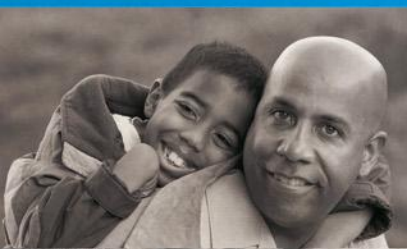


What is the Church



The Evolution of the Church
A Bible Study
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Temporary Option....Not Permanent Replacement

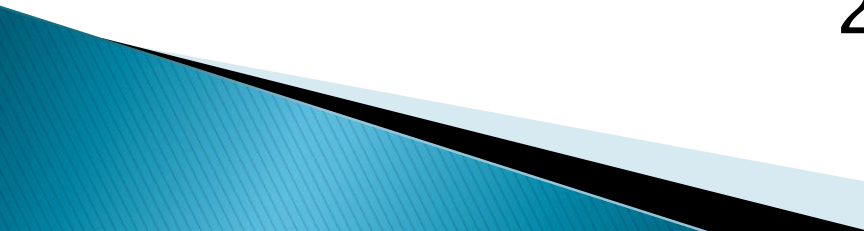


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**“When God
Closes a Church
Door, He Opens
a Browser
Window”**



Worship/Prayer gatherings in the Bible


- ▶ Tabernacle/tent (Exodus 25:8)
 - ▶ Temple (1 Kings 6 (built 957 BC)
Destroyed 586 BC)
 - ▶ Synagogue (During exile and post
exile)
 - ▶ Temple (Zerubbabel built,
Herod finished, destroyed
70 AD)
 - ▶ Homes New Testament (Acts
2:46, 20:20)
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The New Testament House Church


We should not take the Biblical house church **model** as a Biblical house church **mandate**. Circumstances prompted house church for the early church and circumstances prompt house church for now. Once circumstances changed in the early church they started constructing church buildings.

Theological Terms to consider

Ecclesia (translated as church 115 times and assembly 3 times) Matthew 16:18

- ▶ a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly
 - ▶ an assembly of the people convened at the public place of the council for the purpose of deliberating
 - ▶ the assembly of the Israelites
 - ▶ any gathering or throng of men assembled by chance, tumultuously
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▶ in a Christian sense

- an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting
 - a company of Christian, or of those who, hoping for eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, observe their own religious rites, hold their own religious meetings, and manage their own affairs, according to regulations prescribed for the body for order's sake
 - those who anywhere, in a city, village, constitute such a company and are united into one body
 - the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth
 - the assembly of faithful Christians already dead and received into heaven
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Psalm 84

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

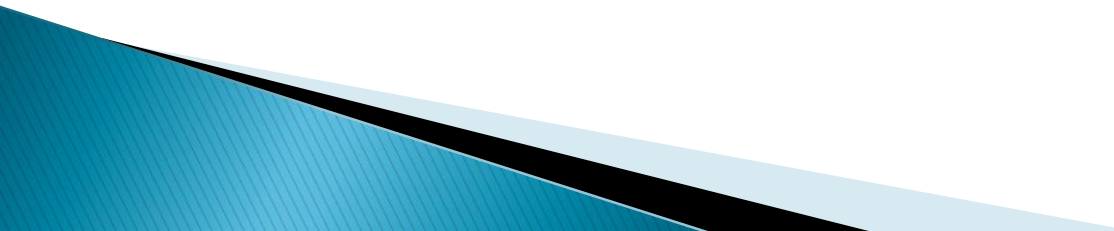
1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

