

Backdrop: The Temple

Opening Discussion:

1. What are some beautiful church buildings you have visited?
2. Should church buildings be plain, simple, and functional or ornate and beautiful?
3. How was the Temple different from our church buildings?
4. What is the connection between the Temple and the church? The Temple and Heaven?

The Temple represents God's _____ and His eternal home, _____.

1. The _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ of the Temple

- Solomon's Temple, 10th century BC – 586 BC
- Zerubbabel's Temple, 516 BC – 20 BC
- Herod's Temple, 520 BC – 70 AD

2. The _____ of the Temple (see other side)

3. The _____ of the Temple

Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah.

2 Chronicles 3:1

4. The _____ and the Temple

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

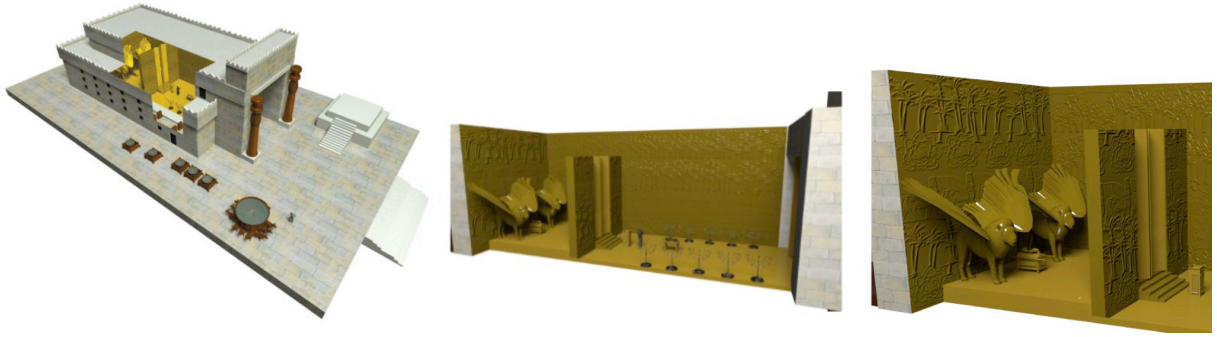
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb . . . But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **Revelation 21:22-22:3**

Fill in the Blank Answers

The Temple represents God's presence and His eternal home, heaven.

1. construction, destruction, reconstruction, remodeling, destruction
2. structure
3. location
4. New Covenant

Solomon's Temple



Zerubbabel's Temple



Herod's Temple



Temple Size Comparison

