



# Watching & Ready Column (Matthew 24:42-44)

*“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near; at the doors.” Mark 13:28-29*

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### Trump & the Ark of the Covenant



*“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” Matthew 10:16*

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28*

*“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to understand with a sound mind, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. But having different gifts according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, in ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with simplicity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:3-8*

Certainly this ministry has noticed that sometimes the things that people send it seem to correlate with other things and end up in this Watching & Ready column. This is not necessarily surprising.

So I had mentioned to someone how a pastor had heard from someone else how President Trump had a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, covered in pure gold, who then told this brother in

Christ, who then ‘verified’ this and told me. I believe this was allegedly found during the FBI raid on his Mar-a-Lago home.

His desire was for me to write up a piece and then he had asked permission to use whatever snippet I created. Usually his research is quite good and so when he said he had verified it, even seen photos, this seemed legit and it was. However, this other person who I had sent an email too, had reminded me to use discernment.

We must –all- be very careful out there. There are truths, half truths and then there are things that are simply false. With AI and other older ‘photo-editing’ software and ‘tricks of the trade’ we could all be duped. So imagine writing a ‘snippet’ about Trump having the Ark of the Covenant somewhere at Mar-a-Lago and what that would/could say about him (considering everything that has been said). Well that one thing, if not completely correct, could be a ‘hit piece’ against a ministry such as this that would be a reason for people to ‘stay’ away, as if the algorithms with the search engines were not enough!

So in doing some research I found a ‘reliable’ article with Joe Reagan (reliable source, right?) mentioning Trump having the Ark of the Covenant. A bit more ‘digging’ and I found that this is a real replica, built to biblical specifications, that may very well be used in the third temple, the Antichrist temple, just as other things are prepared. However, this was only on display at Mar-a-Lago and is not actually owned by President Trump.

From the Jewish News Syndicate ([www.jns.org/with-eyes-on-winning-war-building-third-jewish-temple-ark-replica-shown-in-jerusalem/](http://www.jns.org/with-eyes-on-winning-war-building-third-jewish-temple-ark-replica-shown-in-jerusalem/)):

*“The replica has already visiting Mar-a-Lago, the Palm Beach, Fla. Home of former President Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee.”*

With the Word of God, the Bible, as long as we are using a good translation like the KJV or the VW-Edition, we can be certain of what the Bible says, absolutely certain. However, everything else we must be cautious, lest it become a snare to us. Be careful out there!

Still that article link is a good read to see just how close we are! This is the real deal, a real replica and that is the true story here. These people are ready for the Temple to be rebuilt, however, this will be the Antichrist temple. Of interest, if you follow the link, take a look at the care of how the gold was purified for consideration into the other portion of this month’s column.

Keep Looking Up!

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### Will there be a Temple during the Tribulation?

We are going to take a fairly extensive look at this, probably will provide the rest of the material for this Watching & Ready

column. This is a –very- important question, much more than you could imagine.

Unfortunately, with the apostasy in full swing, I imagine the pasting of some PB material on here will probably not be as up-to-date as it was when it was written. Much fewer people are ‘watching and ready’ than ever before, even that which calls itself Christian. However, I would suppose there is still a segment of those who ignoring Jesus’s edict to be watching and ready (*Matt. 24:42-44*) as they are waiting for that Dome of the Rock to be removed and the Third Temple to be rebuilt. In fact, President Trump just put two people in power who are –perfect- for such a setup.



*President Trump on a Temple Mount coin from his first term in office, after declaring that Jerusalem was the capital of Israel and moving the United States embassy there.*

Pete Hegseth is now the United States Secretary of Defense and Mike Huckabee is now the ambassador to Israel. Interesting people to have in those positions, even with Huckabee who certainly will keep the evangelical support for President Trump in full swing.

