

Where did he go?

He visited the Philistines for a short time (in the form of the ark of the covenant) and knocked the head off of Dagon, their god. Then He went to three cities of the Philistines where He gave everybody a terrible case of hemorrhoids; some cases of hemorrhoids were terminal. He then went to Israel and sat around for 20 years. (I Samuel 4-7) Then GOD started for Jerusalem and when a porter touched him, He killed the guy. (II Samuel 6 & I Chronicles 13) Finally king David got it right and our GOD went to the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem. (II Samuel 6, I Chronicles 16, & 25, Psalm 78) that got to do with us?

In the past, many denominations lined up with the patterns, types, and shadows made by Moses'

the 613 laws of Moses like some Pharisees wanted. The effect of that was the Jews who were believers accepted gentiles who were believers into their assembly. Amos said the Tabernacle of David would be raised again when our GOD gathers Israel back to their own land, when they build their own houses, and plant their own vineyards. (Amos 9) That was 1948.

Are you saying that Amos prophesied about the rebuilding of the present nation of Israel and that the Tabernacle of David would be rebuilt in a parallel way and at the same time?

You said it!

Does that mean that there were to be two different times when our GOD will restore the Tabernacle of David?

Yes. James talked about the first restoration at the time of the start of the Christian church. (Acts 15) Amos talked of another time when Israel was to be rebuilt. (Amos 9) We have read about the first and lived through the second.

I've got to know more.

O.K. The old Tabernacle that Moses built stayed in Israel and the priests stayed with it doing all the religious things priests do, but God was gone. (I Chronicles 16:39-40)

God was gone and they kept on practicing religion? That sounds like some churches I know of today!

You got it!

Why haven't I heard much about it?

An honor graduate of a famous seminary said that he had not studied it either. After we talked about these things for only a few minutes he said he knew why. He said the parallel of types and shadows was too obvious. Most of the present church denominations have refused to accept the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David. They go along with the pattern for a while and then stop. If a professor in a denominational school taught about the prophecy of rebuilding the Tabernacle of David he would stand a pretty good chance of being fired.

I want to know more.

You'll like it!

RACIAL SEGREGATION

My Pentecostal denomination was formed to promote racial segregation! I didn't want to believe it. But that's what the book said. (THE BLACK MAN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT AND ITS WORLD by Bishop Alfred G. Dunston Jr. African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church). And that's what some preachers told me. But I never heard that at any of the Pentecostal churches we attended around the country from the 1930s to the 1990s.

So I looked into it. It's hard to tell what people had in mind 80 years ago, especially when they didn't write much about their intent. But there was enough evidence around to make me change my mind and believe that my own denomination was formed for the purpose of segregating blacks from whites.

I was disturbed, to say the least. I still don't want to believe it. But now I have to.

1906 PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL

A black man named William J. Seymore, blind in one eye, was the apostle of Pentecost at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles in 1906. He had studied the Bible principles of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost at a Bible class taught by Charles Parham in Topeka Kansas in 1901. Around that time a student of Parhamt Agnes Osman, became the first recorded person in this millennium to speak in tongues. A few others followed. Seymore took that message and experience to Los Angeles. The revival of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit exploded along racially integrated lines, black and white worshipping side by side.

Pentecost was salt and pepper from 1906 until 1912-14. The CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST (TENNESSEE) was an established black denomination before the revival. Immediately after the start of the revival the Bishop, C. H. Mason, received the Baptism in the HOLY Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. Other black leaders in the denomination followed. The whole black denomination turned into a Pentecostal denomination. In fact, at the time, it was the only Pentecostal denomination. White pastors and Christian workers, who also received the Baptism in the HOLY Spirit, were ordained by the black denomination.

The revival took in multiplied thousands and thousands of believers. History has not seen anything like it since the start of the Christian church 2000 years ago.

But, white pastors caught too much flack from society. They wanted a white Pentecostal denomination. So my Pentecostal denomination was formed around 1914 and the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST returned to mostly black again.

"Surely," I thought, "those black men who were discriminated against in the beginning of the 20th century would be great leaders in the revival." Wrong again. They weren't. Why? They refused to allow women to have a place of leadership among themselves. Discriminated against on one hand, they were discriminators on the other.

I asked more questions and found women had formed several moves that effectively excluded men from leadership after they themselves had been excluded. Same problem! They were discriminated against on one hand and they became discriminators on the other.

Pentecostal believers got into big fights with each other about the right way to baptize, so new denominations were formed. They fought about the right way to dress and how women should fix their hair. They argued about make up. They split over the type of music they would sing, and/or who would play the piano. They preached against dancing, going to the movies, listening to the radio, and attending ball games. Do you think I'm kidding? I'm not. I know Pentecostal people who were drummed out of church (in the mid 1950s) for having a T.V. antenna on their roof. Same problems.

