

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 29

The Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians, the temple that was rebuilt under Ezra was destroyed by the Romans. But there will be another temple built there on a far greater scale, this time by David's promised "seed", Jesus Christ -

- "He SHALL BUILD A HOUSE FOR MY NAME..." - 2 Samuel 7:13.
- "Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: 'Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! ...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.

The Branch is a title of the Messiah, as can be seen in -

- "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots...5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist" - Isaiah 11:1.
- "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth" - Jeremiah 33:15.

We are also informed in Scripture that God appointed the resurrected Jesus as the permanent high priest for believers -

- "The forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become HIGH PRIEST forever according to the order of Melchizedek" - Hebrews 6:20.
- As to his kingship, Jesus, when asked by the Roman governor Pilate, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world..." - John 18:37 - and so Jesus will be in fact a priest and king.

But there are more clear prophetic indicators that when Jesus "shall build a house for My name" it also refers to the physical temple which will "be called a house of prayer for all nations" -

- We are told that when Jesus reigns on the throne of his father David, that "many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" - Zechariah 8:22, and -
- "It shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles" - Zechariah 14:16, also -
- "Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, TO THE HOUSE OF THE GOD OF JACOB; he will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" - Isaiah 2:3.

While David received by the spirit of God the design of the temple which Solomon built, he had no details of that "house" to be built by his ultimate promised "seed" - who would also be the son of God. But about 400 years later there came a remarkably detailed description of that temple yet to be built, in which the prophet was given, in vision, a guided tour.