (Acts 2:47).
6. The church/kingdom scattered and spread due to persecution (Acts 8:1-4,12; Gal 1:13).

B. Jesus is the builder of the established house of God (Heb. 3:4-6).

1. He promised to build the house which is the church (Matt. 16:16-18).
2. He did on the day of Pentecost after His resurrection (Acts 2:41-47).
3. He built the House of God (Heb 3:4-6).
4. He bought the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 6:20).
5. He is the branch; he fulfilled the prophecy to build it (Zech. 6:12-13).
 - a. He would build the temple of the Lord (i.e., His church).
 - b. He would rule on His throne (1 Cor 15:12, Rev. 1:5; 2:27-28).
 - c. He would be a priest on His throne (Heb 8:1-2, Rev. 3:21).
 - d. He would provide the "counsel of peace" (Eph. 2:14-17).

- C. The established house is the church, and it is the kingdom of God.
 - 1. The house is the church (1 Tim 3:14-15, 1 Pet. 4:17).
 - 2. The church is God's family (Gal. 3:26-27).
 - 3. The house is the kingdom of God (Matt 16:19).
 - 4. Among the house of God, we dine with the Lord (Luke 22:29-30, 1 Cor 11:23-27).
 - 5. The house of God is the saints delivered from the power of darkness (Col. 1:12-13).

- D. Christians are the established house of God (Eph. 2:19-22).
 - 1. Yes, we are the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 - 2. We are living stones being built into a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:4-5).
 - 3. Stephen was right, God does not dwell in a temple, or any auditorium or cathedral made by men (Acts 7:47-50).
 - 4. The Christians are the holy temple built together for a dwelling place of God in spirit (Eph. 2:22).

III. DESTINY OF THE HOUSE (Micah 4:2).

- A. The house of God teaches the ways of God (Micah 4:2, Isa. 2:3).
 - 1. We Preach the Word in and out of season (2 Tim. 4:2).
 - 2. We must speak about the power of God to save (Rom 1:16).
 - a. We must not be ashamed.
 - b. Those who believe will not perish (Mark 16:16, John 3:18).
 - c. God will save the sinner through faith (Rom. 1:17).
 - d. Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

- B. God's judgement is coming upon all (Rom. 1:18).
 - 1. Jesus is coming again to judge all mankind fiercely.
 - 2. He is coming not at the Lamb of God.
 - a. Grace period of the Lamb's saving blood is now (John 1:29)
 - b. He is coming with His reward in His hand (Rev. 22:12).
 - 3. It will begin from God's house, the church (1 Peter 4:17-18).
 - a. Those in the house will scarcely be saved.
 - b. Like the days of Noah so will it be (Matt 24:37-39).
 - c. Many are called but few will be chosen for unrighteous in the house will be thrown out into the darkness (Matt. 22:11-14).
 - 4. Jesus has gone to prepare a place for those in the house and He will return for them (John 14:1-5, 1 Cor. 15:24).

- C. All houses will be burned but the God's house/kingdom will be lifted to God (1 Cor. 15:24; 2 Pet 3:7-11).
 - 1. There shall be no hiding place for anyone.
 - 2. Don't take God's slackness for granted.
 - 3. He is waiting for the repentance of all.

4. He wants us to be in Heaven more than we wish.
5. There is a Safe house, and we are pleading that you come in.
 - a. The fragrance of life and death are in the house of God (2 Cor 2:14-17).
 - b. The church is the safe house of salvation (Eph 5:23).
6. The saved are in the church; the safe house but those outside the house shall perish.
7. Enter by the Narrow Gate, for Christ is the door (Mat. 7:13-14; John 10:7-10)!
 - a. Several churches proclaiming to be God's people (Mat 15:7-9).
 - b. Jesus will deny them that they (Mat. 7:21-23).
 - c. There will be gnashing of teeth, beware (Mat. 13:41-42).

CONCLUSION

1. We have studied that; the Lord's house was prophesied, established, and has a destiny in God's plan.
2. God's house has been established and it is the church.
3. The house teaches God's ways and call all people from every nation unto God.
4. All that is preached by the house will be brought in judgement (John 12:48).
5. If you will believe and submit in obedience to God, you will pass over death to life (John 5:24).
6. What are you waiting for, why not now? (Acts 22:16).
 - a. Believe the gospel (John 8:24).
 - b. Repent from your sins (Acts 2:38).
 - c. Confess Jesus as The Son of God (Acts 8:37).
 - d. Be Baptized for your salvation (1 Pet. 3:21).
 - e. Live faithfully in the church the safe House (Eph 5:17).
7. If you are already a part of the house of God, be careful you do not lose what we have worked for (2 John 8).