*“Speaking at an Arutz Sheva conference at King David Hotel in 2018, Hegseth said, “1948 was a miracle; 1967 was a miracle; 2017—the declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel – was a miracle; and there is not reason why the miracle of the reestablishment of the temple on the Temple Mount is not possible. I don’t know how it would happen; but I know it could happen.”*

*Taken from Way of Life (wayoflife.org); David Cloud; Magazine – 0’Timothy; December 2024*

Let’s see if we can get to the ‘bottom’ of this and see what the Bible says about these things. This was recently sent to me from someone and is originally from PB and the former *A Voice in the Wilderness* ministry:

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### **Re: Temple Not Necessary (Ezra 3:3-6)**

"And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease. And on a corner will be abominations that cause horror, even until the end. And that which was decreed shall be poured out on the desolate." (Dan9:27)

This is one of the pivotal verses that people look at with regards to future prophecy. Jesus speaks of many things, and then says, "...when you see these things happening, know that it is near; at the doors!" (Mr13:29) And so, they carry that concept to Dan9:27, looking for indications that this passage is "near". When they see "sacrifice and offering", they automatically think in their minds, "Temple". So, they keep watching for signs that the temple will be rebuilt. If they see or hear of events that might suggest that the Dome of the Rock is about to be blown up, thus making way for the temple to be built there, they get excited. If the Temple Mount & Faithful group makes plans, and shares their desires to lay the corner stone, thus, ushering the possibility of starting to rebuild the temple, people get excited. They are looking for Christ's coming and the rapture, based on whatever 'progress' they think they see regarding the rebuilding of-the-temple.

I was reminded of something we have addressed in the past, as I was working my way through Ezra recently. Some of the exiles have returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, and notice: "Though fear had come upon them because of the people of those lands, they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to Jehovah, both the morning and evening burnt offerings." (Ezra3:3) Very similar circumstances which Israel finds itself in today. The enemy surrounding them, continually attacking them and making life miserable, so that the people were afraid. But they were performing the "morning and evening burnt offerings". That's the same offerings Dan9:27 indicates when it says, "sacrifice" and "offering". This was the 'daily' set of offerings. The "continual burnt offering", "day-by-day", "one..in the morning", and "the other..at twilight". (Ex29:38-42)

These exiles also, it goes on to say, kept the Feast of Booths, and did all the other offerings, and new moons, etc. (vs4-6) And then notice what vs6 says, "...although the foundation of the temple of Jehovah had not been laid."

Now, if the foundation hadn't yet been laid, obviously, the temple was not yet rebuilt, either.

Now, let's add to our proper prophetic understanding... "who" is going to build the next temple? This, too, we have addressed in the past: "Thus says Jehovah of Hosts, saying, Behold! The

Man whose name is THE BRANCH! And He shall spring up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of Jehovah. Even He shall build the temple of Jehovah; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule on His throne. And He shall be a priest on His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between the two of them." (Zech6:12-13)

No, the Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful group will not be building it. No, we do not need to wait for the Al Aksa mosque to be bombed. The temple will not be rebuilt until Christ comes to establish His kingdom.

So, while we are busy -seeing- "all these things", in anticipation of the Lord's coming for the resurrection and rapture of the Church, let's be sure we are looking for the -right- things. If we continue on through, on this earth, to the time we see the temple being rebuild, it means we missed out. Such a person was not saved; was not a Christian. The Christian will not see the building of the temple during this 'present' sojourn on this earth. We will be first meeting the Lord "in the air" on the occasion of the "shouted command" and the "voice of the archangel" and the "trumpet of God". (1Th4:16)

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This is an interesting take on the Temple and if I were to guess, as it is looking like the Rapture literally could happen ANY MOMENT, that one thing that seems pretty certain is that the Temple doesn't look to be rebuilt prior to the Rapture. Yet, will it be rebuilt by men at all? We know Christ builds the Millennial Temple (Zec. 6:12-13), but will there be an 'Antichrist temple' during the Tribulation? Well, let's take a look at what the Bible says (Acts 17:11) in two different passages of Scripture.

*"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is unveiled, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is honored, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, declaring of himself that he is God." 2nd Thessalonians 2:3-4*

Now let me emphasize that the 'son of perdition' otherwise known as the Antichrist sits -in- the temple of God. Keep that in mind. Now another snippet of information, rich with God's Truth regarding this time period seems relevant to post here from that same ministry that God used to train me.

