

Third Temple

The Bible prophesies, in many places, that a Third Temple will be built in the near future. In Matthew 24:1-2, Jesus tells His disciples that the Second Temple would be utterly destroyed.

From Matthew 24:3 throughout the rest of the chapter, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives overlooking the Second Temple, while He prophesied of events that would occur near the time of His Second Coming.

In Matthew 24:15, Jesus described an event known as the Abomination of Desolation. Jesus told His disciples that the Abomination of Desolation would transpire in the “holy place”.

Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)...”

The disciples knew Jesus was talking about a future event that would take place in a future temple because (1) He had just told them that the current temple was going to be destroyed (2) His prophecy of the Abomination of Desolation was foretold to occur at the end of the age, not during their era.

In II Thessalonians 2, Paul describes the Abomination of Desolation, but states that the Antichrist will actually sit in the “Temple of God”.

II Thessalonians 2:3-4, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

Both Jesus and the Apostle Paul prophesied that the Abomination of Desolation would occur in a future Jewish Temple near the time of Jesus’ Second Coming.

In Revelation 11:1-2, John was given a snapshot of the status of the Temple Mount during the final three and one half years immediately preceding the Second Coming of Jesus and the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 11:1-2, “And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.”

John was told to measure the Jewish Temple, but not to measure the outer court of the temple because it would be under Gentile control. This shows us the Temple Mount will be under an internationally supervised sharing arrangement during the final forty-two months immediately preceding the Second Coming. This sharing arrangement should allow the Jews to build their Third Temple without having to tear down the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque.