

# **The Theology of the Temple** *“God’s dwelling place”*

Intro

## **1) THE GARDEN OF EDEN ó**

- i. Land of Eden where God created Adam (Genesis 2:8).
- ii. River flowed out of the Eden (Genesis 2:10-14).
- iii. God created Adam in his image and put Adam in the garden *ōto* cultivate it and keep it (Genesis 2:15).
- iv. God talked with Adam (Genesis 3:8).
- v. Adam sin and was separated from God.

## **2) BRIEF APPEARANCES ó**

## **3) THE TABERNACLE OF GOD**

- a) God promised to dwell among them if they kept His commandments (Leviticus 26:3, 11-12).
- b) Tabernacle was a humble house for God to dwell in.
- c) The arboreal lampstand (Exodus 25:31-36).
- d) The guarding cherubim.

## **4) THE TEMPLE OF GOD**

- a) God told David that his descendant would build a house for God, 2 Samuel 7:12
- b) The temple was an **improvement** on the tabernacle.
- c) The temple adds more garden like imagery.
- d) Solomon acknowledges the **inferiority** of the temple he has built for God. 2 Chronicles 6:18

## **5) THE ESCHATOLOGICAL TEMPLE OF THE PROPHETS**

Ezekiel ó

Isaiah ó

Zechariah ó

## **6) THE TEMPLE IN PERSON – JESUS CHRIST**

John 1:14; 2:18-22;

## **7) THE TEMPLE OF THE CHURCH**

1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:19-22

## **8) PARADISE RESTORED – THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE**

Revelations 21-22

Conclusion