

BUILDING THE TEMPLE (x2) (#9)

Psalm 23:6 & II Samuel 7:1-7

1. Real estate is a significant Biblical theme, especially God's home, His "dwelling place."

Genesis 3:8, Psalm 23:6

2. Sin in the Garden caused a physical separation between God and man for thousands of years.

Genesis 3:23-24

3. After freeing his people from Egypt, God choose to have a "movable home" made for his Spirit to dwell in: the "Tabernacle" or "tent of meeting." Exodus 25:8-9

4. Once Israel settled in the Promised Land, King Solomon built a permanent structure for God: The Temple.

II Sam. 7:1-7, I Kings 6:11-12, 21-22



What is the TEMPLE'S MESSAGE?

Declaring God's Nature

Dwelling for His Spirit

Dedication to His Service

Wonderful!

With us!

Worthy!

TEMPLE REAL ESTATE FACTS

1. Solomon's Temple – 966 BC

Prepared by David on a hill In Jerusalem but built by his son, Solomon. Extremely expensive and intricately ornate... and God's glory was evident there. Lasted about 400 years, then defiled and destroyed by Babylonian invaders.

2. Zerubbabel's Temple – 516 BC

Built by Governor of Judah, decedent of King David, when exiles first returned to Jerusalem. More modest than the first temple but later expanded by King Herod. Precedes the work of Ezra and Nehemiah who rebuilt the community and the walls. Lasted about 450 years and was finally destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

5. But God shifted His dwelling away from real estate and into people:

FIRST: Jesus came as the dwelling of God. Col. 2:8-9

THEN: Believers became the temple of God's Spirit.

Acts 2:2-4, II Corinthians 6:16

6. Ultimately, God and his people will dwell together forever in a new place Jesus has prepared. John 14:2-3, I Thessalonians 4:17

"Lord, remind me each day that I am your temple and help me to use all I am and have to honor you."

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