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There is also a physical structure included in the work of David's promised "seed", the Lord Jesus Christ, after his return from the right hand of the Father in heaven. At that time he will "BUILD A HOUSE FOR MY NAME..." - 2 Samuel 7:13.

This "house" will be the final in a series which began with the tabernacle (tent) in the wilderness, and was present when Jesus "came suddenly to his temple" - Malachi 3:1, the fulfilment of this prophecy being reported in -

- John 2:13 "...Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, Take these things away! Do not make MY FATHER'S HOUSE a house of merchandise!"

But those who were in charge of the Temple would not recognize the authority of Jesus, and rejected him - John 19:15. As a result, declared Jesus,

- O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 See! YOUR HOUSE is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who Comes in the name of the Lord'!" - Luke 13:34.

Less than 40 years later, as a result of a Jewish rebellion against the Roman occupation of Judea, the Romans armies destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD. Many were killed and the remainder deported into slavery, scattered away from their homeland. But God had promised -

- "I am with you," says the Lord, 'to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished" - Jeremiah 30:11. And this was not the end of having a temple in Jerusalem -
- "Thus says the Lord: 'Keep justice, and do righteousness. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who... keeps his hand from doing any evil. 3 Do not let the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord speak, saying, 'The Lord has utterly separated me from His people...7 even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS'." - Isaiah 56:1-7.

It is clear from the prophets that another temple will be built, that it will also be in Jerusalem, and that it will be scaled up to be not only for Israel, but enlarged to accommodate pilgrims from all nations to worship there. Zechariah identifies the person who will supervise the construction -

- "Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: 'Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, and HE SHALL BUILD THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD; 13 yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall... rule on His throne; so He shall be a priest on His throne..." - Zechariah 6:12.