TABERNACLE OF DAVID

At the same time I learned of this, I was deep in study of the TABERNACLE OF DAVID. That's when I learned that a lot of people in the Old Testament, and some in the New Testament, were black. The pieces of the puzzle started to fit. When our GOD poured out the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost it was along racially integrated lines. Black Egyptians, Cyrenians, and Lybians were involved in the first Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Jerusalem.

Wow! The pattern was becoming clearer. Our GOD was restoring the TABERNACLE OF DAVID to cup own generation in the 20th century. But our early 20th century church leaders followed the same crippled pattern the others followed 2000 years ago. Can't we learn?

The crippled pattern Peter and Paul finally chose is described in Galatians 2 and Acts 21.

So I felt led to study the restoration of the TABERNACLE OF DAVID in deep detail to find the flow and spirit. I don't want to miss our GOD like those people of only a generation ago. I want to be a part of all that our GOD is doing in these last days.

WHAT IS THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID?

It was a tent king David raised in Jerusalem around 1000 B.C. It contained the Ark of the Covenant, nothing else. People of all sorts (not just male Jews) came to worship our GOD at the Tabernacle of David. It wasn't like the Moses Tabernacle. It was very different.

David got into a lot of trouble as he attempted to bring the ark into the tent. One guy (Uzza, Uzzah) got killed. A gal (Michal) was cut off forever But David finally got it right. An O.T. prophet (Amos) said God is going to restore the tabernacle of David at about the same time- God restores the nation of Israel on the edge of the Mediterranean. Is your God restoring Israel today? Mine is. Since Israel is being restored as a nations the restoration of the Tabernacle of David should be taking place in our lives at nearly the same time. You better stop and think about that.

1948 LATTER RAIN REVIVAL

The 1906 Pentecostal Revival and also the 1948 Latter Rain Revival also followed the same patterns David made when he set up the Tabernacle of David.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues was referred to by the apostle James as being a part of the Tabernacle of David. That event occurred around 35 A.D. So we see a double fulfillment of the prophecy of Amos, first at the time of the early church, second near the time of the end of this age.

OTHER RACES

There are a lot more things to look at in addition to the black/white question. That's only the beginning. For instance, the Azusa Street Pentecostal Revival of 1906 was made up of blacks, whites, Chinese, Chicano, Russian, Armenians Anglo Saxons, Aryans, and other people from widely divergent backgrounds, cultures, and churches. They split from each other because all people still have a choice to either worship at the Tabernacle of David or perform religious works at Moses' Tabernacle at Gibeon. You will have to make that choice, too.

THE JEWISH QUESTION

And another for instance: at the beginning of the Christian church the apostle James said the Tabernacle of David was a prophecy of the time gentiles could worship our GOD without following Jewish laws. In fact Peter, a Jew ate with gentiles. (A B.L.T.?) The Jewish believers decided Peter didn't have to keep kosher laws anymore because of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David - they heard them speak with other tongues. But today, some ministers still want gentiles to return to the laws of Moses, in spite of what James said about the Tabernacle of David. Sad.

OUR GOD

IS RESTORING THE

TABERNACLE OF DAVID

RIGHT NOW.

Amos 9:11 In that day will I raise up the TABERNACLE OF DAVID that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old.

Presently, most believers feel that our God is doing something special and they are asking, "What's He doing?"

This Bible study attempts to answer that question. We believe:

1.) James was right when he said,

a. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and

b. Acceptance of other races and nations of people into the assembly of Jewish believers was prophesied by Amos. Both of the above were part of the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David.

2.) A study of the pattern of the Azusa Street Pentecostal Revival of 1906 shows it followed the same patterns:

a. The first restoration of the Tabernacle of David when Jews and gentiles spoke in tongues. Women, young men, and people of other races were treated equally with male Jews.

b. The time when king David placed the ark of the testament into the tent (tabernacle) he pitched for it in Jerusalem, around 1000 B.C. Women were treated equally with men.

3.) The restoration of the Tabernacle of David is again taking place in this century (1900-2000 A.D.). The pattern of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David can (should) be applied to different moves and changes that:

a. Have occurred (past),

b. Are occurring (present)

c. Shall occur (future) in our present society of believers.

4.) The pattern, the types, and the shadows of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David make a good rule (rod, measuring stick) for us to use when we look at:

a. Recent church history. We can see which changes were made by our GOD and which were made by men.

Present church changes.

Plans for future changes in church and our own lives. Now we have a model by which we can determine which

moves will be worthy of our support, and which should be left alone.

WE ARE

NOT EXPECTING SOMEONE

TO PITCH A TENT OR BUILD A BUILDING

TO FULFILL THE RESTORATION OF THE

TABERNACLE OF DAVID.

We are expecting that believers will flow in the spirit of all the patterns that were established by king David in the O.T. and by the apostles in the N.T. However, someone may name a building "The Tabernacle Of David" or give that name to a new move or denomination. Putting those words on something will not of itself make it real or unreal. The spirit of discernment must operate to show true from false. We pray you will know the real Tabernacle of David from a false one.