

TEMPLES INSIDE-OUT

Once there was a king in the northern land of Where. He delighted in one of his servant workers, and wished to honor him. So setting aside a few hours of business and government ruling, he purposed to lay out the plans for remodeling a new home for his servant worker. The king's plans started from the inside. With the simple color code of gold, silver, ruby, ivory, and sapphire, he laid out the new plans for the living room, the kitchen, the bedrooms, the restrooms, the play rooms and rooms just for relaxation or display. The king was thoroughly enjoying himself, when he finally realized that others who saw this incredible plan would most likely become jealous... the king then resolved to design the outside of the home. He laid out a white picket fence for the property, suggested good sturdy doors and windows, desired a very thick durable coat of white paint for the outside walls, and planned for industrial-strength roofing to keep the house from all future storms. When the servant worker saw his finally finished home he was pleased. He thanked the king and went inside. It was inside the home when the servant worker was astonished and said, "This indeed is a temple!"

In the southern land of Where, it so happened that another king desired to fulfill the same kindness to his servant worker that the northern king had done. The southern king's plan was to remodel a home as well. He also planned that he would use the simple color code of gold, silver, ruby, ivory, and sapphire. So the king started from the outside. Making the outer walls thick with gold, the windows lined with silver, the doors made out of ivory and rubies, and the roof made thick and sturdy with sapphire, he was well pleased with his plan. Now, because of the time and the cost to place the precious metals and stones on the outside of the remodeled home, he left the inside of the home to be finished by the servant worker.

When the servant worker saw his finally finished home he was astonished, and cried, "This indeed is a temple!" He thanked the king and went inside. To his utter disgust he saw the dead rats, the mold, the ripped, wet, yellow-brown carpet, the bats, cockroaches, ants, lizards, and the cracks and holes in the walls. Plugging his nose because of the awful stench he cried, "This indeed is no temple at all!"

I. Preparation for the Exodus

Exodus 3:20-22 - promise of silver and gold
Moses and Aaron - 3-6
10 plagues - 7-11
The exodus - 12:35-36

II. After the Exodus

After the Red Sea - 14
Songs and water healed - 15
Manna from Heaven - 16
Water from a Rock - 17
Reorganization - 18
Sinai - 19-20
Social Laws - 21-23
Covenant - 24 "All that the Lord has said we will do!"
Sanctuary - 25:1-8 (too much! 36:5-7)
 Before they were able to give of the offerings of their jewelry, they were
Ark - 25:10a & 11a
Table of Shewbread - 25:23a & 24a
Candlestick - 25:31
Curtains - 26:1, 7, 14 - 4 coverings for the tent

III. What did the temple look like from the outside?

What was seen from 100 yards back was:
Sealskin covering the temple
White & finely twined linen for the courtyard
Bronze poles holding up the white linens - Wasn't bronze shiny? Wait! There was bronze...
What about bronze?
 Bronze is a durable alloy (Alloy: any compound of metals fused together). Bronze is a combination of copper and zinc. It is a baser metal mixed with a finer.
 Christ was portrayed as a brazen serpent (Num 21:9 and John 3:14). A baser with a Finer.

IV. Conclusion

What is the New Testament Temple? (the word "temple" is used more in the NT than in the OT (117 compared to 87).
"Your house (the temple) is left unto you desolate" (Matt 24:38) Said to those who rejected Christ.
"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up!" ... "He spake of the temple of His body" (John 2:19 & 21).
I Corinthians 3:16-17
I Corinthians 6:19
1 Peter 3:3-4
"Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the truth, the believer becomes fitted for the courts of heaven; for Christ works within us, and His righteousness is upon us. Without this no soul will be entitled to heaven. We would not enjoy heaven unless qualified for its holy atmosphere by the influence of the Spirit and the righteousness of Christ" (NL 26.1). God wants the inside beautiful—more than the outside.

God promised jewels. God gave the jewels. God requested the jewels. God used the jewels. God hid the jewels.