

Passage: Revelation 11:1-2

Title: The Rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem

Summary: This passage tells us the Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. That sounds impossible considering all the wars and unrest in Israel today. However, Israel is the only Nation to survive 2,000 years without a homeland; that is miraculous! So if the Scriptures says the Temple will be rebuilt, it will. We will study why it needs to be rebuilt, and how the Temple of God relates to us personally today.

Revelation 11:1-2 (NKJV)¹ Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Blessing / John on Patmos

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it:

(Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe – Eternal Life – Be Ready

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times:

(John 20:31 NKJV) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life:

(1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it or not, John writes so that all of man might be ready:

(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him.

Book of Revelation Outline

- The Things Which You Have Seen - (Chapter 1).
- The Things Which Are - (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This - (Chapters 4-22).

(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Recap Outline

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a 7 year honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.
- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.
- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not,

people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.

- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after – but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

Recap / Seals & Trumpets

7 Seals

Seal 1 – White Horse – the Anti-christ is Revealed. (6:1-2)

Seal 2 – Red Horse – War on the Earth. (6:3-4)

Seal 3 – Black Horse – Famine upon the Earth (days wage for loaf of bread). (6:5-6)

Seal 4 – Pale Horse – Pestilence and Death (1/4 world dies). (6:7-8)

Seal 5 – The Martyred Saints of the Tribulation. (6:9-11)

Seal 6 – Earthquakes & Upheavals upon the Earth. (6:12-17)

Seal 7 – The 7 Trumpets of God

Trumpet 1 – 1/3 of Trees and Grass burned up. (8:7)

Trumpet 2 – 1/3 of Sea turned to blood. (8:8-9)

Trumpet 3 – 1/3 of Water becomes undrinkable. (8:10-11)

Trumpet 4 – 1/3 of the Sun is blocked out. (8:12)

Trumpet 5 – Key to Bottomless Pit – Demons Released. (9:1-12)

Trumpets 6 – 200 million man Army – 1/3 Earth Killed (total now 1/2). (9:13-19)

Trumpet 7 – The 7 Bowls of God's Wrath

Break – Commentary before 7th Trumpet

There are 7 seals, and the 7th seal has 7 Trumpets. The 7th Trumpet, will have 7 Bowls of Wrath. Now just as before we got into the 1st Trumpet we had a break with a commentary of other things that were happening (the 144,000 being Sealed and more Martyred saints), so too do we break with commentary before the 1st Bowl of Wrath is poured out, which isn't until Chapter 15. So some fascinating study here in chapters 10-14, as we will get filler information of what is happening on the earth such as:

- The Rebuilt Temple. (11)
- The 2 Witnesses Preaching in Jerusalem. (11)
- Satan thrown out of heaven for good. (12)
- Satan's attempt to destroy Israel – God protects Them (12)
- The details on the Beast (the Anti-christ – Satan incarnate), (13)
- The False Prophet arises, (13)
- The mark of the Beast demanded, (13)
- The angels preaching the everlasting gospel as God still offers salvation to man. (14)

The Blessings for Us – to See Rebuilt Temple

We finished chapter 10 with the mighty angel saying to John you must prophesy again. Now what we have seen in the 7 seals and 7 trumpets, we can see the signs of birth pains and go wow. But the things we are getting into now, should leave us speechless, the things we see now are things that can only happen in our day – like this rebuilt temple. I pray after this study your heart will be quickened to see how close we are, how sure this word is, and how sure and how close these things are ready to break wide open before our very eyes. The resultant, I pray will be a strengthening of your faith, a realization of how little time we have left, and that those realizations will change the way you live, that these next handful of studies will put your whole life into perspective - that you will seek first the kingdom of God, and that he who believes these things will keep himself pure before the Lord, and if you have questioned if God is real, that you will see Him as the Savior:

(Revelation 10:11 NKJV) And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

(Matthew 6:33 NKJV) "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

(1 John 3:2 NKJV) Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

(1 John 3:3 NKJV) And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Outline: The Rebuilt Temple of Jerusalem

- What is the Temple
- What isn't the Temple
- The Temple of Solomon
- The Temple at the Time of Jesus
- The Next Temple (Revelation 11:1-2)
- The Millennial Temple (Ezekiel 40-48)
- God's Personal Temple - You

