

The Coming Rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem

Four times in the prophecies of Daniel we see descriptions of a last days Temple in Jerusalem being defiled by the Antichrist:

(The Antichrist/little horn) even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and *it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary* was thrown down.”

(Daniel 8:11)

“And he (the Antichrist) will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

(Daniel 9:27)

And one week shall establish the covenant with many: and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations; and at the end of the time an end shall be put to the desolation.

(Daniel 9:27 Septuagint)

Forces from him will arise, *deseccrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice.* And they will set up *the abomination of desolation.*

(Daniel 11:31)

Four distinct times, Daniel makes clear references to a literal temple that will be literally defiled by a literal Antichrist.

Nothing about Daniel's language points to these things being fulfilled spiritually or allegorically, etc.

Jesus places this end-time even in the future.

Daniel integrally links it to the last 7 years before Jesus returns.

It therefore cannot be speaking of anything Titus did in AD 70.

**“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ... For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
(Matthew 24:15-21)**

Paul also draws from Daniel in describing these events.

Nothing Paul says would indicate that he expected these things in a spiritualized manner.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, *so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:4)

**John the Apostle similarly saw
this temple and spoke of it literally:**

Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “*Get up and measure the temple of God* and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.”

(Revelation 11:1-2)

What will it look like?

Could be as simple as a tent structure

It will be up on the temple mount

The Jews already have a plan

**It will be a matter of tremendous controversy within the Body of
Christ**

**Is this referring to a literal, physical temple
with sacrifices that will be rebuilt in the
future?**

**If so, how should we view such a temple
and sacrifices?**

**Yes, a literal, physical temple
with sacrifices will be rebuilt in the future**

The Temple and the sacrifices are called “holy”

**The sacrifices will be stopped and the temple
desolated by the Antichrist**

But isn't the temple spiritualized in the New Testament?

Let's look at the NT uses:

hierón

The greater temple complex (72 times)

A pagan temple of Artemis (Acts 19:27) (1 time)

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The literal Temple in Jerusalem, the building consisting of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies (32 times)

A heathen temple or shrine. (2 times)

Metaphorically - the spiritual temple representing Christ, individual Christians, or the Church corporately (9 times)

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” (John 2:19)

But He was speaking of the temple of His body. (John 2:21)

Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)

If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are. (1 Corinthians 3:17)

Although the NT does refer to Jesus, individuals, and the corporate church as Temples, far more often does it refer to the Temple in a literal sense.

Both are true.

In no way would any NT writer conclude that we should go back and retroactively re-interpret very clear and literal prophecies in a spiritualized way.