

# The Prophecy Club

**Worksheet 10:** “BRANCH Prophecy:  
Messiah Builds the Temple”

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**REVIEW: The Five BRANCH PROPHECIES:**



In this study, we are prayerfully continuing to defend the Cause of true Messiah, building the case that authenticates Yahshua's Messiahship in defense against the growing lies of the spirit of Anti-Messiah.

Messiah's authenticity is proven in His fulfillment of the Scriptural Branch prophecies. If Yahshua did not fulfill the Branch prophecies, He is not Messiah. Thus, the spirit of Antichrist increasingly insinuates that He did not fulfill these prophecies.

The disciples once asked Yahshua to tell them what it would be like at the End of the World. Yahshua gave them signs to watch for that would characterize the beginning of the End, in Matthew 24:

**The “Beginning of Sorrows” is characterized by (Matthew 24:8):**

Verse 4) – **Deception** – “take heed (be careful) that no man deceive you.”

Verse 5) – **Many will claim to be the Messiah** – “many false christs... deceive...”

Verse 6) – **Wars and Rumors of Wars** – “ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars”

Verse 7a) – **Political Conflict** – “nation shall rise against nation...”

Verse 7b) – **Famine** – (a dearth or lack of food, hunger)

Verse 7c) – **Disease/Plague** - Pestilence

Verse 7d) – **Earthquakes** – (earthquakes hitting in various places, implication being that they are around the world).

**More Signs of the End (Matthew 24:8):**

Verse 9) – the people of Yahweh will be afflicted (persecuted), martyred, and hated.

Verse 10) – many former believers will apostatize and many will betray the faithful.

Verse 11) – There will be many *spurious prophets*, (*pretended foreteller or religious impostor*). – *Isaiah 8:20 (a true prophet will speak according to the Law and the testimony of Scripture or there is no light – truth – in him/her).*

Verse 12) – The iniquity (lawlessness) would be great. And people wouldn't care about one another anymore (the love of many grows cold).

Verse 13) – Those who endure to the end will be saved – endure is “to *stay under (behind)*, that is, *remain*; figuratively to *undergo*, that is, *bear* (trials), *have fortitude, persevere*”

Verse 14) – the Gospel is to be preached in all the world... A witness (light of the world from Matthew 5).

Verse 15) – The Abomination of Desolation will stand in the former holy place.

In the latter part of Chapter 24 of Matthew, what End-time Event is foretold? **The placement of the Abomination of Desolation, which remains to the Second Coming.**

Most who love Yahweh and keep His Torah have long known about the final Anti-Christ power. This prince of darkness is expected to be “dangerous”, for he will be empowered by Satan to persecute the true believers in an unprecedented Time of Trouble.

But **many students of prophecy will fall for the Anti-Christ, even though they were expecting him!** How can this be?

The final Anti-Christ power will **seem** so righteous that even many of the formerly faithful followers of Yahweh will fall for him, because he will appear righteous.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 “**Let no man deceive you** by any means: for that Day (*Messiah's Return*) shall not come, except there come **a falling away first** (*many who were faithful will fall away from the Truth*), and that Man of Sin be revealed, 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, showing himself that he is God.**”

In Yahshua's warning signs of the Last Days, He warned that the deceptions of the false Christs – ultimately the final antichrist – will be so righteous in appearance, that if we aren't careful to discern the true from the false, it might even deceive the very elect – which is the most devote of Yahweh's people.

Matthew 24:23-24 “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs... **if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**”

The devil is a master at packaging himself in unexpected ways, increasing the success-rate of his deceptions.



For example, in the Garden of Eden, Satan chose to mask his identity and true purpose. How differently the story might have gone had he come to Eve obviously! Eve would likely have been untemptable if the devil had used the direct approach and said something like: “Hello, Eve. I'm the devil.”

I have rebelled against Yahweh and His Government. And I'd like you to join my rebellion. I'm here to tempt you. When you follow my suggestions you'll Fall, bringing sin, suffering, disease and death to yourself and to every creature and future child born on this planet.”

But the cunning enemy knew that the direct approach would not have been likely to work! Thus, his presentation—his packaging—was as much a part of his deception as was his message to Eve. Why did the lies of the Serpent succeed?

Because, first and foremost, the devil appeared to Eve in a form she wasn't expecting. To Eve, the devil actually appeared Righteous/Beautiful/Friendly —and was all the more dangerous for it!

From the beginning Satan has successfully tempted mankind by masquerading as “righteous”:

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15** – “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

Having been overwhelmingly successful in his falsely “righteous” packaging, the devil’s tactics will not change in the appearance of the final Anti-Christ! In other words, the final Anti-Christ will appear righteous!

