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(יב:ה) כי אם אל המקום אשר יבחר ה'. .לשום את שמו שם לשכנו תדרשו ובאת שמה (יב:ה) "But unto the place which G-d shall choose...to put his name there, unto His habitation shall you seek and there you shalt come."(12:5)

Why does the pasuk state that "you shall seek" in the plural form and then "you shalt come" in the singular form?

Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon 1138-1204) in his work the "Guide to the Perlexed" explains that "the place" is left anonymous, with no reference to Jerusalem, in order that other nations won't appreciate the value the Jewish people put on this place and fight for possession. Another reason he gives is in order that no internal strife take place within the tribes arguing who gets Jerusalem in their territory. Now we can understand the answer of the Gerrer Rebbe: (Rabbi Avraham Mordechai Alter 1865-1948) "seek out"- in the plural, why we have no Temple today because of the multitudes of Israel that fight amongst themselves — in the plural. When "you come" as a single unit then you will merit the coming of the Temple. Shabbat Shalom V'Chodesh Toy