

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

Part 11: From Tabernacle To Temple And Title Deeds (Part 2)

Reading: *2 Chronicles 3:1 & 7:12 - 16*

Introduction

- The Tabernacle or **'God's Tent'** was the focal point of Israel's worship of Jehovah.
- During its approximate 500 years many had fled to it in times of trouble.
- Remember Hannah in [1 Sam 1] and David in [1 Samuel 21].
- In Solomon's time the local church became a **'mega church'** when the temple superseded the tabernacle.
- The magnificence of the temple reflected the magnificence and greatness of God.
- It too was the focal point of the nation's worship of God.
- The people sang the **'Songs of Ascent'** [Psalms 120 - 134] on their way up to it.

1 The Temple Was Built On Redemption Ground

- The temple was built on Mt Moriah were Abraham had sacrificed a ram instead of his son Isaac. [Genesis 22].
- In David's time it belonged to Araunah whom David bought it from [2 Samuel 24].
- This piece of land today is the most hotly contested piece of real estate in the world.

2 The Dedication Of The Temple

- The glory of the Lord filled the temple at its dedication.
- Afterwards in a dream Jehovah spoke to Solomon and told him a number of things re: the temple.
- He has chosen this place.
- He had **'sanctified it'** or set it apart for Himself.
- That His ears would be attentive to prayers made within it. [2 Chronicles 7:15].
- The temple like the tabernacle before it was the focal point for the nation's worship of God.
- NB. Everything the temple was to the people of God in OT the church should be to the people of God in the NT.
- NB. [Hebrews 10:25].

3 Isaiah At The Temple [Isaiah 6]

- It was in the temple Isaiah saw the Lord and Isaiah was called by the Lord.

4 Hezekiah In The Temple [Isaiah 37]

- Hezekiah was a good/godly king.
- When trouble visited Hezekiah in the form of the Assyrian invasion he went to the temple to pray.
- It seems that prayer prayed in God's house carried **'more weight.'**

5 Manasseh At The Temple [2 Kings 21]

- Sadly Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah was a bad and godless king.
- In [vs 7] Manasseh allowed heathen gods to be put in Jehovah's temple to be worshipped.
- As a result of this affront, God said he would bring **'calamity on Jerusalem.'**
- God intended to treat them according to how they treated His house.
- Application: There are churches that have allowed sin in their midst and there are believers who allow the temple of their bodies to accommodate something or things God has condemned.
- What Asherah do you need to remove from the temple of your body?
- Don't let the dreaded word **'Ichabod'** be written on the temple.

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