He will truly seem to be the genuine Messiah—not just to a few, but to 99.99% of the world! Revelation 13:3 says that “all the world (Revelation 13:3-4) “wondered after” and “worshipped” the beast and the dragon, who gives the beast its power.

What we often fail to realize is that the “world” who will worship the final Anti-Christ will include countless former-followers of Yahweh—even Sabbath-keepers from the Hebrew-roots Movement! This is why Isaiah warned that although Israel -the proclaimed people of God- would be as numerous as the sand of the sea, only a “remnant” -a very small amount- would be saved at last. (Isaiah 10:22; Romans 9:27): “a remnant (of Israel) shall be saved.” The remnant of the fabric, when you go to a fabric store, is the small amount of cloth which remains when the rest of the bolt is gone.

In these studies, we’ve already studied two of the Branch prophecies, exposing how the spirit of antichrist is attacking Yahshua’s fulfillment of these prophecies – and ultimately His Messiahship.

**First Branch Prophecy:** Zechariah 3:8 – Yahshua, the Branch, is the Servant of Yahweh (demonstrated bond-service, which all the disciples claimed) and our High Priest (to intercede as well as lead the worship – shows us how to worship.)

- **Anti-Christ’s first Attack on the First Branch Prophecy – Yahshua didn’t keep the *Torah*** (Therefore, He cannot be our substitutionary sacrifice).
  - In the first Branch prophecy, we found that Yahshua’s Work as the Righteous Branch involved obedient servanthood, as our Example of what it means to be servants of Yahweh. By looking up Scriptures on what it means to be faithful servants of Yah, and by Yahshua’s Example, we found that this Branch prophecy shows that Messiah was obedient in keeping the Law of Yahweh.
  - Attacking this Branch prophecy fulfillment, many believers are now being taught that Yahshua didn’t keep the Law of Yahweh. If this were true Yahshua could not be the Branch, who is our sinless Sacrifice and Example, since the Bible defines sin as transgression of God’s Law.
- **Anti-Christ’s second Attack on the First Branch Prophecy – Yahshua only kept the *Torah* because He was a Jew** (but non-Jews should not keep it)
  - Another lie of the Antichrist power, which attacks Yahshua’s Branch Messiahship is gaining ground even among Torah-believers – especially the Jews. The Jews who are working to set up the third Temple are leading in the teachings of the Noahide Laws. This is one of five deceptive attacks of the spirit of antichrist against the true Messiah and all who follow Him.
  - As we found in our study on this, Yahweh gave one Law that is for all nations and people. His Law is obeyed by all of His servants – on and off world.

**Second Branch Prophecy:** Isaiah 4:2-4 – The Branch will purge away the filth from the daughter of Zion (this is the Sacrifice of Yahshua)

- **Anti-Christ’s first Attack on the Second Branch Prophecy – Yahshua was not the Sacrifice at all.** (The Sacrifices only ended because the Temple was destroyed).

- The next work of the Messiah – as the Branch – is regarding the Sacrifices... Animal sacrifices were no longer necessary when the true Branch came, for His Blood would wash away the filth of His people.
- So how does the spirit of antichrist attack this Branch prophecy? There is a new teaching which used to be believed by the Jews, which is now gaining ground among Messianic believers. It is the teaching that the animal sacrifices were ended only because the Temple was destroyed. Naturally, if animal sacrifices were only ended because the Temple was destroyed, we should bring back animal sacrifices as soon as the third Temple is built.
- But the suggestion that animal sacrifices need to be reinstated, as we have already studied, is a lie from the spirit of Antichrist. By bringing back animal sacrifices, we suggest that Yahshua's Blood sacrifice wasn't enough – His death is made to be an imperfect Sacrifice.
- Anti-Christ's second Attack on the Second Branch Prophecy – Yahshua was the Lamb (Sacrifice) but His Death didn't finish all the Sacrifices.
  - There are nuances of the Jewish rejection of Yahshua as Messiah, which have crept into the Messianic movement – and are now taking the Hebrew roots movement by storm. For those who believe in Yahshua being the Messiah, the lie is that He didn't finish the sacrificial system – His sacrifice wasn't enough to bring them all to an end. Thus, many who believe in Messiah are also accepting the idea that the Sacrifices ended with the Destruction of the Temple, and should be reinstated when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple is built.
  - So, already in this series of worksheets, we have studied four lies of the spirit of Antichrist, and we have seen how these teachings are sweeping across all denominations and belief systems in the Body of Messiah. But notably, we have also seen that all the teachings of the Spirit of Antichrist are specifically targeting the Branch prophecies.