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**Lawless One - (2Th 2:4,9- 12)**

"...who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is honored, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, declaring himself that he is God" (vs4)

Many in Israel thought this was Antiochus IV ("Epiphanes"), during the time of the Maccabees; before Christ's birth. If I remember history correctly, I believe he was the one who sacrificed swine on the temple altar. Thus, as KJV states, the "abomination of desolation". (Dan9:27) But Jesus also makes reference to the matter as being yet future tense (Mk13:14), thus, Antiochus IV was not it. Some from the preterist view make other similar type claims for around 70AD as Jerusalem fell, and Israel ceased to be a nation, again. But Daniel speaks of "until the end".

This person takes on a role that satan desires. To take the place of God, and declare himself to be God. Satan's desire... to be "like the Most High". (Is14:14) But this will be a 'man'. (Ezk28:9) He will claim Deity upon himself. But it seems that he may not arrive at that place until mid-point through those seven years? He will start out being a global hero, having resolved the middle-east conflict with a treaty. (Dan9:27) Will this be at the end of the Ps83 war? A lot of details we don't know. Perhaps of Jewish lineage, such that Israel will receive him as a false messiah? This is what Jesus warned about the false "Christs" (Mt24) (Christ == Messiah) And since Israel is yet in unbelief, they will easily believe what is false; if that person can stop all the suicide bombers, rockets and other continual attacks, they'll welcome him with open arms.

However, it speaks of him sitting "in the temple of God" (vs4) We know that the final temple will be built by THE BRANCH. (Zec6:12) Thus, what is this temple spoken of here? Will they actually begin building an interim temple? The Temple Mount and Land of Israel Faithful people would sure like to get building. They've already got two cornerstones that they continually ceremonialize. But they do not believe in Messiah. They do not speak of the need to repent before God, and receiving Jesus as Savior, but they think their prime disobedience to God is in not building the temple. So, will they get started building? Is that where the antichrist will make his self-proclamation?

We know that as there is "the" antichrist, even now there are "many" antichrists. (1Jn2:18) What do we see today? We know that our human bodies are called "temples". (Jn2:21, 1co6:19) And what do we see today, as the apostasy is in full-swing? We have many people proclaiming themselves to be gods. They become "spirit-filled" and as a result of that, they proclaim themselves all-powerful. And do we not see "power, signs and lying wonders" (vs9) ?? For those morning and evening sacrifices (Dan9:27) we know that a completed temple building is not necessary. In Ezr3:6 we see how the returned exiles began offering sacrifices when only the foundation was laid. And notice how Dan8:11 speaks of "the foundation of His sanctuary". How long would it take them to build such a structure? With modern building techniques and equipment, buildings can go up rather quickly. But even if there isn't a finished building (since we know that Christ will build the millennial temple), an 'area' designated can also be called "temple". In Dan9:27, the text is really hard to discern, thus you find it rendered variously in different translations. But one thing is clear...that is the word "corner". The way the "Temple Mount" group keeps driving the truck around with their corner stones, and they regularly do oil-pouring ceremonies, and water-drawing ceremonies, and have done some sacrifices on near-by locations in-view of the temple mount...I keep 'wondering' if Dan9:27 could possibly be speaking of "corner (stones)". Could it be that permission will never quite be granted to build the temple, but they will be allowed to carry those stones to the temple mount, and begin sacrifices? They already have it mapped out, where they think the original Holy-of-holies was...and in their minds, that's where it is...even though the Dome-of-the-rock now sits there.

There's a lot we don't know, until it happens. But it seems most likely that, just as there are many antichrists today but 'the' antichrist is yet to be unveiled; so, too, there are many self-proclaimed 'gods' today, but the son- of-perdition will be THE MAIN EVENT prophetically.

Thus, what we see today, with these people doing their signs and wonders, will be like nothing compared to what this one will do. He will even call fire down from heaven. (Rev13:13)

But whatever those details will be, the thing that is important to understand -now- is all of humanity.

The "..working of satan" (vs9) Satan who is the "father" of lies. (Jn8:44) The signs the son of perdition will perform are "lying wonders". Many people are wowed by charismania's "miracles"...but they are "lying wonders". For what purpose? Why does anybody lie? To -deceive-.

