



Bible Prophecy Guide

Restoring the Temple

Summary 16

Genesis 1:1-2 – The Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation. Thus we see this notion of hovering associated with the Holy Spirit. As one commentator put it, the Holy Spirit brought order out of chaos and offers to do the same for our lives.

Deuteronomy 32:11 – Here we see God describing himself as an eagle that hovers over it's young.

Luke 1:35 – The same Holy Spirit hovered over Mary and thus she was overshadowed by the Most High when she was made to be with Child.

Colossians 1:27 – God says that Jesus desires to dwell in us.

Luke 11:13 – We should ask for the Holy Spirit in our lives, that we might be overshadowed by God and filled with Jesus and His character in our hearts. This is the new covenant for of Hebrews 8:10 for Jesus writes His law as we noted in our study on the law with His Spirit.

Luke 13:34 – Jesus desires to hover over us through His Holy Spirit, that we be made safe under the protection of His wings.

Psalms 61:4 – Compares his temple with His wings. Indeed, if we will allow Him to cleanse our temples, He will come and dwell with us like dwelt in the sanctuary of the Old Testament.

Exodus 40:34 – When they had finished preparing and erecting the sanctuary, the glory of God filled it. We also must have His Holy Spirit to overshadow us if we are to be pleasing in His sight.

Luke 2:52 – Jesus grew mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. We thus should follow his example and strive to grow in all four areas of life. God desires to restore us holistically.

Matthew 17:5 – A bright cloud overshadowed Jesus and His Father in heaven said, this is my Son in Who I am well pleased! The Messiah (which means anointed one) was anointed with the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove at His baptism. Thus if Jesus did this as our example, we too must have His Spirit in order for us to be pleasing in His sight.

Ephesians 5:9-10 NIV – When you love someone, you are continually trying to discover new ways to please them and show your love for them. Matthew 22:37-38 says that His

commandment keeping people will be those who love Him with all their hearts. If one is not converted and thus in love with their Saviour, then His instructions and commandments will appear as merely a list of do's and don'ts. However when our hearts are surrendered fully to God and His Holy Spirit dwells in us, then His instructions and laws are good news!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – We are to glorify God with our bodies. Paul compares our bodies to a temple.

Daniel 8:14 – According to this time prophecy, the longest one of all Scripture, the judgment of God's people (cleansing of the Sanctuary), began in 1844.

Leviticus 16:29-30 – The day of atonement involved the cleansing of the sanctuary in the Old Testament, which was a type of things to come in the heavenly sanctuary. It was also a day in which the people fasted and prayed, searching their own souls to make sure they had been cleansed as well by the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 14:6-7 – Thus in the end times message of the 1st angel states that the hour of God's judgment has come! As a part of that message, we are to glorify God! Our only hope of glory is to have Jesus in us through His Holy Spirit! But our temples must be cleansed for His presence to fully rest upon us.

1 Corinthians 10:31 – Our ability to glorify God includes what we eat or drink.

HEALTH

Ecclesiastes 7:17 – We can prolong our lives by making healthy choices.

Daniel 1:5, 8, 12, 20 – Daniel and his friends were not willing to compromise with regards to their diet.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 – We are living temples for God to dwell in.

Proverbs 20:1 – When you are drunk, you become a fool. Alcohol makes a fool out of the wise.

Proverbs 23:29-35 – Indeed, Solomon knew the effects of wine. Since the Greek and Hebrew languages did not have a word to differentiate between fermented and unfermented wine, we can't assume that every place that has the word wine that it is referring to fermented juice. Jesus for example would not have created fermented wine as He came to redeem us, not enslave us.

Proverbs 31:4-5 – Kings and princes are not to partake of alcohol.

Revelation 1:5-6 – God considers His people to be as kings and priests.

“Every cigarette you smoke takes 14.5 minutes off your life.” – Dr. Linus Pauling

Leviticus 11:2-8 – The Bible gives specific guidelines for knowing what is clean and unclean with regards to land animals. Animals that are safe must have a cloven hoof and chew the cud.

Genesis 9:4 – The Bible states that we are not to eat animals with the blood still in it.

Leviticus 17:10-11 – God treated seriously the offence of eating the blood.

Acts 15:28-29 – The early church still held to this teaching. If it wasn't clean then, it isn't clean now. Blood is the transportation system for the body. It carries nutrients but it also carries waste.

Leviticus 11:9-10 – The Bible makes it clear what sea food is acceptable and what isn't. Only sea life that has fins and scales is acceptable for food.

Acts 10:9-28 – Peter's vision clearly did not pertain to food but was simply a symbol to illustrate that the Gentiles were not to be called unclean.

Genesis 1:29 – God's original diet included fresh fruits and grains.

Genesis 7:1-2 – Noah was instructed to take 7 clean and 2 unclean animals into the Ark. The 7 clean were for sacrifices and for extra food during the scarce conditions of the flood.

Exodus 16:3, 7-9 – God allows us to have our way even when it causes us pain. It wasn't his choice that they have the meat but that is what they wanted and so He allowed them to have it.