For this reason, all believers need to know the Branch prophecies and be thoroughly clear on Messiah's fulfillment of them. In this worksheet, we're going

to take a look at another Branch prophecy, which is the one found in Zechariah chapter 6.

Zechariah 6:12 –“Then tell him, 'This is what the LORD of the Heavenly Armies says: "Here is the man whose name is The Branch. He will branch out from where he is and will rebuild the Temple of the LORD.”

Zechariah prophesied that the Messiah, the Branch, would be the one who would build the Temple of Yahweh.

But the prophecies about Messiah building the Temple also speak of Him making a Temple without hands. A Temple made without hands is a spiritual Temple – as we will see in this study.

The Branch was foretold to "build the Temple of Yahweh" - a Temple built "without hands". Yet Yahshua did not help with the construction of Herod's Temple - nor any other physical Temple. And the Spirit of Antichrist has used this to deny Yahshua's Messiahship citing His failure to fulfill the Branch Temple prophecies.

Many professing people of “Israel” reject Yahshua as the true Messiah because they have come to believe the Antichrist lie: that He did not build the Temple. They are now waiting for the coming “Messiah” – who Bible prophecy tells us will truly be the Anti-Christ. Certainly, if Yahshua did not build the Temple of Yahweh, then He failed to fulfill one of the Branch prophecies.

Another way the Spirit of Antichrist is working to undermine Yahshua’s fulfillment of the Temple Branch prophecy is by suggesting that Yahshua may be the Messiah, but if so, He hasn’t finished His Messianic work. Thus, believers increasingly expect Yahshua to come back and live on Earth a second time, in order to build a Temple in Jerusalem in the future, in order to fulfill the Temple Branch prophecies...

But Yahshua DID build the Temple of Yahweh! In fact this was one of the main focuses of His Messianic Ministry. The true Messiah didn’t build a physical Temple, as people expected however. The True Messiah built a spiritual Temple.

1 Peter 2:5 – Yahshua was building up His people into a spiritual house (which is a temple)

**The first Temple of Yahweh – called Solomon’s Temple** – was a physical temple, which was physically built by human hands.

**1 Chronicles 28:6** – Solomon was chosen of Yahweh to build a physical Temple, which Heaven claimed.

**The second Temple of Yahweh – was begun by Zerubbabel and was expanded and completed by Herod** – like the first Temple, the second Temple also was a physical temple, which was physically built by human hands.

The work of building BOTH the first and second Temples was commanded by Yahweh.

Ezra 1:3 – Cyrus commanded that the second Temple (Zerubbabel), be built upon the same spot where the first Temple stood.

Herod’s Temple was the Temple that Yahshua came to during His ministry upon the Earth.

But Herod’s Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. There has not been a physical Temple of Yahweh on the Earth since Herod’s Temple.

But the whole world is excitedly awaiting the third temple, which is sometimes called Ezekiel’s Temple. It is well known that the third temple must stand in Jerusalem, upon the same ground on which the prior two temples once stood.

Even most believers in Yahshua are anticipating this Third Temple. They have come to believe that Messiah will return and reign upon the earth in the Third Temple, which is soon-to-be built in Jerusalem.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, the anticipation of the Third Temple was so great that they even made a \$300 million dollar replica to take its place in the meantime. This huge replica of the Temple of Solomon in São Paulo has a capacity of 10,000 people!





The temple, which takes over an entire city block, is an 11-story building twice the size of the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro, and is complete with stone from Israel and a helipad for its founder's, Edir Macedo's, convenience.

"This temple is not about a denominational project, but something so glorious and spiritual that transcends reason itself," said Macedo, according to the Temple of Solomon's website. "It will certainly awaken the dormant faith of those who are cold and will prompt a national and worldwide revival."



Some of its grandiose features include Italian marble, olive trees and stone imported from Israel. The exterior boasts 30 soaring columns and next to the building stands a dome structure with a roof made of copper, considered to be a museum that incases artifacts to give visitors an ancient biblical-times experience. The interior's walls are embellished with huge menorahs while the top of the altar showcases 100 square meters of gold stained glass windows.

Macedo intends the temple to be a tourist attraction, but he notes that it's most important purpose is to be a worship venue.



The official inauguration of this Temple was quite an event. It took place in 2014 with 10,000 worshippers present. Amongst the guests, many were authorities and celebrities, including President Dilma Rousseff, Governor Geraldo Alckmin, the Mayor of São Paulo and Fernando Haddad, among other political authorities.

