

Eschatology

The Temple Worship in the Millennium

The restored theocracy is marked by the adoration given to the Lord Jesus Christ (Isa. 12:1-6; 25:1-26:19; 56:7; 61:10-11; 66:23; Jer. 33:11, 18, 21-22; Ezek. 20:40-41; 40:1-46:24; Zech. 6:12-15; 8:20-23; 14:16-21).

“And it shall come to pass...that all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord” (Isa. 66:23).

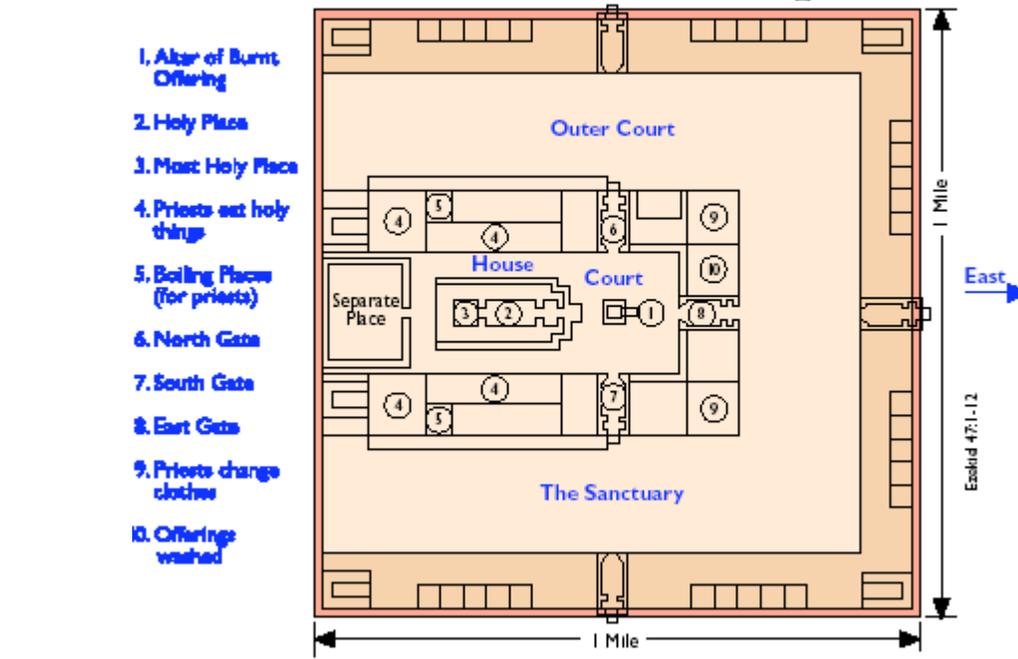
Like many of the Old Testament prophets, God enlightened Isaiah with the details of Israel’s future Messiah and His kingdom reign. All throughout the book of Isaiah the promise of God ruling over Israel is the dominant theme.

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

In regards to His government and kingdom He told Ezekiel “Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die, by setting their threshold by My threshold and their door post beside My door post, with only the wall between Me and them... I will dwell among them forever.” (Ezekiel 43: 7,8,9b)

The place of Jesus’ throne is the Temple of the millennial kingdom.

The Millennial Temple



Where will the temple be located?

Scripture has much to say about the location of the Temple during the millennium (Isa. 2:2-3; Ezek. 37: 26-27; 40:2; Mic. 4:1-4).

The temple itself will be in the middle of this square (the holy oblation). The temple will be placed on a very high mountain that will be created for the purpose of exalting Jesus, the King of kings and His temple.

The topographic of the Palestinian land will be dramatically changed from how we know it today (Ezek. 47; Zech. 14:4-11).

The details of the temple

Through the prophet Ezekiel precise details are given to us concerning this temple that becomes the center of the millennial earth (Ezek. 40-46).

The purpose of the temple

1. To demonstrate God's Holiness
Because of Israel's unfaithfulness to Jehovah, He brought them through judgment as well as the surrounding nations. The temple is a demonstration of divine grace in restoring the prodigal nation to Himself.
2. To provide a dwelling-place for the Divine Glory
"This is 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" (Ezek 43:7).
3. To perpetuate the memorial of sacrifice
It is not sacrifice, of course, rendered with a view of [obtaining salvation](#), but sacrifice commemorative of an [accomplished salvation](#) maintained in the presence of the revealed glory of God. We will examine the scriptures and theology of this next week.
4. To provide the center for the Divine Government
When the divine Glory takes up its residence in the temple, the announcement is not only that the temple is God's dwelling-place and the seat of worship, but also that it is the radiating center of the divine government. The temple will be the focus of ALL nations.
5. To provide victory over the curse
Ezekiel 47:1-12 describes that from under the threshold of the temple house; there will be river that will flow eastwardly until it empties into the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea will no longer be barren of life; instead plant and animal life will be abundant because of the changed sea. This life-giving river will produce luxuriant growth of trees of fadeless leaves and never-failing fruit.

See also Isaiah 33:20-21; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:8.