

PART 1

THE FOUNDATION STONE, MT MORIAH AND CALVARY CONNECTION

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*From the rising of the sun
to its going down,
The Name of יהוה is praised
Psalms 113:3*

Shabbat Shalom

THE TEMPLE MOUNT

It is believed by both Jews and Muslims that the first of all YHWH's magnificent creations was the Foundation Stone. This massive rock today is embedded beneath the Temple Mount located in present day Jerusalem.

It is further believed that all of earth was created from this one stone and that the first sacrifice of all time was made upon it. The Temple Mount is unarguably the most sacred, the most coveted, and the most valuable piece of real estate on planet earth.

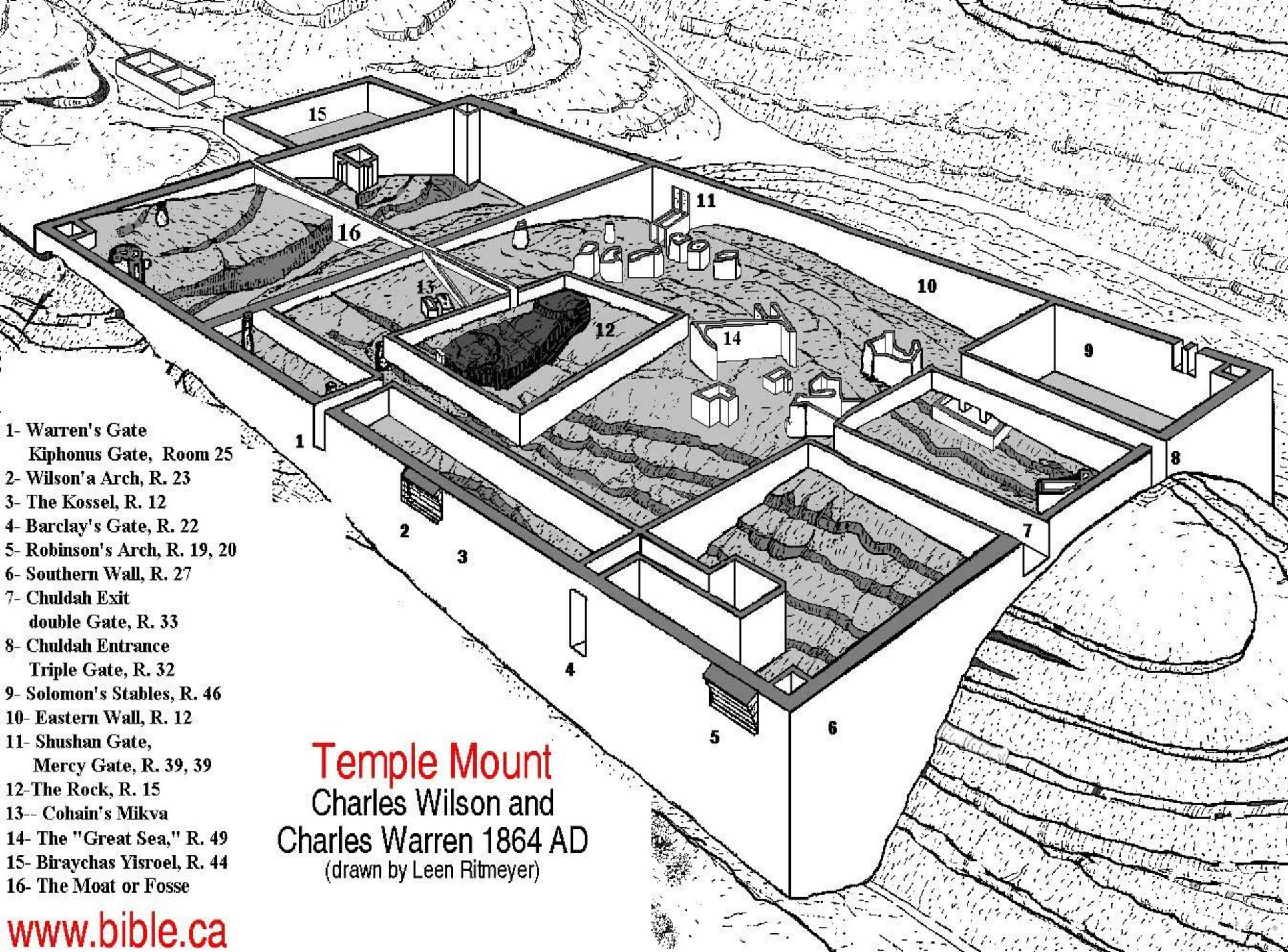
Battles have raged, blood has been shed, and martyrs have died over this piece of property which was originally blessed by the YHWH as the meeting place between Himself and man. It was here that EL SHADDAI descended in the form of Shekinah fire and spoke directly to mankind. The Foundation Stone, which sets upon the Mount, is said to be the place where the Ark of the Covenant once sat and the very spot where Elohim himself appeared once a year on the Day of Atonement.

<http://curtisward.wordpress.com/>

In reality the Temple Mount is simply a walled off section of the larger Mount Moriah located in present day Jerusalem.

The Foundation Stone is actually a large mass of bedrock running the entire length of Mount Moriah (from the city of David to Gordon's Mount Calvary) and outcrops in two different places on top of the Mount (under the Dome of the Rock and under the Dome of Tablets).

