

I. THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID: GOD'S BLUEPRINT, DAVID'S ORDER

A. King David is mostly known because of his military success, trust in God during the wilderness years, and his writing of many psalms. David did something arguably more important in bringing the order of heavenly worship to Jerusalem, fueled by the beauty of God. The Spirit gave him plans in writing to build a temple complex on earth as he witnessed the heavenly temple (1 Chr. 28:11-19; cf. Psalm 11:4; 27:4; 29:9; 110:1; 119:96; Isa. 6:1; Rev. 11:19). It was David's obsession to build a resting place on earth for God like he saw in heaven (Psalm 132).

11 David gave his son Solomon the plans...12 for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; 13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD...19 All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." (1 Chr. 28:11-19)

I have seen the consummation of all perfection [God's Throne of Glory]... (Ps. 119:96)

One thing I have desired... to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple (Ps. 27:4)

B. The plans God gave David included the hiring of prophetic *singers and musicians* (Levites) who would minister *unceasingly* before the ark of God *day and night*. (1 Chr. 9:33; 16:1, 4, 37; 25:5, 7). Originally they ministered in "David's Tent/Tabernacle" before Solomon constructed the temple.

These are the singers... who... were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night. (1 Chr. 9:33)

4,000 were gatekeepers, and 4,000 praised the Lord with musical instruments... The number... instructed in the songs of the Lord...who were skillful, was 288. (1 Chr. 23:5, 7)

They brought the ark...and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David erected for it. 4 He appointed Levites (singers) to minister before the ark...to praise the Lord...37 to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required... (1 Chr. 16:1, 4, 37)

C. David commanded God's people to honor the *heavenly order* of worship that he received by revelation because *it was God's command*. (2 Chr. 29:25; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:45).

Hezekiah...stationed Levites in the house of the Lord with stringed instruments... according to the commandment of David...for thus was the commandment of the Lord. (2 Chr. 29:25)

D. Every time in Israel's history when Israel followed these commands they experienced revival and military supremacy. This type of revival occurred seven times afterwards:

1. Solomon *And, according to the order of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of God had commanded. (2 Chr. 8:14)*
 2. Jehoshaphat *And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For His mercy endures forever."... (2 Chr. 20:21f.)*
 3. Jehoida/Jehoash *Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the Lord to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the Lord, to offer the burnt offerings of the Lord, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David. (2 Chr. 23:18)*
 4. Hezekiah ***25** And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the Lord by His prophets. 26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.... (2 Chr. 29:25-27)*
 5. Josiah *...**10** So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command... 15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them. (2 Chr. 35:3-15)*
 6. Zerubbabel *In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated holy things for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated them for the children of Aaron. (Ezra 3:10)*
 7. Ezra and Nehemiah *In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated holy things for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated them for the children of Aaron. (Neh. 12:47)*
- E. These worship principles are timeless and valid today, such as establishing singers and musicians in God's House, day and night prayer, music with prayer, etc... The application of these principles will differ in each generation and culture. Eg., story of prayer and worship with souls in China.
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II. THE REBUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

A. The rebuilding of the tabernacle has two aspects. One is the building of the “spirit” of the tabernacle “in every place” before the coming of the Lord (Mal. 1:11; Amos 9:11-15; Acts 15:15-17; Isa. 42:10-15); the other is the physical rebuilding of it Jesus will do when He rules as King from Jerusalem (Isa. 9:6-7; 16:5; Jer. 3:17; Zech. 6:12-13; 14:16; Amos 9:11-15).

On that day I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name... 14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel [1948]... 15 I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land... (Am. 9:11-15)

B. Amos linked the *restoration* of the Davidic order and the *acceleration* of the great harvest (vs. 11-12) to the *replanting* of the nation of Israel to her land forever (vs. 14-15; cf. Zech. 13:8-9; 14:1-4). We are in this generation, 40-100 year period (Nu. 32:13; Gen. 15:13-16; cf. Isa. 42:10-13; Isa. 56:7; Mal. 1:11). The significance cannot be overstated of the Lord highlighting “prayer in the spirit of the TOD” independently to those in His Church overlapping with the rebirth of the State of Israel.

C. In 2000, a Rwandan pastor launched singers and musicians in the “spirit of the Tabernacle of David” from a dream and directive of God. In 1999, IHOPKC has began unceasing prayer meetings “in the spirit of the tabernacle of David” from a mandate God gave Mike Bickle in 1983.

III. BACKGROUND OF HEAVENLY WORSHIP (HARP AND BOWL) FROM THE APOSTLE JOHN

A. John saw the throne room of God as He was caught up in the Spirit (Rev. 4:1-2). He witnessed the combination of music and intercession before God. The term “harp” and “bowl” refers to prophetic music (harp) combined with intercession (prayers kept in bowls) that ascends to heaven and is kept there before the Lord until He answers (Rev. 8:3; 5:8).

And when he [Jesus] had taken it [the scroll], the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. (Rev. 5:8)

Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense [prayers], that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (Rev. 8:3)

B. Through John’s account we again see the emphasis on unending *day and night* worship before God.
The four living creatures...do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy..." 10 the twenty-four elders fall down...and worship Him who lives forever and ever... (Rev. 4:8-10)

C. In heaven at this time most of the worship is done by angels (Rev. 4-5; Heb. 12:22; Dan. 7:10), but that is not God's final arrangement as He desires to have human beings *minister to Him* (Ex. 24:9-11; Ezek. 44:15; Zech. 3:6; James 4:8; Rev. 7:9, 15; 15:2; 21:3) and *speak face to face* with Him (Numbers 12:7-8; Deut. 34:10; Ps. 27:4; 1 Cor. 13:12; Rev. 22:4). We can do this now in our spirit but a time is coming when we will do it in our resurrected bodies *in person*.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him [the Father]. A thousand thousands [angelic beings] ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.... (Dan. 7:10)

'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these [heavenly ministers] who stand here. (Zech. 3:6)

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know [experience God] just as I also am known [experienced by God]. (1 Cor. 13:12)

D. We are given a glimpse of Revelation 4 and 5 so that we, too, can bring what is witnessed in heaven to earth. He wants us to build places of encounter where we can commune with Him and enjoy Him like John saw those in heaven fascinated with the beauty of God (Mat. 6:9-10; Psalm 27:4).

