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The Secret of the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost

The mystery of the location of the Upper Room in Jerusalem unlocks two other unknown mysteries of what happened behind the scenes on the Day of Pentecost. Here my reasons why the location was critical for the fulfillment of prophecies.

One of the abiding mysteries of Luke's account in his gospel and in Acts is where in Jerusalem would 150 people gather in a second story residence and be heard by thousands of people on the Day of Pentecost speaking in tongues that the hearers could identify as their home languages from all over the world.

We Charismatics actually don't care concentrating instead on the instructions of Jesus, "go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father" After His resurrection and return before His ascension according to Paul over 500 people testified to having seen him and presumably all received the same invitation.....only 120 responded. (Acts 1:15). Take heart preachers even Jesus had difficulty doing an altar call and getting a response.

While we glory in the "you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you" I want to in this blog take a look behind the scenes and uncover three fascinating mysteries. And they have to do with the location of the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

Nobody knows for sure where this happened only that it was in Jerusalem. Which creates a problem. If you know of the architecture of buildings and residences of Jerusalem in 33 AD there were precious few places with an upper or second story that could accommodate 120 people.. Certainly no private house would be able to accommodate them besides the Roman procurators official residence. And there were no town halls or taverns that could provide that.

I believe I have uncovered the location and if I am right it uncovers some interesting further revelations tied to the location and prophecies from the Old Testament. Just upfront I must admit this is my private opinion which I have yet to find any archeologists or Bible scholars who have a similar view. But I'll just lay it out there for you to evaluate and decide for yourself.

If you read carefully the writings of Luke he gives us some interesting clues as to where the 120 were gathered in Jerusalem. At the very end of Luke's gospel Luke

records the ascension of Jesus into the clouds after He told them to gather in Jerusalem and wait and concludes with these final 3 verses.....

Luk 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Luk 24:53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

So Luke tells us plainly they went to Jerusalem “**and were continually in the temple**”

Now we go to his follow up history in the book of Acts we find the following. The scene now goes to Jerusalem and the 120 in the Upper Room before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Act 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Act 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

And where were they gathered in “**one accord**” after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:46 tells us....

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

The early church had cell group meetings in their homes...but when they all came together for prayer and worship in one accord? Where?

The simple answer: The 120 gathered in one of the large “upper rooms” of the many large places in the vast Temple Complex built by Herod. They were there before the Day of Pentecost when thousands of Jewish pilgrims from all over the world were gathered within earshot of the sound of the mighty rushing wind and the public speaking of tongues by the 120. Ready for Peter to preach to the thousands gathered to witness this miracle and 3000 of the crowd got saved that day.

Herod’s Temple Complex in 33 AD Jerusalem

- Herod the Great rebuilt and greatly expanded the Second Temple between ~20 BC and 19 AD.
- The complex was massive, covering roughly 35 acres (144,000 square meters).

- It included multiple large courtyards, chambers, porticos, and structures—some with multiple stories.
- The Temple itself had various “chambers” and “halls” used for priestly functions, offerings, teaching, and lodging.
- Large halls such as Solomon’s Portico (Colonnade), the Royal Stoa, and the Treasury buildings existed.

If Herod was true to the original design that David gave Solomon it would have had “upper chambers” as recorded in 1 Samuel

*1Ch 28:10-12 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the **upper chambers thereof**, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat, And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things:*

Now having hopefully established the fact that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost on the disciples with wind and tongues of fire over their heads took place in the Temple compound, let me share two more mysteries about the Temple that day that is important background revelation.

Mystery 1 Where did the Glory go?

There was a secret known to the high priests who were the only ones permitted to go into the Holy of Holies in the temple. Their glory of God was gone! Of course the vast priestly apparatus knew this privately but when the veil of the Temple was rent as Jesus died the bareness of the Holy of Holies was obvious to all.

The glory of the Lord was revealed on Mount Sinai.

The glory of the Lord was manifested over and in the Tabernacle of Moses.

When the Tabernacle of Moses was placed at Shiloh and the glory of the Lord was there.

Then because Israel became corrupt the Glory departed Shiloh. “Ichabod”...the glory has departed.

The glory of God returned when David took the Ark to be placed in the City of David under a large Tent Tabernacle.

Then David prepared Solomon.....to build a house for the Lord for God’s glory to be manifested on earth (1 Chron 28;6).

When Solomon’s Temple was finished the ark was taken in and glory of the Lord filled the Temple so much the priests could not stand in it.

But then Israel once again went into sin and rebellion. The Babylonians invaded but kept the Temple operating at first. But after years Ezekiel in a vision from God saw the great iniquity in Jerusalem and something happened before 586 BC when Babylon went to war again against a rebellious vassal and they destroyed

both Jerusalem and the Temple. But just before that great tragedy Ezekiel 10:18 the prophet saw the glory departing from the Temple and Jerusalem.

But in Ezekiel 11:23 we see the last sighting of the glory of God.....

Eze 11:22 Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

Eze 11:23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

That would be the Mount of Olives where the glory was last seen by Ezekiel. And it remained there till the resurrected Jesus took His disciples to the Mount of Olives and ascended into the waiting clouds of Glory in the heavens.

But He promised....'I will return....with the Glory". You shall receive the promise of the Father, tarry and wait....

And on the Day of Pentecost the wind and the fire on the disciples manifested the return of the Glory of God back in the Temple in Jerusalem. With this difference. The Glory did not return to the Temple of Herod. The Glory came down on a new Temple of God, the church the Body of Christ.

And as Isaiah prophecied..."Shall a nation be born in a day"? Yes it did on the Day of Pentecost. The New Temple and the New Jerusalem. The Church.

Mystery 2 The Making of a New Order of Priests

Here is another mystery tied to the Temple or Tabernacle of God in the Old Testament.

When it came time for Aaron and his sons to be initiated and consecrated God gave Moses explicit instructions on how and where this was to be done. The requirement was that Aaron and his sons must live for 7 days inside the Tabernacle. And after 7 days they can be consecrated and anointed and put on the ephod and act in the Tabernacle as priests of God.

Lev 8:6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

Lev 8:7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith.

Lev 8:8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

Lev 8:33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation in seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you.

The 120 were gathered from all places where they were invited and gathered in the Temple Upper room and for at least the last 7 days they were "in one accord"

and ready to be consecrated and filled with the Glory of God....consecrated to be the “royal

Here is what the Lord told Israel....

Exodus 19:6: ***“And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”***

Deut. 7:6: ***“For you are a holy people unto the Lord your God: the Lord has chosen you to be a special people unto himself...”***

But national Israel did not want to be a kingdom of priests. They wanted to be like other nations.

So God decided to find Him a people who are called to be His royal priesthood to carry His glory to the nations as living Temples of the Holy Spirit.

Now read what 1 Peter 2:9 says...

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people that you should show forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

And that is why I believe the disciples were gathered on that day in the Temple in Jerusalem. To fulfill the last requirement of Priest making while the old Temple was still standing.

But after the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem they now became the Priests and the Temple of God to carry His glory to the nations.