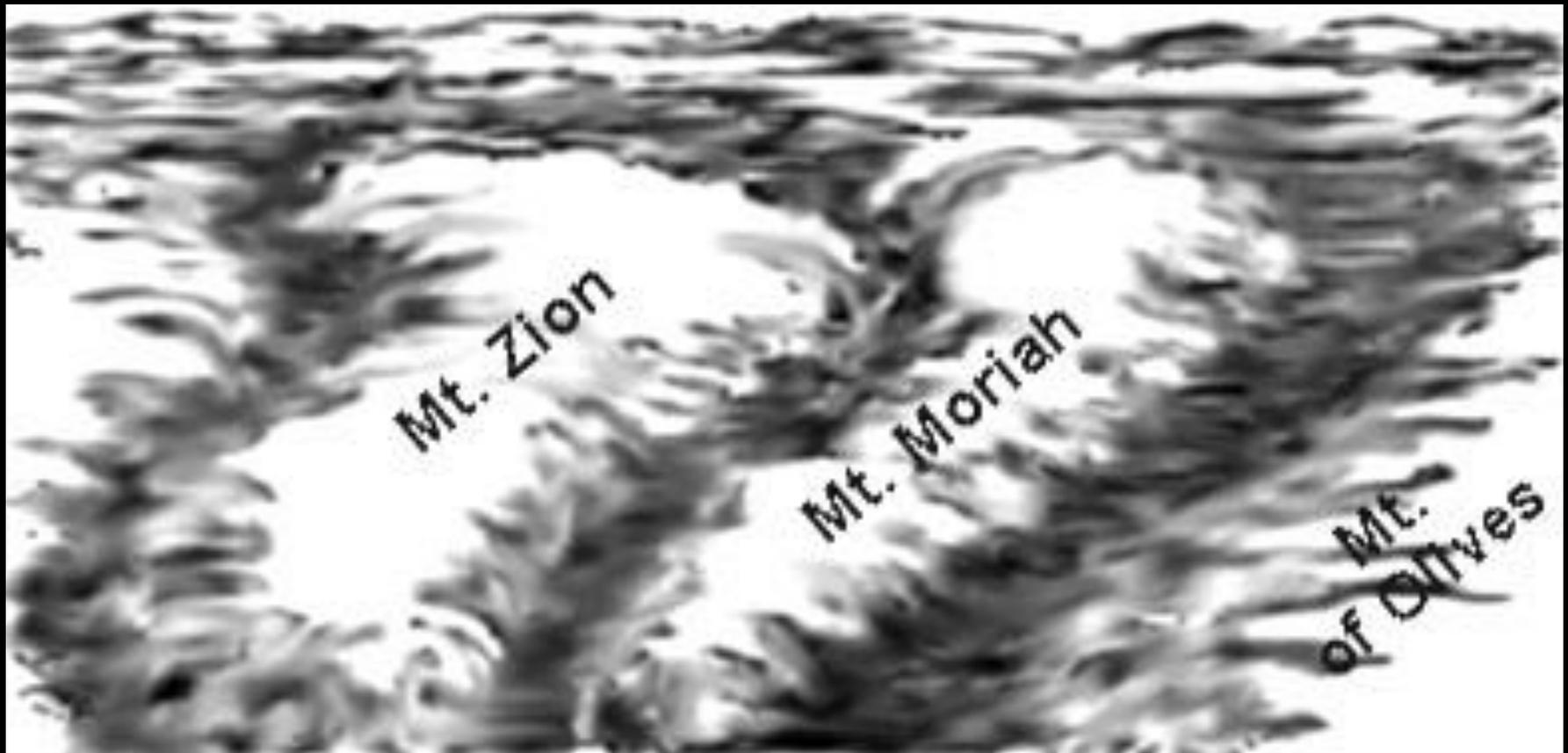
It was on the Temple Mount where the first two Jewish Temples were built and where the third temple is anticipated being built.



- 1- Warren's Gate
Kiphonus Gate, Room 25
- 2- Wilson's Arch, R. 23
- 3- The Kossel, R. 12
- 4- Barclay's Gate, R. 22
- 5- Robinson's Arch, R. 19, 20
- 6- Southern Wall, R. 27
- 7- Chuldah Exit
double Gate, R. 33
- 8- Chuldah Entrance
Triple Gate, R. 32
- 9- Solomon's Stables, R. 46
- 10- Eastern Wall, R. 12
- 11- Shushan Gate,
Mercy Gate, R. 39, 39
- 12- The Rock, R. 15
- 13- Cohain's Mikva
- 14- The "Great Sea," R. 49
- 15- Biraychas Yisroel, R. 44
- 16- The Moat or Fosse

Temple Mount
Charles Wilson and
Charles Warren 1864 AD
(drawn by Leen Ritmeyer)

Psalm 87:1 He has set his foundation on the holy mountain; 2 YHWH loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Yaa'cov.





The outline of Mount Moriah can be clearly seen, as well as the Temple Mount and a small portion of the Mount of Olives on the right.

Jerusalem the Center עיר דוד of the World





This is a world map from 1480, with Jerusalem at the centre.

Medieval maps of the world often placed Jerusalem at the centre, and modern reconstructions of Pangaea, which many scientists believe was the original continental mass, would also locate the site of Jerusalem at its centre.

