

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The Soul's Journey, part 11

A FOUNDATION FOR CHRIST

King Cyrus of Persia conquered Babylon in approximately 538BC. The people of Judah, who had been in exile for 50 years, are now referred to as "Jews". The book of Ezra tells us that the Lord God commanded Cyrus to return the Jews to Judah and to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Isaiah calls Cyrus the Lord's "anointed" (Is 45:1). The word that is used here is "mashiyach" or Messiah, the same term as applied to Kings Saul and David. In the New Testament this word is translated into the Greek "Christos" or Christ and applied to Jesus of Nazareth.

The Lord's anointed: the Messiah, the Christ, is that which is called forth from within us to lead us, to guide us in new directions, toward conscious recognition of the power and presence of God within. Kings Saul and David represented a new level of leadership and cooperation for the Israel nation. Cyrus brought a new birth to the Jewish people. Jesus came to lift our consciousness to a new level where we realize that "...the kingdom of God is within..." (Lk 17:21 KJV).

The Jews return to rebuild their city in three steps. First they rebuild the Temple, their Spiritual center. When building our foundation for the birth of the Christ level of awareness, our establishment in a consciousness of Spirit is primary. Next they reestablish the mental level of consciousness through a reading of the law. We bring our Spiritual awareness into

manifestation through the intellectual and feeling levels of consciousness. Finally they build the walls of the city, the Divine Idea is pressed out into expression.

The walls of the city are built on a Four-Square foundation, representative of a 4-sided or balanced consciousness. Most of us operate on three levels: thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations. We are stuck in a process of manipulating effects. What we see is what we get. There is no growth or increase in this mode of operations. When we open ourselves up to our spiritual dimension, through prayer and meditation, we become infilled with new and expanding ideas for growth toward manifesting the Christ level of awareness.