

A Heart Like God's

Part 24: Hearts that Build the House of the Lord

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream down *and* related the *following* summary of it.

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2 Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 “And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 “The first *was* like a lion and had *the* wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

5 “And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs *were* in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’

6 “After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 “After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth.

It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 “While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it;

and behold, this horn possessed
eyes like the eyes of a man and a
mouth uttering great *boasts*.

9 “I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And *the Ancient of Days took His seat;*
His vesture *was* like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne *was* ablaze with flames, Its wheels *were* a burning fire.

10 “A river of fire was flowing And coming
out from before Him; Thousands upon
thousands were attending Him, And
myriads upon myriads were standing
before Him; The court sat, And the books
were opened.

11 “Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking *until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed* and given to the burning fire.

12 “As for the rest of the beasts,
their dominion was taken away, but
an extension of life was granted to
them for an appointed period of
time.

13 “I kept looking in the night
visions, And behold, with the clouds
of heaven *One like a Son of Man was
coming, And He came up to the Ancient
of Days And was presented before Him.*

14 “And to Him was given dominion, Glory
and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations
and men of every language Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is
one Which will not be destroyed.

15 “As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

16 “I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 'These great beasts, which are four *in number*, are four kings *who* will arise from the earth.

18 *'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'*

19 “Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, *and which* devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 and *the meaning* of the ten horns that were on its head and the other *horn* which came up, and before which three of *them* fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great *boasts* and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

21 “I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

22 until the Ancient of Days came and
*judgment was passed in favor of the saints of
the Highest One, and the time arrived when
the saints took possession of the kingdom.*

23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

24 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

25 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

26 'But the court will sit *for judgment*, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

27 *'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'*

28 “At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

32 “By smooth *words* he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but *the people who know their God will display strength and take action.*

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1 Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

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2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, *I dwell in a house of cedar*, but *the ark of God dwells within tent curtains.*”

Whose House are you
building?

A people whose priority
is building a house for
the Lord will have build
the Kingdom of Heaven
in their region.

4 But in the same night the word of the
LORD came to Nathan, saying,

2 Samuel 7:1–16

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5 “Go and say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD, “*Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?*”

6 “For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but *I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.*

7 “Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’ ”

8 “Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.

9 “I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and *I will make you a great name*, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.

10 “I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly,

11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and *I will give you rest from all your enemies.* The LORD also declares to you that *the LORD will make a house for you.*

12 “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, *I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.*

13 “He shall build a house for My name,
and *I will establish the throne of his kingdom
forever.*

14 “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commmits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart
from him, as I took *it* away from Saul,
whom I removed from before you.

16 “Your house and your kingdom shall
endure before Me forever; your throne shall be
established forever.” ” ”

Those who seek to make a name for themselves may succeed, but not in building something eternal.

When our chief desire in life is to provide a dwelling place for God to be with us in the earth, God takes our temporal resources and makes something eternal.

What do you do,
or will you now do,
to build a house for His
name to be made known in
the world around you?