

**May 6, 2022**

The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rev. 21:3-4** *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*  
(NIV)

Immanuel, God with us. He came to dwell with us, but this world turned against Him. They mocked Him, beat Him, spit upon Him, cursed Him, scourged Him and killed Him. The LORD has always desired to dwell among the people. Sometimes I wonder why. Why would He want to live among a people who don’t seem to care if He even exists? Why would He desire to ‘hang out’ with those who defame His name and scoff at those who follow Him? There is only one obvious answer. It is because of His great and unconditional love for us. The term for dwelling place is also translated tabernacle or in Hebrew, Mishkan. You recall that when He brought the Israelites out of slavery, He told them to build a portable tent-like structure called the Tabernacle of God. It was there that the LORD would ‘tabernacle’ with the people in the wilderness. And He would dwell in the area known as the ‘Holy of Holies.’ This was the place where His presence would be seen by a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of smoke in the day. This is how the LORD let His people know that He was right in their midst.

And if you think that is important, then take a look at how God commanded to set up their tribes around the tabernacle. There are no coincidences in God’s word. He had them camp in a specific order according to their number and tribes. The significance is mind boggling when you see what this creates from an over-head view seen below: The point is that even a smallest detail in the Bible, which you may be inclined to skip as insignificant (like for example, the layout of the camp around the Tabernacle of meeting), points to Jesus and what He did for us. So, we don’t have to be surprised when Jesus said that Scriptures testify about Him ([John 5:39](#)) and that, “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.” ([John 5:46](#)). - *Chuck Missler’s commentary*

**Dear LORD, we praise You today, Immanuel, God with us. Thank You for wanting to be with us and stay with us. Help us to want the very same. In Jesus Name, Amen**