

God appeared in	To	He then built an altar in	At	Signifying
Acts 7:2; Gen. 12:1; Gen. 12:7a	Abraham	Gen. 12:7b	Shechem	Abraham's building of an altar was motivated by God's _____ and can be considered an anti-testimony to the building of the tower of Babel. Rev. 2:13
Gen. 12:7	Abraham	Gen. 12:8	Between Bethel and Ai	Bethel means "the _____ of God" and Ai means "the heap of ruins." Between these two places (God's house and the world), Abraham chose God's house, seeing God's view that only His house was worthwhile. 1 Corinthians 1:2.
Gen. 13:14-17	Abraham	Gen. 13:18	Hebron, by the oaks of Mamre	At Hebron, Abraham's tent became a place where he had _____ with God... God had a place on earth where he could communicate and fellowship with man. The tent and altar prefigured the tabernacle and altar in Exodus (Heb. 11:8-10).
Gen. 22:1-2	Abraham	Gen. 22:9	Mount Moriah (Mount Zion)	God gave Isaac, a type of Christ as the promised seed (Gal. 3:16), to Abraham. Here, God asked Abraham to give back to God what God had given him... all that God has _____ us... must eventually be offered back to Him.
Gen. 26:24	Isaac	Gen. 26:25	Beer-sheba	The unique place in which Isaac _____ God's appearing, received His promise, built an altar, called on the Lord, and pitched a tent as a testimony. We must come to the unique place that God has chosen and remain there.
Gen. 32:26-29	Jacob	Gen. 33:20	Shechem	Jacob pitched his tent and erected an altar, as his grandfather Abraham had done. Here Jacob began to live a life as God's called one for the fulfillment of God's purpose.
Gen. 35:1-3	Jacob	Gen. 35:7	Bethel	An altar is for consecration. Jacob's consecration in erecting an altar at Shechem was for himself as an individual; his consecration in building an altar at Bethel was for the _____ of God, to fulfill God's eternal purpose and satisfy His heart's desire.

The prerequisite to building an altar is God's _____. His spiritual appearing to us is the motivating factor for our building an altar to God. The significance of building an altar is consecration. We can build a spiritual altar to God through our consecrating to Him, that is, through our consent to let God work in us and on us.

To build an altar to God is for the purpose of _____ to God. A sacrifice is something set apart from its original usage and position to be wholly for God. Romans 12:1 - "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God." We need to _____ ourselves to God. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob consecrated themselves to God, that is, they gave **themselves** and all that they _____ to God. Their consecration was their _____ to give themselves to God to let Him fully _____ in them and _____ them. Previously, they could live for themselves. But now they were set apart for _____'s _____. Once we have consecrated ourselves to God, we may suppose that we are ready to _____ for Him. Actually, our consecration firstly _____ us to be worked on _____ Him, which is necessary before we can work _____ Him. Isaiah 64:8. May we open to the Lord in _____, _____ to let Him work freely _____ us and _____ us as He sees fit.

In Greek, Antipas means _____. Antipas, a faithful witness of the Lord, stood against all that the worldly church brought in and practiced. Hence, he became a martyr of the Lord. In Greek the word for *martyr* is the same as that for *witness*. Antipas, as an anti-witness, bore an anti-testimony, a testimony against anything that deviated from the testimony of Jesus.

Isa. 64:8 But now, Jehovah, You are our Father; / We are the clay; and You, our Potter; / And all of us are the work of Your hand.

Acts 7:2 And he said... The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

Genesis 12:7 And **Jehovah** _____ to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he _____ an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him. 8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he _____ an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.

Revelation 2:13 ...and you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed...

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to... all those who _____ upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place...

Genesis 12:10 And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down to _____ to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land.

- Everything begins from God's _____; however, His continued appearing depends on our _____ and consecration. Abraham did not cooperate in Genesis 12 and went to Egypt. Here, he did not make an **altar** and he was without God's presence and **appearing**.

13:3 And he [Abraham] continued on his journey from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 to the place of the altar, which he had made there _____; and there Abram called on the name of Jehovah.

- When Abraham was planning to sell his wife in Egypt, there was no altar, tent, or calling on the name of the Lord. There was no declaration of his anti-testimony to Babel. When he was in Egypt, he lost all of this. But Abraham came back to the beginning, to the place of the altar, and there he recovered his calling on the name of the Lord.

13:14 And **Jehovah said** to Abram... Rise up; walk through the land according to its length and its breadth, for I will give it to you. 18 And Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there **he built an _____ to Jehovah**.

16:16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. 17:1 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the All-sufficient God; / Walk before Me, and be perfect.

- Going down to Egypt in Genesis 12 was a failure without, but taking Hagar in chapter 16 to produce Ishmael was a failure within. During that long period of thirteen years, Abraham, a man called by God, a man who was living by faith and who was learning to know grace for the fulfillment of God's purpose, missed God's presence. How serious it is not to have God's _____!

22:1 Now after these things God tested Abraham and said to him, Abraham... 2 Take now your son, your only son... 9 And **Abraham built the altar** there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

26:24 And Jehovah _____ to him [Isaac] the same night and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and I will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake. 25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there.

32:26 And the man said, Let Me go, for the dawn is breaking. But Jacob said, I will not let You go unless You bless me. 29 ...And He blessed him there...

33:20 And there he erected an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

- During the previous **twenty** years (Gen. 31:41), Jacob had neither the altar nor the tent, indicating that he did not have the proper life as a testimony of God. Now, having returned to the proper ground in the proper place, he had a life with the testimony of God. Here we see that this chosen one of God has been brought back, by God's grace, to the proper standing for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose.

35:1 And God _____ to Jacob, Rise up, go up to Bethel, and dwell there; and make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau... 7 And he built an altar there and called the place El-bethel, because there God had **revealed** Himself to him...