During the meeting, a film was shown using projection mapping, which told the story of God's people, from Abraham to the birth of the Universal Church, through its founder Bishop Macedo.

The African choir, dressed in costume, symbolized the various people who have access to the Temple, regardless of their beliefs.



The highlight of the Temple inauguration was the parade of the Ark of the Covenant. The people were told that the bringing in of the Ark represented God's presence coming in to the Temple.

The massive interest in this temple only serves to



underscore how people around the world are increasingly eager for the Third Temple to be built.



In Jerusalem, everything is in readiness for the soon-coming Third Temple. The temple vessels and furniture have already been made, the *kohanim* – or Levitical priesthood – have been trained, 144,000 literal Jews have been set apart for service in this temple. And a high priest has been chosen.

This past summer, it was also announced that they now have the needed red heifer, which is required for the first sacrifice which will dedicate the third temple.



The Bible tells us that both the false and true Messiah would build Temples:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 – “Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, 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.

And the Bible warns it is the antichrist who will build a LITERAL TEMPLE.

Christ said that upon being destroyed the Temple would be built again in three days.

But Yahshua wasn't talking about rebuilding the literal Temple. Although He Who had spoken the world into

existence in 6 days, could certainly have rebuilt the literal Temple. When Yahshua said He would rebuild the Temple in three days, He was referring to what? Yahshua was referring to His Body. It was a reference to His physical (spiritual) Death... Also the spiritual Temple of His people, which He had been building throughout His Ministry, was decimated at His Death...

Just as the spiritual Temple of Yahshua's Body was rebuilt, rather than the literal Temple, so also did Messiah come to build the spiritual Temple of Yahweh. The Branch prophecy of Zechariah 6:12 is a spiritual one. It was a reference to Messiah's Work in building up His Spiritual Temple, which is His saved people (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Yahshua – as the true Messiah, the Righteous Branch – DID build the Temple while He was here. This work is ongoing – and it is a spiritual work. For as the Bible plainly states, the Temple of the true Messiah is one built without hands.

Hebrews 9:11-12 – Yahshua is the High Priest of the Spiritual Temple. His Blood is what is offered.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – the Temple, which Messiah (true) built (ongoing) is built upon the Foundation of the apostles and prophets (past leadership) with Yahshua Himself being the “chief cornerstone”. It is a spiritual Temple, made up of all the saved people (every generation).

Missing the understanding of Messiah's true Work and Ministry, the majority of mankind will accept the Anti-Messiah. Many will do so based upon the wrong idea that the Anti-Christ is fulfilling the Branch prophecy of Zechariah in building the Third Temple, while failing to realize that Yahshua has built His Temple already and is continuing to do so!

So how can we be absolutely certain that the true Messiah builds a spiritual Temple, while the antichrist will build a physical Temple?

To answer this question, we need to begin by examining the former two Temples of Yahweh – from the ground up.

The former two temples of Yahweh both stood on sacred ground. It was sacred because the ground was picked by Heaven itself.

To see this, let's consider the backstory of why David purchased Araunah's Threshing floor and built an altar to Yahweh upon it. It is found in 2 Samuel chapter 24. David numbered the fighting men in Israel, as a military strategy, which demonstrated that he was trusting in his own flesh instead of the provision and protection of Yahweh. We pick up the next part of the story in 2 Samuel 24:10-18.