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

The Rebuilt Temple

(Revelation 11:1 NKJV) Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

(Revelation 11:2 NKJV) "But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Temple Rebuilt – Sacrifices Happening / Dome of Rock in Way / Muhammad ascended

A reed is an instrument of measure – approximately 10 feet long. John is told to measure the Temple area, but leave out the area we know as the Court of the gentiles, So, we see here the temple will be built, finished, and sacrifices taking place before the mid-Tribulation point. The Jews today dream of rebuilding their temple, but its site is now occupied (and in the minds of many Jews desecrated) by the Islamic shrine known as the Dome of the Rock. Because Muslims believe it to be the place from which Muhammad ascended to heaven (on a night visit and met with Moses and Christ), it is among the most sacred shrines in the Islamic world. For the Jews to wrest that site away from the Muslims and build their temple there would be unthinkable in today's political climate.

Note on Replacement Theology

May I just note here before we go on, for those groups that follow Replacement theology, which is every mention of Israel in Revelation is only spiritual, and that it is not actually Israel, but the Church, then the question is who is the one who rebuilds the temple in Jerusalem, and if it is the Church, then why? For the Church need not go back to animal sacrifices for Jesus was and is the final sacrifice.

So for 2000 years, no one has seen this. No nation ever survived 2000 years without a homeland. I believe historically, 200 years was the most, and if you would take that and consider it, it's the church from about 300 ad on that's Constantine that's establishing the Catholic church. And you run that from that point on until just our modern generation, no one expected Israel to be rebirthed. So everybody had to start making allegories and spiritualizing this writing of revelation, the writings of what Paul would say in Romans, that all of Israel would be saved and these type of things. And then it's only the last 500 years

you get into this increased biblical knowledge after the dark ages of the Protestant Reformation, and you get into the various

Doctrines that would come, whether it's Calvinism and Arminianism and these type of things. And they're all going to come with this slant that they can't believe that Israel can be reborn, become a nation, and let alone a rebuilt temple, that they have to start going some extra length to try to reason these things through. And so you have to be careful. We all have to be careful myself very much because of being a student of the word, going to Bible college and these type of things, you have to read these men in their context of where they were coming from.

What is the Temple

Tabernacle / Exodus 25 / Glory of God / Day of Atonement

First before the Temple was the Tabernacle that God told Moses to build and erect (Exodus 25-40). The Tabernacle would be where God would meet with man, and lead the children of Israel for their 40 years in the wilderness, and then also when they came into the Promised Land, the place where the glory (the "kabowd" of God would rest. The place where they could make sacrifices for their sins and have their sins covered, the place where once a year the High Priest would enter into the Holy of Holies and make a sacrifice on the Day of Atonement and their sins would be covered, and man would be at peace with God. The Tabernacle would last until the time of King David.

(Exodus 40:34 NKJV) Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Temple – National Identity / Presence of God

The Temple throughout the Old Testament was Israel's National Identity, and that God was with them. For the Orthodox Jew it was the place they could go and make sacrifice for the forgiveness of their sin, personally and nationally.

Interestingly the articles and furnishings in the Temple were all symbols of Jesus, Emmanuel God with us:

What else is interesting is that Jesus is our High Priest, and we read He is seated on the throne, at total rest, whereas the priests of the Tabernacle never sat down, and there was no chairs, but the priesthood could never rest, until the Final Rest Jesus Christ came and said "It is Done".

- Jesus the Door
- Jesus the Light of the World
- Jesus the Bread of Life
- Jesus living to make Intercession for us
- Jesus our Sin Bearer and Propitiation for our sins

What isn't the Temple

There are Groups Today / Utensils – Priests – Garments - Cornerstone

Today there are groups in Israel who are making and preparing all the utensils and garments for the temple as prescribed in the Old Testament. Visit their web-site or their museum if you ever get to Jerusalem (www.templeinstitute.org / www.templemount.org / www.templemountfaithful.org). They are even training young men on how to perform animal sacrifices. One group even has the Chief Cornerstone hewed out, and on certain occasions and celebrations they parade the cornerstone through the streets of Jerusalem, all the way up to the Temple Mount area, but are always stopped short there by the Israeli police for that would cause rioting to breakout between the Muslims and the Jews.

