



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Intro: He That Believeth Shall Not Make Haste

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure
foundation: he that believeth shall not make
haste. **Isaiah 28:16**

INTRODUCTION

- in a series as detailed as Solomon's Temple, the question has to be asked, 'Why study it at all?' ...what do the furnishings, measurements, materials, and administration of an ancient building have to do with us today?

Ezra 9:8

And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

1 Chronicles 22:1-5

verse 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings...

cf **1 Kings 6:7**

- our theme for the year is **LET'S BUILD**

building lives on the Word of God

building buildings...

this study will examine the construction of
Solomon's Temple...The House of God

NOTE: this is a *very detailed* study of the Temple; the Bible gives us a lot of information about it, and for that reason, we have to handle it carefully and methodically

- heathen kings built temples for themselves or their people and priesthood, but all became idolatrous places, and ‘the habitation of devils’ in due time

but God’s Temple became the habitation of His glory, His presence, and His Spirit

There He communicated with His people and dwelt in the structures He commanded to be built...God is the wise Master-Builder and from His design there are inexhaustible truths to be learned

Why Study Solomon’s Temple

1. BECAUSE: IT IS PROFITABLE

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

when Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, *all scripture* referred to the Old Testament only

Paul was a trained scholar in the Jewish religion and after salvation, he understood how everything in the scriptures pointed to Christ

Philippians 3:5-6 and **Galatians 1:13-14**

profitable = advantageous; r/w: to gain

thus, everything written in the Bible serves to provide the believer with information necessary for the Christian life

studying Solomon’s Temple will help you in what to believe, how to get right, how to stay right, and direct you in the way you should live

Galatians 3:24

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

further, Paul explained to the churches at Galatia that the Law was given to show people how lost they were...to bring them to Christ

thus, studying Solomon's Temple will show us Christ in a clearer light

NOTE: I read many unusual books, the purpose of which many people have difficulty understanding...

2. BECAUSE: IT IS A PATTERN

Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

1 Corinthians 10:6, 11

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted...Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

once again, Paul is referring to Old Testament writings as 'those things'

written for our learning

written as examples

written as ensamples

the things we will observe inside Solomon's Temple ought to serve to make us better Christians

these details will bring aspects of our faith into a clearer light

3. BECAUSE: IT IS A PRINCIPLE

1 Corinthians 15:46

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

in the context of this verse, Paul was making a comparison between Adam and Jesus Christ ...the first and the last 'man'

in doing so, he provided us with a basic biblical principle...

**We learn deeper spiritual truths
by examining the material world**

2 Corinthians 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Romans 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

NOTE: in Charles Spurgeon's day, 'spiritualizing a text' (not to be confused with allegorizing) was frowned upon in the high church...in a lecture to his students, Spurgeon had this to say to his critics: *It may be that the learned rabbis of this generation are too sublime and celestial to condescend to men of low estate; but we who have no high culture or profound learning to boast of have deemed it wise to use the very method which the grandees have proscribed: for we find it one of the best ways of keeping out of the rut of dull formality, and it yields us a sort of salve with which to give flavor to unpalatable truths.*

*Lectures To My Students, pages 100-101
Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

4. BECAUSE: IT IS A PICTURE

A. OF CHRIST

John 2:19-21

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

verses 44-45 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures...

Hebrews 10:7

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

when we understand the great Old Testament details of the life of Christ fulfilled in the New Testament, it is astounding that any Jew could miss them

The Tabernacle

Feasts and Offerings

Types (Adam, Joseph, Solomon, Jeremiah)

The Angel of the LORD

for further reading: *The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus In The Old Testament*, by David Limbaugh

B. OF THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Ephesians 2:20-22

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:5-9

Generally speaking, understand the basic difference between the Tabernacle and the Temple:

THE TABERNACLE pictures
the redemptive work of Christ

THE TEMPLE pictures
the right worship of the believer