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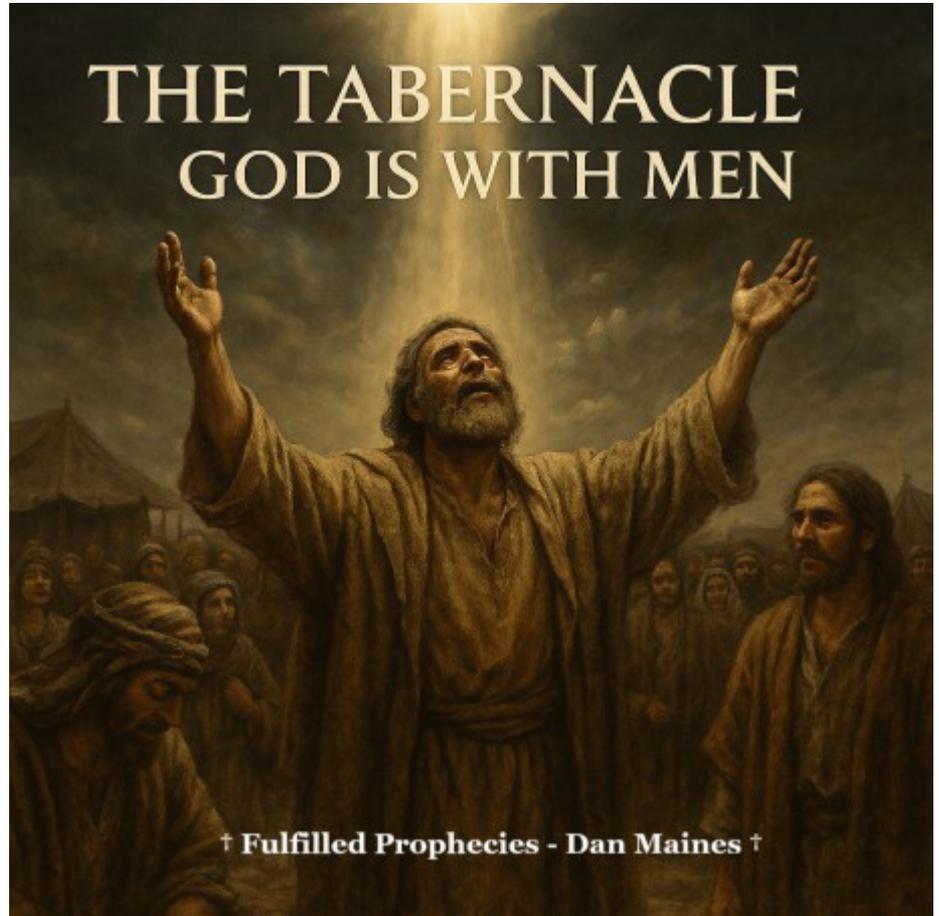
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The Tabernacle of God Is With Men



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Revelation 21:3

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them."

† This announcement marks the completion of all covenant history, God dwelling permanently with His redeemed.

† The word "tabernacle" recalls God's presence among Israel in

the wilderness, now fulfilled eternally in Christ.

† The distance between heaven and earth is gone; the divine presence now fills His people.

† What was once symbolized by tents and temples is now the living reality of the new creation.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

† The word "dwelt" means "tabernacled", Christ was the visible manifestation of God's presence on earth.

† In Him, the divine glory that once filled the tabernacle took human form.

† The incarnation was the beginning of God's permanent dwelling among men.

† Grace and truth replaced the shadows of ritual and law, bringing the fullness of God's presence to His people.

Leviticus 26:11-12

Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

† God promised Israel His presence if they kept His covenant, yet their sin kept them separated.

† This verse foreshadowed the greater fulfillment through Christ, who made permanent atonement.

† The promise "I will walk among you" is fulfilled by the indwelling Spirit, who now lives within believers.

† Rejection was replaced by reconciliation, the tabernacle is no longer conditional but eternal.

Ezekiel 37:26-28

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and

multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever. My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. And the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.

† Ezekiel's vision describes the new covenant of peace realized in the reign of Christ.

† The "everlasting covenant" is the completed relationship between God and His people through the cross.

† The sanctuary "in their midst" points to the living temple, the Church filled with His Spirit.

† The nations now witness this fulfillment as the presence of God spreads to all creation.

Exodus 40:34-35

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

† Under the old covenant, even Moses could not fully approach the manifested glory.

† The separation showed humanity's inability to dwell in God's presence due to sin.

† Through Christ, that barrier was removed, the glory now abides within, not apart from, His people.

† The glory that once filled a tent now fills the hearts of the redeemed permanently.

2 Corinthians 6:16

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

† Paul directly applied the promise of God's dwelling to the Church, the spiritual temple.

† The living God no longer dwells in man-made structures but in His covenant people.

† The new tabernacle is formed not by stones, but by hearts indwelt by His Spirit.

† Every believer now carries the presence that once filled holy places made by hands.

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

† The writer of Hebrews connects Jeremiah's prophecy to the new covenant fulfillment in Christ.

† The law once written on stone is now written within, a tabernacle not of flesh but of Spirit.

† The indwelling of God's presence fulfills the ancient promise beyond the limits of the old system.

† The completed covenant means unbroken fellowship, guided by His law of love within us.

How it applies to us today

† We live daily in the reality of God's dwelling, the eternal tabernacle is within us.

† There is no longer separation between sacred and ordinary; His presence fills all of life.

† The promise made to Israel, fulfilled in Christ, is the unshakable foundation of the new creation.

† We are the temple where heaven and earth meet, the visible display of His eternal presence.

† The tabernacle of God is not a place we go to; it is who we are in Him forever.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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