

Matt. 24:32, 33. “Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”

Margin – that *it* is near, (he).

Doors – G2374, a portal or entrance.

Acts 1:9-11. “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.”

Where was Jesus when he ascended? Mount of Olives. Vs. 12.

Zech. 14:4. “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem **on the east. . .**”

Gen. 22:2, 9-11. “And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. . .And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him *out of heaven . . .*”

#Notice it says that the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham, **out of heaven**. The angel did not appear to Abraham, as was the case in other places in Scripture.

Gen. 28:12-13, 16- 17. “And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And behold the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father. . . And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and *this is the gate of heaven.*”

1 Chron. 21:15, 18, 26. “And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying it, the Lord beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. . . Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. . . And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the Lord; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.

1 Chron. 21:28; 22:1. “At that time when David saw that the Lord had answered him in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. . . Then David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel.”

Where was the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite? Where was it that David now declared was the site for the house of God?

2 Chron. 3:1. “Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.”

2 Chron. 5:13, 14. “It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voices with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.”

Temple and Jerusalem diagram:

Eze. 11:21-23. “Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.”

Chapters 41 & 42, Ezekiel is given the vision of measuring a new temple. Then in chapter 43:

Eze. 43:1, 2. “Afterwards he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: and, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came **from the way of the east:** and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.”

Rev. 1:15. “And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

Now the glory of the Lord had departed from Jerusalem and the temple. But now, Ezekiel sees the glory return. When in history can we say the glory returned to Jerusalem or the temple?

Titus 2:13. “Looking for that blessed hope, and the *glorious* appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Matt. 16:27. “For the Son of man shall *come in the glory of his Father with his angels*; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”

Eze. 43:2, again. “Behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from *the way of the east*.”

The disciples saw Christ go up into heaven; the angels said He would come again just as they had seen Him go; the angel of the Lord spoke to Abraham out of heaven; Jacob saw the ladder reaching from heaven to the earth, and declared that this was the gate of heaven; Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord depart toward the east, and then saw it return by that same way. And Christ Himself declared that when we would see the signs He had foretold, we would know that He is near, even at the **doors**.

ST July 29, 1889. “When Jacob journeyed to the house of Laban, he lay down to rest in the wilderness, with a stone for a pillow . . . While he slept, he had a vision. There appeared before him a ladder, whose base rested on the earth, and whose top reached into the highest heavens . God was above the ladder, and His glory shone through *the open heaven* , lighting up every round of the ladder; and angels were ascending and descending upon it.”
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, Aug. 1, 1898, p.13.

5 BC 1079. “The glory that rested upon Christ is a pledge of the love of God for us . . . The light that fell from the open portals upon the head of our Saviour, will fall upon us as we pray for help to resist temptation . . . Through the gates ajar there streams bright beams of glory from the throne of Jehovah, and this light shines even upon us.”

GC 636. “It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like

the sound of many waters, saying: "It is done." Revelation 16:17."

EW 41. "Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space."

2 SG 32. ". Soon our eyes were drawn to the East, for a small black cloud had appeared about half as large as a man's hand, which we all knew was the sign of the Son of man. We all in solemn silence gazed on the cloud as it drew nearer, and became lighter, glorious, and still more glorious, till it was a great white cloud. The bottom appeared like fire; a rainbow was over it, and around the cloud were ten thousand angels singing a most lovely song. And on it sat the Son of man," 2SG 32, p.1

Broadside 1, April 6, 1846 (Mar. 287). "And I saw a flaming cloud come where Jesus' stood. Then Jesus laid off his priestly garment and put on his Kingly robe, and took his place on the cloud which carried him to the East, where it first appeared to the saints on earth--a small black cloud which was the sign of the Son of Man. While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the East, which took a number of days, the synagogue of Satan worshipped at the saint's feet."

It is interesting to note when the constellation Orion is in the East. It is only there from June 22 until December 21; and on September 23, it is in the east at midnight.

It is also interesting, that September is the 7th month in the Jewish sacred calendar, and in 1996, September 23 was the Day of Atonement. In type, the high priest's work of mediation was finalised on the Day of Atonement, and when Christ finalises his work, he throws down the censure, probation closes, and He puts on his kingly robes to return to the earth.