

GOD'S HOUSE IN KAITAIA FILLED WITH HIS GLORY

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Reading: *Mat 21:7-16, Is 56:7.*

Mat 21:13 **“My House shall be called a house of prayer, (for all nations, *Is 56:7*) but you have made it a den of thieves.”**

1. Jesus rode into Jerusalem surrounded by the multitude praising and glorifying Him. He went to the temple and drove out the money-changers, those who bought and sold and those who sold doves. **Jesus cleansed His Father's House and declared it to be a House of Prayer (for all nations), *Mat 21:13.***
2. The children continued to **glorify Jesus in the temple with their praise, *v15,*** using words from *Psalms 118:25,26.* The chief priests and scribes were angry and offended but Jesus replied, **“Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants, **You, (God), have perfected praise,**” *Psalms 8:2.***
3. After His Father's House was **cleansed and filled with praise, God's power was released** to give sight to the blind and heal the crippled, *Mat 21:14.* The physically blind and the spiritually blind had their eyes opened. The physically crippled and the spiritually crippled were both healed, *Is 35:5, Ac 26:18, Ac 3:8, Is 35:6.*
4. In the New Testament **God's House is the church of the living God, *1Tim 3:15.*** God's house in Kaitaia is His church. It is His House before it is ours.
5. When we look at Kaitaia, we see many churches **but God only sees one church.** All believers in Jesus Christ, who have received His Spirit, *Rom 8:9,* are members of the one Body of Christ in Kaitaia, *1Cor 12:12,13.* Jesus put it this way, **“I am the Vine you are the branches,” *Jn 15:5.*** Every believer in Christ is a part of the one true vine, which is the Body of Christ in this town.
6. **Each local assembly in Kaitaia is a part of the whole Body of Christ,** and expresses a particular aspect of the ministry of Christ. There is no competition as each has complementary strengths.
7. As the leaders of the local “congregations” meet to build relationships and oneness together, in fellowship, prayer and worship to God, the first stage of the expression of the whole Body of Christ in Kaitaia is established. **Pray much for the leaders** to be able to continue in humility, openness, prayer and oneness together in the fulness of God's Spirit.
8. From time to time the leaders **gather their congregations together as the whole Body of Christ** for nights of prayer and worship, and for combined gatherings and events. Recommend “Transformation” video by George Otis (Jnr)
9. When we come together as God's House we must **come on His terms.** In the Book of Acts the phrase **“together in one accord”** occurs frequently, *Ac 1:14, 2:1,46, 4:24,32, Ac 5:12,* and this is the way He wants us to behave in His House. **“One accord”** involves humility, servanthood, forgiveness, acceptance, love, mercy, kindness, faith, openness and honesty, fulness of the Holy Spirit and blessing one another. Then with **One Voice**

we can praise Him, thank Him, exalt Him, worship Him, magnify Him for all His goodness, love, mercy, truth, faithfulness, power, wisdom, righteousness, justice, authority, rule, reign, revelation, kindness, long-suffering and gentleness.

10. As we do this in Kaitaia, the Lord will fill His House with His glory, *Ac 2:1-4, 2Chr 5:13,14*, There will be a revelation of His presence and we shall be changed, released, set free, healed, made whole. and above all the multitudes of spiritually blind and crippled will come to Him and be made whole, *Mat 21:14*. **Kaitaia will be saved.**
11. **We are one together because** we have one Saviour, one Cross, one Blood of Redemption, one way of Forgiveness, one Word of God, one Lord's Table, one Resurrection of Christ, one Spirit of God and one God and Father of us all.
12. **Unity of Christ's Body is not "the bottom line"**. The completion of the task is "the bottom line." Unity is a means to an end. **The end is the whole church bringing the whole Gospel to every person in Kaitaia and the Mangonui county.** It is to see this town and district transformed by the message and truth of Christ at every level.
13. **Visions of the map of Northland**
Finally, in the mid seventies, during times of corporate prayer for Northland, the Holy Spirit revealed a map of the North, dotted with tongues of flame, that increased in number and size until the whole of Northland was ablaze.
14. **Vision of the Mountain of God *Is 25:6-9***
As I was being prayed for by two prophetic leaders in 1969, one of them saw the following vision. There was a tall mountain top with a cloud layer just below the peak. Above the cloud layer, the sun was shining brightly but below was dark. At the base of the mountain, on the plains, were multitudes of people in the dark. One person came out of the crowd of people and climbed the mountain. He disappeared into the cloud and then emerged into the light of the sun. He climbed to the top and waved a banner. As he did so the clouds broke up and the sun shone through on to the people at the base of the mountain. The people then rushed up the mountain.

This mountain is the "holy mountain" of the Lord, *Is 56:7, Is 25:6, Is 2:2-4, Ps 24:3*. As we seek His face, in His House of prayer, with clean hands and a pure heart, *Ps 24:4*, we will climb up into the light of His presence. Then we will be able to wave His banner, dispel the clouds, cause the light to shine on those in the darkness and they will be saved.