1 Samuel 8:6-9 - As way of example, it wasn't God's choice that Israel have a king but they wanted it so they got it and look at all the grief it caused them. Is it not the same way with meat?

1 Kings 10:1-9 – God had designed that Israel be a model to the nations of what God could do in a person's life. But because Israel refused to cooperate, the world refused to take notice. So the invitation is for us today, to follow God's moral and physical laws and in so doing, we will not only enjoy a more abundant life, but we will more effectively demonstrate the joy of the Lord.

Philippians 3:19 – Those whose end is destruction will make a god of their belly. Indeed, just as appetite played a role in the original sin of the garden, it will play a pivotal role in the end time scenario.

Ezekiel 16:49 – Sodom & Gomorrah who serves as a type of the world at the end of time was guilty of the misuse of food.

DRESS & ADORNMENT

Deuteronomy 22:5 – Men and women should dress differently and avoid that which pertains to the opposite sex. In today's world, androgyny, the blending of the sexes has become so prevalent that people are struggling with their own identity. It is in part because of a disregard

of this text. It has generally been accepted for some time for women to dress more like men but in recent years it has become more prevalent for men to dress in a feminine manner.

Leviticus 19:28 – The Bible is clear that tattoos and piercings are not to be associated with God's people.

Genesis 35:1-4 – Jewelry is often associated with paganism in Scripture. (**See Judges 8:24 & Isaiah 3:16-21, Hosea 2:13**) We also see the putting away of jewelry associated with revival and reformation.

Revelation 12:1 & 17:4 – We see the church compared to a pure woman while the harlot that represents the antichrist is associated with jewels and costly array. Harlotry is often associated with make up and jewelry. (**See Jeremiah 4:30, 2 Kings 9:30, Ezekiel 23:40**)

Exodus 32:29 & 33:1-6 – As an act of consecrating themselves to God, they were to put away their jewelry. This was done in preparation for entering the promised land which Paul tells us was shared with us as examples for us as we prepare to enter the Heavenly kingdom. See **1 Corinthians 10:11**.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 & 1 Peter 3:1-4 – Here we see that those who profess godliness will not be associated with jewelry but with a meek and quiet spirit.

John 8:29 – Jesus sought to do only that which please His Father and thus is the desire of those who love Him. (**See 1 Thessalonians 4:1, Hebrews 11:5 & Ephesians 5:10**) Based on what we have read, it would appear that God desires His people in these last days to avoid jewelry.

Genesis 19:20 – It is tempting to hold onto just a little of what we once knew for it is often hard to make a clean break from our past. Lot didn't want to go to the mountains when leaving the city of Sodom but asked to go to Zoar which was a little city.

Philippians 2:5-8 – Think of what Jesus left behind to redeem us. You see jewelry is not inherently evil but when placed upon someone who is already prone to pride and self-aggrandizement, we are best to heed the counsel of God in laying it aside. Lucifer was covered in jewels in heaven the Bible describes in **Ezekiel 28:13** for example that Satan had a covering of stones upon him before he sinned and Jesus assigned the high priest to wear a collection of stones on their vestment when serving as the high priest in the Old Testament. The principle we may deduce from this question on jewelry is that given our fallen state and given that we are living in a time of judgment which was typified by the day of atonement in the Old Testament sanctuary, we are instructed therefor to lay aside all jewelry. For did Jesus not do so when He left the jewel filled heaven and came as a humble servant to this earth. There is no record of Jesus wearing jewelry and in fact, at His crucifixion, the soldiers cast lots to see who might have his clothes but no mention is made of jewelry. **See Matthew 27:35**.

Time & Thoughts

Romans 12:1-2 – Our bodies should be as living sacrifices to God! Cain and Abel were brothers but they both offered different sacrifices. (See Genesis 4:1-8) One was according to God's

Word, the other according to personal opinion. God accepted one, and not the other. Just as they were brothers, so those who profess Christ are brothers and sisters but only those who follow God's Word will be accepted as holy unto God. It's not that we make ourselves holy, but when we surrender fully to His will, He makes us Holy unto Himself. If I am to sacrifice myself to God, that means I hold nothing back. I die to self, that He may live fully in me.

Philippians 4:8 – This is the filter for the Christian when it comes to what he takes in through his other senses. This affects what we read, watch, listen to etc. We must be cautious for if we place ourselves under forbidden fruit, like Eve, will likely be seduced to try some.

Romans 8:1 – We are to walk after the Spirit and not the flesh.

1 John 3:3, 22 – God expects us to be purified for heaven. To be pleasing in His sight, His law must be written in our hearts.

Revelation 22:11 – Our characters are changed here, not there.

Revelation 14:4-5 - The 144,000 will be a purified people, virgins. That just as Mary was a virgin who carried Christ, so God promises to make you a virgin if you will surrender to Him.

Matthew 25:1-13 – We are likened to virgins, and the only difference between the foolish and the wise were that the foolish were content with just a little of the Holy Spirit while the righteous brought extra. We are too easily satisfied. If we want Jesus to be Lord of every area of our live, we must not be so easily satisfied. We need more and more of Jesus in our life!