

BETWEEN THE LINES

A Deeper Look...

#913- HEROD'S TEMPLE: Jesus' House of Prayer

A few gospel events of the temple where Jesus walked:

- John the Baptist's birth announced. Luke 1
- *Bris* (circumcision) and Redemption Offering for baby Jesus. Luke 2
- Young man Jesus, newly *Bar Mitzvah*, confronts teachers of Law. Luke 2
- Second temptation related to pinnacle of the temple. Matthew 4
- First temple purging. John 2
- Jesus enters temple by way of healing at Bethesda. John 5
- Jesus attends Tabernacles Feast and has many dealings in temple. John 7-9
- Jesus observes two prayers. Luke 18
- He approaches the temple in triumph. Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12
- Temple purged a second time. Matthew 21, Luke 19
- Teaching in the temple during Passion week. Matthew 22, Mark 12, Luke 20
- Jesus observes widow's sacrifice. Luke 21
- Prophecies of temple's destruction. Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21
- Judas barter for Jesus. Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22
- Judas betrays Jesus for priests. Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 18
- Trial at Fortress of Antonio by northwest wall. Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18
- Temple veil torn at death. Matthew 27, Mark 15
- Apostles proclaim Jesus as the anointed on Pentecost. Acts 2

A few events in the second temple after the Ascension of Jesus:

- Pentecost sermon and subsequent conversions. Acts 2
- Peter and John enter the temple again. Acts 3
- Disciples tried in the temple precincts. Acts 5
- Stephen preaches, tried, and taken away for execution. Acts 6,7
- Paul creates furor in temple and is tried. Acts 21-23

In Conclusion:

- Even though the Lord gave direct plans for the first Sanctuary...
- even though the old men wept at the building of the second... (**Ezra 3**)
- even though the second was expanded and glorified by the evil Herod...
- even though Roman soldiers constantly gazed in from Antonio's towers...
- even though Jesus called it "a den of thieves"...still,
- because of the events listed above the words of **Haggai 2** were certainly fulfilled

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former..."

• **Comparison Chart Of Three Israelite Sanctuaries**

	Tent In The Wilderness	Solomon's Temple	Second Temple
<i>Site</i>	Portable	Moriah/Temple Mount	Moriah/Temple Mount
<i>Designer</i>	God	David/Solomon	Zerubbabel/Herod
<i>Overseer/s</i>	Bezaleel Aholiab	Solomon	Jeshua/Zerubbabel/Herod
<i>Laborers</i>	Levites Israelites	30,000 Jews 153,600 Canaanites	Priests and other laborers
<i>Artistry</i>	Embroidered Cloth	Intricate designs of silver/ gold ornaments	White marble/gold leaf
<i>Term for Construction</i>	18 months?	7 Years	Approximately 85 Years
<i>Building Dimensions</i>	45' long 15' wide 15' tall	120' long 60' wide 45' tall	Probably similar to Solomon's
<i>Courtyard Dimensions</i>	150' East/West 75' North/South	300' East/West 150' North/South	1,455' West/1,410' East 840' South/945' North
<i>Dedicated</i>	c. 1,500 b.c.	1,005 b.c.	c. 510 b.c. Herod began renovation 20-19 b.c.
<i>Terminus</i>	1,005 b.c. Replaced	586 b.c. Destroyed by Babylon	70 a.d. Destroyed by Rome