References to Jerusalem as “the earth’s navel” are found in ancient literature, including apocryphal Hebrew books such as the Book of Enoch and The Book of Jubilees, and in the Septuagint Greek translation of Judges 9: 37 and Ezekiel 38: 12



THE FOUNDATION STONE IS THE HOLIEST SITE IN THE WORLD

This is the holiest site in Judaism. Jews all over the world pray towards the Foundation Stone.

The Roman-Era Midrash Tanchuma sums up the centrality of and holiness of this site in Judaism:

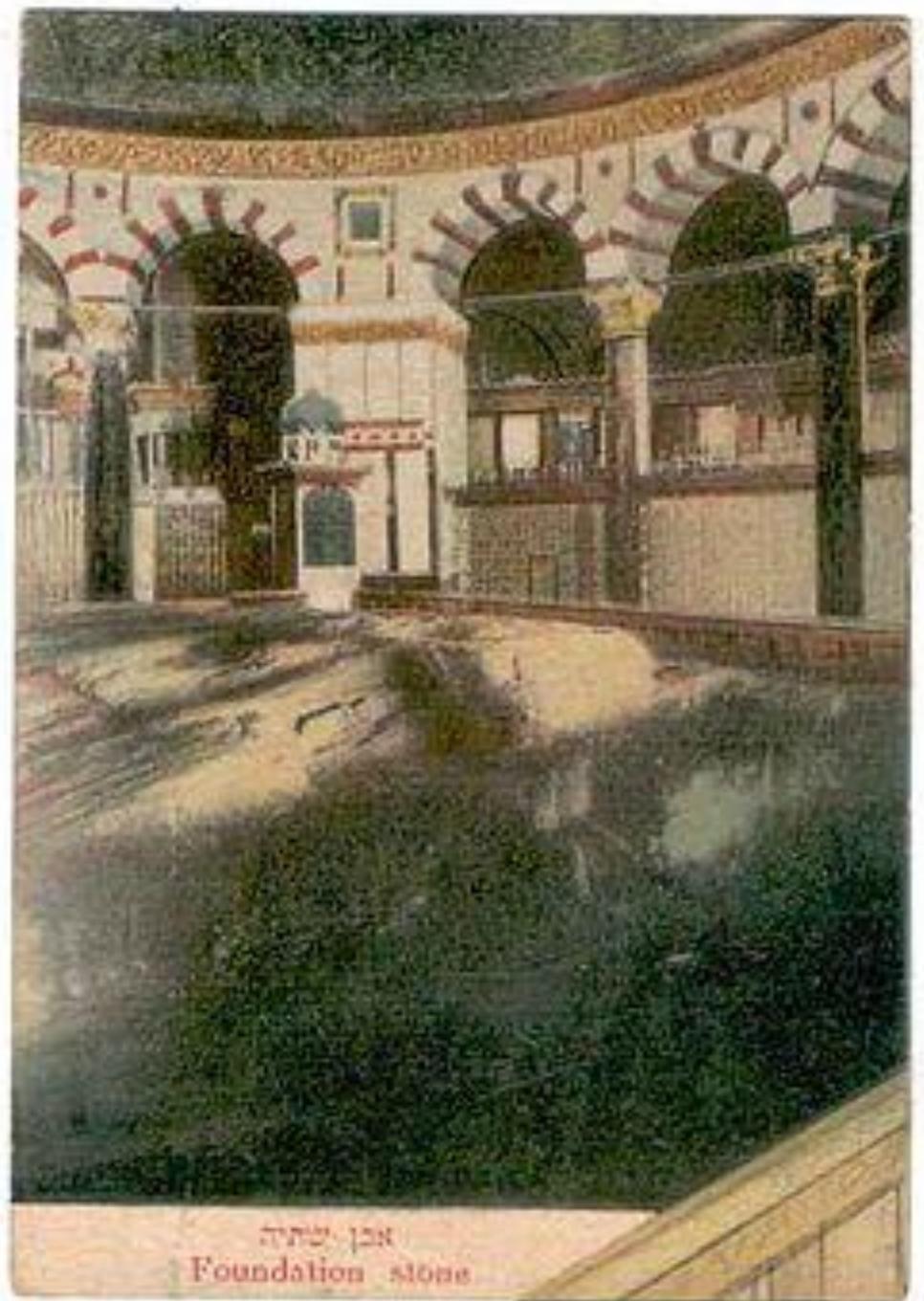
As the navel is set in the centre of the human body,
so is the land of Israel the navel of the world...

situated in the centre of the world,
and Jerusalem in the centre of the land of
Israel,
and the sanctuary in the centre of Jerusalem,
and the holy place in the centre of the
sanctuary,
and the ark in the centre of the holy place,
and the Foundation Stone before the holy
place,
because from it the world was founded.



The Almighty created the world in the same manner as a child is formed in its mother's womb. Just as a child begins to grow from its navel and then develops into its full form, so the world began from its central point and then developed in all directions.

Postcard
depicting the
Foundation
Stone,
c1925.



תורה ירח
Foundation stone

THE EARTH'S FOUNDATION BEGAN WITH A CORNERSTONE

Job 38:4-7

“Where were you
when I laid the
earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you
understand.

5 Who marked off
its dimensions?

Surely you know!



Who stretched a measuring line across it?

6 On what were its footings set, or who laid its
cornerstone— 7 while the morning stars sang together and
all the angels shouted for joy?



The floor of the Holy of Holies consisted of an immense natural stone called **'Even Shetiyah'**, the "Foundation Stone".

