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Introduction

- Aerial view of Jerusalem today reveals a mixture of old and new.
- Approx 48 square miles with a population of 970,000.
- Approx 60% Jewish and 37% Muslim.
- 4000 years ago there was nothing. Just a mountain called **'Moriah.'** [Genesis 22].
- There Abraham was told to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.
- NB. Islam says it was Ismael Abraham offered.
- As Abraham is about to kill Isaac God stays his hand and a ram is sacrificed instead.
- Summit of Moriah is redemption ground.
- The spot is now said to be under Dome of the Rock shrine in Jerusalem today.
- In [Genesis 22] only thing built on Moriah is Abraham's altar.

1 The Time Of David

- A 1000 years later in time of David, Abraham's family have mushroomed into the 12 tribed nation of Israel.
- They have conquered most of the land but sadly not all e.g. the Jebusite stronghold of Zion (fortress).

- When David comes to throne he takes it and makes it his new capital identified as Jerusalem (the city of peace.).
- David relocates the tabernacle too, to be near to him.
- He desires to build a permanent home for the Ark of the covenant - the temple.
- God says his son after him will build it.
- David secures the plot of ground it is to be built on [2 Samuel 24] and [1 Chronicles 22:1].

2 The Time Of Solomon

- In [2 Chronicles 3:1] the sacred writer identifies Moriah with the plot of ground David bought from Arunah where the temple was to be built.
- NB. Moriah and Arunah's threshing floor are both identified with sacrifice.
- It took Solomon 7 and half years to finish the building.
- He sourced the wood from Hiram, king of Tyre.
- Stone sourced from nearby quarries.
- Temple was 60c (l) x 20c (w) and 30c (h).
- A vestibule proceeded outward a further 10c at the front.
- Inside stone walls covered with cypress panels with flowers and cherubim and palm trees carved into them and overlaid with gold. [1 Kings 6:29].
- Two pillars stood either side of the door 35 feet tall called '**Boaz**' and '**Jachin**' and made of bronze [1 Kings 7:15].
- The '**holy of holies**' was 20c x 20c x 20c.
- Two large cherubs 10c tall with the ark positioned between them.
- 10 seven branched golden lampstands to illuminate the larger area.
- Outside the brazen altar was much larger and higher 20c x 20c x 10c. [2 Chronicles 4:1].
- Bronze basin on the back of 12 bronze oxen replaces the bronze laver. [2 Chronicles 4:2 - 5].
- The local church had in effect become a '**mega church.**'

3 The Dedication Of The Temple

- See [2Chronicles 5:13 - 14] and [7:1 - 2].
- At the dedication the glory of God fills the temple.
- The temple is a picture of '**the true church**' of Jesus Christ.
- Built on redemption ground.
- Planned by the father (David) and completed by the son (Solomon) and filled with the Spirit/Glory of God.
- The Father planned our salvation [Ephesians 1:4], the Son wrought it [Matthew 16:18] and the Spirit entered it at Pentecost. [Acts 2].
- See also [1 Corinthians 3:16].

***Know you not, know you not, you are the temple
Know you not, know you not, you are the temple
Know you not, know you not, you are the temple
You are the temple of the Holy Ghost.***

***Filled with power, filled with praise and filled with glory
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