Amazing – Only last 40 years / 2000 yrs without Homeland / We are Living Exciting Times

Here is something to be excited about, for these groups have only come into existence and recognition in the last 20-25 years, our lifetime. The Temple Institute making all the utensils was only established in 1987.

Israel did not own the Temple Mount in 1948 when they were made a nation on May 14, 1948; they gained ownership of it in the 1967 – 6 Day War. So it has only been 40 years that this was even a possibility (now for some unknown reason, maybe as a gesture of peace and for world acceptance, after

the 6 Day War, Israel still allowed the Muslim Palestinians to control the Temple Mount – no Jews are allowed up on the actual Mount - that is beyond human reasoning why they did this, so it must be part of God's End Time plan). So, after 2,000 years without a homeland, not only are they regathered to Israel, Jerusalem, they are now in ownership of the Temple Mount (even though currently they allow the Palestinians to Control the Temple Mount area). I don't know if you can grasp the magnitude of this, but we are clearly seeing prophecy fulfilling before our very eyes, in our lifetime. The tachometer is pegging out, the rapture of the church is imminent. God has determined us to live in these last days, how exciting. The question is what are you doing about it.

Temple will be Rebuilt / Levitical System in Place / Without Shedding of Blood

Anyways, the temple will be rebuilt by the Jews right there in Jerusalem, and notice there is an altar, there is worship, the Levitical sacrificial system will be reestablished, for the Orthodox Jews today know that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin and they are eagerly awaiting the time to start the sacrifices and worship in the temple again. I might add, the temple is part of End Time prophecies, but it is by no means endorsed by the Lord; for it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats can wash man's sin away, for now the perfect sacrifice has come – once and for all.

(Leviticus 17:11 NKJV) 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

(Hebrews 10:4 NKJV) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

(Hebrews 7:26 NKJV) For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

(Hebrews 7:27 NKJV) who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Recap the 3 Temples

The temple will be rebuilt; let's first recap the past 2 Temples before we go on.

The Temple of Solomon

First Temple – Known as Solomon's Temple / God Tempers our Disappointments

The First Temple would be called Solomon's Temple, even though it was David who was lead to build it. David said why should God live in a tent, and he desired in his heart to build a house for God. God said David you can't, you have too much blood on your hands, therefore your son will build it in times of peace. David's desire was to do something wonderful for the Lord, but God says no. As the Lord always if we will look for it, wait for it, and recognize it when it comes is to temper our disappoints with blessings. David you can't build me a house, but I will build you a house. Not a house that you imagine it to be, but though your lineage, your seed David, will come the Messiah and the lineage of David will reign forever. David the great poet, is at a loss for words, he is blown away by the goodness of the Lord. Beloved anytime God close the door, says no, I guarantee that in due season He will replace it with something much better and much more fulfilling.

(2 Samuel 7:12 NKJV) "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

(2 Samuel 7:16 NKJV) "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." "

(2 Samuel 7:20 NKJV) "Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant.

(1 Chronicles 22:8 NKJV) "but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.

(1 Chronicles 22:9 NKJV) 'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.

(1 Chronicles 22:10 NKJV) 'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

(1 Chronicles 22:11 NKJV) "Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you.

Solomon Builds – 1050BC

So approximately 1050BC, in Jerusalem, there on Mount Moriah, Solomon finishes building the Temple. This is known as the First Temple.

The Temple at the Time of Jesus

Babylonian Destruction – 586BC / Second Temple after 70yrs Captivity – 516BC

In 605BC the Babylonians come and in 3 waves over 20 years they take the city of Jerusalem and in the last wave destroy Solomon's Temple (in 586BC). As prophesied the people of Israel are taken into captivity for 70 years. As prophesied again, they are released and allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their city, and temple. The rebuilding is led by Joshua and Zerrubbel. The rebuilding begins in approximately 516BC.

The people who had seen the original Temple wept because it was only a shadow of the glory of the first Temple. When King Herod (time of Jesus comes), he will build on to this Temple that will be still be standing some 500 years later.

Ezra 3:11–13 (NKJV)¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³ so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

Herod's Temple – 3rd Temple / Expanded 2nd

This Temple will remain standing when the Messiah Jesus Christ comes. There can be some confusion and you will hear reference to the 3rd Temple; what that is, is when King Herod ruler over Israel during Roman occupation, wanted to appease and have the Jewish people like him. What he did was invest much money into the 2nd Temple, and he also expanded it. So he only added on to the 2nd Temple, he did not build one from scratch. So whether it is called the 2nd or 3rd is only a semantic.