Notice the wording: "unrighteous deception among those who are perishing" (vs10) Things will be different. How many places does Scripture warn us to not be deceived (De11:16), to not be led astray (1co6:9, 15:33, Ga6:7, etc) If we are warned to "not" be led astray, that means we presently have a choice. But then it will be different. They will be deceived, because they are the ones who are perishing.

Why? "..because they -did- not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (vs10) Where presently the Holy Spirit through the Church is "restraining" evil and deception, then that restraint will be gone. The Holy Spirit is no longer restraining; the Church is no longer there. They had a choice, but they scoffed, "where is the promise of His coming?" (2Pt3:4) They were taunting regarding the Rapture, "My master delays his coming" (Mt24:48) They were not among the "ones loving His appearing" (2Ti4:8) And so God says, "...the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to what his work shall be." (Rev22:10- 12)

Notice the verb tense: they "-did-" not receive the truth. It is no longer that they -do- not want the truth. The time came and went, and so when that day arrives, it will be said: They -did- not believe, so -now- let them have deception. They -did- not want the truth, so -now- let them have the lie. They -did- not receive Jesus (Jn1:12) when it was proclaimed to them "now is the day of salvation" (2co6:2), so -now- let them be judged.

As long as the Church was on earth, the Holy Spirit was a witness to their hearts and consciences. But -now-, the Church has been received up to Jesus' presence; and due to their unbelief, and their persecuting of the Church (1:6)...

"For this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie.." (vs11) to give "full vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1:8)

In that day there will not be any complex doctrine. There will no longer be many denominations of the saved. Those who are in all the denominations of the one-world-church have already been rejected. But for those who had not known any better: Their salvation will be based on their refusal to take the "mark" of the beast. (Rev14:9- 10) And notice what their fate is: They will be "...beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had not done homage to the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands." (Rev20:4) The basis (the "how to") for salvation during that time:

"And it shall come to pass that everyone who shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Ac2:21)

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*Here is a visual of a cornerstone being driven around, as mentioned in that snippet, by the Temple Mount Institute. Date Unknown, Fair Use*

Now let's take a passage that was pointed out to me from something I had read from David Cloud (wayoflife.org) regarding the Two Witnesses and what would be the Antichrist Temple. (If you read to the end of *Revelation 11* you will see the 'real' Temple of God.)

*"And I was given a reed like a staff. And the angel stood, saying, Arise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who do homage there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the*

*Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months." Revelation 11:1-2*

Now I can not underestimate the interesting 'comment' that PB made speaking about *2nd Thessalonians*, quoting once more from that same snippet:

"But it seems that he may not arrive at that place until mid-point through those seven years? He will start out being a global hero, having resolved the middle-east conflict with a treaty. (Dan9:27) Will this be at the end of the Ps83 war? A lot of details we don't know. Perhaps of Jewish lineage, such that Israel will receive him as a false messiah? This is what Jesus warned about the false "Christ" (Mt24) (Christ = Messiah) And since Israel is yet in unbelief, they will easily believe what is false; if that person can stop all the suicide bombers, rockets and other continual attacks, they'll welcome him with open arms."

This is already getting to be quite long and is going to get a bit longer, however, as the full matter of this –will not be known prior to the Rapture, this seems good as not only to cover ALL of this, but to have this available as a resource for future people who will have been Left Behind and hopefully are reading this in the process of having accepted Christ as their Savior or about ready to.

I must say, that comment to me is marvelous, because what it suggests is maybe (BIG ?) the Antichrist comes from ANOTHER LAND into Israel --- exactly! This is what we could be seeing right now, who knows, but by time the world could know (they won't) it will be too late. As AWS has spoken about and Brandon has made known with his book (linked to the website), the United States of America appears to be the revived Roman Empire, therefore would not our leader (President) potentially be qualified to be the Antichrist???