This is the stone that the first two Holy Temples of YHWH were built over. It is referred to as the very foundation that the earth was formed from.

Its believed that the **"Foundation Stone" is actually a piece of YHWH's "Throne of Glory"** and inscribed with the Tetragrammaton, or the hidden mysterious name of YHWH.

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BEHOLD NAIL BEHOLD HAND

יְהוָה

Zecharyah/Zechariah 12:10



Zechariah 12:1-3

“Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come - yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any ELOHIM besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

MY ROCK & MY FORTRESS



BUT
THE LORD
HAS BECOME MY
FORTRESS, AND MY GOD THE
ROCK IN WHOM I TAKE REFUGE.

PSALM 94:22 TNIV
HEARTSIGHTS & CANDY TABBOUCH

THE ROCK FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN

The Arabs refer to Moriah as; "Kubbat es-Sakhra", or the stone of foundation.

Inscribed on the western side of the Dome of the Rock is this statement; **"The rock of the Temple from the Garden of Eden"**. They, along with the Jews also think that the foundation stone came from the Garden of Eden.

MT MORIAH IS THE PART OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Both Jewish and Muslim tradition says Mount Moriah is Eden. The book of Jubilees was written in the 100's BC and was considered authoritative scripture by the Dead Sea community says, "The Garden of Eden was the Holy of Holies and the dwelling of YHWH." (Jubilees 8:19)

The inside of the Temple of Solomon was filled with engraved trees: “Around all the walls of the house he carved engraved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms.” (1 Kings 6:29) This is also the case for the inside of the Dome of the Rock which include mosaics of “repetitive trees, luxuriant foliage, bushes, jewels and floral motifs.” (page 23, “Jerusalem’s Temple Mount” by Hershel Shanks). Jewish and Muslim tradition states that the rivers of Eden flow below the Temple Mount.



The northern gate of the mosque facing the foundation stone is named the Gate of Paradise, Bab ej-Jinah.

On the floor in front of this gate is a stone of green jasper about half a meter square called by the Arabs “the Stone of Eden.”

Needless to say, both the Arabs and Jews place a great deal of attachment to this particular mountain and it is vitally important to the religions of each.

WAS THE GARDEN OF EDEN ORIGINALLY WHERE MT. MORIAH STAND'S TODAY?

Of course nobody knows for a certainty where the ancient Garden of Eden was located, However, Jewish legend claims that the foundation stone of creation is actually Mount Moriah. There is actually some support for this belief in the Bible.

Early Jewish legends state that Adam himself was buried in the Cave Abraham later purchased for burying his wife. <http://focusonjerusalem.com/>



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The spiritual significance of the stone extends far beyond it being regarded as the place from whence the world was created. According to the Talmud, this was also the location where YHWH gathered dust that was made into Adam, and that Adam, Cain, Abel, and Noah offered sacrifices to YHWH.



THE STORY OF
YA'ACOV/JACOB AND THE
FOUNDATION STONE

YAA'COV SOJOURN LEADS HIM TO MT MORIAH

Genesis 28 So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: “Do not marry a Canaanite woman. 2 Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother’s father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother’s brother. 3 May EL SHADDAI bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples.

YITZCHAK BLESSES YAA'COV



4 May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Avraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land YHWH gave to Avraham.”

5 Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau.

YAACOV ENCOUNTERED 'THE PLACE'

Genesis 28:10 And Ya'acov left Beer-Sheva and set out for Haran. And he encountered the place.



And he took of the stones of the place and put them at his head, And he lay down in **that place**, and he dreamed, and look, a **ramp/ladder** was set against the ground with its top reaching the heavens, and, look, messengers of YHWH were ascending and descending it.

Gen. 28:10-12

LETS GO INDEPTH TO DISCOVER THE DEEPER MEANING IN THIS AMAZING PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE.

"AND HE REACHED THE PLACE"

The Hebrew text of the Bible clearly states that Ya'acov reached not just "a place" but "the place", referring to a place whose identity is already known to the reader from having been mentioned earlier in the text.

However in the immediately preceding verses there is no mention of any place. So which place did Jacob reach?

The Hebrew word for "the place", Hamakom, alludes to YHWH, Who created both the spiritual and physical space within which creation took place. YHWH is thus "The Place of the world".

Yet the world is not YHWH's place in the sense that YHWH cannot be said to be located within the world, though He is certainly present in the world. At the same time YHWH is totally beyond the world.

The place that Ya'acov reached was the place of encounter with YHWH, the very same place mentioned earlier in the Bible narrative in the account of Avraham's binding of Isaac. YHWH had said to Avraham:

"Take your son Yitshack and go to the Land of Moriah and offer him up as an offering on one of the mountains that I will tell you... On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and he saw the place from afar... And they came to the place that YHWH told him" (Genesis 22 vv. 2, 4 & 9).

ON THE WAY TO MT. MORIAH





Genesis 22:9 And they came to **the place** which YHWH had told him of; and Avraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Yitshack his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

WHAT DOES MORIAH MEAN?

The name Moriah is “composed of two words meaning “to see” and the other being the name of YHWH. The name literally means “the ~ shown of Yehowah” or even “the manifestation of Yehowah.”

Avraham called the mountain “Yehowah Yireh,” which means “YHWH will provide.” Little did he know that the same mountain would provide substitution for multitudes of his descendants.

'THE PLACE' WAS THE CRADLE OF CREATION

'The place' that Yaa'cov reached was none other than the foundation stone of the world, where Adam was created and Avraham offered up Yitzchak.

