

The Temple Rebuilt



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Christians are divided as to whether or not **The Temple** will be rebuilt sometime in the future in Jerusalem. Even among the Jews there are differences of opinion regarding this matter. At the present time **the Temple Mount** in Jerusalem is under the control of the Muslims. It is **the site** of their Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque.



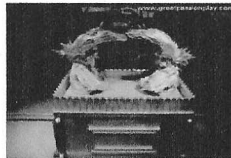
Though **some orthodox Jews** have sought and continue to seek to gain or regain control of this prized piece of property the secular Israeli government has stood opposed to the efforts of these zealous Jews. Someone has said that the Temple Mount is **“the most disputed 35 acres on the planet.”** It is upon this spot of land that **Abraham** offered his son Isaac. Observant **Jews pray three times each day this prayer, “May it be Thy will that the Temple be speedily rebuilt in our days.”**



Those Christian denominations that believe that **the Church is the New Israel** are convinced that God is through with His Ancient Covenant People and that they have been cast aside. We emphatically **reject** the above teaching as false and not in accord with the prophetic Scriptures. God **is not** through with His Covenant People the Jews. We further believe that the day is coming when **The Tem-**

ple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. The following article by *Leland M. Haines* is taken from his book, *Redemption Realized Through Christ*, © copyright 1997, offered from *Biblical Viewpoints*.

“Historically the temple held a central place in the Jewish religion. After the children of Israel settled in the Promised Land, they built a temple to replace the tabernacle. There have been three temples, and all three have been destroyed. Solomon built the first one (1 Kings 6: 2 Chronicles 3-5). His father David wanted to build it. God forbade him to do so, however, because he was a man of war; so his son built it (1 Chronicles 22:3). The second temple was built by Zerubbabel after the return from the Babylonian exile (Ezra 3-6). The third one was built by Herod the Great. It was started sometime before Jesus’ birth and completed only a few years before it was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70. During His last week on earth, Jesus predicted its destruction (Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6).



“There has not been a Jewish temple in Jerusalem for over 1900 years, but a temple will play a part in latter-day events. It apparently will be rebuilt and sacrifices will be reestablished. There are several Old Testament and New Testament Scriptures predicting this.

“In Daniel’s prophecies we have seen that a coming king would cause sacrifices to cease (Daniel 9:27). Daniel also wrote that some ‘shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate’ (11:31). The length of time of this is ‘a

thousand two hundred and ninety days,’ or the last half of the seventieth week of years (12:11).

“Jesus spoke of this period of desolation: ‘When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)’ (Matthew 24:15). Paul also wrote of this period and the temple. ‘The son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God’ (2 Thessalonians 2:3,4). John also wrote about the temple. In a vision he was told to measure the temple except for the court. The court was not included in the temple measurements since at that time it was ‘given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months’ (Revelation 11:2). Notice that this time period is the same as that given by Daniel” “Happy are those who persevere and attain the thousand three hundred thirty-five days.” (Daniel 12:11)

From the Scriptural passages quoted in the above article it is evident **that the Temple will be rebuilt.**



WHEN WILL THE TEMPLE BE REBUILT?

As to the exact time frame **we do not know.** Other than the fact that it will be rebuilt the Scriptures are silent. Knowing the day and time is secondary. However, many Bible scholars are convinced that the beginning of the rebuilding will occur shortly. Whether this is

true or not is speculation. What is important is to know that it will happen. We ***do know*** that the **Antichrist** will seek to establish himself in the rebuilt temple. **God will intervene**. When the temple is rebuilt orthodox Jews will once again renew their ancient sacrificial worship. At the present time there are a number of the **descendants of Levi (the priestly tribe)** preparing themselves for the time when the priests of Israel **will resume** their duties in the new temple. A number of Jewish seminaries in Jerusalem are teaching their students the **priestly rituals** which **will include** the **restoration of animal sacrifices**. Animal sacrifices were abandoned when the temple was destroyed in A.D. 70 by the Roman army. We are living in an exciting day as we see activity taking place that has not been happening for 2,000 years.

The rebuilt temple will be deseccrated when **Antichrist**, energized by Satan and the false prophet, sets himself up as Christ in it. Some believe that there will actually be two temples built. **The first** will be destroyed during the Tribulation with a **Millennial Temple** built during the Kingdom Reign of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT ABOUT ISRAELI'S SECULAR GOVERNMENT?



Though the government of present day Israel is largely secular and humanistic, yet God still reigns. **Observant Jews** desperately long for the rebuilding of the Temple. **The "Western Wall" is not a substitute for the temple**. Without the **Temple** many biblical observances of Judaism **cannot** be properly observed. Local synagogues **can never** take the place of

Temple worship. **Synagogues**, like New Testament churches, are places of study, teaching and prayer.

The **Prophetic Scriptures promise** the coming reign of **Y'shua (Jesus)** who will take **His rightful place upon the unoccupied throne of David**. At that time **He will reign** as Israel's rightful and only legitimate King. Israel will once again return to being a monarchy with Christ reigning as King of kings and Lord of lords. **See - Rev. 17:14; 19:16**.

The **Tribulation did not** take place during the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D. as some groups teach. We believe that a **literal Tribulation** is on the horizon. It will be a period of seven years duration. **See - Rev. 14**.

As the **Day of the Return of Christ for His Body**, the believing Church, is approaching it is imperative that authentic believers be sharing the Good News of the Gospel with the lost. We dare not keep silent. Those around us; our families, fellow church members, neighbors, business and work associates, in fact **every-one** needs to hear the Gospel of God's grace. We, Christians, **have been commissioned** to witness. If you are a believer, are you obeying Christ?

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