

# Lesson Seven



## Temples: Past, Present, & Prophetic

### **Not even evil rulers can get in the way of God's Eternal Plan**

The world stage is set for the time of the end, and the alignment of the nations is in place. So believers should get their hearts right, live purely and work productively for the Lord, and unbelievers should make certain they are prepared to meet God.

# Overview of Lesson Seven

## I. Temples Past

- *The Tabernacle (a prototype) - Exodus 25-28*
- *Solomon's Temple 987 - 587 B.C.*
- *The Second Temple 515 B.C. - 70 A.D.*

## II. Temple Present

- *The gold-domed building*

## III. Temples Prophetic

- *The Tribulation Temple*
- *Messiah's Temple*

## IV. Jesus Christ and the Seven Jewish Feasts

# Follow Along Outline

## TEMPLES – PAST, PRESENT AND PROPHETIC

The Lord chose Zion for His eternal dwelling place and for His Temple. - *Psalm 132:13, 14*

\_\_\_\_\_ Temple that Jesus Christ will build is detailed in scripture. - *Ezekiel 40-46*

### Temples Past

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Temple – It was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 587 B.C.
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ (rebuilt) Temple – It was completed in 515 B.C.

Zechariah was prophesying at the time. From him we learn that it took \_\_\_ years for the Jewish people to finish re-building the old temple in 515 B.C. when they should have done it in two or three years. They got more involved in building their own houses instead of God's house.

Jesus Christ tells Zechariah that He is aggressively possessive (\_\_\_\_\_) for the city of Jerusalem and for Zion. - *Zechariah 1:14*

He is very sorely displeased with those who are \_\_\_\_\_ secure in controlling the Temple Mount, the location where He is going to come back. - *Zechariah 1:15*

### Temple Present

- ▶ The gold-domed building that today stands on the spot where the first and second Temple stood was built in 691 A.D. (over 1,300 years ago). The first Temple stood there for 400 years, and second Temple \_\_\_\_\_ years.



## Temples Prophetic

- ▶ Jesus tells Zechariah He will return to Jerusalem and \_\_\_\_\_ His Temple. He is speaking of a time yet future. - *Zechariah 1:16*
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the names for Jesus Christ. He will be ruler of the entire universe, a Kingdom that will last forever. He will also be the high priest after the order of Melchizedek. - *Zechariah 1:16*

## The Tabernacle – the prototype for the coming Temples

- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Covenant - *Exodus 25:10*
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of showbread - *Exodus 25:23*
- ▶ The golden \_\_\_\_\_ (menorah) - *Exodus 25:31*
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of fine twined linen blue, purple and scarlet. - *Exodus 26:1*
- ▶ The \_\_\_\_\_ of the priesthood. - *Exodus 28:2*

The Tabernacle was a portable worship center used for 40 years of wilderness wandering and 350 years at Shiloh in Samaria. The \_\_\_\_\_ took the Ark of the Covenant for seven months because Israel corrupted themselves. The Philistines were afflicted with hemorrhoids and gave the Ark back. After 120 years King David brings the Ark to Jerusalem. Then King Solomon builds the first Temple.

## Solomon's Temple

- ▶ It is built at Jerusalem in Mount \_\_\_\_\_.  
- *II Chronicles 3:1*
- ▶ King David purchased the \_\_\_\_\_ floor of Ornon the Jebusite which was at the peak of Mount Moriah. It is where God created Adam, where Abraham brought Isaac and offered him, where the Holy of Holies is, where Solomon would build that Temple.
- ▶ From II Chronicles 3 to II Chronicles 36, \_\_\_\_\_ years pass. Then Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon destroyed that Temple.



## The Second (Rebuilt) Temple

- ▶ God raises up \_\_\_\_\_ for leadership and Haggai and Zechariah for teaching, preaching and prophesying to the Jews to build the house of God.
- ▶ This second Temple would stand for 600 years until its devastation in \_\_\_ A.D. by the Roman army under General Titus.
- ▶ When Titus announced to his troops, "Go for the \_\_\_\_\_", there was not one stone left upon another in fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy.

*What was God's plan in this?*

- ▶ All the \_\_\_\_\_ were destroyed.
- ▶ The sacrificial system would cease. Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, would only cover their sins for one year. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ takes away sin completely.

## The Seven Jewish Feasts

The Feasts are for the Jews, not for Christians. But Christians can learn from them.

***The Four Spring Feasts*** - Fulfilled in the first coming of Jesus Christ

- ▶ The Passover – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ▶ The Unleavened Bread which speaks of separation – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- ▶ The First Fruits (the barley harvest) – Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ - *Leviticus 23 & I Corinthians 15*
  
- ▶ Pentecost – the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ to teach and lift up Jesus Christ.



**The Three Fall Feasts** - These will be fulfilled in the second coming of Jesus Christ.

- ▶ Rosh Hashanah, the feast of \_\_\_\_\_, will be fulfilled when Jesus Christ steps back on the earth. - *Matthew 24:31*
  
- ▶ Yom Kippur (ten days later), the day of \_\_\_\_\_. Much happens during those 10 days.
  
- ▶ All the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (100 million soldiers) are gathered in Jerusalem. Zechariah 14. This begins the campaign of Armageddon that starts in Jerusalem. Jesus steps down. The Mount of Olives opens up, and that gives a prepared valley for these armies to go 97 miles to Megiddo in the Jezreel Valley to prepare for the final battle.
  
