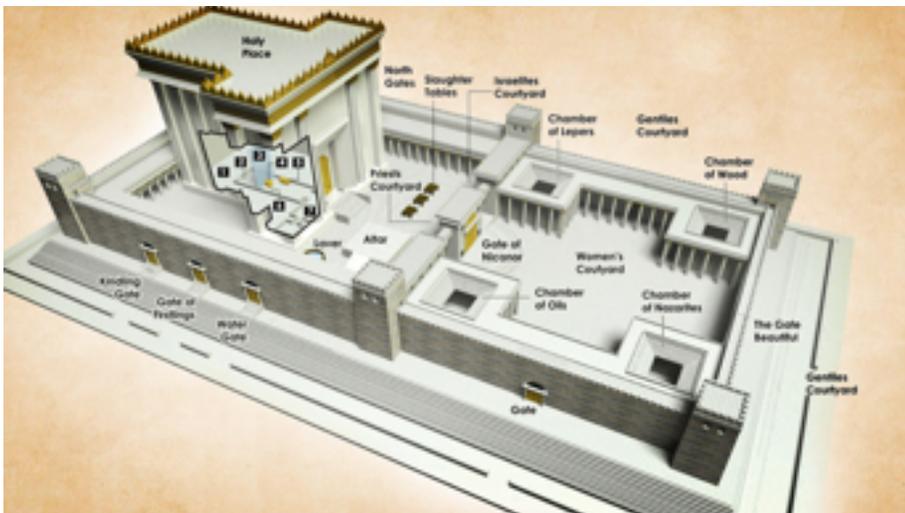




WALK THE TALK ////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just "to know" but to "act upon what we know." (His Word, Our Walk!)

One of the best ways to learn about the Temple is to build a model with family and friends. You can also purchase a model online and put it together.



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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. Although the CHRISTIAN is the "temple of God today," throughout history, and in the prophetic FUTURE, the Temple in Jerusalem is CRITICAL.
2. The importance of the Temple to God, REMINDS us of the importance of forgiveness and WORSHIP today!

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEMPLE IN THE BIBLE

1. In the Old Testament, the word "TEMPLE" (or Tabernacle) is found over 700 times. *Compare that to*
2. The Temple was the place that EVERY Jewish man had to visit THREE times each year for Feast Days (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles).
3. The Temple was PORTABLE (Mishkan) for hundreds of years before being designed by DAVID, and built by SOLOMON. It was built nearly 1,000 years BEFORE Christ.
4. The Temple was DESTROYED by Nebuchadnezzar, but rebuilt spectacularly by King HEROD (to win the favor of the Jews), just in time for the life of JESUS. In fact, it was completed the year that Jesus BEGAN His ministry.



5. In the New Testament, Jesus was taken to the Temple as an INFANT; He got “LOST” there at the age of 12; He was taken there by SATAN for a temptation; He did much of His TEACHING at the Temple; and He was condemned to death NEXT to it.

6. Also in the New Testament, the first MIRACLE of the Apostles happened there; the early Christians MET there to worship; PAUL was arrested there; and the word Temple is found nearly 150 times.

THE VARIOUS VIEWS OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM

1. Some believe that the Temple was destroyed in 70 AD, but will be REBUILT for the last days (some Christians) or for the FUTURE Messiah (some Jews).
 2. Some say that the Temple NEVER existed at all, but is in the IMAGINATION of Jews and Christians (some Muslims).
 3. Some are WAITING for the Temple to “*come down from the heavens.*”
- Rev. 3:12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.*
4. Some believe that the Temple is IRRELEVANT because of the once-for-all SACRIFICE of Jesus, and His statement comparing His BODY to the Temple.

John 2:19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

5. Others believe the ONLY Temple that matters is the CHRISTIAN.

1Cor. 3:16 Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?

Eph. 2: 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

GOD AND BUILDINGS

There is only ONE building (brick and mortar) that matters to God, and that is His TEMPLE.

1Chr. 17:12 He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.

God never asked His people to build SYNAGOGUES or CHURCHES! There is nothing wrong with them as long as they are treated simply as meeting places and not as HOLY places. (*The church refers to people and not to a building.*)

THE TEMPLES THROUGHOUT HISTORY

The Jewish people refer to the first and second temple periods of the past, and the THIRD temple period of the future. But as a Christian, I would define the temples this way:

#	Temple Name	Built by . . .	Destroyed by . . .
1	Tabernacle	Moses	Replaced
2	Solomon’s	Solomon	Nebuchadnezzar
3	Ezra’s	Israelites	Antiochus Epiphanes
4	Herod’s	Herod in 20 BC	Romans in 70 AD
5	Christian	God	Each by misuse
6	Tribulation	Jews	Anti-Christ
7	Millennial	God (Ez. 40)	

NOW WHAT?

1. It seems that whatever is IMPORTANT to God should be of FIRST importance to us. The Temple, in its VARIOUS forms, was and is very important to God.
2. Understanding that God wanted to DWELL in the midst of His people and that He desired our worship, should draw us to be CLOSE to Him and to praise Him.
3. Build a MODEL of the Temple in whatever would be most helpful to you to LEARN and remember.