However, those two verses in Revelation suggest that there is also a temple, the Antichrist temple, during the Tribulation. However, what of that temple will actually be built? There will be something. More from PB, regarding this passage:

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"First of all notice that John is told to "measure" the temple, altar and those worshiping God. But also notice that no dimensions are given, like are given for the wilderness tabernacle, Solomon's temple, and the millennial temple. (Ezk40-44) Is that because there won't actually be a completed temple, but merely a 'spot' allocated for the morning and evening sacrifices? (Dan9:27) Details we don't know yet. But notice that the "court" outside the temple (the temple mount as is the case right now?) is overrun by the Gentiles for 42 months. Notice that the two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days. According to the Jewish 30-day calendar, 42 months and 1260 days are the same... 3 1/2 years. Keeping in mind that the 70th week is a 7-year period of time, at the 'middle' of

which the antichrist desecrates the holy place and proclaims himself to be deity. (Dan9:27, 2th2:4) Daniel speaks of "time and times and one half time" (Dan7:25, 12:7,14); that's 3 1/2 years. If the antichrist confirms the covenant for seven years, it seems reasonable that the first 3 1/2 years are relatively calm and peaceful, as they are proclaiming "peace and safety" (1Th5:3) (and perhaps Israel has sole access to the temple mount the first half?), and that these 3 1/2 years where all the trouble happens is the -last- half, leading up to those final 2 1/2 months; figured by Daniel's mentions of 1290 and 1335 days. (Dan12:11-12) Are those months the outpouring of Trumpet/Bowl #7, as God "finishes" wrath, and then Jesus comes, and by the conclusion of the 2 1/2 months, He has set up His kingdom? It is not spelled out as to exactly 'what' those months are, but he speaks of "blessing" to those who survive to that point."

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So why are no dimensions given. I looked up *Ezekiel 40 & 41* to see if perhaps there was anything that could be gleaned for this portion of the column, but did not see anything useful to this (Tribulation) time period study.

So there has been a lot more preparations made since that was written, but there are 'ways' in which things have to be done properly and if you read the article about how they got the gold for the ark replica, then you can imagine that these same people would readily be serious about following very strict guidelines.

Last night while working I was thinking about these things and when I woke up this morning I began to do some more research to see what more I could find that has been done or supposedly done in preparation for the temple.

Certainly the priestly garments, the altar, you see a real picture of the replica of the Ark of the Covenant in the beginning of this column, as well as seemingly all of the other implements that would be needed to do the daily sacrifices, as well as other duties, without a building. From my research there appears to be three cornerstones that have been hewn, but I found no other evidence of any other 'stones' ready for the building, just those cornerstones. I could see it being 'under construction' during the Tribulation, but knowing that there are -stringent- requirements for building the Temple of God, as well as 'cleansing' rituals, if you were to research the arches and double arches that were on the bedrock, for the Second Temple to have been built, just to ensure this cleanliness was suffice (against possible 'tumah'), this is -not- an easy task to meet these standards which have some Jewish traditions, as well as God's own standards laid out in His Word. So just how -soon- could the Temple be built?

It seems that so-called evangelicals for years have told us that the Third Temple could be built pretty much overnight. It is as if every piece needed was there (remember the whole thing was

overlaid with gold, as we will see in a moment), just needed to remove that 'dome' with a few bombs or a missile and -bam- the Third Temple would be up and running. They showed us the evidence of the preparations that were made and we just believed it could happen overnight. Well perhaps we should have used a bit of common sense.

In Rapid City, South Dakota, they have been working on a ten-story hotel/shops/apartment building in downtown for nearly two years and it still has a lot of work going on. These standards to build this building are set by man, the plans are checked, the foreman and inspector ensure that everything is up to code, but when it comes to building the Temple of God, these standards are MUCH more stringent.

This is to say nothing of the different sects of Jewish religious beliefs, some who want to build the Third Temple now so that the 'messiah' (Antichrist) comes, some who believe that the Moshiach (Jewish 'messiah') will build the Third Temple when he comes. This is NOT a small matter and is a very big point of contention. Let's also be realistic, there are a lot of Jewish people who think nothing of rebuilding the Temple, those who want the temple are really only certain sects of Jews. So, I am going to present some solid evidence that PB may very well be correct, the Third Temple does not necessarily need to be built and this - could- be a point of contention used against those who are about ready to inherit Salvation (Heb. 1:14) or an argument used as 'proof' that writing such as those found on certain websites necessitating the Third Temple 'proven' (at that time) to not be accurate and therefore discrediting God's Truth. We must be careful. So how about it right from those who would be responsible for the activities with the Antichrist temple during the "time of Jacob's trouble" (*Jer. 30:7*)?

