

God has always desired to Dwell with Humanity.

- Sin caused a separation between God and Man.

The Tabernacle

- Built after the Exodus by Moses.
- God's presence dwelt in it.

The First Temple

- Built by Solomon.
- God's presence dwelt in it.
- Due to Israel's sin God's presence leaves the temple.
- Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC

Ezekiel's Future Temple

- Ezekiel is given a prophecy of a future temple in Ezekiel 40-48.
- This temple has not been built yet.

The Church Today

- As believers we are called the Temple of God today.
- 2 Corinthians 6:16 "For we are the temple of the living God"

The Second Temple

- Built by Zerubbabel 70 years after first temple destroyed.
- Was defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes.
- Was re-purified and location of Hanukkah.
- Was expanded and beautified by Herod in 19 BC.
- Was destroyed by Rome in 70AD

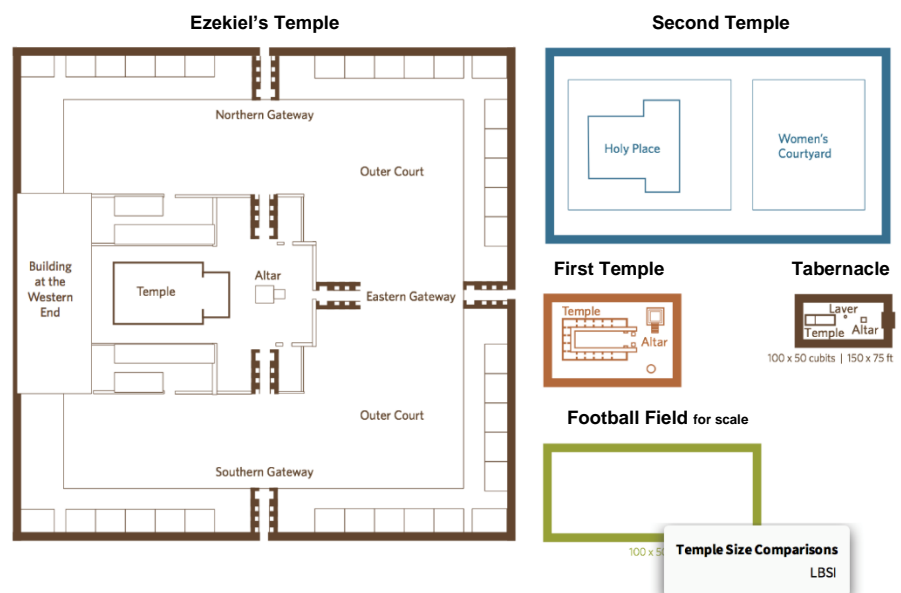
There is no Temple in the New Heaven and New Earth

Revelation 21: 3; 22-23

(3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**

(22) **And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.** (23) And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Temple Size Comparisons



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Gen 1:26-28

(26) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

(27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

(28) **And God blessed them. And God said to them,** "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 3:8

(8) **And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

God dwelled with man with the Tabernacle

Exo 25:1-9

(1) The LORD said to Moses,

(2) "Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

(8) **And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.**

(9) **Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle,** and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Heb 8:5

(5) **They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things.** For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

Exo 40:34-38

(34) Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

(35) And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, **and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.**

(36) Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out.

(37) But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up.

(38) For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

God dwelled with man with the Temple

Gen 22:1-2

- (1) After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
 (2) He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and **go to the land of Moriah**, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

2Ch 3:1-2

- (1) **Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah**, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
 (2) He began to build in the second month of the fourth year of his reign.

1Ki 6:11-14

- (11) Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon,
 (12) "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father.
 (13) **And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.**
 (14) **So Solomon built the house and finished it.**

2Ch 6:17-20

- (17) Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David.
 (18) **"But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!**
 (19) **Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea**, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you,
 (20) that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place.

Act 7:48-49

- (48) Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,
 (49) "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?'

2Ch 7:1-5

- (1) As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, **and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.**
 (2) **And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.**
 (3) When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."
 (4) Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD.

(5) King Solomon offered as a sacrifice 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

2Ch 7:16-22

(16) For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

(17) And as for you, if you will walk before me as David your father walked, doing according to all that I have commanded you and keeping my statutes and my rules,

(18) then I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to rule Israel.'

(19) "But if you turn aside and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them,

(20) then I will pluck you up from my land that I have given you, **and this house that I have consecrated for my name, I will cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples.**

(21) And at this house, which was exalted, everyone passing by will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

(22) Then they will say, 'Because they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them. Therefore he has brought all this disaster on them.'"

Due to Israel's Sin, God's glory leaves and temple is destroyed

Eze 10:18-19

(18) **Then the glory of the LORD went out from the threshold of the house,** and stood over the cherubim.

(19) And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the LORD, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.

2Ki 25:8-13

(8) In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—that was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

(9) **And he burned the house of the LORD and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem;** every great house he burned down.

(10) And all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

(11) And the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, together with the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile.

(12) But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

(13) **And the pillars of bronze that were in the house of the LORD, and the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon.**

God was faithful and brought Israel back into Jerusalem and had Israel rebuild the temple

Ezr 3:10-13

(10) And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel.

(11) **And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."** And 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 fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid,** though many shouted aloud for joy,

(13) so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Jesus Tabernacled with us

Joh 1:1-4

(1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(2) He was in the beginning with God.

(3) All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:11-14

(11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

(12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

(13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

(14) **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,** and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Mar 13:1-2

(1) And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"

(2) And Jesus said to him, **"Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."**

Joh 2:18-22

(18) So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"

(19) Jesus answered them, **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

(20) The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"

(21) **But he was speaking about the temple of his body.**

(22) **When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said**

this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

In the Church today we are the Temple

1Co 3:16-17

(16) **Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?**

(17) If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

2Co 6:14-18

(14) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

(15) What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?

(16) **What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

(17) Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

(18) and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

1Co 6:19-20

(19) Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?** You are not your own,

(20) for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

There is still a future Temple Prophesied which will be built

Eze 43:1-11

(1) Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east.

(2) And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.

(3) And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face.

(4) **As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east,**

(5) **the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple.**

(6) While the man was standing beside me, I heard one speaking to me out of the temple,

(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 people of Israel forever.** And the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoring and by the dead bodies of their kings at their high places,

(8) by setting their threshold by my threshold and their doorposts beside my doorposts, with only a wall between me and them. They have defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed, so I have consumed them in my anger.

(9) **Now let them put away their whoring and the dead bodies of their kings far from me, and**

I will dwell in their midst forever.

(10) “As for you, son of man, **describe to the house of Israel the temple, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and they shall measure the plan.**

(11) And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple, its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, that is, its whole design; and make known to them as well all its statutes and its whole design and all its laws, and write it down in their sight, so that they may observe all its laws and all its statutes and carry them out.

Our Destiny ... there is no need for the Temple

Rev 21:1-7

(1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

(2) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(3) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “**Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**

(4) He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

(5) And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

(6) And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

(7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:22-23

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