

# Covenantal Altars

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## Altars

The altar in Hebrew is 'mizbeah' – A place of sacrifice

- **Altars** were generally erected in conspicuous places.
- Bible heroes erected altars and worshipped God. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David...
- The Tabernacle of Moses - Corporate altar in the Sinai desert, the first place of Jewish worship
- Temple of God in Jerusalem - permanent place of the altar of the God of the Hebrews
- The corruption of the priesthood, the destruction of the special place – the Temple in Jerusalem, made the altar obsolete
- New institution called 'House of Assembly' (Beit Knesset)
- The Jews homes became the altar. The altar became the table at which the family gathered to eat their common meals.
- Yeshua's atoning sacrifice on the cross - all the shadows became reality.
- The human heart became the individual altar and the most important of all.
- Access to God has always been through an altar. Not the altar of material, but the **altar of the heart**.
- Our identity in Christ is established as walking temples of God. It is our responsibility to build an **altar** to the Lord in our **heart**, maintain it, and visit it frequently.

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## Study of altars

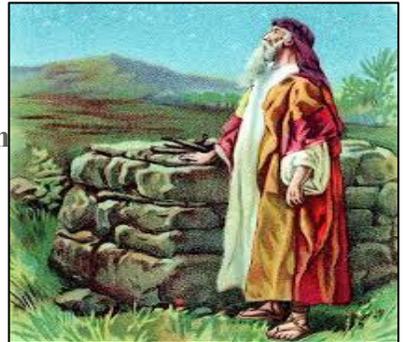
### Elon Moreh

**Abraham's first altar. An Altar of Obedience and the sealing of the covenant with the land - *Our surrender to the Lord Yeshua.***

Genesis 12:6,7; Acts 7:2; Hebrews 11:8; Romans 10:9,10

**Jacob revisited His grandfather's altar. Peace with his brother.**

***We yearn and try to live in peace with others as we grow in Christ***  
**Genesis 33:20; John 13:34; Romans 12:18**



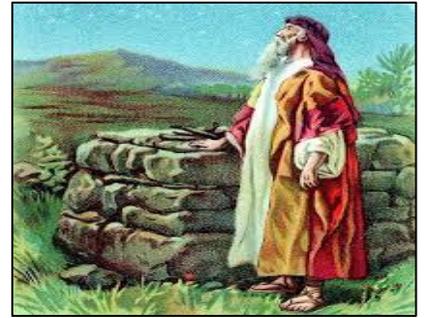
When you tour Elon Moreh, take in the breathtaking view below: biblical Shechem, modern-day Nablus, site of Joseph's tomb and of Jacob's Well, where Jesus met the Samaritan woman (John 4:4-29). Above it are Mount Gerizim, mount of blessings, sacred to the Samaritans (John 4:20-21) and Mount Ebal, mount of curses (Deut. 11:29).

## Bethel

**Abraham's 2<sup>nd</sup> altar. An Altar of the pilgrim walk. *We sojourn in our spiritual life in our walk of faith***

Genesis 12:9; Hebrews 11:9; Psalm 39:12; 1 Peter 2:11 & Philippians 3:20

*Abraham revisited this altar in Genesis 13:3,4 – we re-asses our spiritual walk*



**Jacob's altar. An Altar of divine revelation. *Revelation of our identity and purpose/ call.***  
Genesis 28:10-21; Ephesians 3:20

*Jacob was instructed by God again to revisit the altar and worship Him – back to our first love*  
Genesis 35:1,7; Revelation 2:4



Beit El - the place where G-d told Jacob that the nations of the world would be blessed through his family

Beit El - where the L-rd promised to give the Holy Land of Israel as an inheritance to Abraham, Jacob and their offspring

Beit El - the place where generations of Jews came to pray, as Jacob proclaimed, "This is a house of the L-rd, the gate to the heavens"

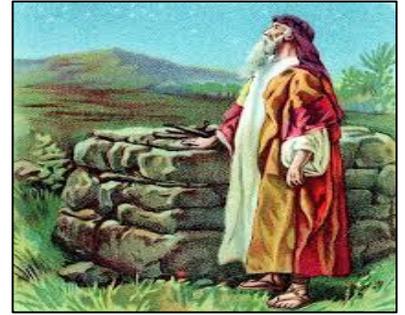
At the summit of Jacob's Peak, there is an observation point with a spectacular view atop the water tower of the town. From the lookout tower, one can see virtually the whole Promised Land. The observation point overlooks the coastal plain in the west, Judea and Samaria, the hills of Jerusalem to the south, and the Hermon Mountain in the north. In the center of the floor of the tower is a unique mosaic map of the Promised Land of Israel, and the Biblical verses in which the Land is promised to our forefathers Abraham and Jacob.