Yaa'cov arrived there a fugitive stripped of all material wealth. Poor, humbled, vulnerable, all he had was his heart's longing and yearning for YHWH and his willingness to serve Him.

Verse 11, And Ya'acov left Beer-Sheva and set out for Haran. And he encountered the place.

encountered, interceded, prayed (Strong's H6293); Hebrew: **paga**; According ArtScroll Bereishis, the Jewish sages interprets the word **paga**, as used here and in Gen. 23:8 and Jer. 7:16 to denote prayer and intercession (p. 1219).

If we realize that this place was Mount Moriah where the future temple would be built, then Jacob's praying at this spot is symbolic and prophetic since the Temple was to be known where YHWH would hear the prayers of his people (2 Sam. 7:27; 1 Kgs. 8:29; 2 Chr. 6:20,29; 7:12).

Mount Moriah would be the site of YHWH's Holy Temple. The one place on the earth where acceptable sacrifices could be offered and where His "Shekinah" presence would dwell. The binding of Isaac prefigures the entire sacrificial system as ultimately fulfilled in Yahshua.

<http://www.oxfordbiblechurch.co.uk/>

Genesis 28” 11 "He took from the stones of the place and put them as meRAASHotav, a resting place for his head."

The Hebrew word for "his head-rest", meRAASHotav, contains the letters of the word ROSH, Head.

Jacob's quest, then, was for the "head" of creation.

In the account of Jacob's dream the Hebrew word Rosh, "head", appears no less than four times in eight verses.

The universe is like a House, a Bayit, fashioned by YHWH as a dwelling-place for His glorious Presence. Jacob was in search of the Rosh Bayit, Head of the House.

The Hebrew letters of Rosh Bayit are an anagram of Bereishit, the first word of the Torah, from which all else emanates.

THE STONES BECOME 1 STONE

In verse 11 of Genesis 28, we notice that Jacob arranged the stones (plural) around himself as “pillows” as a barrier from dangerous animals (according to some Jewish sages). Later, when Jacob awakes from his dream the stones (plural, v. 11) are now a single stone (v. 18). What happened here? The Jewish sages offer various opinions on this subject.

From ArtScroll Bereishis we quote, “Pirkei d’Rabbi Eliezer adds that Jacob took these twelve stone from the altar upon which his father [Isaac] had been bound. When these stones—which indicated to him the twelve tribes would descend from him—coalesced/fused into one stone, he perceived that all the tribes were destined to become one people [i.e., indivisible and unique] on the earth, as it is said [1 Chron. 17:21] ‘And who is like your people Israel—a nation that is one on the earth’” (p. 1221).



Prophetically, this is what Jacob saw when the stones become one stone. YHVH talked about his descendants being as the dust of the ground, degraded in exile, as the Jewish sages term it, and as we have seen above.

But Messiah Son of Joseph (Mashiach Ben Yosef), the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53, would come to redeem the exiled captives (captives to physical and spiritual Babylon, Rev. 18:4) and return them to the commonwealth of Israel to which they had been aliens and strangers for so long (Eph. 2:12), but now as broken off branches of the olive tree of Israel it was time to be grafted back in to their Hebrew roots (Rom. 11:13-25).

Similarly, those Saints as members of the body of Messiah who are grafted in to him (the spiritual olive tree of Rom. 11) are part of the spiritual temple of Messiah who is the Chief Cornerstone/foundation and WE ARE LIVING STONES AND ANOINTED by the Spirit of Elohim.

You are living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood ... a chosen generation, a royal priesthood ... (1 Pet. 2:4-5, 9)

A building, fitly framed grows together unto a set-apart temple in YHVH in whom you are also built together for a habitation of Elohim through the Spirit. (Eph. 2:21-22)

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

Verse 11 continues: "and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep",

The Hebrew word for "stone" is ehben" , "אבן" which means stone through the meaning to build (from banah), we can find of usage of the word ehben elsewhere in the OT

► The 10 Commandments on tablets of stone (ehben) (Deut. 4:13; 5:22; Exod. 24:12; 34:1, 4)

▶ Referring to the Messiah: Stone (ehben) the builders (banah) refused is become the head of the cornerstone (Ps. 118:22)

▶ Referring to the Messiah: A stone (ehben) of stumbling and a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel (Is. 8:14)

▶ Referring to the Messiah: Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone (ehben), a tried stone (ehben), a sure foundation (Isa. 28:16)

▶ A title for Elohim: the Stone (ehben) of Israel (Gen. 49:24).

The word "ehben" then is always related to YHWH, specifically to the Messiah, Yahshua HaMashiach.

THE INTERPRETATION OF JACOB'S DREAM

Genesis 28:12 He dreamt that there before him was a sulam (ladder) resting on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of Adonai were going up and down on it.

