





## Temples and the Presence of God

- “The Old Testament tabernacle and temples were symbolically designed to point to the cosmic eschatological reality that God’s tabernacling presence, formerly limited to the holy of holies, was to be extended throughout the whole earth. Against this background, the Revelation 21 vision is best understood as picturing the final end-time temple that will fill the entire cosmos.”
- “The essential meaning of Israel’s temple was that it represented the glorious presence of God that was revealed more fully in the holy of holies than anywhere else on earth.”

➤ *The Temple and the Church's Mission -G.K. Beale*



## Entering the True Veil

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Isaiah 66:1** Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? <sup>2</sup> "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt [tabernacle] among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 6:19** This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us ...



## Jesus as the Temple

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Colossians 1:19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Colossians 2:9** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:38** ... believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.“
- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 Corinthians 5:19** namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Timothy 3:16** And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.



## The Church as the Temple

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 14:20** "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you ...<sup>23</sup> ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?



## A Temple Under Construction

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 2:20** having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Peter 2:4** And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



## Temple and Covenant

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
  - *Edenic Covenant*
- The Edenic Covenant is the fountain of all future covenants.



- <sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 9:1** And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."  
➤ *Noahic Covenant*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Genesis 35:11** God also said to him, "I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply; A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come forth from you. <sup>12</sup> "And the land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, And I will give the land to your descendants after you."  
➤ *Abrahamic Covenant*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Leviticus 26:9** 'So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.  
➤ *Mosaic Covenant*

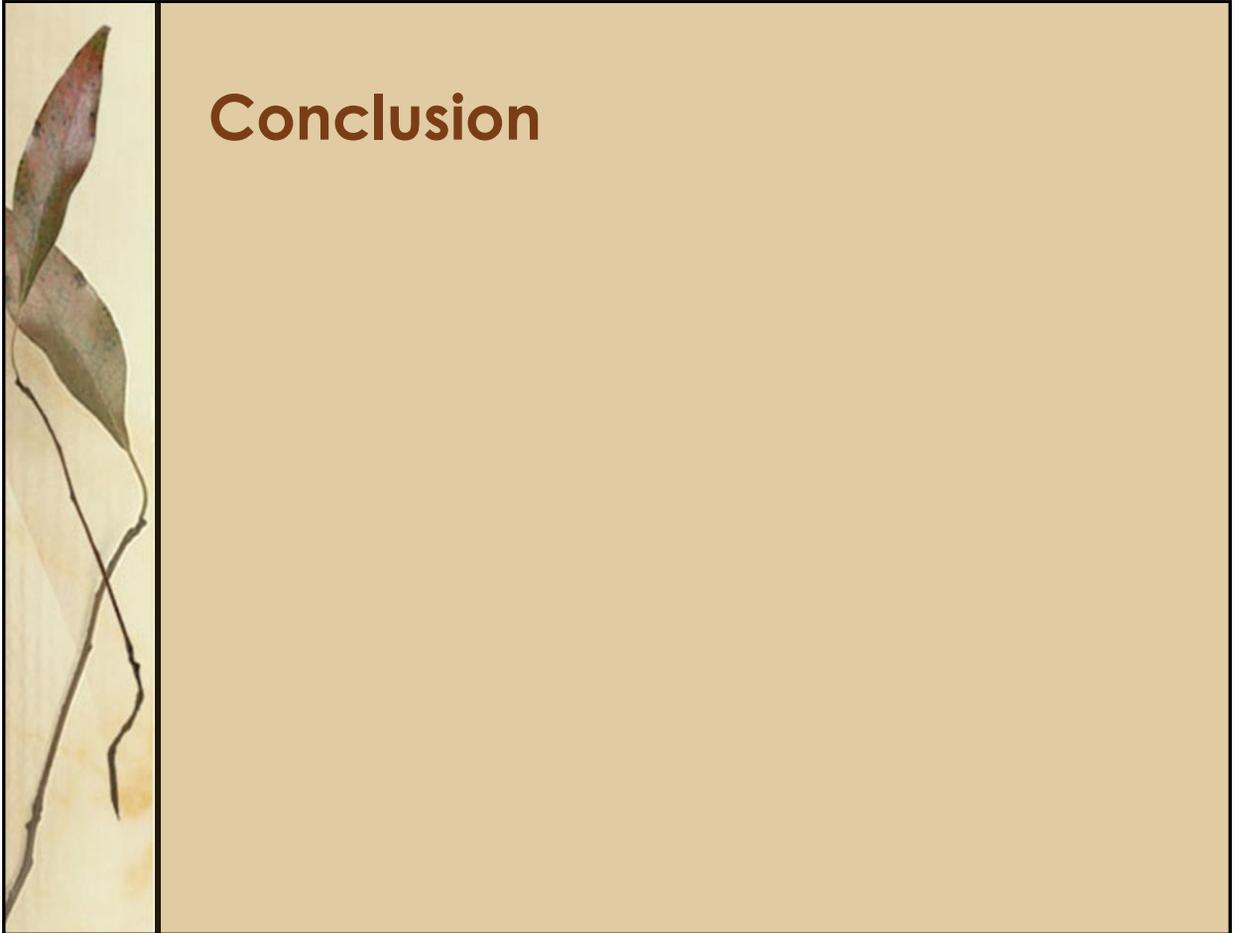


- <sup>NAS</sup> **Jeremiah 23:3** "Then I Myself shall gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.  
➤ *New Covenant*
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 13:23** "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain ..."
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Colossians 1:6** ... All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.



## Our Mandate

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 24:14** "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Acts 1:8** but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."



## Conclusion



## Build the Temple

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 12:4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. <sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. <sup>12</sup> ... and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, ... and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1. We're all empowered to do something.
2. Our ministries are appointed by God.
3. Our ministries are all equally important.
4. We must not be critical of each other's ministry.



## Build it in Love

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 Corinthians 13:1** If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 13:35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."