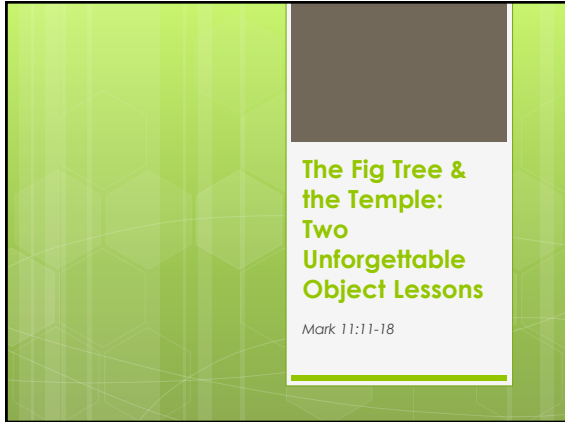


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The Passion Week

- o Sunday...
 - o The Triumphal Entry.
 - o Healing in the temple.
 - o Prophesying and weeping over the destruction of the city.
 - o Casing the temple.



The Passion Week

- o Monday – only three events.
 - o Cursing of a fig tree.
 - o 2nd Cleansing of the temple.
 - o Request of some Greeks (John 12)

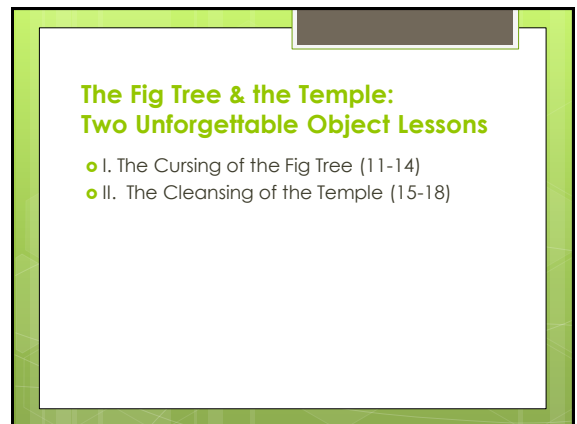


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Early Figs (Heb., Paggim)



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The Tabernacle

- Ex. 40 completed.
- 1444 BC.
- Glory Cloud descended and took up residence in the Tent.
- The Holy of Holies was the throne room of YHWH, Israel's king (Ezek. 43:7; cf. Lev. 16:2; Num. 9:17-19).

Solomon's Temple

- Completed Israel's first temple in 1 Kings 6:38 in 959 BC (cf. 1 Kings 6:1).
- Built on Mt. Moriah.
 - 2 Ch. 3:1 - Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- Cf. 2 Sam. 24:16-25
- Cf. Gen. 22:2 - the exact spot where Abram had prepared an altar to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Solomon's Temple



Solomon's Temple

- Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians
- In 586 BC.

Zerubbabel's Temple

- In 538 BC Cyrus decreed that the Israelites could return to their land.
- Construction began in 536 BC.
- Completed under preaching of Haggai in 516 BC.

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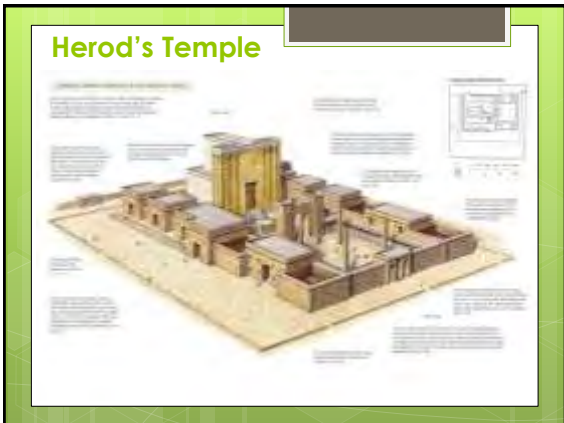
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Herod's Temple from northeast



Temple with Court of Women from east



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The Holy of Holies



The Sakhra in the Dome of the Rock



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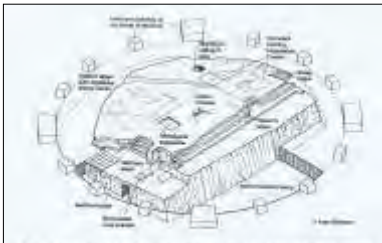


FIG. 18. Illustration of the Sakhra with part of the Dome of the Rock removed to show the half circle of the structure and its location.



Temple with Court of Women from east

The Court of Gentiles



Jesus' Four Lessons...

- 1) The Temple was God's house.
 - Jesus called the temple "My Father's house" (Luke 2:49; John 2:16).
 - 1 Kings 8:27 - "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, how much less this house which I have built!"
 - Is. 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?"

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Jesus' Four Lessons...

- **2)** The primary function of the Temple was not the sacrifices but worship.
- **3)** The Temple was not only for the Jews but for all the nations.
 - Cf. [Is. 56:6-8](#)
- **4)** The spiritual leaders of the nation were robbing the people.
 - Cf. [Jer. 7:11](#)

Important Lessons for Us...

- **1)** God hates empty, hypocritical worship and will judge it.
- **2)** Jesus has the personal authority to evaluate the genuineness of our worship and spiritual life.
- **3)** The heart of Jesus is for all the nations.
 - World missions; cf. [Ps. 67:1-2](#) - God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us-- Selah. 2 That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations.
 - Personal evangelism.
- **4)** In this confrontation with the leaders of the nation, we can clearly see the love of Jesus for us.