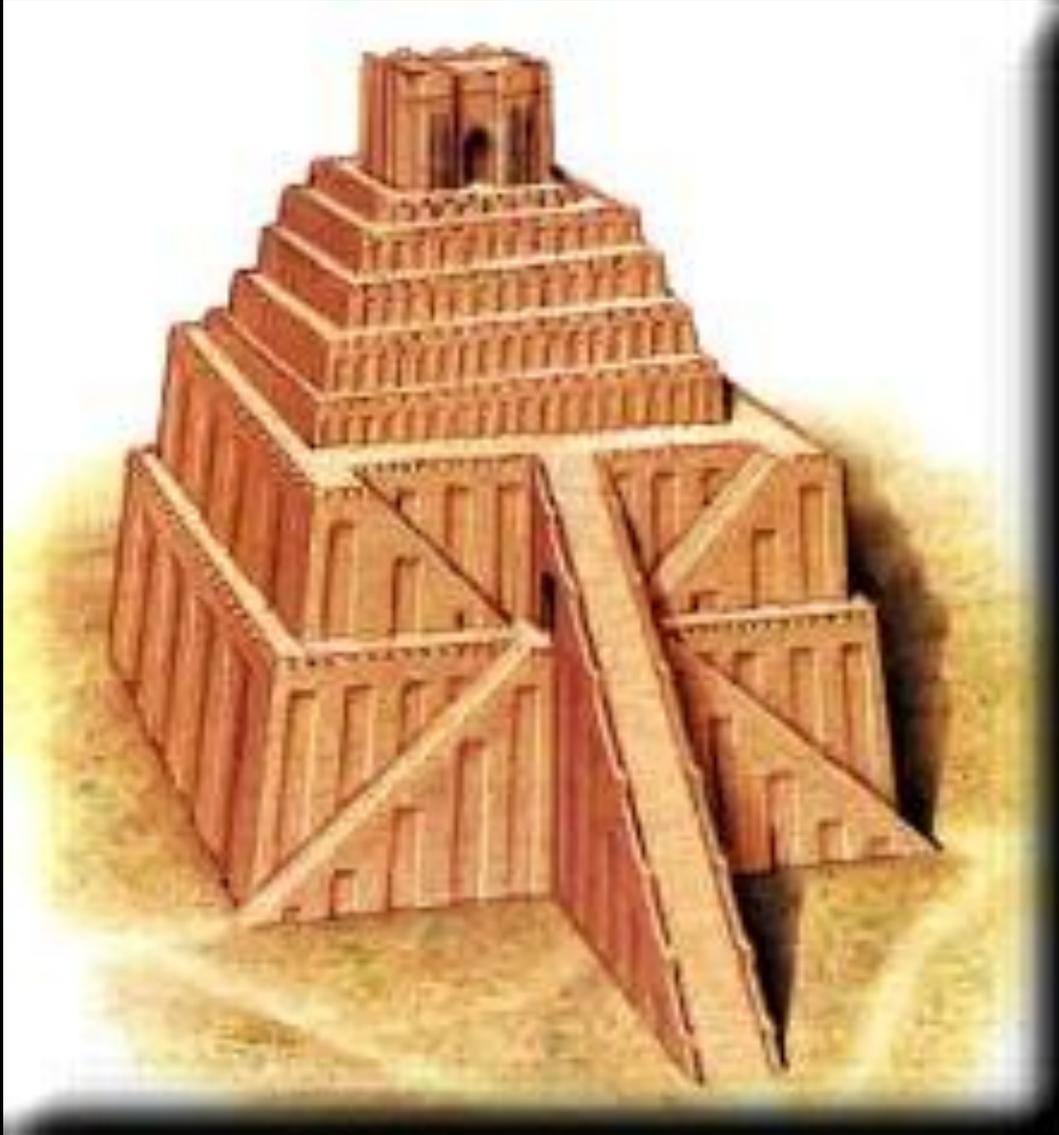
YAA'COVS DREAM



A SULAM IS A RAMP, NOT A LADDER

The term sulam (Strong's H5551); Hebrew: sulam has been commonly mistranslated as a ladder, made of two straight beams with steps, though in the Tanakh, sulam appears only once. I would like to follow Robert Alter's suggestion that it most likely resembled a ramp, akin to those found in ancient Mesopotamian temples (ziggurat), a structure composed of vast, multiple ramps with terraced landing.

THE TOWER OF BABEL WAS A ZIGGURAT



The phrases "its top reaching the heavens" (v.12) and "the gate of Heaven" (v. 17) recall the thwarted intentions behind the Tower of Babel: "Come let us build us a city and a tower with its top in the heavens" (Gen. 11:4).

THIS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO REACH YHWH THROUGH MAN'S EFFORTS

The generation of the dispersion had wanted to make a tower between Heaven and Earth, to breach the barrier between the Divine and the human realm. According to Sarna, the ancient ziggurat symbolized that gate between worlds, "Rooted in earth with its head lost in the clouds, it was the meeting point of heaven and earth...Being the obvious channel of communication between heaven and earth, the holy mount was looked upon as the center of the universe, 'the navel of the earth', the very axis mundi."

The most famous ziggurat of all, most likely the subject of the story of the Tower of Babel, was known as E-temen-an-ki (lit. "the house of the foundation of heaven and earth"), in Babylon, dating back to the early 2nd millennium.

YHWH, according to the biblical account, destroys this monument, and confuses their language so they cannot understand each other "for, if this is what they have begun to do, nothing they scheme to do will be withheld from them" (Gen. 11:6).

E-temen-an-ki



THE SULAM REPRESENTS YAA'COV RECEIVING THE TORAH

The dream of the Sulam with the angels going up and down was Jacob's prototype "Receiving of the Torah" for himself and all his descendants. Just as the Torah was later given to all the Children of Israel on a Mountain -- Sinai -- so their father Jacob received the Torah on this holy Mount Moriah, the place from which Hora'ah, Teaching, goes out to all the world. The words Sinai and sulam both have the numerical value of 130.



