

Earthly and Heavenly Temples

Explanation

Temple themes are prominent throughout the book of Revelation. Echoes from the Old Testament are conspicuously present in the revelation of John. Chart 17-4 lists these elements, together with their corresponding references, where applicable, from the Hebrew scriptures. It is difficult to understand the book of Revelation without a clear picture of the Jewish Temple. By the time this revelation was given to John, the temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed. Its eternal renewal and perpetual blessings were the hope and joy of the Revelator.

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Ex 29:39	Slain Lamb of God	Rev 5:6
Ex 26:25–33	Holy of Holies	Rev 4:1–10
1Kgs 7:50	Holy place	Heb 9:11–12, 24
Ex 30:10	Altar of sacrifice	Rev 6:9
Ex 27:1–2; 39:39	Four horns of the altar	Rev 9:13
Ex 30:1–6; 39:38	Altar of incense	Rev 8:3–5
Ex 30:34–36	Incense	Rev 5:8; 8:3–4
Num 7:13–37; 1Kgs 7:50	Incense bowls	Rev 5:8
Ex 25	Ark of the Covenant	Rev 11:19
Heb 4:14	High Priest	Heb 9:6–7
Ps 110:4; Heb 7:17	Priestly officiants	Rev 8:2–5
Ex 19:13, 16, 19	Trumpet	Rev 8:2, 6
Ex 29, 39	Sacral vestments	Rev 4:4; 6:11; 15:6
1Kgs 7:50	Golden censer	Rev 8:3–5
Ex 26:35	Seven-branched lampstand	Rev 1:12
passim	Worshippers	Rev 5:11; 7:9; 19:6
passim	Rites	Rev 4:8–11; 8:2–5; 15:1–8
1 Chr 23:3–6	24 priests or elders	Rev 4:4, 10; 5:8; D&C 77:5
Ex 25:18, 22; 1Kgs 6:23–28	Cherubim	
	Four living creatures	Rev 4:6–8; D&C 77:2–3
Ex 25:22; Lev 16:2	Mercy seat or throne	Ps 11:4; Rev 7:9; 16:17
Heb 9:1–2	“Worldly sanctuary”	
	“temple in heaven”	Rev 7:15; 14:17; 15:5; 16:17
	“True tabernacle”	Heb 8:2