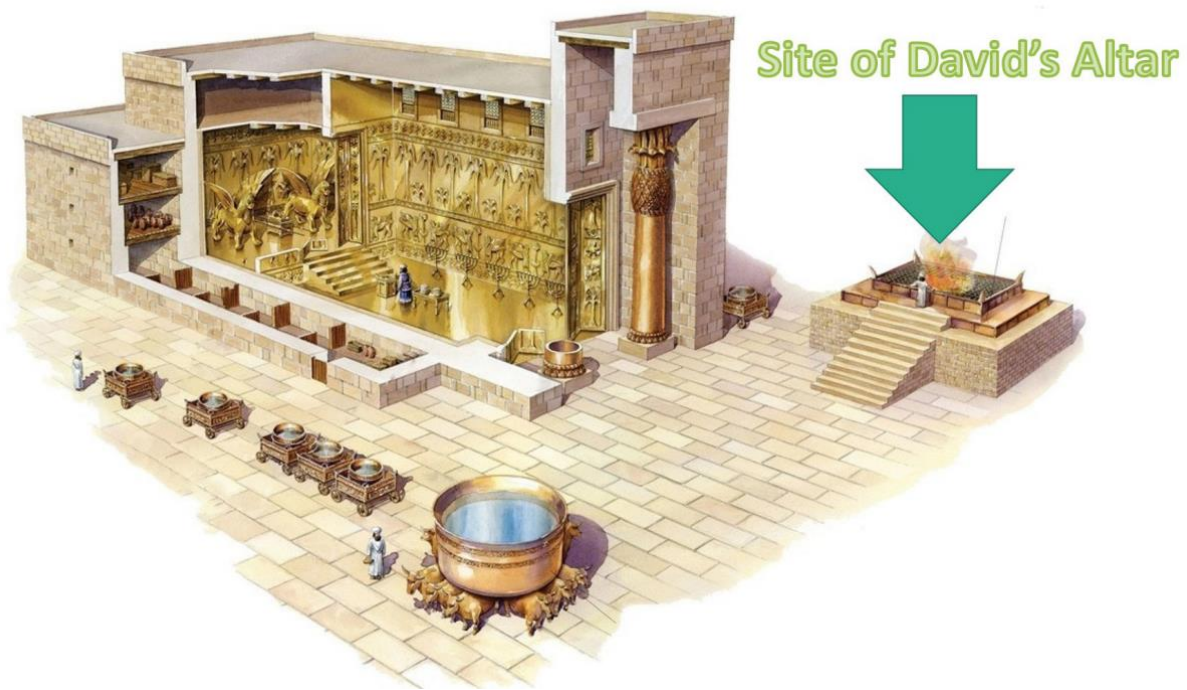
Details from 2 Samuel 24 – the destroying angel of Yahweh was standing on the threshing floor of Ornan (Araunah) the Jebusite... This is the spot where Yahweh instructs David to build an altar to Him and pray.

Now let's fast-forward to the time of Solomon. When Solomon was constructing the Temple of Yahweh, he built it on the threshing floor of Araunah, who is called Ornan in Chronicles, where the Heavenly angel once stood.

**2 Chronicles 3:1** – Solomon specifically builds the Temple on the very spot where the angel had stood, which was the location of David's altar – on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Further, when Solomon built the Temple, he purposely placed the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice on the very spot where David had built the altar to Yahweh—the place on which the angel of Yahweh had once stood. This was the holy ground—chosen by Yahweh Himself, upon which the altar was built and the placement of the Temple was orientated.

We have all read the amazing story of how Solomon built the temple in reverent silence. But we have largely assumed this was done out of respect for the future Temple, which would be holy. In actuality, Solomon commanded the Temple be built without banging hammers or clanging chisels **because the Ground he was building on was already holy**, having been clearly claimed as sacred Ground by Yahweh Himself.



To place any idolatrous thing on such sacred Ground would indeed be an abomination! Thus, when the idolatrous image of Zeus/Antiochus was erected in the Temple, and a pig was offered on the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice upon that very place where the angel had stood, and where David's altar had been, it was the Abomination of Desolation, "standing where it ought not" (Mark 13:14).

Truly they had desecrated the "glorious holy mountain" and had "polluted the Sanctuary..." (Daniel 11:31 & 45).

There is no argument amongst Jews or Bible scholars that indeed there is a spot near the Old City of Jerusalem which is hallowed Ground—being the site where the angel stood and where David's altar was built. It was out of reverent awareness that this was holy Ground which caused it to be the location where both Solomon's Temple and Herod's were later placed.

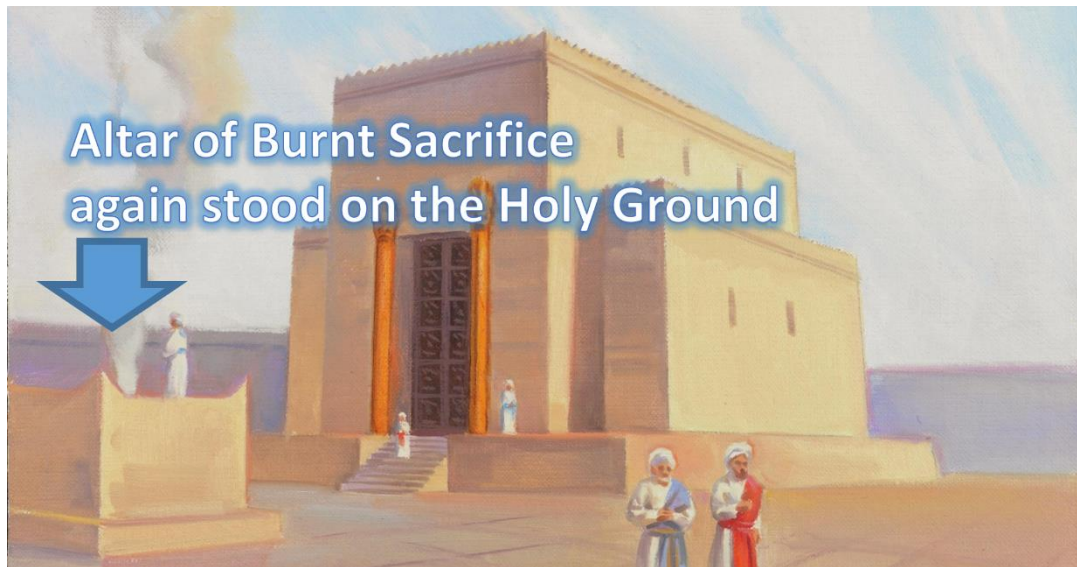
Solomon's Temple, also known as the First Temple, was the Holy Temple in ancient Jerusalem before its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar II after the Siege of Jerusalem of 587 B.C.