THE SULAM = THE TREE OF LIFE

Therefore, this ladder is the Body of Messiah; a picture of the cross (which suspended him between heaven and earth and the base of whose post was sunk into the earth).

The ladder is also a picture of the Etz Chaim or the Tree of Life. The Jewish sages say the sulam/ladder is also likened to a tree (Messiah Vol. 3, p. 407) and relates to the tree of life found in Garden of Eden.

These are two hidden symbols are mentioned in the bible and are just now revealed by the Father.

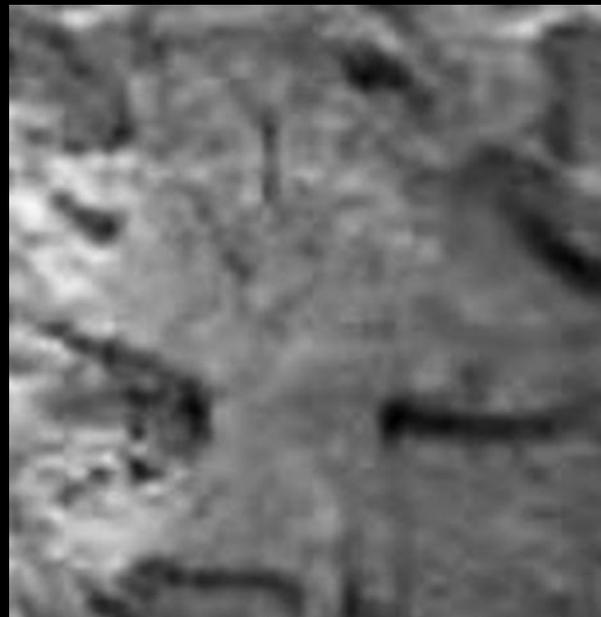
They are on the sacred Foundation Stone on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, Israel and they can be seen here for the first time.





Symbol 1:

Notice on the very highest peak of the rock of Mount Moriah you see the outline of the symbol for "the Tree of Life" mentioned in Revelation 22:2, it looks kind of like a mushroom. As you see listed in Revelation 22:1, the symbol was meant to be found "coming from the Great Throne of YHWH", and that is just where it was found.



Symbol 2:

It is written that "a branch from its roots" or the "shoot of Jesse" (this is the specific sign given that notes the return of Messiyah Yahshua the second coming to the earth again) will be found coming out of the base of the Tree of Life and that is what you are seeing here. The shoot of Jesse is from Isaiah 11:1.



THE SULAM REPRESENTS YAHSHUA AS THE MEDIATOR

Through the dream of the Sulam, YHWH was showing Yaa'cov that He wanted to have a wonderful and close relationship with him. YHWH also wanted to show him that the Redeemer who was to come into the world would be like that ramp which went between heaven and earth--the Mediator between YHWH and man.

To this day, many think that a person can climb up and enter Paradise based on his own good works. However, YHWH's Word tells us that there is only one mediator between Himself and man and that mediator does not come from man but from YHWH HIMSELF.

That is what the Scriptures teach when they say: "There is one YHWH and one Mediator between YHWH and men, the man Yahshua HaMashiach, who gave himself as a ransom for all men...so that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (1 Tim. 2:5,6; John 3:16)

YHWH's Word is clear on this matter: No one comes to the Father, except through the holy Mediator, the son that YHWH sent from heaven. <http://injl.org/>

We, the children of Adam, in our own strength, have no means to climb up and enter the presence of YHWH. The reason for this is our sin and our total lack of ability to please EL ELYON , YHWH MOST HIGH. Because YHWH who is full of mercy, because of His great love for people, has opened a way of salvation for Adam's descendants.

Therefore, the ramp which Jacob saw in his dream symbolized the Mediator Yahshua, whom YHWH had promised to send into the world to save sinners. The ramp is a representation of The Mediator (Yahshua) which Jacob saw between heaven and earth. The Apostle Paul says, "Yahshua hanged on a tree"(Gal. 3:13) and from that tree came spiritual and eternal life in Yahshua.

YAHSHUA CAME FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH TO SHOW US THE WAY TO YHWH

We noted earlier that the Jewish sages teach that the ladder originated from heaven and went downward to earth. Does this not cause us to recall several passages in the Apostolic Scriptures about Elohim's love for man while man was dead and lost in his sins?

For Elohim so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son [Yeshua], that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

But Elohim commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us. (Rom. 5:8)

