

Financial Provision for the End Time Worship Movement

I. WORSHIP ACCORDING TO GOD'S ORDER IN THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY

- A. David received revelation of worship according to God's order in the heavenly sanctuary. Rev. 4-5 describes the worship order around God's Throne. Those nearest God's Throne agree with Him in 24/7 worship and intercession as the most exalted occupation in the New Jerusalem.
- 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...13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD... (1 Chr. 28:11-12)***
- ⁹⁶ ***I have seen the consummation of all perfection (God's Throne of Glory)... (Ps. 119:96)***
- B. David received insight into the quality of worship that God seeks.
- ²³ ***True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (Jn. 4:23)***
- C. David's revelation of heavenly worship is foundational to David's throne which is "government in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David" or government based on 24/7 worship and intercession.
- ³ ***You are holy, enthroned (release power) in the praises (singing the Word) of Israel. (Ps. 22:3)***
- ⁶ ***Let the high praises of God be in their mouth... 7 to execute vengeance (justice) on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 to bind their kings with chains...9 to execute on them the written judgment-- this honor have all His saints. (Ps. 149:6-9)***
- D. After David became king, the first thing he did was to capture Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:3-10). Then he set up a worship tabernacle in Jerusalem and put singers before the Ark (2 Sam. 6).
- ¹ ***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)***
- E. David established 4,000 full-time paid musicians, 288 prophetic singers and 4,000 gatekeepers. Thus, he financed about 10,000 full-time staff to facilitate worship. It would cost about \$200 million a year to provide \$3,000 a month for 5,000 full-time people (plus buildings costs).
- ⁷ ***The number...instructed in the songs of the Lord...who were skillful, was 288. (1 Chr. 25:7)***
- ⁵ ***4,000 were gatekeepers, and 4,000 praised the Lord with musical instruments... (1 Chr. 23:5)***
- F. David commanded God's people to honor the order of worship he received. These principles are timeless and valid today, such as establishing full-time singers and musicians. The application differs in each generation. Hezekiah's revival restored singers/musicians as David commanded.
- ²⁵ ***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)***

- G. Amos prophesied of the restoration of David's Tabernacle. When Israel went astray, God raised up reformers who restored worship as David commanded. All the 7 "OT revivals" restored this. In May 1983, the Lord called us to establish 24/7 prayer in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David.
¹¹ 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... (Amos 9:11)
- H. Solomon established the singers according to the direction that God gave his father David.
¹⁴ According to the order of David his father, he (Solomon) appointed...Levites for their duties to praise...as the duty of each day required...for so David...commanded. (2 Chr. 8:12-14)
- I. Josiah's revival (about 625 BC) restored full-time singers and musicians as David commanded. Jehoshaphat and Jehoiada restored worship in the order of David (2 Chr. 20:19-28; 23:16-18).
³ He said to the Levites...⁴ "Prepare yourselves...following the instruction of David..." ¹⁵ The singers...were in their places, according to the command of David... (2 Chr. 35:3-15)
- J. Zerubbabel established full-time singers and musicians as commanded by David (Ezra 3:10-11). Ezra and Nehemiah established full-time singers and musicians as David commanded.
²⁴ The Levites...give thanks...according to the command of David...⁴⁵ The singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of God...according to the command of David... (Neh. 12:24, 45)
⁴⁷ In the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for singers... (Neh. 12:47)
- K. The storehouse was the central place to receive tithes under the leadership of the Lord's House.
⁵ The tithes...were commanded to be given to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers...¹⁰ I realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given them; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. ¹¹ So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" I gathered them together and set them in their place. ¹² Then all Judah brought the tithe...to the storehouse... (Neh. 13:5-12)
- L. The Levites were commanded to tithe on what they received. They brought it to the storehouse. There will be a great transfer of wealth in the End-Times as God shakes the nations (Hag. 2:6-8).
³⁸ The Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse. (Neh. 10:38)
²¹ I have given the children of Levi all the tithes...in return for the work which they perform, the work of the Tabernacle...²⁶ Speak to the Levites, and say: 'When you take...the tithes...then offer...to the LORD, a tenth of the tithe...' (Num. 18:21-26)
⁷ Return to Me, and I will return to you...You said, "In what way shall we return?" ⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet you robbed Me! You say, "In what way have we robbed You?" In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me...¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this...if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes... (Mal. 3:7-11)