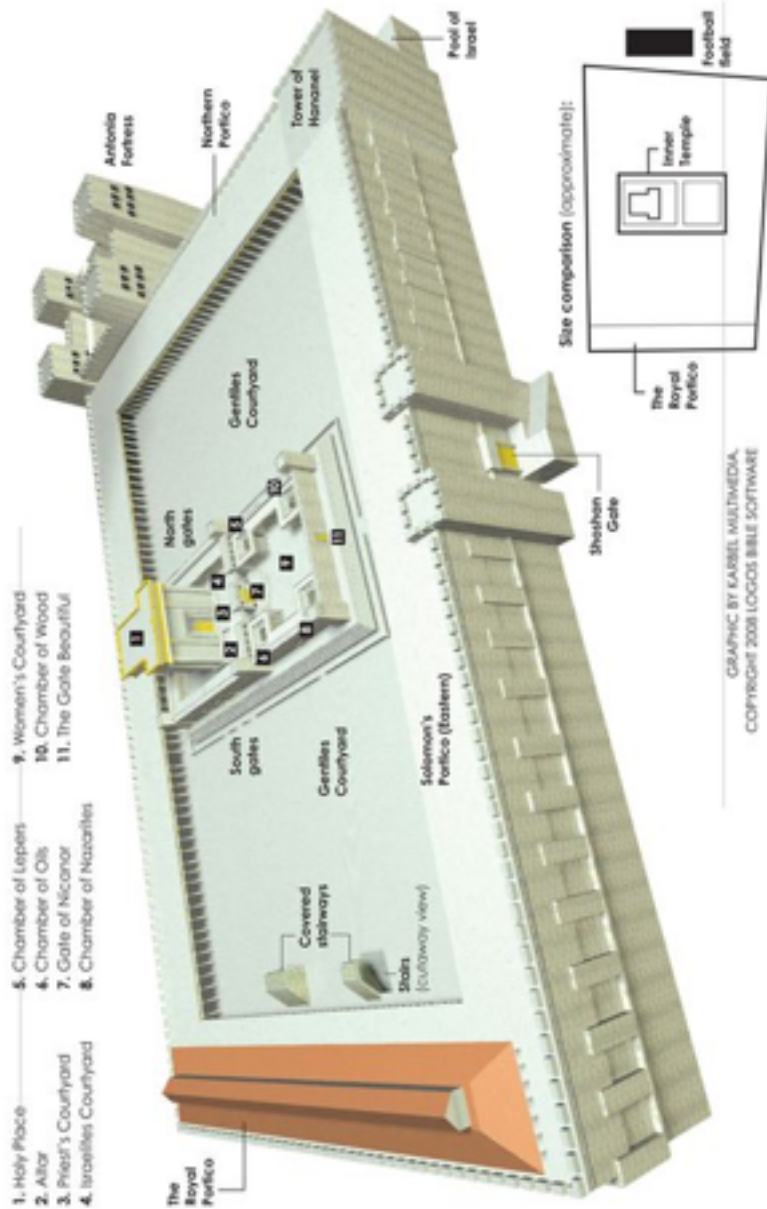


Herod's Temple

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Second Temple approximately 20-19 BC. The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.



If you are building a model, please send a photo of it to estringer@eccfw.org. Also, bring it to the church on the week of August 8th so that it can be displayed the weekend of August 13-14.



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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!

HEROD THE GREAT

In 37 BC, Herod became the "KING" in Judea by the authority of the Roman Senate. He was NOT a Jew but an Edomite and supposedly a CONVERT to Judaism.

Because he was not truly JEWISH, many of the people of Israel REJECTED him as King.

Matt. 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? . . .

To win the FAVOR of the Jews, Herod started a building project of a new TEMPLE by constructing a large platform held up by four magnificent restraining walls (which are there to this day). It is said to have been the world's most AMBITIOUS building project in the years immediately before Jesus.

HEROD'S TEMPLE (THE SECOND TEMPLE)



1. The Temple platform was very LARGE. To give perspective, it is more than 14 FOOTBALL fields side by side (or 18 acres).
2. There were EIGHT gates to enter the Temple mount. The Hulda Gates were the COMMON entrance and were where the tables of the money-changers were commonly FOUND.
3. The Court of the GENTILES was for ALL people of any faith or nationality.
4. The SOREG was the "fence" or partition which WARNED non-Jews not to enter. It read, *"No foreigner is to enter the barriers surrounding the sanctuary. He who is caught will have himself to blame for his death which will follow."*
5. The Court of WOMEN was the first court inside the Temple complex. (The Widow's Mite)
6. The Court of ISRAEL for Jewish men to worship.
7. The Court of PRIESTS where male priests could lead worship.
8. The HOLY PLACE and the HOLY of HOLIES: Inside the Temple were the MENORAH (Candlestick), The Table of Bread and the INCENSE Altar. Missing from Solomon's Temple was the Urim and Thummim, the "Holy FIRE," and the Ark of the COVENANT.

JESUS AND THE TEMPLE

John 2:13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Mark 11:15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. 17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

1. Herod's Temple was COMPLETED about the time that Jesus BEGAN His public ministry (27 AD). But the outer buildings and courts would not be entirely FINISHED until 63 AD.
2. The Temple was absolutely ESSENTIAL to Jesus' ministry: He was taken there TWICE as a baby; He got "lost" there at the age of 12; He TAUGHT there regularly; He CRIED over Jerusalem and the Temple; He CLEANSED the Temple twice; and He called His BODY "the Temple."
3. Jesus BEGAN and ENDED His public ministry at the Temple. In both cases He was outraged at the DISHONESTY and LARCENY that was taking place there.
4. It appears that Jesus was also concerned about the various "courts" that LIMITED people to move about the Temple area.
Is. 56:7 . . . for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

MY APPLICATION

If Jesus was so CONCERNED about the sin that was taking place at the Temple, and I am His Temple TODAY, I want to make sure that I am living a life of HOLINESS.

1Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?