

Repairers of the Ancient Ruins, Part 2

David Derush Raphael Bekor: I see how we need to pray from the heart. I was reading Daniel today. He turned white seeing visions about us. But we won't make it if we aren't praying from the heart.

Nahaliel: I know our hearts are full of many things. This week that passed was full and we are entering a new week. I imagine lots will happen, but I don't know what will happen. He needs a people asking that His will will be done. Imagine that city — Jerusalem — there's the temple — in the center is the Holy of Holies — the throne was closed except for the high priest once a year. The presence of our God came down and reigned there. Last night Yoneq spoke of broken walls, darkness weeds, thorns, dogs — all types of uncleanness where once the presence of our God dwelt. We are the repairers of the breach. To reset the ancient foundations, rebuild the walls. For this we are breathing, we are living, we have His Holy Spirit. He poured a love into us not only for the brothers but for His purpose, that His purpose would be fulfilled. I feel that I want to exhort, put a fire under you, I want to have that fire in me. If we don't pray, how will we overcome future temptations. In Chapter 9 of Daniel, he prays. Many things will happen next week and in the weeks to come. We are a people who enter that room judging ourselves, a clean nation, drinking his blood, that we could express His heart, we can hear from Him; we are taking off the fat from our ears. We need to pray and we need to go in that room pure.

Yadutan: Thinking of restoration — we are these stones of the wall. The stones; we are repairers and the repaired. The stones have been scattered. He wants us to give ourselves to Him. In each situation our Father is refining us like gold. He wants to purify us take out the breeches, make us solid. If you have a weak brick you can build on it but eventually it will break and the wall will crack. We are the restorers because we run for grace so there are no accusations, no breaks, no dissension. The true bricks will be saved, be restored and the city will be built — we are the city. Arm to arm — no one can break through. Our Master is the master restorer. There is no way our Master won't do this. He said it — we can be in that wall and be part of the Holy City.

Last night we talked about Isa 58:12. And Jer 30 also talks about a new covenant people (at the end of Jer 30 and beginning of 31). It says "at that time" I will be the God of all the clans of Israel — they shall be My people. This prophecy wasn't fulfilled except for a short time at the beginning of the first church. And Jer 30:18-20 — the tents — the dwelling places. This isn't a physical city of bricks and stones rebuilt on her ruins. We are on the ruins of the church of the living God. (And in their proper place we sing songs of rejoicing. We know what kind of songs to write now.) Their Edah will be established before Me.

The first church, the first Edah, took the place of the old Israel (Mt 21:43). Right now we are being established. Acts 4:32-34 — That foundation has been ruined. We are going back to build on those ruins of the first church. People walk by and see the grandiose buildings of Christianity but they don't see anything that resembles the first church.

Tonight we will break bread. 1 Cor 1:10 is the basis by which we can break bread. Verse 11 is what prohibits us from breaking bread. 1 Cor 11:17 — They come together for the worst. It's better you don't even come together to break bread. Their prayers, petitions, etc. could not be heard if they broke the bond of perfect unity. But if we are in perfect peace, not greedy, sharing everything, no division, happy, peaceful, our Father's will will be done in our lives. We will out pray Daniel. Let's offer ourselves. Daniel prayed at the hour of morning and evening sacrifices. Daniel is watching us right now (Heb 12:1); he's cheering us on.

We have the pattern, the word. We see the nature of the first church, something happened to the first church, because the nature of something doesn't change. Dogs do the same thing as 2000 years ago. The nature of the church is the same; it cannot change and still be the church. It needs to be restored. It has to come back to its first love. It is recorded — all things must be restored — a people must be prepared. We prove it every time we

open our mouths and wonderful things come forth.

Manoah: I'm thankful to hear about Daniel and about how we can pray for the restoration of the age old foundation, the ancient ruins. Isa 58:12 — I was thankful how Daniel was praying, "Look with kindness on your edah, your temple, your house is in ruins." Where is the place where His Spirit can rest? It is obvious that His Spirit wants to communicate to us that we could be established on the good foundation.

Yadutan: He exhorts us to pray that all men would be saved. Our people are lost scattered in the world. We have to pray that they could leave there, come out of there and be part of the good foundation. In Isa 56:6 the foreigners will be gathered and minister to the Most High. Daniel prayed because they were scattered because of their shame, their guilt. Now we have all we need — we can see the Old Testament and the first church and we have His Spirit to give us the power to restore the age-old foundation. A house for all nations, all tribes, all people — the restoration of this. The first church was established. Something was built on the foundation our Master gave them. 1 Cor 11 — Entering that room without dissension, differences of opinion, is to lift up this standard (Isa 49:22).

David Derush Raphael Bekor: Daniel walked before God; he lived for Him. We must do this also, nothing can hold us back. Our God is living and active. Dan 10:12 — God was speaking to him.

ha-Emeq: When Elad was here, he was speaking of his home Israel. Scientists were coming looking for higher spots and digging up things. Knocking down something and digging and digging. They know there is something down under there — an old foundation of an old life that was really wonderful. Oh, here is where Jeremiah stood. They make a tourist stand and sell tickets. But I love those foundations. It's wonderful. The Jews talked about the foundation of the temple and how they'll rebuild one day. Elad saw a glimpse and it shook his soul to see how we've found that foundation and it is being rebuilt now.

Nathaniel: It can be rebuilt and made holy again. The burning desire of our Master was to gather His people and rebuild that foundation. We're being rebuilt and rebuilding. I'm thankful for His sacrifice that opened a door and we can be restored. He gave us His Son and He is the word.

Aliza: If you want to know more about restoration, read Nehemiah. I read about those who had joy in seeing the ruins, they got mad to see the walls going back up. Those who were building were building with one hand and had a weapon in the other. We're like that today. Our enemies aren't in flesh but in spirits. Our sword is prayer. Our work of restoration is living in unshakable love, serving our brothers. Even when we're sleeping we need our sword in our right hand.

That's the watchmen praying for us.

We can think about Ps 46:4. We heard a lot of streams tonight. Who is the city of God? We are. We were made glad by the streams that run through that city. We're so glad.