

The Temples of the Bible

The Temple	Date	Description	Reference
The Tabernacle (Mobile Temple)	about 1444 B.C.	Detailed plan received by Moses from the Lord	Ex. 25–30; Ex. 35:30–40:38;
		Constructed by divinely appointed artisans	Lev. 10:1–7
		Desecrated by Nadab and Abihu	
Solomon's Temple	966–586 B.C.	Planned by David	2 Sam. 7:1–29;
		Constructed by Solomon	1 Kin. 8:1–66;
		Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar	Jer. 32:28–44
Zerubbabel's Temple	516–169 B.C.	Envisioned by Zerubbabel	Ezra 6:1–22;
		Constructed by Zerubbabel and the elders of the Jews	Ezra 3:1–8; 4:1–14; Matt. 24:15
		Desecrated by Antiochus Epiphanes	
Herod's Temple	19 B.C.–A.D. 70.	Zerubbabel's temple restored by Herod the Great	Mark 13:2, 14–23;
		Destroyed by the Romans	Luke 1:11–20; 2:22–38; 2:42–51; 4:21–24; Acts 21:27–33
The Present Temple	Present Age.	Found in the heart of the believer	1 Cor. 6:19, 20;
		The body of the believer is the Lord's only temple until the Messiah returns	2 Cor. 6:16–18
The Temple of Revelation 11	Tribulation Period.	To be constructed during the Tribulation by the Antichrist	Dan. 9:2; Matt. 24:15;
		To be desecrated and destroyed	Thess. 2:4; Rev. 17:18
Ezekiel's (Millennial) Temple	Millennium.	Envisioned by the prophet Ezekiel	Ezek. 40:1–42:20;
		To be built by the Messiah during His millennial reign	Zech. 6:12, 13
The Eternal Temple of His Presence	The Eternal Kingdom.	The greatest temple of all	Rev. 21:22;
		("The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple")	Rev. 22:1–21
		A spiritual temple	

The temple (Gk. *hieron*) is a place of worship, a sacred or holy space built primarily for the national worship of God.

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