

That The World May Know - Prophets and Kings - Session 6: God With Us

Sacrifices in the Temple

1. In ancient Israel, what did the animal sacrifices made on the temple altar signify?
Leviticus 17:1 – 11
Hebrews 9:16 – 22
2. According to God's command, what daily sacrifices were the Israelites to make?
Numbers 28:1 – 8
3. Describe the guidelines that God gave for the temple altar, which was to stand in the outer worship court.
Exodus 20:22 – 26
4. Describe the location and purpose of the bronze Sea.
Exodus 30: 17 – 21

The bronze Sea of Solomon's temple is described in 2 Chronicles 4:1 – 5
5. Which imagery is similar in function to the bronze Sea?
Acts 22:14 – 16
1 Corinthians 6:11

The Holy Places of the Temple

The altar and bronze Sea were positioned in the peoples worship area of the temple. The temple also had a Holy Place for the priests, and the Holy of Holies, which was God's place. Note the purpose for the furnishings in these courts of the temple.

1. What was the table of showbread that God commended Moses to make?
Exodus 25:23 – 30
2. The golden lamp stand stood in the Holy Place in front of the veil covering the Holy of Holies and represented God's presence. It was to be a reflection of His glory. How was the lamp stand to be made?
Exodus 25:31 – 40
Numbers 8:1 – 4
3. During which hours of the day were the priests to keep the oil lamps on the lamp stand burning?
Exodus 27:20 – 21
4. How many of these lamp stands did Solomon make for the first temple in Jerusalem?
2 Chronicles 4:7
5. The altar of incense was located in front of the entrance to the Holy of Holies. The temple in Jerusalem had one altar of incense; the temple in Arad had two. What is the significance of the offering of incense?
Exodus 30: 7 – 8
Psalm 141:1 – 2
Revelation 5:6 – 10

6. The Ark of the Covenant, which became the focus of God's presence among His people, was kept in the Holy of Holies. Who was allowed in the Holy of Holies? And under what circumstances?
Leviticus 16:1 – 2
Leviticus 16:34

God's Covenants with His People

In the ancient Near East, there was a special covenant form in which a greater party (often a king)) established a relationship with a lesser party (often a vassal). The greater party determined the responsibilities of each, and the lesser party accepted or rejected the relationship. God used this kind of covenant when dealing with His people.

God made several significant covenants with His people. What was each covenant? Why did God have the right to make the covenant? What did God promise in the covenant? What sign was a symbol of the covenant?

- Genesis 9:8 – 17
- Genesis 15
- Genesis 17:1 – 14
- Exodus 19: 1 – 6
- Exodus 24:1 – 12
- Exodus 31:18
- Exodus 40:20 – 21
- 2 Samuel 7:1 – 16
- Hebrews 13:20 – 25
- Luke 22:19 – 20
- 1 Corinthians 5:6 - 8

Jesus—The Sacrifice for Our Sins

1. Hundreds of years before Jesus, what did the prophet Isaiah say that Jesus would do for us?
Isaiah 53:4 – 12
2. What terminology did John the Baptist use to describe Jesus?
John 1:29
3. What is Jesus called in 1 Corinthians 5:7?
4. In light of the terminology used in the two Scripture references above, what is the significance of the specific time at which Jesus died on the Cross?
Matthew 27:46 – 50
5. What was Jesus the Messiah's impact on the Israelites' central act of worship – blood sacrifices?
Hebrews 9:11 – 14
6. After both temples were destroyed, Jewish followers of Yahweh pointed to passages like Micah 6:6 – 8 to indicate that obedience to God is the "new" sacrifice. How is that passage similar to Romans 12:1?

God's Presence in the World

1. How near to His creation was God when He first created the world? What changed?
Genesis 3:8 – 24
2. What was God's concern for His world?
Genesis 11:1 – 5
3. What was the main purpose of the temple in Jerusalem?
2 Chronicles 5:7
2 Chronicles 7:1 – 3
4. What happened to God's presence because of Israel's unbelief?
Ezekiel 10:18 – 19
5. How did God restore His presence among His people?
John 1:1
John 1:14
6. In what way does God choose to reveal His presence today?
1 Corinthians 3:16 – 17

References

Genesis 3	2 Chronicles 4
Genesis 9	2 Chronicles 5
Genesis 11	2 Chronicles 6
Genesis 15	2 Chronicles 7
Genesis 17	Psalms 99
Exodus 19	Psalms 141
Exodus 20	Isaiah 53
Exodus 24	Ezekiel 1
Exodus 25	Ezekiel 10
Exodus 27	Matthew 5
Exodus 30	Matthew 22
Exodus 31	Matthew 27
Exodus 40	Luke 22
Leviticus 1	John 1
Leviticus 16	Acts 22
Leviticus 17	Romans 12
Leviticus 24	1 Corinthians 3
Numbers 2	1 Corinthians 5
Numbers 28	1 Corinthians 6
Deuteronomy 31	Hebrews 9
2 Samuel 7	Hebrews 13
1 Kings 7	Revelation 4
1 Chronicles 28	Revelation 5
2 Chronicles 2	Revelation 6
2 Chronicles 3	