From Israel365News:

*"When asked how long it would take to begin sacrifices if it suddenly became permissible, he considered carefully before answering. "If the government decided to permit it, it would only take a few weeks to make preparations, even to do the Yom Kippur service," he said.*

*"The structures can be temporary and prepared almost overnight. The biggest obstacle is educating the kohanim, which we are taking care of already. Once the priests are thoroughly educated, choosing a Kohen Gadol and teaching him what he needs to know for the Yom Kippur service is relatively simple and will take one week. The Temple Service performed by the Kohen Gadol is very demanding, but for an educated kohen, it is not overly difficult to learn to serve as the Kohen Gadol." - Israel365News - Rabbi Kahane*

<https://israel365news.com/310069/sanhedrin-appoints-high-priest-preparation-third-temple - August 29th, 2016>

So now back to the Bible:

*"And the house, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or ax or any iron tool was heard in the house while it was being built." 1st Kings 6:7*

Now this was Solomon who was overseeing the building, but his father King David had already begun hewing stones to build the house of God.

*“And David commanded to gather the sojourners in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond weight, and cedar timber without number; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought cedar timber to David in abundance. And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house to be built for Jehovah must be exceedingly magnificent, for fame and glory throughout all lands. I will now make preparation for it. So David made abundant preparations before his death.” 1st Chronicles 22:2-5*

David made ‘abundant preparations’. Consider the exquisite detail that went into the Second Temple:

*“And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. He stretched gold chains across the front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold. The whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that was by the inner sanctuary. Inside the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. One wing of the cherub was five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the end of one wing to the end of the other. And the other cherub was ten cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and the same shape. The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub. And he set the cherubim inside the inner house; and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the house. He also overlaid the cherubim with gold. And he carved all the walls of the house all around, inside and out, with carved figures of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, both inside and out. For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth. The two doors were of olive wood; and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he beat out the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees. And for the door of the temple he also made doorposts of olive wood; one-fourth. And the two doors were of cypress wood; two panels comprised one folding door, and two panels comprised the other folding door. And he carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers on them, and overlaid them with gold smoothly fitted to the carved work. And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams. In the fourth year the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid, in the month of Ziv. And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its details and according to all its plans. Thus he was seven years in building it.” 1st Kings 6:21-38*

Solomon had massive workers to complete this work (1 Kings 5:2-18) this was a MAJOR building project being done and it took Solomon seven years ‘in building it’. After all this was the House of God!

Now perhaps when PB wrote those things quite a few years ago we could have ‘scoffed’ and stated, well I –think- they are going

to build it before. Well –maybe-, but from my perspective things are so very close and that Dome of the Rock is still there, no one (that I am aware of) is doing what David did and beginning the stones (which means the preparations for the House of God were much longer than the seven years Solomon spent on it) hewn at quarries, cedar being cut down and prepared, the –proper- gold being received and purified according to Jewish traditions and customs, etc. You get the point. So far it hasn’t happened.

So while we have modern day equipment and could do things up quite quickly, I would imagine it would be a ‘quiet’ (1 Kings 6:7) construction zone that would take a decent amount of time to complete. So there will be an Antichrist temple, but it might not be much of anything.

What will actually happen regarding the ordeal of this temple will remain a mystery, but do not expect to see what people would have seen in Solomon’s day. Certainly there will be something and as PB wrote about in the Ezra piece, it will be enough to complete that which God has prophesied will happen.

Keep focused on Christ, nothing else needs to occur before the Rapture. Folks, if you are a true Believer, you ought to be ‘looking up’.

The way it looks is it is not as ‘believers’ have been talking about this much anymore. Though we certainly can not assert something to be a fact unless the Bible clearly states so, so the full truth of this will remain a mystery until it is revealed. Will you be meeting Jesus in the air (1 Thes. 4:16-17) or will you be Left Behind watching with horror the things taking place?

*“And he said to me, Do not seal the Words of the Prophecy of this Book, for the time is at hand. He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to what his work shall be.” Revelation 22:10-12*

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This will probably be the only column for the month of February. It is possible there might be something else added to the website.

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