

**ECWA GOODNEWS CHURCH, 54 AHMADU BELLO WAY, JOS**

**BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE 2, 2020**

**THEME: "NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT...." (ZECH.4:6)**

**Topic: THE TEMPLE OF GOD (1)**

Memory Verse: 1cor.3:16

**Introduction:** The magnificence of the temple portrays its significance and importance for Jews. It is sacred and stands as a place of glory and presence of God in the midst of His people.

Interestingly, components and items of the temple highlight the nature of important and sacred services to be rendered unto the Most High God (1Kgs6:7)

From the time of Adam, to the erection of the first physical Tabernacle and then the temple ( Gen.3:8; Zech. 1:3; Is.64:11; Luke 21:5-6); a foretaste of the "spiritual temple" (1Pet.2:4-5; Jn4:23-24; 1Cor.3:16), men have found ways & reasons to place much value on the physical rather than the spiritual.

This study shall highlight and make comparison of the physical with the spiritual temple of the Church-age believer & draw applicable lessons for us today.

**STUDY QUESTIONS:**

1. Why was the construction of a temple necessary & important? 1Kgs8:20-21;(see Gen.3:8;1Kgs8:2-13)
2. Read 1Chron. 28:1-3,11-19,21; 1Kgs6:7(see Exo.25:1-2, 8-10,40;26:30;35:30-31;36:1-3) and examine/discuss the following:
  - a. Who originated the idea of building the temple?
  - b. the construction blueprint, pattern & design.
  - c. by who and how will the construction work at the temple be carried out?

To be continued

## **I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCTING STUDY**

This is a systematic Bible study relevant to the times.

Study begins 5-6:30pm on Friday 17th April, 2020. For those who are not able to start at the exact time could chose a time convenient same Friday. However, it is encouraged we walk at same time.

Start with 5mins praise/worship & prayers.

There should be a leader to guide discussion but should not dominate.

Ensure you have your Bible & writing material for noting points or ideas.

Be open & encourage contributions/discussions

At the end of each study, the leader will do a brief summary/recap.

Material will be shared through zonal leaders' platform & others for further sharing on general zonal platforms, individuals etc. For those without smartphone, leaders of zone could print & distribute at #20 only including those who prefer hard copies.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

The study relates the continuous declining of the status of the physical temple culminating to the spiritual. Of course, the temple & its glamour was very important to the Jews but Jesus & the prophets had severally & severely warned them on their personal relations with God above over reliance on the temple. Today, believers give less attention to the true & real temple, our bodies where the Spirit dwells as a metaphor for God's dwelling place. Also, buildings could be good for several reasons, administration inclusive but the agitation for a physical temple could overshadow the attention to be focused on our spiritual walk. Thus, wrong placement of value in our time (Luke21:5-6). Jesus drew their attention that the glamorous physical temple shall be destroyed. Do you attend a church because of the physical building & other physical things?

In the midst of what looks impossible God still preserve His jewels, progressively there was a diminish in the physical to a Shadow. Are you the jewel, the remnant one? (1Pet2:4-5; Jn4:23-24; 1Cor.3:16).

## **III. QUESTION 1.**

God has always desire to fellowship with us right from Adam in the garden of Eden, Abraham, Jacob; Israel & His fulfilment through Jesus. Communion with man is at the heart of God. This was fulfilled at a time from altar, Tabernacle to the building of a permanent place, the temple for fellowship. Though it was the idea of David but clearly it was God's very idea not man's. David made the proposal but it was in the mind of God, the exact plan & design as He awaits.

NOTE: We're taking introduction & question 1 only.