Temple Jesus Came / Prophesied it Destroyed / Covered in gold - Toppled

So this is the Temple that was standing when Jesus came, and it is the Temple that Jesus prophesied would be destroyed with not one stone left unturned. And so it was, 40 years after Jesus' prophecy, Titus with his Roman army came into Jerusalem and totally destroyed the city, killing the people with the blood flowing thorough the city as like a river. Now the Temple was destroyed because it was covered with gold, and when it was lit on fire, the gold melted into the creases of the rock and the cracks between the rocks, so the only way to get the gold off was to topple the rocks and the gold would jar loose, thus fulfilling Jesus' prophecy.

The Next Temple (Revelation 11:1-2)

Prophesied to be Rebuilt / Rev 11 / Matt 24 / 2 Thess 4 / Some of Most Powerful Prophecy

The Bible gives prophecy that another Temple will be rebuilt, as we see here in Revelation 11. Here in Revelation this temple spoken of is yet future because John is writing this in 90AD, and the 2nd Temple was destroyed in 70AD by the Romans. So as John writes this, there is no Temple standing. Jesus said so also in Matthew 24 speaking of the "abomination of desecration/desolation" which is when the anti-christ comes into the Temple and proclaims himself God (Daniel speaks of the same prophecy, and so does Paul). In all cases this is spoken of a yet future event. This is some of the most powerful prophecy in all the Bible:

Revelation 11:1–2 (NKJV)¹ Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

Revelation 13:6 (NKJV)⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

(Matthew 24:15 NKJV) "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

(Matthew 24:16 NKJV) "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

(Daniel 9:27 NKJV) Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

*(2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV) Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
(2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV) who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

Note: it is often said that when Antiochus Epiphany went into the Second Temple and desecrated it, that that was the fulfillment – however that was in 167BC; when Jesus, Paul, and John spoke about this, they spoke in 30-90AD - 200 years after Antiochus Epiphany.

There is a Golden Problem – Dome of Rock

The Temple will be rebuilt, however, there is a problem, a very large golden problem, and it is called the Dome of the Rock.

Maybe Anti-christ Broker the Peace / Ask Jewish Person Today

This may very be how the anti-christ comes into power, for he will be the one that brokers the peace agreement between the Muslims and the Jews as spoken of in Daniel chapter 7 and 9. On my trip to Israel I would purposely ask Jewish people how they would recognize their Messiah, and they said one or both of these things, that He will help us rebuild our temple, and/or He will bring peace to Israel. They are perfectly set-up to be deceived by the anti-christ, just as Daniel 7 and 9 speaks of.

Some Orthodox Jews believe “only” the Messiah can rebuild the Temple.... Which is quite interesting as that would easily open them up to the Anti-Christ if it is he who helps them rebuild the Temple by brokering a peace deal. I say all this in conjecture and pondering, for I can only speculate on how the Temple gets rebuilt. For..... somehow and someday it could start get rebuilt in our very day and before our very eyes.... Without a need for a peace agreement between Israel and its enemies.

Zachariah says, behold the man whose name is the branch, Isaiah 28, says that Israel is going to make a covenant with death. Jesus, in John chapter five said that you have not received me, but another is going to come in my name and Him you will receive, speaking of the antichrist.

Zechariah 6:12–13 (NKJV) ¹² Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the LORD; ¹³ Yes, He shall build the temple of the LORD. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’

Isaiah 28:18 (NKJV)¹⁸ Your covenant with death will be annulled, And your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, Then you will be trampled down by it.

John 5:42–43 (NKJV)⁴² But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. ⁴³ I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

Doubt it will be Blown Up – Tried It – Holy War / 300 to 6 / Will Exist Side by Side / 35 Acres

Now, here is something for consideration. Some think possibly the Jewish people will blow-up the Dome of the Rock, and then rebuild the Temple. I doubt that is what is going to happen, for destruction of the Dome of Rock would be a deathblow to any peace agreement, it would spark a holy war for the Muslims and it would be about 300 million Muslims to 6 million Jews, and I might add, that you can’t use nukes within your own borders or you’ll kill or poison your own self. Here is what I believe is a more likely scenario, they will both exist, nearly side-by-side. There is enough room for this, for the Temple Mount is some square 35 acres in size. By the way radical Jews in the past have tried to blow up the Dome of the Rock but have always been caught before they can get close enough; the Temple Mount is heavily guarded, by both Muslims and Israeli policeman.

