

God & Man Lesson 10 – Temple & Prophets



INTRODUCTION:

When God gave Moses the 10 Commandments, He also gave them instructions to build a "tabernacle", a type of traveling temple. After they had settled in the land, the Jewish people built a permanent temple in Jerusalem. God sent many prophets to Israel during their time in the land and these prophets often gave "Messianic" prophecies – prophecies about their coming Messiah. Christians believe that many of those prophecies have been fulfilled in Jesus.

SOLOMON, THE TEMPLE

1. Read [II Chronicles 6:1-2; 18; 32-33](#) Solomon build the 1st temple. Did Solomon think that God would live in the temple? If you believe God exists, where do you think He lives?
2. What does Solomon say about God and foreigners? Does this surprise you? Why? Do you think that you can pray to God? What can you pray?

JESUS COMPARED WITH THE TEMPLE

The Door and Jesus.

3. Read [John 10:9](#). Think about the door in the temple. What was its purpose? If Jesus says He is the door, what might that mean? How can Jesus be a door for you?

The Candlestick and Jesus

Read [John 8:12](#). Think about the temple candlestick. How does light help us? What do you think that Jesus means when He says, "I am the light of the world? Has learning about God helped you understand anything more clearly? If yes, what?

PROPHETS AND JESUS

The Prophet Isaiah

4. Read [Isaiah 7:14](#). What did Isaiah prophecy? Is it possible for a virgin to have a child? Read [Luke 1:30-35](#). Describe what the angel told Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist

5. Read [Luke 1:5-7](#). Who was the king at that time? What kind of people were Zechariah and Elizabeth? What was their problem?
6. Read [Luke 1:8-20](#). What did Zechariah see? What message did the angel have for Zechariah? What would the child do for Israel? Did Zechariah believe the angel? What

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did the angel say would be Zechariah's punishment? How would you react if you saw an angel?

7. Read [Luke 1:21-25](#). What happened to Elizabeth? How did Zechariah communicate with people?
8. Read [Luke 1:57-66](#)
What did the family want to call the baby? What did Elizabeth and Zechariah want to call the baby? What happened to Zechariah? What did the people think? Who do you think this child became?
9. Why is John the Baptist special? Here's what John MacArthur, a famous Bible teacher says:

"Before John the Baptist, there had been no prophet in Israel for over four centuries. Since the days of Malachi, no new word of revelation had come from heaven. Nor had an angel appeared to men since the time of the prophet Zechariah, five hundred years earlier. But that long silence was about to be broken."

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The Jewish temple does not exist today.
2. The temple has nothing to do with Jesus.
3. Jesus called Himself the Light of the World.
4. A man called Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would have a child.
5. A man called Zechariah was told his son would be Jesus.
6. An angel visited Mary, the mother of Jesus.