

Pillars of Faith

(5) And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel, (6) that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' (7) then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever." (Joshua 4:5-7)

Tribulation in the last days

Daniel 12:1 ...And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time...

Matthew 24:21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

Acts 14:22 ...through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

What is a Pillar?

-a tall vertical structure of stone, wood, or metal, used as a support for a building

Judges 16:26 And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them."

-monument, idol, image, personal memorial

Genesis 31:51-52 (51) Then Laban said to Jacob, "See this heap and the pillar, which I have set between you and me. (52) This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and you will not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm.

Two Pillars of the Temple

1 Kings 7:15-22 (15) He cast two pillars of bronze. Eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits measured its circumference. It was hollow, and its thickness was four fingers. The second pillar was the same. (16) He also made two capitals of cast bronze to set on the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. (17) There were lattices of checker work with wreaths of chain work for the capitals on the tops of the pillars, a lattice for the one capital and a lattice for the other capital. (18) Likewise he made pomegranates in two rows around the one latticework to cover the capital that was on the top of the pillar, and he did the same with the other capital. (19) Now the capitals that were on the tops of the pillars in the vestibule were of lily-work, four cubits. (20) The capitals were on the two pillars and also above the rounded projection which was beside the latticework. There were two hundred pomegranates in two rows all around, and so with the other capital. (21) He set up the pillars at the vestibule of the temple. He set up the pillar on the

south and called its name **Jachin**, and he set up the pillar on the north and called its name **Boaz**.(22) And on the tops of the pillars was lily-work. Thus the work of the pillars was finished.

North pillar named “Boaz”- by His strength

South pillar named “Jachin”- God will establish

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My Three Personal Pillars

1) The Broken Tree “You have need to be broken”

Insecure—not firmly fastened or fixed, unstable, not confident, uncertain and anxious

Psalm 139:23-24 (23) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! (24) And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

2) The Lawn Mower “You have need of endurance”

Endurance—patience, waiting, constancy (the quality of being faithful and dependable) continuance, a characteristic of someone not swerved from his purpose and loyalty

Joshua 1:5 ...I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

3) The Cross “This is the peace I have for you in heaven”

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.