Don’t Measure Court of Gentiles / No Gentiles allowed in Holy Place / Paul sparked Riot

John’s instructions on measuring the temple included a significant omission. He was commanded, Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it (the Greek here for “Temple” is just the Temple – it is not the word for the whole 35 acre Temple precinct). The reference is to the court of the Gentiles, located outside the courtyard containing the brazen altar. It marked the boundary beyond which Gentiles were forbidden to go. In New Testament times, the Romans had given the Jews the right to execute any Gentile who went beyond the court of the Gentiles. For a Gentile to do so was to defile the

temple. In fact, it was the false charge that Paul had brought Gentiles into the temple that sparked the riot that led to his arrest and imprisonment (Acts 21:28–29).

Pastor Chuck on Mount Olives / Artistic Rendering / Doors in Line / Problem Eastern Gate - Turks

I was blessed to stand on top of the Mount of Olives with Pastor Chuck, and I told him my theory, and that is that actual location of the Temple will be to the right (North) of the Dome of the Rock (currently where the Dome of the spirits is (which is Muslim owned). The reason being, is that in all artistic renderings that have been passed down over the years has the entrance to the Inner Court (the Holy Place), and the entrance into the Holy of Holies, all are in direct line with each other, and the Eastern Gate of the wall surrounding Jerusalem. It seems to me that it only makes sense that the same would be true today. And I have no problem with the thought that God ordained it that the Dome of the Rock was not actually built on the exact site of the actual Temple. My only problem with my theory was that the current Eastern gate is not the original one of Jesus day, but was where the Ottoman Empire built it centuries ago. But Pastor Chuck said that an archeologist (secretly digging around) in front of the Eastern gate (in 1970) fell through a hole, and found himself in front of the original Eastern Gate of Jesus' day, and it was exactly under the existing Eastern Gate.

Mishna / Will Co-exist / Dome located Court of Gentiles

Also, according to the Mishna—the highly esteemed book of Jewish oral traditions—when the priest stood in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, he could look through the veil, through the door, and see the Eastern Gate directly before him. So this all lines up rather nicely, the Temple and the Dome will co-exist, the Dome of the Rock will be outside the Temple in what is known as the Court of the gentiles, just as it says here.

Dr. Kaufman / Funded by Chucks / BAR – 100 meters North

The name of this man Pastor Chuck referred to is Dr Ashter Kaufman, and he is a well renowned and respected archeologist in Jerusalem. He is not Christian I might add, nor is he an orthodox Jew either. Part of his research activities were largely funded by Pastor Chuck and Chuck Missler. Dr Kaufman at the end of his researched was published in Biblical Archeological Review (BAR) and in the March 1983 issue his final assessment was that the original Temple is 100 meters north of the Dome of the Rock.

12 Acres Free / Dome of Spirits – Tablets / Flat Bedrock – Holy of Holies / Lines Up with Gate

Actually the Moslem Dome of the Rock is about the middle of the temple mount, and the al Aqsa is on the southern end of the temple mount area. It leaves a large area, probably 12 acres or so north of the Dome of the Rock mount, plenty of room to rebuild the temple on which many scholars believe is the original temple site. There is right now on that northern portion a little cupola, which is called the Dome of the Spirits, also known as the Dome of the Tablets. It's built over a flat bedrock area, and there are many who believe that that is where the holy of holies existed in the temple of Solomon and also the temple that was rebuilt by the Jews and completed by Herod, the great temple that Herod built. It is directly in from the east gate of the old wall. It lines up with where the temple once stood. That is in the area that is north. It's about 322 feet north of the Dome of the Rock mosque.

Maybe Anti-christ Broker the Peace / How Recognize the Messiah

Again, this may very be how the anti-christ comes into power, for he will be the one that brokers the peace agreement between the Muslims and the Jews as spoken of in Daniel chapter 7 and 9. It is the perfect set-up as far as I am concerned. The Jewish people say they would recognize their Messiah, and they said one or both of these things, that He will help us rebuild our temple, and/or He will bring peace to Israel. They are perfectly set-up to be deceived by the anti-christ, just as Daniel 7 and 9 speaks of.