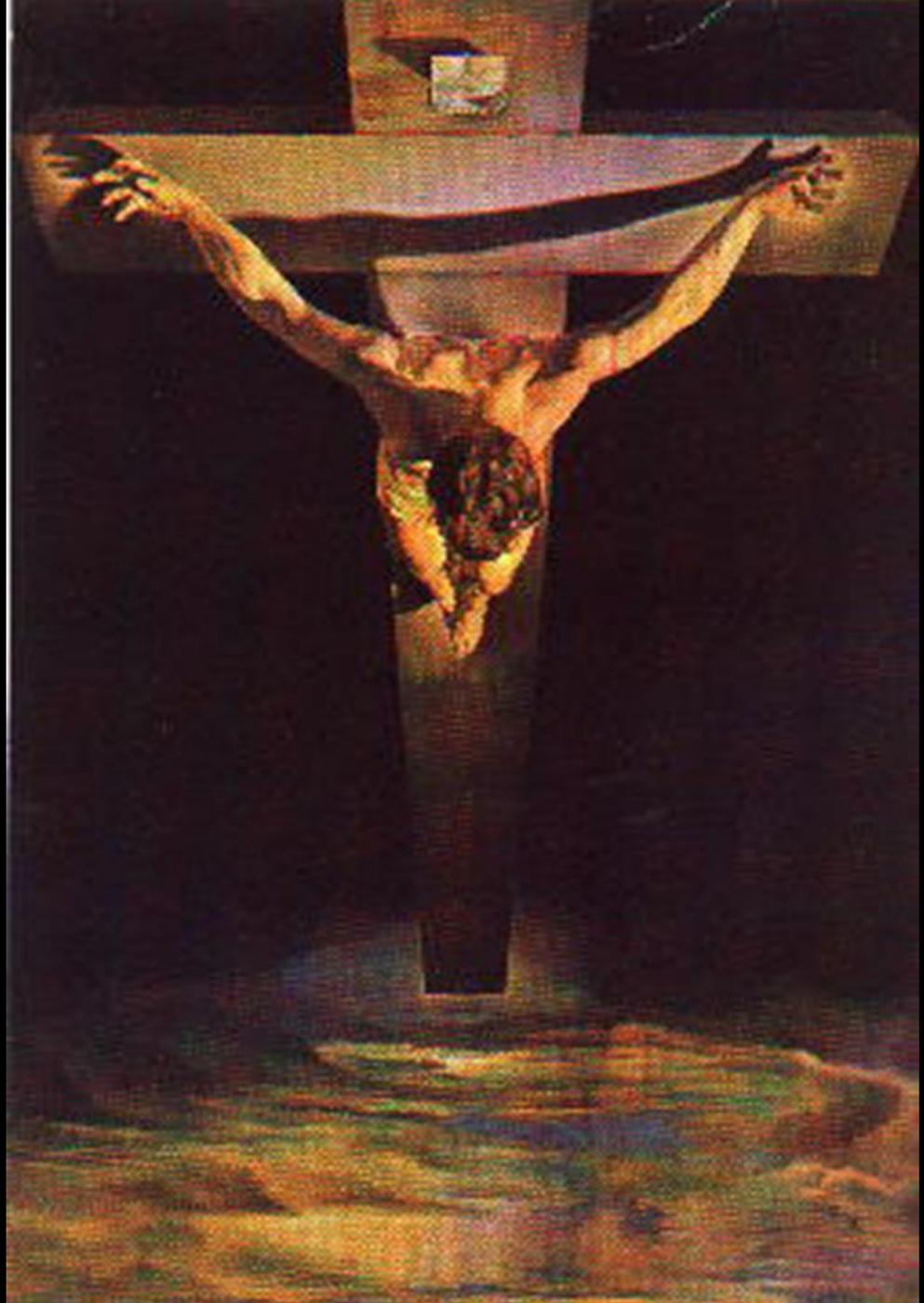
For Messiah also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to Elohim, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. (1 Pet. 3:18)

WE ARE TO BE PLANTED IN YAHSHUA AND ESTABLISHED IN YHWH

The sulam/ladder to heaven in Jacob's dream had one end planted/established in the earth with its top or head reaching to heaven (Gen. 28:12). This is no less than a picture of Messiyah Yahshua.

Yahshua himself said so: "Truly, truly I say to you, Here after you shall see heaven open, and the angels of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of Man" (John 1:51).

Therefore, this ladder is the Body of Messiah; a picture of the cross (which suspended him between heaven and earth and the base of whose post was sunk into the earth).



John 1:51 is an allusion or quotation of Genesis 28:12, and Jacob's ladder is replaced in the verse by "the **Son of Man**".

The title "**Son of Man**" in John's Gospel has the basic understanding of His origin in heaven (John 6:27, 33), that He will return again to His place of glory (John 6:62) by way of the cross (John 3:14; 8:28; 12:23, 34; 13:31). The divine origin and authority of Yahshua is suggested by the title "**Son of Man**", it was the Messianic title that Yahshua chose for Himself.

THE HOUSE OF EL

Jacob renamed Luz to Beth El (House of El) (28:17). The Temple was called “the House of El” by the Jews 72 times in Scripture (It is interesting to note that there were 72 elders in the House of El. This governing body of Jewish leaders was known as the Sanhedrin). (This was the House of Elohim [or temple] to which Jacob prophetically, by faith, vowed to repeatedly pay tithes in verse 22).

The Jewish sages teach (ArtScroll Stone Edition Chumash, p. 146-7) that Beth El as the gate of heaven was the one place on earth suitable for prayer; i.e., the spot on earth from which man's prayers go up to YHWH.

(That is why many Jews pray toward Jerusalem—the Gate of Heaven). This physical site of the Akeidah (binding of Isaac to the altar) was the site as the Holy of Holies and Mercy Seat and where Messiah was Crucified.

This was the spot that connected or linked the earth to heaven.

Furthermore, the golden, seven-branched menorah built for the Tabernacle was patterned after an almond tree (Exod. 25:33) (See Stone Edition Chumash, p. 451).

- Israel is likened to an Almond tree (Jer. 1:11)





“I, Adonai, called you righteously, I took hold of you by the hand, I shaped you and made you a covenant for the people, to be a light for the Gentiles, 7 so that you can open blind eyes, free the prisoners from confinement, those living in darkness from the dungeon.

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