Once again, the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice in Solomon's Temple was placed on the precise spot on the threshing floor of Ornan, where David built his altar and where the heavenly angel had once stood.

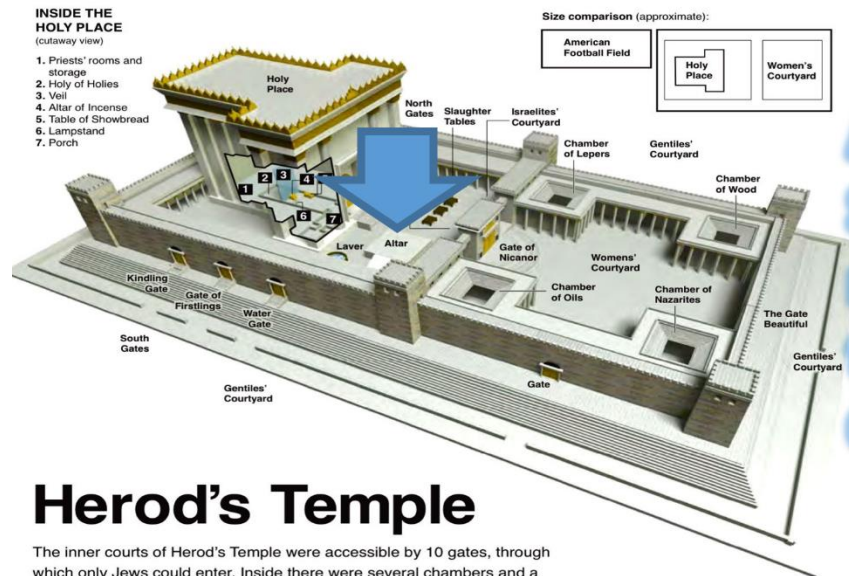
The Second Temple was the Jewish holy temple which stood on the original holy ground – the former threshing floor of Ornan in Jerusalem during the Second Temple period, between 516 B.C. and 70 A.D.

It replaced Solomon's Temple, which was destroyed by the Neo-Babylonian Empire, when Jerusalem was conquered and part of the population of the Kingdom of Judah was taken into Babylonian exile. The Second Temple was originally a rather modest structure constructed by a number of Jewish exile groups under governor Zerubbabel.



However, during the reign of Herod the Great, the Second Temple was completely refurbished, and the original structure was totally overhauled into the large and magnificent edifices and facades that are more recognizable.

When this Temple was destroyed, there was never another Temple built on the Sacred Ground.



Altar of Burnt Sacrifice remained on the Holy Ground

## Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Inside there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At one end was the holy place—a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. The expansive building project of Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount was completed in approximately AD 62–64, only to be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

When the third temple is built, it will stand upon the same holy ground as the prior two temples. But this third temple, holy as it appears to be, is not Yahweh's holy Temple. This third Temple is the Transgression of Desolation, which will pollute what should be Yahweh's holy Sanctuary.

**Daniel 8:13-14** – The Transgression of Desolation (Abomination of Desolation) will pollute the Sanctuary until the Sanctuary is cleansed. The Abomination of Desolation is foretold to last 2300 days.

Crucifixion was 27-28 AD... 2027-2028 AD (which is the 120<sup>th</sup> – and final Jubilee)

**The end of the Abomination of Desolation is on the final Day of Atonement...  
The Day of Atonement in the 120<sup>th</sup> Jubilee...**

**The final Abomination of Desolation would fall on October 10, 2027... Being the Day of Atonement in the year of the start of the 120<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.**

**2300 Days prior to October 10, 2027 (the Day the Abomination of Desolation is removed) is June 23, 2021... So... The Abomination of Desolation would stand from June 23, 2021 through October 10, 2027...**

Matthew 24:14-17 – **“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”**

Scripture plainly and repeatedly tells us that the final Abomination of Desolation is a Temple which should be Yahweh's, which will be built upon the Holy Ground where the prior two Temples of Yahweh stood, but the Beast – the antichrist – will reign from this Temple.