Ezekiel 42 – The Wall

With all this research about where the original Temple actually was, and a smooth talking politician, the anti-christ, it may be as simple as Ezekiel 42 says, just build a wall.

(Ezekiel 42:15 NKJV) Now when he had finished measuring the inner temple, he brought me out through the gateway that faces toward the east, and measured it all around.

(Ezekiel 42:16 NKJV) He measured the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

(Ezekiel 42:17 NKJV) He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

(Ezekiel 42:18 NKJV) He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

(Ezekiel 42:19 NKJV) He came around to the west side and measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

(Ezekiel 42:20 NKJV) He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred cubits long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.

The Millennial Temple (Ezekiel 40-48)

The Millennial Temple

In the Book of Ezekiel. In chapter 40, we come to the millennial age. Once the Tribulation is over—the seven-year period when the world is judged—the Lord will come back to earth and everything will be made right. The final eight chapters of the Book of Ezekiel deal primarily with the temple that will be built during the Millennium. We see the description of the temple in chapters 40 through 43, worship in the temple in chapters 44 through 46, and the land around the temple in chapters 47 and 48.

Ezekiel 40:4-5 (NKJV)⁴ And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you; for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see." ⁵ Now there was a wall all around the outside of the temple. In the man's hand was a measuring rod six cubits long, each being a cubit and a handbreadth; and he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod; and the height, one rod.

Ezekiel 43:4-5 (NKJV)⁴ And the glory of the LORD came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east. ⁵ The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

Ezekiel 43:6-7 (NKJV)⁶ Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me. ⁷ And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places.

Note: I personally do not feel there is conclusive scripture (one way or the other) that the Temple of the Tribulation is going to be the same Temple of the Millennial. Maybe it is, and it gets cleansed (Daniel 12:11-12) and established as the Temple in the Millennial. Or it may very well be when Jesus sets His foot down upon the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-11) in His Second Coming, the whole topography of Jerusalem is really changed, and the Dome of the Rock and the Temple are reduced to rubble. Who knows, but God knows.

Acts 1:9-11 (NKJV)⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Zechariah 14:3-4 (NKJV)³ Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

Exciting Times

Wow, what exciting times we live in. I hope this study of the Temple has got you excited about the soon return of your Savior. The past history, and the future history of the temple is amazing. All Israel would stand in awe to see the glory of God fill the temple, every year, once a year they would wait with hopeful anticipation on the Day of Atonement to hear the High Priest declare that there in the Holy of Holies man's sins have been covered for one more year.

No Temple in New Jerusalem

And when the 1,000 year reign is over, and God creates the New Heaven and New Jerusalem, there will be no Temple for Jesus will be the Temple. We will study that when we get to chapter 21:

Revelation 21:22-27 (NKJV)²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

God's Personal Temple - You

Today – You are the Temple

But all they saw was a shadow of things to come. As blown away as David was, imagine if he was to hear these words:

(1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

They Looked Ahead – Emmanuel / We Have God in Us – Greatest Position on Earth

They looked on with awe to see the “Glory of God” the “kabowd” fill the temple with His presence and rejoice that God was with them. But today, we live on the other side of the cross. As they looked forward to the Messiah coming in the flesh (Emmanuel – God with us), we now have been given the most awesome position in all the world, greater than any statesman, movie star, corporate executive, we have God in us:

(Colossians 1:27 NKJV) To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The Very Same God

The very same God who calmed the storm with His hand, the very same God who walked on water, the very same God who made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dead to live again, the very same God who would take our guilt, our shame, endure 6 brutal hours on a cross on a hill in Palestine, die, and rise again in the 3rd day, is the very same God that dwells in you, that fills you with His glory, His kabowd. We are the Temple of the Living God:

(1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV) Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If You feel Empty – A Void

If you are here today, and you fill a void in your life, that something is missing, than know that is because the Holy God has not taken up residence inside you, you must invite Him in. The only thing that can possibly satisfy the need is what created the need.

Outline: The Rebuilt Temple of Jerusalem

- What is the Temple
- What isn't the Temple
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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need