



Since the day the world was created there was no more joyful time before Hashem than when the Beis HaMikdash was completed. At that time, a heavenly Beis HaMikdash was created as well and was established in all the worlds, enlightening and filling them with sweet fragrance. All heavenly enclosures opened, casting their light. There was no greater joy in the entire universe such as the joy of that day (Zohar Teruma 143). The Beis HaMikdash, the place of the great King... for from there emerges all the light and all the blessings and happiness in the world... (ibid., Vayigash). ...The Beis HaMikdash is the beauty of the entire universe... where all the people of the world look towards and pray towards. Just as the neck when broken with it is broken the entire body, so too the Beis HaMikdash when it is destroyed and darkened with it the entire world is darkened and the sun doesn't shine nor the heavens, Earth, or stars (ibid, Vayigash 90).

For thousands of years, since the creation of the world, Hashem waited for *Klal Yisroel* to build Him a dwelling where He would concentrate His holy Shechinah, which fills the entire universe, between its four walls. The house of Hashem! The focal point of creation! However, what does Hashem testify to us is the reason this place is beautiful to Him? The *passuk* in *Shir HaShirim* (4:10) tells us:

How beautiful is your love - every place where you showed me affection is beautiful in My eyes; Gilgal, Shiloh, Nov, Givon, and the eternal Temple - ***My own, my bride!*** What does the Creator of the universe consider the defining beauty of the Beis HaMikdash? It is the place *Klal Yisroel* showed their affection to Him. For it is that love and happiness of experiencing it, which is the very reason for the entire creation!

