

Session 3: Temple of Christ – Scriptural References

In Session 3 of our examination of *Temple and the Presence of God*, Jesus becomes the fulfillment, the Reality, of God's Temple. The presentation included frequent references to Sacred Scripture, which are listed below. Some are just single verses, so I suggest reading and meditating on them in context; i.e., read that which precedes and follows to understand better that which they reveal to us.

- † “Destroy this Temple...”: John 2:19-21
- † “For God so loved the world...”: John 3:16-17
- † Jesus with Samaritan woman: John 4:21,23
- † Priestly ministry in the Temple: Sirach 24:10
- † Gabriel appears to Zechariah in the Temple: Luke 1:8-12
- † John the Baptist, God's messenger and Jesus' precursor: Mark 1:2-3
- † John, a new Elijah: John 1:19-23
- † John foretold – “Now I am sending my messenger...”: Malachi 3:1
- † John foretold – “Prepare the way of the Lord...”: Isaiah 40:3
- † John foretold – “I am sending...”: Exodus 23:20
- † “Behold the Lamb of God...”: John 1:29-34
- † John the Baptist compares his ministry with Jesus': Matthew 3:11-12
- † The “new” Temple – clear the threshing floor: 2 Chronicles 3:1
- † “...born of water and Spirit”: John 3:5
- † Covenant with David – David's “house”: 2 Samuel 7:11-14
- † God desires no Temple of stone: 2 Samuel 7:5-7
- † No Temple can contain God: 1 Kings 8:27
- † With the Incarnation God's new dwelling place appears among us: John 1:14
- † Mary, the new Tabernacle: Luke 1:35
- † Mary is prophetically present in the Garden: Genesis 3:15
- † Mary is present on the first morning of Creation: Proverbs 8:24
- † Mary created from eternity: Sirach 24:9
- † Jesus prophesies the destruction of the Temple: Matthew 23:36; 24:2; 24:34
- † Jesus' Presentation in the Temple – the Word Incarnate, the Reality, fulfills the figure that has long awaited Him: Luke 2:22-39
- † Presentation – Law prescribes: Numbers 18:15-16; Leviticus 12:1-8; 13:2-16
- † Presentation – Simeon states the Truth of fulfillment and prophesies: Luke 2:29-32
- † Presentation – Jesus comes to the House of the Lord: Psalm 118:26
- † Presentation – The personification of God's mercy is in the Temple: Psalm 48:10
- † Presentation – Loved before the foundation of the world: John 17:4
- † Presentation – Jesus the light of the World: Luke 2:25-33
- † Jesus and His parents went to Jerusalem every year on pilgrimage: Luke 2:41
- † At 12 Jesus remains in the Temple: Luke 2:41-52
- † “My Father's house” or dwelling place or business: Luke 2:49
- † Temptation – Jesus is tempted by Satan: Matthew 4:1-11

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- † Temptation – Satan tests Jesus, seeking His identity – “If you are the Son of God...”: Mark 4:3-6; Luke 4:3-9
- † Temptation – Satan places Jesus in the threefold venue of Moses, the holy places of wilderness, Tabernacle and mountain: Exodus
- † Temptation – Satan places Jesus on the parapet, the pinnacle, of the Temple: Luke 4:9-10
- † Temptation – Satan quotes Scripture but lacks understanding: Luke 4:12
- † Two-fold Presence surrounding Jesus – His divine life (angelic presence) and His humble humanity – evident at the Temptation: Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:11
- † At the Annunciation: Luke 1:26
- † At Bethlehem: Luke 2:9-14
- † At Gethsemane: Luke 22:43
- † At His Passion and Death: Matthew 26:53
- † At the His Resurrection: Matthew 28:2-7; John 20:12-13
- † At the Ascension: Acts 1:10-12
- † To the Pharisees – Something greater than the Temple: Matthew 12:6-8
- † Jesus cleanses the Temple as His first ministerial act: John 2:13-25
- † God’s House is a “House of Prayer” for all people: Mark 11:17; Isaiah 56:7
- † Cleansing the Temple – not an act of reform, but of judgment: John 9:39
- † The Temple on the day of the Lord: Zechariah 14:21
- † Destruction of old Temple’s and rising of the New: John 2:18-19; Deuteronomy 27:6
- † Israel, its institution destroyed to establish the New Covenant: Jeremiah 7:12-14; 31:31
- † New Temple’s “pouring out of Blood: Hebrews 9:22
- † Jesus’ devotion to the Temple and condemnation of wrongful worship: Matthew 23:16-22
- † Jesus teaches openly in the Temple: John 18:20
- † Jesus refers to the Temple as a House of God: Matthew 12:4; Luke 6:4
- † Jesus refers to the Temple as a House of Prayer: Matthew 11:17; 21:13; Luke 19:46
- † Jesus refers to the Temple as the House of His Father: Luke 2:49; John 2:16
- † The Temple is holy because of Who dwells in it; He sanctifies all within: Matthew 23:16-21
- † Jesus pays the Temple Tax: Matthew 17:24-27
- † Jesus visits the Temple on all the great feasts: John
- † Jesus teaches at the Temple and amazes all: John 7:14-15
- † Jesus declares His Presence greater than the Temple: Matthew 12:6
- † Jesus proclaims Himself as “Lord of the Sabbath”: Matthew 12:8
- † Jesus declares a new priesthood (founded with His Apostles) to conduct the saving Eucharistic work of the New Covenant: Matthew: 12:1-8 (reference to 1 Samuel 21:3-6)
- † Gentiles will serve God in His Temple as priests and worshippers: Isaiah 56:6-7; 66:20-21
- † Jesus confers priesthood: Luke 22:14-20; 29-30; Exodus 24:1-11
- † Temple veil is torn with Jesus’ death – and end to the separation between God and man, and the beginning of the new Temple in Jesus: Matthew 27:51
- † Jesus predicts the Temple’s destruction: Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6; John 2:19
- † Destruction fulfills the voice of the prophets: Micah 3:12; Jeremiah 7:14
- † “...the place where glory dwells”: Psalm 26:8