

IN TYPE AND ANTI-TYPE

THE TEMPLES

(Outline # 11)

Meditation: 9 *Testimonies*, p. 16

INTRODUCTION: This study shows that the construction of the first and second ancient temples were in fact a prophecy of the major events of the early and latter day Christian churches. Including the precise circumstances of our church today.

1. **Read: Eph. 2:19-22**

The apostle Paul made a comparison between Solomon's (1st) temple and the EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The points of emphasis are:

- a. The temple was fitly framed together
- b. Jesus is the Chief corner stone.

This description reveals that Paul was making a comparison (type) with the FIRST TEMPLE built by Solomon which was (1) fitly framed together—its stones were precut and fitted in place at the site. (2) There was a problem with the chief corner stone.

The First Temple

2. **In TYPE** (Solomon's Temple)

- a. The huge stones for the temple were precut at the quarry, so there was no need of cutting tools at the site —the stones were just fitted together. **1 kings 6:7; DA 597 - 598.**
- b. A stone designated for the temple foundation was rejected, but providentially became the chief corner stone. **Ps. 118:22,23; DA 597-598.**

4. **In Anti-Type** (The Early Christian Church)

Jesus is the anti-typical chief coner stone that was rejected by the Jews, but accepted by those who became Christians; thereby becoming the founder and foundation of the Early Christian church. **See Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:10,11.**

Summary: The first literal temple's corner stone was rejected but later on accepted as the head stone. Likewise Jesus was rejected, but became the head of the early church. These events reveal that Solomon's temple was a type of the early Christian period. This also shows that God writes history and prophecy at the same time.

5. **What Happened To The First Temple?**

- a. In Type —

It was DESTROYED and ROBBED by ANCIENT BABYLON.
See 2 chron. 36: 14 -20.

b. In Anti-Type —

The early church was eventually disbanded and its key doctrines (Sabbath and Sanctuary, etc.) were taken away (robbed or trodden down). This was accomplished during the dark ages between the years 538 AD to 1798 AD by MODERN BABYLON, which at that time was the PAPACY.

6. **The Falling Of Ancient Babylon**

Ancient Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians—Dan. 5:24 - 30.

7. **The Papacy Fell**

The Papacy (modern Babylon) completely fell by 1798.

II. SECOND TEMPLE

8. **In Type**

After the fall of ancient Babylon, and the rise of the Medo-Persian empire, King Cyrus, made the first decree allowing the Jews to return and build the second temple. This temple must also be a type of another section of the Christian era since the first was a type of the Early Christian Church. Background of the second temple - (Ezra 1 - 6)

9. **In Anti-Type—SDA Movement**

Read: Zech. 6: 11- 15

- a. Zechariah was writing in the time of the building of the **second** temple—just after the captivity—during the reign of Media-Persia.
- b. The BRANCH—the Messiah (Jesus), was expected to build this temple of the Lord (Verse 12). But Jesus did not come during this period. Instead He came in the New Testament dispensation. Thus, the temple Jesus was to build could not have been the one of Zechariah's day, but instead a spiritual one in the Christian era.
- c. Christ is to build this temple while He is a **priest**. (Verse 13). Christ did not become a priest until after His ascension. (Rom. 8:1,2). He did not become the High Priest until 1844. (Heb. 9:24-26).
- d. People from "far off" —non-Jews —those from outside of Israel, would come and participate in the building of the temple. (Verse 15). Only Jews participated in the construction of the ancient temple in Jerusalem. (Ezra 4:3; PK 568-570). Therefore, this could not be speaking about the physical temple in Zechariah's day, but a future spiritual one, when a "great multitude" will join the church in the last days. See Rev. 7:9; Zech. 2:11; Isa. 2:2,3;

Summary: We see here that Zechariah must have been primarily referring not to the second temple of his day, but to a second spiritual church

(temple) in a time when Jesus is a priest (especially high priest), and persons from far lands will come and join this second great spiritual building—one that Jesus will build himself. The only such time is in the **latter days**.

Furthermore, since the first temple was a type of the early church, then the second temple must be a type of the church in the latter days. In other words, the church of the first outpouring of the Spirit, and the church of the second outpouring of the Spirit—SDA—purified.