But even with these clear warnings, 3<sup>rd</sup> temple proponents even point to the prophecies of Ezekiel to support the establishment of this future temple.

And, at first, it DOES appear to be Scriptural that Yahweh will have a third temple – a Temple also known as the Temple of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 40-48 are perhaps the most famous chapters of Ezekiel. These chapters, which make up the 11<sup>th</sup> scroll and 11<sup>th</sup> vision of Ezekiel are all telling about the Temple of Ezekiel.

So why wasn't this Temple ever built? **The rebellion of the people prevented the blessing of this prophecy from being fulfilled by Heaven.**

Now, there is a problem with the Ezekiel Temple prophecy, making it clear that this Temple can never be built, by the Cause of Yahweh. We can know this because, Ezekiel Chapter 40 details animal sacrifices, which were to have been performed within this Temple. But now that our Saviour has died once for all (Hebrews 10:8-10), Yahweh has commanded that the sacrificing of animals forever cease, for they all pointed to the death of Yahshua and were fulfilled by Him on Calvary.

**Hebrews 10:1-4** – Yahshua died once for all – all sacrifices and all people. Now that His perfect Sacrifice has been given, all other blood offerings are to forever cease.

Animal sacrifices were never the end in themselves. The blood of animals could not take away our sins. These animal sacrifices were merely the “shadow” of Calvary. Yahshua was called the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world, because it was only His Blood, which can wash away our sin.

**Daniel 9:26-27** – With the cutting off (*death of*) Messiah and the confirmation of the Covenant (*which was ratified in His Blood*), the sacrifices and oblation offering system ceased (*came to a permanent end*).

Since animal sacrifices ceased with the Death of Yahshua, the prophecies of the Ezekiel Temple, with their numerous animal sacrifices, cannot be fulfilled (by Yahweh's side) in the future.

But what do we do about Ezekiel's Temple prophecy?

Surely, since we can be certain this was a Yahweh-given prophecy, it has to come to pass! Doesn't it?

Actually, it is this belief that will make the third temple deception especially convincing to most Christians. When the third temple is erected, it will be built to Ezekiel's specifications, in apparent fulfillment of his God-given prophecy. It appears to be a "slam-dunk" in terms of evidence supporting the "holiness" of the third temple cause. **But in actuality, true prophecies can fail, if the conditions of the prophecy aren't met.**

One Bible prophecy which failed is the prophecy of Ninevah's destruction.

Yahweh did indeed tell the prophet Jonah to prophesy against the wicked city of Ninevah.

**Jonah 3:4-5** – *Yahweh* told Jonah to prophesy that Ninevah would be destroyed in 40 days.

But even though Jonah was giving the true prophesy of Yahweh against Ninevah, the city was not destroyed in 40 days. The prophesy failed because the people REPENTED

(Jonah 3:10) – "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented (had pity) of the evil (calamity), that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did *it* not."

In the case of Jonah, who prophesied the Word of Yahweh to the people of Ninevah, the prophecy failed because the people repented. **Clearly then, a prophecy from Yahweh can fail.** However, the opposite was true regarding the Temple of Ezekiel. **Because of Israel's rebellion, it was too late for the Ezekiel Temple to be built by the Kingdom of Yahweh.**

The Biggest Deception to Hit Planet Earth: the Third Temple, built to Ezekiel's specifications, which claims to be Yahweh's Temple – and the sacrifices and "Messiah" who will reign there.

In Bible prophecy, we are warned that the final deception of Satan will be of so great a magnitude that, “if it were possible,” even the “very elect” would be deceived by it. The term “very elect” refers to the “select ones”, who are “chosen” by Yahweh and are set apart as His holy people.

Yahweh characterizes His “elect” as being those who are obedient to His Will and Torah and keep His Sabbaths. This final deception will be so overmastering that it will even threaten the most committed followers of Yahweh. How is such a thing possible? **It will appear to be righteous!**

This third Temple, in Jerusalem, in which to keep the Feasts and Levitical injunctions of Torah, certainly does appear to be the Work of God!

Also because the Temple Mount is the most universally sacred in all the world – being recognized as “holy” by Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike - it is an ideal place for the Beast to reign, as Scripture tells us he will.

The Ezekiel Temple was intended, by Yahweh, to be the Temple to which Messiah would have come.