## Hebron

Abraham's 3<sup>rd</sup> Altar - Visitation of Melchizedek. Genesis 13:18  
Powerful revelation of Yeshua. Hebrews 7:1-3

***Revelation of Yeshua as King and deeper intimacy.  
Increase of anointing.***

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## David

As a worshipper, he was raising up an altar like his forefather Abraham. - 2 Samuel 2:1,11

Hebron was the first city David ruled from over all of Judah.



David grew from strength to strength while continually worshipping in Hebron.

Six sons were born to David in Hebron

Saul was defeated by his enemies. All the tribes begin show allegiance to David

He was anointed as King over Israel in Hebron – 2 Samuel 5:3

He reigned over Israel 40 years of which 7 was from Hebron- 1 King 2:11

## Jerusalem

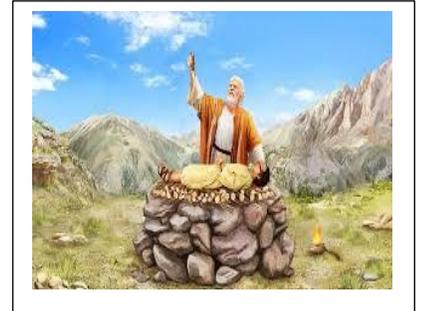
**Mount Moriah** – The Temple Mount, in Hebrew ‘*Har Habayit*’, known in the Torah as Mount Moriah  
God’s fire and furnace is here (Isaiah 31:9)

**Abrahams 5<sup>th</sup> altar.** *An Altar of ultimate sacrifice. Final test before dominion rest*

Genesis 22:1,2,8,9,14; Galatians 2:20  
The result of passing the test – Genesis 22:15-18; Galatians 3:14

Abraham had the visitation of Melchizedek- Genesis 14:18 and tested here in Mount Moriah  
Powerful revelation of Yeshua. Hebrews 7:1-3 came to reality when Yeshua was sacrificed on the norther side of the Mount Moriah – Golgotha.

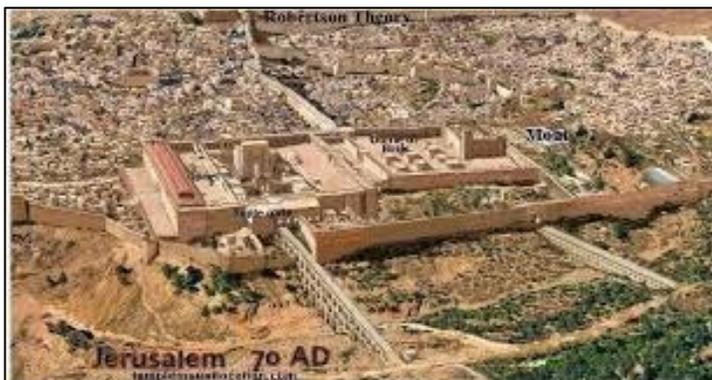
*Ultimate test brings baptism of fire and releases glory in your lives and dominion over the devil – Luke 10:19; Ephesians 2:6,7*



### David’ most important altar

Prophetic fulfillment to host God’s presence and ultimate rule of Yeshua’s from that very altar- Temple Mount. *You will reign and rule with Yeshua.*

Psalms 43:3,4; 2 Samuel 24:16;18,25;  
Ezekiel 43:7; Jeremiah 3:17 Revelation 22:3  
2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:4



### Temple Mount

The Temple Mount is unlike any other place on earth, for it is the one spot where G-d chose to rest His presence and to make Himself known to man. Thus, we find many expressions in the Torah such as *"the place that I will choose"* and *"the place that I will show you."* From the very beginning of time, this one location was set aside and sanctified by G-d as the focal point for mankind's spiritual energy.

# Mount of Olives

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**David, Apostles worshipped God on Mount of Olives**

David - 2 Samuel 15:30,32

Apostles – Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-12

**Yeshua frequented to Mount of Olives toward the end of His earthly ministry** - Luke 22:32; Matthew 21:1; Mar 11:1; Luke 19:29

**The famous and most important Olivet discourse about the end times** - Matthew 24; Mark 13; Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26

**Triumphal entry (Psalm Sunday)** – Luke 19:37,38

**Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12**

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David that comes in the name of the Lord”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!”

**He stayed on the Mount of Olives during his last week on the earth before His crucifixion** – Luke 21:37; John 8:1

**Most important decision ever made on the earth is at the Garden of Gethsemane at the foot the Mount of Olives**

**Yeshua will land on Mount of Olives** – Zechariah 14:3,4

*Mount of Olives*

