

THE OLD AND NEW TEMPLE OF GOD

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The following is a brief outline comparing the old and new temples of God.

Torn by God... top down. **MAT 27:51** And, behold, the veil of the temple (10 metres by 10 metres) was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; *the end of the first covenant.*

New and living way... HEB 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the **holiest** by the blood of Jesus, **20** By a **new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is to say, his flesh; **21** And having an high priest over the house of God; **22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (*guiltless*), and our bodies washed with pure water.

VALUE OF THE TEMPLE IN MONETARY TERMS.

How much did Solomon's temple cost? *The amount of gold, silver and bronze, along with other precious metals and expensive timber, are recorded in various places in the Bible.*

1CHR 22:14- 100,000 talents of gold, 1 million talents of silver, bronze and iron too great to be weighed.

1CHR 29:3- 3,000 talents of gold, 7,000 talents of silver from David's personal treasures.

1CHR 29:7- 5,002.5 talents of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze, 100,000 talents of iron.

1KIN 5:10- King Hiram of Tyre provided timber and gold (cost 20 towns in Galilee. **1 Kings 9:11**).

Totals. *One talent is approximately 34k, so 108,002.5 talents of gold (3,672,085k) and 1,017,000 talents of silver would be 34,578,000K! The gold alone of Solomon's temple values today at \$275,406,375,000. The silver would have been \$39,764,700,000. Added together, the gold and silver used along in Solomon's Temple was worth \$315,171,075,000. Gold and silver are undervalued today, being a quarter of their traditional value.*

What is your value to God if the above is considered? **MAT10:31** Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. *Jesus makes a great understatement as well as offering great hope.*

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS OLD AND NEW... AND THE YET TO COME.

The dimensions for the Jerusalem Temple King Solomon built: '30 metres long, 10 metres wide and 15 metres high' (1 KIN 6:2). The holiest of holies was 10m long, high & wide: 1 cubit is about 1/2 a metre.

Know you not... 1COR 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? *Compare little old you with the above splendour. Even more so, the power and authority you have.*

New Jerusalem... size 2414 kilometres cubed or triangled. **REV 21:16** And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs (1 furlong equals 201.56m= 2,414.016km). The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. **17** And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits (72metres), according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. **18** And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was **pure gold**, like unto **clear glass**.

Malleability is a measure of how easily a material can be hammered into thin sheets. Gold is the most malleable element. A single ounce of gold can be beaten into a 300-square-foot (28.6 square metres) sheet. A sheet of gold can be made thin enough to be transparent (the description of the New Jerusalem).

Point of interest. *The pyramid was covered in white, highly polished limestone reflecting the light of the sun and moon like no other structure. Its internal passages symbolising the past and future history of God's dealing with humanity.*

Is the great pyramid also symbolic of God's millennial plan? **ISA 19:19** In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. **20** And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

*Stats about the pyramid... The slightly concave sides were originally covered in 144,000 polished limestone casing stones, cemented together with joints less than the thickness of tissue paper (this number is also used in relationship to the new Jerusalem... there is a **chance**, that there is a link between the two shapes).*

PROTECTION (INSULATION) FROM SIN... HAVING THE RIGHT CLOTHING.

All the building materials were clothed (purified/insulated) with gold. **1KIN 6:22** And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold (and all the furniture and the cherubim, etc.). *Pure gold is the most **non-reactive** of all the metals with oxygen, air, damp, water and oceans, etc; it is the most ductile and malleable metal. Gold is antibacterial.*

Gold covering... **REV 3:18** I counsel thee to **buy of me gold tried in the fire** (*true spiritual riches, not natural riches... everything was covered with gold except the veil*), that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment** (*robes of righteousness... the new veil of separation*), that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve**, that thou mayest see (*understand*). God created gold and silver and he also creates the perfect covering of sin... physically in the old temple and spiritually in the new.

Double offering for sin. **LEV 16:3** Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a **sin** (*sinful by nature*) offering, and a ram for a **burnt** (*trespass... wilful sin*) offering. The sin offering is made first because it acknowledges that mankind is by nature sinful. The burnt offering acknowledges his wilful sins.

Garments. **ISA 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath **clothed me with the garments** (*inner clothing*) **of salvation**, he hath **covered me with the robe** (*outer garment*) **of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Dual layer of garments, the same as the high priest (*one for himself and one for the other peoples*). Two rooms in the temple (*one covered the daily needs and one covered their spiritual needs*). Christ has made the eternal sacrifice for us; now we serve others in the same way the high priest served the people... through access to the Holy Spirit.

THE TEMPLE IS NOW MOBILE, AFFORDABLE, WORLDWIDE AND HAS AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

The old priesthood and temple were strictly limited. **HEB 9:7** But into the second (*holiest of holies*) went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

EXO 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from **above the mercy seat** (*tabernacle lid on which the blood was sprinkled*), from between the two cherubims (*guardians of God's purposes*) which are upon the **ark** (*131×79×79cm*) of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel. God spoke from the mercy seat, thus signifying his intentions for all of us.

The new priesthood is a Mobile temple... God is taken to the people. **MAR 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. These signs will follow them when the Holy Spirit is promoted faithfully and truthfully. **&17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; **18** They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **20** And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and **confirming the word with signs following**. Amen. The same signs, miracles and wonders prophesied by Jesus are happening where scriptural truths are used. False doctrine is our greatest enemy, not sin itself. The sacrifice for sin has been made, but truth needs to be learned and obeyed.

THE DAILY MAINTAINANCE PROGRAM.

****Containment...** If we consider a nuclear reactor and the power within it, we see a similar problem with us and God. God's power is magnitudes greater than any nuclear reaction, yet is contained within our bodies not damaging ourselves or those who come close to us. **LAM 3:22** It is of the **LORD's mercies** (*mercy seat*) that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. **23** They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

HEB 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was **confirmed** unto us by them that heard him; **4** God also bearing them witness, both with **signs and wonders**, and with divers **miracles**, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to **his own will**?

CLOTHING COVERS OUR NAKEDNESS AND ALSO PROTECTS US FROM THE ELEMENTS.

Who cleans the holiest of holies?... you do (or God will)... **Communion.** **1COR 11:29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the **Lord's body** (*the holiest of Holies*). **30** For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. **31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.** **32** But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. We are free to partake and to offer this to all who want to walk in the spirit.

MAL 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as **gold and silver**, that they may offer unto the LORD an **offering in righteousness** (*their obedient service to God*).

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF AND FIX PROBLEMS GOD'S WAY AND NOT YOUR OWN. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE OTHERS PROPERLY.

Our natural efforts to be righteous. **ISA 64:6** But we are **all** as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses (*best personal efforts... without the Holy Spirit*) are as **filthy rags** (*dirty garments offering no spiritual protection at all*); and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Who shall deliver us? The high priest of course!! **ROM 7:24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord (*high priest*). So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Both are happening at once, but the Spirit purifies us.

In conclusion... As was in the times of the law, there are two forces within us each fighting against the other. They were managed well in the Old Testament and are managed in a far superior way in the New.