- ▶ Meanwhile, Jesus is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the city of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40:5) that is currently 8.5 square miles. The new Jerusalem will be 50 miles wide and 50 miles long. That is 2,500 square miles. Tel Aviv to the Jordan River is about 76 miles. Ezekiel 45 and Zechariah 14. It is going to be lifted up.
  
- ▶ Above that is going to be the \_\_\_\_\_ that will be about a mile square. Currently it is about the size of three football fields. Ezekiel 40-46 tells us the Temple will stand 21 stories (2,100 feet) high. This is Messiah's Temple, the prophetic Temple.
  
- ▶ Then Jesus goes to the battle field of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Jezreel Valley. Blood will flow as high as the horse's bridle for 176 miles - the exact distance between Megiddo to the entrance of Petra.
  
- ▶ Then Jesus gathers the 1/3 of all the Jewish people who are protected at \_\_\_\_\_ and brings them back to Jerusalem. Two thirds of the Jewish people had been killed. Zechariah 13:8. Where do Jesus and these returning Jews enter the city? It is by way of the Eastern Gate. Ezekiel 43:4. How long will they be there? Forever. Ezekiel 43:7. No more will Israel defile God's Holy Name. Jesus walks into the Holy of Holies on the day of Yom Kippur to become High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

How does Jesus' high priestly ministry differ from all His earthly predecessors?

- ▶ They were allowed to enter the Holy of Holies once a year with a \_\_\_\_\_ that would cover their sins and the sins of the people for one year. Jesus Himself was the sacrifice that took away sin once for all. - *Hebrews 9:24-27*
- ▶ Jesus never walked into the Holy of Holies during His first coming. He took His blood into the Holy of Holies in the original Temple in Heaven. - *Hebrews 8*
- ▶ Yom Kippur was the day of atonement for the Jewish people, their \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.
- ▶ Passover was \_\_\_\_\_ salvation.

***The Feast of Tabernacles*** – four days after Yom Kippur

- ▶ At the Mount of Transfiguration Peter wanted to erect three tabernacles (Sukkoths – a thatched hut they would live in while traveling in the wilderness). The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_ would last seven days and is representative of the Kingdom.

How the Fall Feasts relate to the Second Coming of Christ.

- ▶ Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of Trumpets – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to the earth.
- ▶ Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement – Jesus walks into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ▶ The Feast of Tabernacles – The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ begins.



## Messiah's Temple

What are the differences between the Tabernacle, the first and second temples and Messiah's Temple?

- ▶ No wall of \_\_\_\_\_ that separates the Gentiles from the Jews. Jesus made them both one giving all access to the Temple.
- ▶ No table of \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus is the bread of life. - *John 6*
- ▶ No \_\_\_\_\_ (menorah) – Jesus is the light of the world. - *John 8, 9, 11*
- ▶ No \_\_\_\_\_ – It was rent from top to bottom when Jesus Christ was crucified, giving us access into the Holy of Holies.
- ▶ No \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ – It was a model of Christ no longer needed because He is there.

## The Tribulation Temple

- ▶ It will be a replica of \_\_\_\_\_ Temple.
- ▶ There will be restitution of the \_\_\_\_\_ system in this Temple. - *Ezekiel 45*
- ▶ The seven year Tribulation period begins when the Antichrist confirms a covenant with Israel. In the midst of this time he causes the sacrifices to cease, walks into the Temple and sits down in the Holy of Holies and claims to be god. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Hence, there must be a Temple in this time period. - *Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:4 and Revelation 11:.*
- ▶ This Temple will stand where that gold-domed building is today and could be built in six months.

## **Current Preparations for the Next Temple**

- ▶ 28,000 \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to operate the Temple. They have been called to Jerusalem.
- ▶ They need special \_\_\_\_\_ made out of one piece of cloth. They are in storage.
- ▶ They need 4,000 \_\_\_\_\_ (the Mizrock, a picture shaped item made of pure gold or pure silver) used to pour out the blood from the sacrifices). They have them.
- ▶ They have the table of \_\_\_\_\_, the altar of incense, and the menorah.
- ▶ King David called for 4,000 ten stringed \_\_\_\_\_. They have them, the first ones made in Jerusalem in 2,000 years. The Talmud says that when a ten string harp shows up in Jerusalem, it is time for the coming of the Messiah.
- ▶ In 2005 the Sanhedrin, the group that operates the Temple and elects the high priest, met in Tiberius. A spokesperson for them said, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the high priest."
- ▶ Two rabbis have seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Conclusion**

1. Am I like Israel in the days of building the second Temple – more concerned about my agenda than God's agenda for my life? What adjustments must I make? With whom can I share the Gospel?
2. All preparations for the Tribulation Temple have been made ready. Never in the history of the world has everything been ready for this Temple.
3. Only one thing must happen before this Temple goes up, and that is the rapture of the church. Am I ready?
4. If so, how then should I live? I should live like every day is the day of the rapture. Who can I tell about Jesus today? I will make a list of my top five, pray, and then proclaim the good news to them.

# Think About This!

1. List the past Jewish Temples.
2. What is the role of the seven Jewish feasts to the Christian?
3. Name two of the feasts that Jesus Christ fulfilled in His first coming.
4. Name two of the feasts that Jesus Christ will fulfill in His second coming.
5. List the two future Temples.

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