

SACRED SPACE [PART 1]

OPEN: “Sacred space is a place where God is encountered in a special or direct way, *by virtue of which the very place becomes holy and set apart from ordinary space*. It is a point of reference to which people return, either physically or in memory. Some sacred places are the site of once-only encounters with God, while others are places of perpetual visitation.” [Dictionary of Biblical Imagery]

**IN OTHER WORDS WHERE YAHWEH IS OR APPEARED IS SACRED / HOLY
MANY PLACES IN THE BIBLE ARE CONSIDERED HOLY
TABERNACLE, TEMPLE, LAND THAT GOD CLAIMS AS HIS OWN, PLACES
WHERE YAHWEH APPEARED TO THE PATRIARCHS **GENESIS IS THE SEEDBED****

HOLY / SACRED = SET APART..... BY DEFINITION THIS MEANS NOT
EVERYTHING IS HOLY

**THE GODHEAD IS HOLY BY THEIR NATURE
THINGS AND PEOPLE HAVE TO BE MADE HOLY BY GOD
[ISRAEL, TABERNACLE, BELIEVERS]**

THE FIRST SACRED PLACE IN THE BIBLE IS WHERE? EDEN
**EDEN IS NOT THE EARTH, EDEN WAS ON THE EARTH GEN 2:8-14
GARDEN = GAN = ENCLOSURE....ROOT GANAN = SURROUND, TO DEFEND
EDEN IS MARKED OFF FROM THE REST OF THE EARTH GEN 3:24**

*THE RIVER THAT WATERED EDEN “FLOWED OUT OF EDEN” AGAIN A CLUE TO
THE UNIQUENESS OF EDEN ON THE EARTH*
GEN 2:10

THE PURPOSE OF EDEN

ELOHIM VS YAHWEH

**HINDSIGHT CAN CAUSE US TO MISS INSIGHTS GEN 1, 2:4 [MOSES WRITING....]
EX 6:1-3**

**EDEN WASN'T JUST A HOME FOR MAN, NOR WAS EDEN JUST A GARDEN.....IT
WAS THE MOUNTAIN OF ELOHIM EZE 28:13-14 [ZION, SINAI]
THIS MAKES EDEN THE HOME OR TEMPLE OF YAHWEH**

*EDEN IS THE PROTO TYPE OF THE TABERNACLE, TEMPLES AND THE NEW
JERUSALEM.....AND SOMETHING ELSE*

ADAM'S PURPOSE IN THE GARDEN

GEN 2:15

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Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate / 'ābad/ it and keep /šāmar/ it.

'ābad = to labour, work, to work for another, serve another by labor, to serve (God), to serve (with Levitical service)

ADAM'S SERVICE TO GOD WAS HIS WORSHIP [PRIESTLY ROLE]

šāmar = to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life

ADAM WAS TO GUARD THE SACRED SPACE OF GOD

ROLE OF A LEVITE

ISA 6:1-4 [SERAPHIM = SARAP = FIERY SERPENT REV 4:8]

THE ENEMY WITHIN

EZE 28:11-19

HOW DID THE ENEMY GET INTO THE GARDEN IF ADAM HAD BEEN ON GUARD / SAMAR? GEN 1:26

THE "US" = THE HEAVENLY COUNCIL

WHERE EVER YAHWEH IS SO IS HIS COUNCIL 1 KINGS 22:19-22, JOB 1:6-12, 2:1-6, EZE 28:11-16

THE "HIGH GUARD" BETRAYED HIS POSITION VS 14, 16 [GUARD, GUARDIAN]

DID GOD KNOW THAT THE ENEMY WAS IN THE CAMP? WON'T THAT VIOLATE THE HOLY SPACE EZE 28:14

1] CAN GOD LOOK UPON EVIL?

HAB 1:13-17

THE PROPHET IS ASKING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS.....NOT MAKING A THEOLOGICAL STATEMENT

YAHWEH IS NOT DEFEATED BY THE PRESENCE OF EVIL.....IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE

2] THE DEGREES OF HOLINESS / SEPARATENESS [YAHWEH IS THE HIGHEST]

ISRAEL, JERUSALEM, TEMPLE, OUTER COURT, INNER COURT, HOLY PLACE VS HOLY OF HOLIES

ISRAELITE, LEVITE, PRIEST, HIGH PRIEST

3] SHEKINAH, FACE TO FACE, ANGEL OF THE LORD, GOD'S PRESENCE

[MOSES FACE TO FACE EX 33:11, NUM 12:6-8]

THE CLOSER TO GOD THE HIGHER THE HOLINESS.....THE HIGHER
CONQUESTS OF VIOLATING YAHWEH' HOLINESS

MAT 18:10

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

4] SATAN IS SUMMONS BY GOD AND DOES NOT FORCE HIS PRESENCE UPON
GOD JOB 1&2

EVIL BECOMES HOLY / SET APART WHEN IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD
THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD IS THE ONE PLACE THAT SATAN HAS TO BE
HONEST

5] WHEN EVIL IS KNOWINGLY BROUGHT OR FORCED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE
IS WHEN GOD'S HOLINESS IS VIOLATED...AND JUDGMENT MUST TAKE PLACE
OR GRACE IS SHOWN THROUGH DISCIPLINE HEB 12

THE FACT THAT YESHUA' SACRIFICE REMOVED THE PENALTY OF OUR SIN IS
WHAT ALLOWS US INTO GOD'S HOLY / SET APART PRESENCE AS HIS CHILDREN

EPH 2:13-22