- “And He said unto me, Son of man, the place of My Throne, and the Place of the Soles of My Feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and My holy Name, shall the house of Israel no more defile...” Ezekiel 43:7.

But, the rebellious heart-condition of the nation of Israel caused this amazing Temple prophecy to fail, in the time of Yahshua. Now, when a temple is built in Jerusalem with the dimensions and characteristics which Ezekiel foretold, it will not be built by the Cause of Yahweh. It will be the Seat of the Beast – the Abomination of Desolation - but its counterfeit identity deceptively hidden by the unfulfilled prophecy of Ezekiel:

**Daniel 11:31** – The pollution of the Sanctuary of strength is the Abomination of Desolation.

**Mark 13:14** – The Abomination of Desolation will stand where it “ought not” to be (it’s a desecration of what is holy).

**Matthew 23:37-38** – Jerusalem’s House (Temple) is left “desolate” (Abomination of Desolation).

**Daniel 11:45** – The Antichrist will put his temple in the Glorious Holy Mountain (where the prior two temples stood).

**2 Thessalonians 2:2-4** – There will be a falling away caused by the Man of Sin (Beast)... In that many of those who used to worship Yahweh will change sides... And the Beast, as God (proclaiming to be God) will sit in what should be God's holy Temple.

**Daniel 8:13-14** – The Sanctuary (Temple) will be desecrated (trodden under foot) and the host (God's people) will be persecuted for 2300 days, and then shall the Sanctuary be cleansed (Using the Torah key we find that the Sanctuary is cleansed on the Day of Atonement). The Abomination of Desolation is connected with the 2300 day prophecy.

**Matthew 24:14-17** – for the elect's sake (His people) He would cut short the Abomination of Desolation... We are living in the shortening time. The Abomination of Desolation will stand in the Holy Place.

Yet disregarding the prophecies of Daniel, Paul, and Yahshua Himself is deadly. It prepares us to worship the Beast and fall a prey to the ultimate Abomination of Desolation.

For, if we forget or ignore Yahshua's Jerusalem prophecy in Matthew 23, we will miss the full meaning of His warning in Matthew 24. The same word, translated as "desolate" (ἔρημος **G2048**) in Matthew 23:38 also appears in Matthew 24:23-26, referring to the final Abomination of Desolation.

The word translated as "desert", in Matthew 24:23-26, is translated as "desolate" in Matthew 23:38. Both refer to Jerusalem's Temple.

- Plainly, Yahshua warned that the final Anti-christ would be in Jerusalem - the "desolate" place. "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not... If they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert (ἔρημος - desolate place, Matt 23:38); go not forth..." Matt.24:23-26

We are not to go to see Messiah in Jerusalem/Temple, nor in the "secret place" ... Could the "secret place" be the private home with TV?

Thankfully, there is good news. The prophecy that Yahweh would come to dwell with His people, enthroned in a holy Temple upon this earth, is not lost. In fact, for the forgiven faithful, an even better Temple is yet to come!

- “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of Heaven saying, Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:1-4

We must pay special attention the context of the future Promise regarding Yahweh’s holy Temple. The context is that after the earth has been destroyed and made new, Yahweh will bring down the holy City of New Jerusalem from Heaven. Then, and only then, will the Temple upon the earth be Yahweh’s holy Temple. Current Jerusalem, with its soon-to-be-built false Temple will be burned up, upon the true Messiah’s Return. Messiah plainly stated that the “house” which was left “desolate” was Jerusalem, in Matthew 23:38.

This meant that the Presence of Yahweh was no longer in its temple. And if Yahweh’s Presence isn’t indwelling (in a temple or a person, for example) that place or person cannot be called “holy”. Yet, today Christians, Jews, and even Torah keeping Messianics have forgotten that Yahshua proclaimed Jerusalem’s “house” to be desolate. Having forgotten this vital prophecy, Jerusalem is still regarded as Yahweh’s Holy City.

In this war between the true and false Messiahs, both do build a Temple. The anti-Messiah builds a physical Temple, which looks like it honors Yahweh. He will set it up on the sacred ground where the prior two Temples of Yahweh once stood.

But this physical Temple, the animal sacrifices which will be performed in it, and the one who reigns within it, will all be on the side of darkness. It will be the Abomination of Desolation.

The true Messiah is building a Spiritual Temple, which truly does honor Yahweh. He is cleansing the hearts and souls of His people – and setting up King’s residence within us. And this spiritual Temple, with its acceptance of Yahshua’s sacrifice once and for all, will be on the side of Righteousness. This is the true Temple of Yahweh, which the true Messiah is building.

