

Glory of the Latter House

Hag 2:9 NKJV - 'The **glory of this latter** temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Remember, that Haggai was a prophet sent by the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) to encourage the people in the rebuilding of the "second temple." The first temple was built by Solomon ben David and destroyed by the Babylonians by 586 B.C.E. The Jews spent seventy years in captivity and Cyrus of Persia allowed them to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. King Herod ultimately finished the "second temple."

Hag 2:3 NASB - 'Who is left among you who saw this **temple in its former glory?** And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison?

In other words, this new "second" temple was pitiful compared to the temple that Solomon built. Let's refresh our memories about the dedication of Solomon's temple . . .

2Ch 5:11 NKJV - And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions),

2Ch 5:12 NKJV - and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets

2Ch 5:13 NKJV - indeed it came to pass, when the **trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound** to be heard in **praising and thanking the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)**, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and **praised the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah)** saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, **the house of the LORD (Yahweh or Jehovah) was filled with a cloud,**

2Ch 5:14 NKJV - so that the priests could not continue ministering because **of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.**

Can you imagine this sight? Everyone is face down. No trumpets . . . no singers . . . no one ministering . . . because the cloud . . . the glory was present . . . only the glory of **Yahweh** was present and no one could move.

Here is this “rag tag” group of refugees attempting to compete with the memory of this event at Solomon’s temple. So the **LORD** (**Yahweh** or **Jehovah**) sends them this prophet who brazenly declares, “the glory of this pile of rocks will surpass the glory of Solomon’s temple,” paraphrased.

Chutzpah . . . Holy Chutzpah . . . How could this be?

1Cr 2:7 NKJV - But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

1Cr 2:8 NKJV - which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, **they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

2:8 ἦν οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀρχόντων τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου ἔγνωκεν εἰ γὰρ ἔγνωσαν οὐκ ἂν τὸν **κύριον** τῆς δόξης ἐσταύρωσαν

Jam 2:1 NKJV - My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Lord of glory**, with partiality.

2:1 Ἀδελφοί μου μὴ ἐν προσωποληψίαις ἔχετε τὴν πίστιν τοῦ **κυρίου** (Yahweh) ἡμῶν **Ἰησοῦ** (Yahweh is salvation) **Χριστοῦ** (Messiah) τῆς **δόξης** (glory)

Lord of glory . . . Yahweh of glory . . . Yahweh is salvation . . . Messiah

This James, by the way, is a half-brother or stepbrother of Jesus. Jesus is Yahweh or Jehovah, so James is half brother of Yahweh . . . half brother of God.

Jesus is the **LORD** of glory because Jesus is **LORD** . . . kurios . . . **κυρίου**, which as we remember, was Paul’s gospel, Philippians 2:9-11 based on Isaiah’s gospel from Chapter 45.

On the testimony of two or three witnesses, truth is determined in a Jewish court of law, as per Moses . . . the God of Moses.

1Cr 12:3 NKJV - Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and **no one can say that Jesus is Lord** (except by the Holy Spirit).

12:3 διὸ γνωρίζω ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς ἐν πνεύματι θεοῦ λαλῶν λέγει Ἀνάθεμα Ἰησοῦν, καὶ οὐδεὶς δύναται εἰπεῖν **Κύριον Ἰησοῦν**, εἰ μὴ ἐν **πνεύματι ἁγίῳ**

no one can say that Jesus is Lord . . . Κύριον Ἰησοῦν

except by the Holy Spirit . . . **πνεύματι ἁγίῳ**

Paul + James + **πνεύματι ἁγίῳ** (Holy Spirit) = three witnesses

So, the glory of the latter house . . . Herod's temple . . . was greater than the glory of the former (first) temple (of Solomon) . . . because . . . Yahweh didn't send His glory . . . He came in Person . . . to save . . . the Jew first and then . . . me . . . how about you?

Act 2:1 NKJV - When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 NKJV - And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.**

Act 2:3 NKJV - Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 NKJV - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

So, if this was the “former act,” can you imagine what the “latter act” will be like?