

God's Dwelling Place of Tabernacles and Temples

1. Read Exodus 25:1-8 & 29:38-46.
What were they to make for God to dwell among them? What is a sanctuary?
Where did the material for the building come from?
How or with what attitude were they to be given?
What was going to sanctify (make holy or make a sanctuary) the tabernacle?
What was required to minister to the Lord in the sanctuary? Were they to be sanctified also?
What would God do with his people at the tabernacle? (vs. 42-43)
What had to be offered continually for the meeting to continue? What would be the result of all this? (vs. 45) And what would they know as a people? (vs. 46)
2. Read Exodus 40:17-38 What did they do with the tabernacle? How was everything done? (vs. 19,21,23,25,27,29,32) What happened when it was all finished?
Read Leviticus 1:1 to see where God spoke to the children of Israel from.
3. Read 2 Chronicles 2:1, 3:1-2, 5:1-14, 6:1-11&14-21, 7:1-3
Can you see the similarities with the building of the temple to that of the tabernacle? How many trumpeters were there? (How many persons were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost? Acts 1:15) Again what filled the temple? What had God done in coming into his temple? (6:10,14,16)
What was put into the temple? (6:11) What was God doing in it all? (6:18)
What did Solomon require of God now He dwelt in His temple (6:19-21)
What did all the people do when the glory came down? And what was their revelation of God? (7:3)
4. Read John 1:14
Could this verse mean that Jesus was the temple of God? Read John 2:19 for the answer.
5. Read John 14:1-4,10-11,15-23 (the word mansion means dwelling place)
What did Jesus want His disciples to believe? (vs. 10-11)
What was He going to do for them? Does this mean Jesus was going to make them all (and us) into dwelling places for God? What were Jesus and the Father going to do to all who loved Him and kept His words? (vs.23) What would they know in that day? (vs.20) What was the requirement? (vs. 15) Is this very similar to all the way and the results of the glory of God filling the tabernacle?
6. Read Acts 2:1-4, 4:23-33, 10:33-48 Do you think this is the fulfilment of the promise of God to dwell in His people? Do you think they were filled with the glory of God?
Does this leave room for anything else? Is this why praise, gifts of the Holy Ghost etc. were used to magnify God?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:18-20, 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1 What are our bodies?
Are they material for the tabernacle? Who dwells in us?
What is the temple and what must not happen to it? (3:17)
What must we flee from and what must we do with our body and our spirit? (Ch.6)
Is this our priestly ministry? In the passage in 2 Corinthians what must we have nothing to do with? Is the dwelling of God in us the fulfilment of His promises?
What does that make us? (vs. 18) Who says all these things?
8. Read Revelation 21:1-4,22-27 The bride is the church. When the bride comes is this the eternal fulfilment of God's wish to dwell among His people for ever?
Is this why He has redeemed us? What must the bride be?
Who is the temple in this new city? And who has the everlasting glory?
Who are those who belong to the bride? (vs.27)