"...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Mat. 6:10)

IV. SOME OF THE VALUES OF "HARP AND BOWL" FROM REVELATION 4-5.

IHOPKC has developed values and a worship and prayer model, called "Harp and Bowl" from our understanding of David and John's accounts. We train these values and model in our internships, schools (FSM, FMA, FMI), and in short term trips outside the mission base. Here are some of the values:

- A. *The greatness of the Father:* His sovereignty, His mercy, His beauty and love (Rev. 4:2-3; 8-11)
- B. *The centrality of the beauty of Jesus:* His character and person exalted (Rev. 5:5, 9-14; cf. Ps. 24:7)
- C. *Unceasing worship* (Rev. 4:8)
- D. *Combined music with intercession, praise and worship* (Rev. 4:8-9; 5:8-10, 13-14; 14:2-3)
- E. *Enjoyable worship* (Rev. 4:8; 10-11; 5:7, 9, 11, 13; cf. Is. 56:6-7)
- F. *Prophetic (revelatory) Declarations about God.* The holiness of the Father (Rev. 4:8); The worthiness of the Father (Rev. 4:11); The worthiness of Jesus to rule (Rev. 5:9-10); The worthiness of the Father's plan (Rev. 5:12-13).
- G. *Call and response.* Spontaneity and interaction. See how the various groups (living creatures, 24 elders angels, and every creature) respond to the revelation the others receive. (Rev. 5:8-10; 11-12; 13; 14; cf. Ezra 3:11).

1. The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders sing in Rev. 5:8-10
2. The myriad's of angels join them in Rev. 5:11-12
3. Every creature joins the previous two groups in Rev. 5:13
4. The four living creatures cry out in a chorus of “amen” in Rev. 5:14
5. The twenty-four elders break out into worship in Rev. 5:14

V. THE END TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT

A. The Scriptures speak of the global prayer and worship movement that will be dynamically connected to the Lord's return (Rev. 8:1-3; Isa. 24:14-16; 42:10-15).

Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you coastlands and you inhabitants of them! 11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, The villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing, Let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory to the Lord, And declare His praise in the coastlands. 13 The LORD shall go forth [Jesus' second coming] like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies... 14 I will lay waste [by earthquakes] the mountains ...” (Isa. 42:10-15)

B. ***From the ends of the earth***: six challenging areas that will engage in the worship movement

1. ***Go down to the sea***: includes the nearly 12,000 inhabited islands of the earth
2. ***Coastlands***: includes the major population and resource centers on the coastlands
3. ***Wilderness***: includes the small cities in the wilderness and desert regions
4. ***Villages of Kedar and Sela***: Islamic villages in Jordan (Sela) and Saudi Arabia (Kedar)
5. ***Top of the mountains***: includes those in hard to reach altitudes.

C. This prayer movement includes making God's name great through a lifestyle of first love for God.

My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty. (Mal. 1:11)

D. This prayer movement movement carries both the *values* John witnessed in heaven and the *order* of worship David recorded by the Spirit (Rev. 4-5; 1 Chr. 28:11-19; 9:33; 16:1, 4, 37; 25:5, 7; 2 Chr. 29:25; 35:4, 15; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:45; Amos 9:11-15), bringing the Bride into greater alignment with heaven, thus preparing the earth for the Lord's return.

E. The order of worship and values from heaven that the Church establishes now will carry on seamlessly in two ways: first, “worship and prayer in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David” will continue in the New Jerusalem which hovers over the earth after the return of the Lord (Rev. 7:9-17; 15:1-5; Rev. 22:4; Ps. 27:4; John 4:23-24; Rev. 21:10); second, Jesus will rebuild the Tabernacle of David when He rebuilds the earthly temple in the earthly Jerusalem as He sets up His throne there (Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 3:17; Zech. 6:12-13; 14:16; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:15-17; Isa. 16:5). During the Millennium, as worship and prayer builds in both heaven and earth, the convergence between them will grow, releasing the Kingdom of God on the earth in unprecedented measure!

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple (Rev. 7:14-15)

‘After this I will return [return of Jesus] and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up... (Acts. 15:15-17)

“Behold, the Man [Jesus]!... shall build the temple of the Lord; 13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne...(Zech. 6:12-13)

In mercy the throne [In Jerusalem] will be established; and One [Jesus] will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness. (Isa. 16:5)

F. The Lord is “setting” in place intercessors known as “watchmen” in one generation that would continue in a lifestyle of *day and night* prayer until the Lord returns to rule as King in Jerusalem and make it a place of praise (Isa. 62:6-7). Jesus is zealous for returning to Jerusalem to rule there as king so He can release the Kingdom of God in an open and manifest way that would bring heaven and earth together through His person (Zech 1:14; 8:2; Rev. 11:15; Eph. 1:9-10; Isa. 11:9)

6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace [be silent, NAS] day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 and give Him no rest till He...makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth [at the second coming]. (Isa. 62:6-7)

VI. PERSONAL NOTES OR QUESTIONS