FIRST TEMPLE LITERALLY GREATER – SECOND TEMPLE SPIRITUALLY GREATER

10. **Type**

Read: Hag. 2: 3

Here the Lord states that the second temple (built by the captives) was far inferior to the first one (Solomon's).

Read: Hag. 2: 4-9

Yet the Lord goes on to state that the "latter" (second temple) would be greater than the first temple. HOW COULD THAT BE?

Read: GC 23, 24

The **First** literal temple (Solomon's) was **physically** superior to the Second one. But the second surpassed the first spiritually because of the presence of Jesus who walked, taught, and healed in its courts.

11. **Anti-Type**

- a. As the first temple was physically greater than the first, but the second spiritually greater because of the presence of Christ, so likewise the SDA church now appears weak and inferior to the early church which had the apostles, the miracles, and marked manifestations of God's power.
- b. However, the second temple in antitype (SDA church purified) will spiritually surpass the early church because Jesus' power and manifestation in the loud cry will exceed that of the time of the apostles. **Read 97 16; Isa. 4:4-6.** See also Isa. 60:1-7,62:1-4.

I. FIRST DECREE

12. a. **TYPE** - To rebuild the temple and establish true worship.

This decree was made by Cyrus a long of Media-Persia.

Ezra 1:1-4 - Cyrus decrees the return of the captives

Ezra 1:7 - the sacred vessels taken by Babylon were restored.

Ezra 2 - this chapter outlines the families who returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

Ezra 3 - this chapter describes the restoration of true worship—they began to keep the holy feasts again (Verses 4-13)

13. b. **Anti-Type** - Rebuild the true church and restore down-trodden truths.

In 1844/1845:

- a. The Sabbath doctrine was revived
- b. The sanctuary doctrine revived the knowledge of Christ's priesthood and explained the beginning of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary.
- c. All other doctrines trampled by the Papacy were restored by 1844. i.e., Faith, the Holy Spirit, grace, etc.

The SDA church began.

Summary: Thus the **anti-typical first decree** must have been made in 1844 to 1845 when God raised up the SDA Movement with the restoration of true worship.

I-A. The First Decree Frustrated

14. a. **In The TYPE**
Ezra 4:1-10, 23,24— Samaritans (factitious Jews) frustrated the building while pretending to be believers in their work. (Verse 1,2). See *PK* 572,573.

NOTE: The Samaritans claimed to be believers in the true God, but worshiped idols. They were a mixture of Israelites from the ten tribes who were previously scattered by the Assyrians.

15. b. **In the Anti-Type**
After 1844, after the movement began, unconverted SDAs caused the church to lose its way- **57217; 17608,609.**

II. THE SECOND DECREE

16. a. **In The TYPE**
Ezra 5:1-2 —two messengers were called by God to start building again.
17. b. **In The ANTITYPE**
God called two messengers—A.T. Jones & E.J. Waggoner with the message of Righteousness by Faith, encouraging the church to reach perfection. *TM* **91,92.**

II-A. THE SECOND DECREE FRUSTRATED

18. a. **In The TYPE**
Ezra 5: 1-5—The Jews (builders) experienced opposition from the Samaritans and the work was again frustrated.
19. b. **In The ANTITYPE**
The 1888 message of Righteousness by Faith was rejected by the majority preventing the loud cry—the completion of the spiritual

temple. *TM* 79, 80, 468; *1SM* 234,235.

III. THE THIRD DECREE

20. a. **In The TYPE**

Ezra 6: 1-3 - Darius searches for Cyrus' original decree.

Ezra 6: 8-12 - Darius makes a 3rd and FINAL decree with a death warrant.

Ezra 6:13,14 - Work is completed.

21. b. **In The Anti-Type**

In 1929 - the Rod's message came and declares that anyone hindering the building up the spiritual second temple (the purified church)—the sealing of the 144,000 and the gathering of the great multitude— will be cut down in the slaughter of Ezekiel Nine- a **death warrant**.

Conclusion: Through the study of the two ancient temples, we have learned that:

- a. The SDA church is indeed God's true church.
- b. The Shepherd Rod's message is indeed the last message to prepare us for the loud cry.
- c. God will have a purified people—the second spiritual temple, of which all of his saints in the last days will be a part.

FURTHER STUDY

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