

Series: “Advent of Messiah” (Mat. 2:1-12)  
Sermon 4: “Messianic Temple” (The Body of Christ)

1. Temple Treasures
  - a. All 3 gifts found in the Temple. See Exod. 30 e.g. gold v. 3, frankincense v. 34, & myrrh v. 23. Re: prescribed elements only, see Lev. 10:1-3 cf. Exod. 30:9.
  - b. All 3 anointed Offices fulfilled in Messiah who is the living Temple. Last verses of *Angels from the Realms of Glory*: “Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear. Suddenly the Lord descending, **in His temple shall appear**. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.”
2. Temple Typology
  - a. Precedent: Temple = the place where God and man meet.
  - b. Prototype: Eden (walking with God)
  - c. Portable Tabernacle (God in midst of traveling Israel)
  - d. Proper Temple (stationed in Jerusalem)
  - e. Prophesied Temple (Ezek. 47 cf. Jn. 7:38; 21:11)
  - f. Person Temple (Jn. 2:19ff. cf. 1:14)
  - g. Persons Temple (1 Cor. 3:16 cf. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21)
  - h. Perpetual Temple (Rev. 21:22; 22:1-2)
3. Temple Torn
  - a. Jesus’ Body (Jn. 2:17-22; Col. 2:9)
  - b. Herod’s Temple
    - i. Curtain (Mat. 27:51)
    - ii. Complex (Mat. 24:1-35; Rev. 11:2 = AD 70)
  - c. Wall of separation (Jew and Gentile) Eph. 2:14
4. Temple Traversing
  - a. Promise: Ps. 72:10-11; Isa. 56:6-7<sup>1</sup>; 60:3, 6; 2:2-3 \* both to and out of Zion!
  - b. Procuration: Eph. 2:14 (**Jesus**); Ro. 15:16 (**Paul**); Acts 1:8 (**Disciples**); Ro. 10:14-15 (**Us**).<sup>2</sup>
  - c. Picture: Tabernacle, Temple, Ezekiel’s Temple vision (eschatological Temple) chs. 40-48. In ch. 47, we see water flowing from the Temple and it traverses and expands till it covers the earth providing healing for all nations with fruitful trees on the banks of the universal river which flows from the Temple mount. Read Rev. 22:1-2 and 21:22 (no Temple)! →
  - d. Proclamation: Jn. 7:37-39 (consider Jn. 2:19). Jesus invited all who thirst to come to Him – the living Temple which provides the stream of living water. He quotes Isa. 55:1, in the midst of Isaiah’s prophecies about Gentile worship at the Temple Mount. See point 4. a. above and Isa. **12:3**; 43:20; **44:3** (includes the Spirit)! [Furthermore, at the end of John’s gospel account, he records Jesus helping His disciples catch fish, 153 (Jn. 21:11). Now back to Ezek. 47 and in verse 10, we see the Temple River provides for fishermen of all nations to catch a single kind of fish.<sup>3</sup> What could be even a further nugget of treasure is that En Gedi & En Eglaim’s gematria has been calculated to 153 – the number of fish they pulled in.]
  - e. Persecution: The Cornerstone of the Temple rejected (Ps. 118:22 cf. Mat. 21:42; Isa. 49:7; 53:3)
  - f. Prerogative (Zech. 6:11-13). The Prophet/Priest/King/Messiah came to build the Temple of

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<sup>1</sup> **Our reasonable and acceptable sacrifices are through Christ in our living Temples! Ro. 12:1-2**

<sup>2</sup> We (living tabernacles), the Body of Messiah who came to Zion and died outside the camp (Heb. 13:12), go out of Zion to the ends of earth cf. Isa. 2:2-3 proclaiming the Salvation of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> One kind could connote only repentant people though ethnically/socially diverse. #

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the LORD 2 Sam. 7:12-13 and we are the living stones who make up the household wherein He dwells with us forevermore (1 Pet. 2:5; Rev. 21:3). *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

PC: Jesus is all in all – the Alpha and the Omega, Creator of time, matter, space, physics, etc. And behold "at the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) He entered into creation with a body prepared for Him (Heb. 10:5) fulfilling all that the Scripture pictured, paralleled, portrayed, and prophesied about Him. He is the universal Servant, Prophet, King, Priest, Light, Judge, Redeemer, Shepherd, Rest, Glory, Physician, Shelter, God, Salvation, Builder, and Temple for all nations! Yes, He came in a Temple, cleansed the Temple, audaciously prophesied the destruction of the Temple, offered the perfect sacrifice in His Temple, and resurrected it to build the New and everlasting "Temple of the LORD" (Zech. 6:12-13) made up of all peoples "like living stones being built up as a spiritual house" (1 Pet. 2:5), wherein we will fellowship with God forevermore (Rev. 21:3).