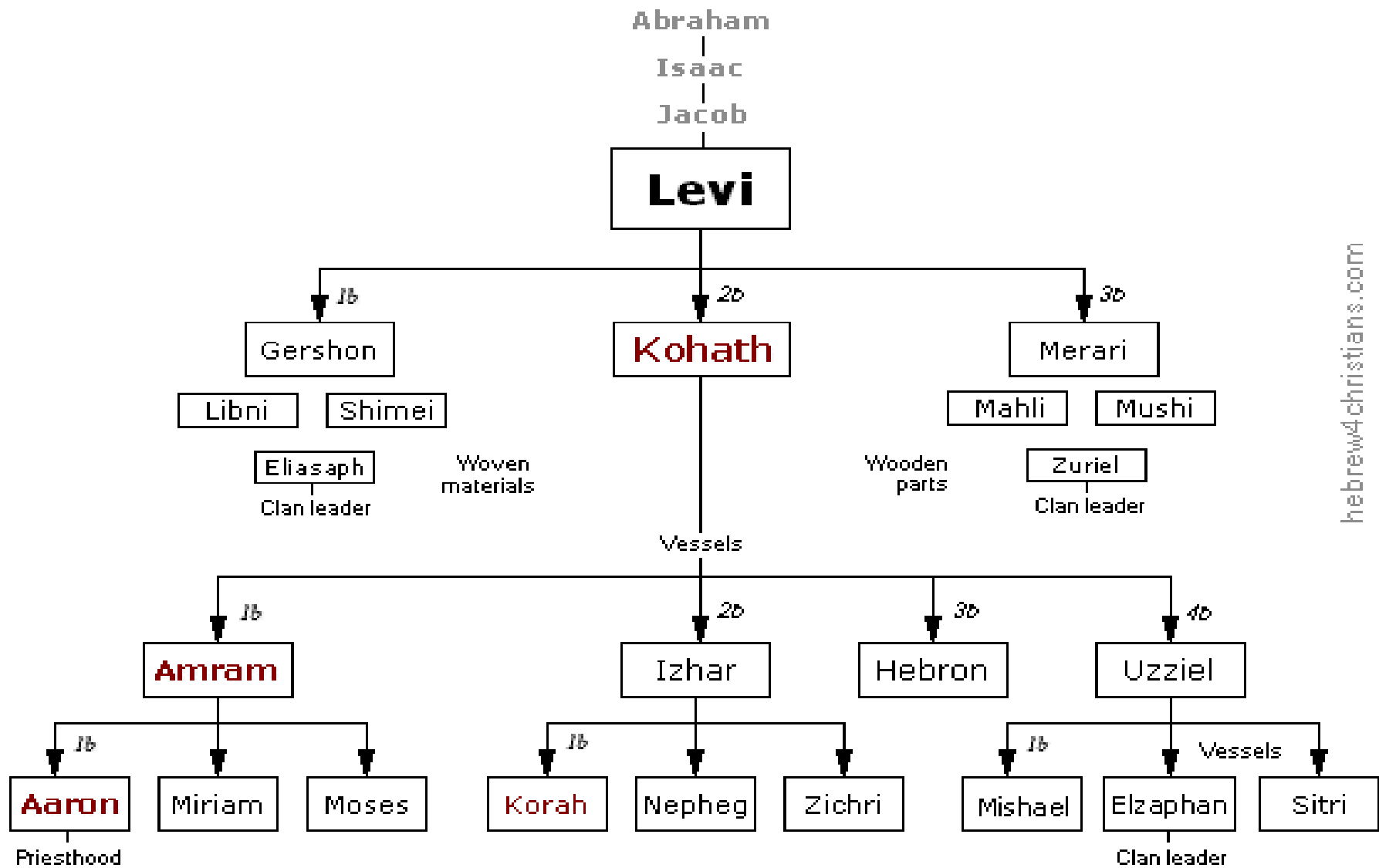
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

- ⁶ Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.
- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
- ⁹ Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- ¹⁰ For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.
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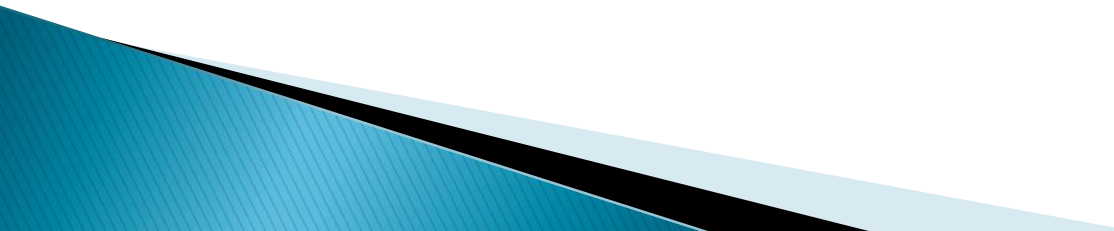
- ▶ *These sons of Korah were Levites, from the family of Kohath. By David's time it seems they served in the musical aspect of the temple worship*



Korah led a rebellion of 250 community leaders against Moses during the wilderness days of the Exodus ([Numbers 16](#)).

God judged Korah and his leaders and they all died, but the sons of Korah remained ([Numbers 26:9-11](#)).

Perhaps they were so grateful for this mercy that they became notable in Israel for praising God. ([2 Chronicles 20:19](#)).



One of the sons of Korah is the author of Psalm 84.

1. He longs for the House of God and the God of the House. He seems to express that the two go together (v. 1 -2).

The emphasis on meeting **the living God** prevents regarding the tabernacle or temple in the wrong way.

The temple as a place could be viewed incorrectly (as in [Acts 7:48](#), [7:54](#)). The psalmist considers it here in its best sense: the place to meet with **the living God**.

2. He expresses security and satisfaction that he finds in the house of God and with the God of the house.

(V. 3 -4)

**3. Even when he can't get to the House of God
the God of the house gives him strength and
motivation on the highway. (V. 5 -7)**



Psalm 84:5

King James Translation

▶ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them*.

New King James

▶ Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in You,
Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.

Verses 6 and 7 are poetic writings to express that the obstacles of the pilgrimage are overcome by the anticipation of the opportunity of His presence.

Valley of Baca

Make it a well

Rain fills the pools

Strength to strength

Determined to get to “Zion” to appear
before God.

4. He praises the God of the house as he seeks to serve in the house of God (v. 9 - 12)