

Vision Statement who we are in GI (2019)

“We are an End-Time Church, House of Prayer, and Bride of Christ in preparation: in intimacy, character and power; to stand with Israel and to bring in the harvest of the nations for Jesus’ glorious return.”

1. **We are an End time church, House of Prayer** (Matt 24-25)
 - a. End time church embracing the prophetic urgency of the last day and the ultimate destiny of the church (John 17:20-26; Eph. 1:10, 3:9-11; Ezk 36-39; Zech 12-14; Rev 1-3, 12).
 - b. House of Prayer (a.k.a. Tabernacle of David) – important role of intercession & worship, reaching the weak marginalised (Is 56:3-8; Mk 11:17; Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17; Mal 1:11; Rev 5:8, 8:3-6).
e.g. Vision of bowl of incense
2. **Bride of Christ in preparation** (Rev 19:7-9)
 - a. **Intimacy** (Jn 14:21-23)
 - (1) Extravagant devotion to Jesus Christ as the life goal. E.g. David, Paul, Mary of Bethany (Phil 3:10-11; Luke 14:3-9; Ps. 27:4)
 - (2) Following Jesus by embracing the cross (Luke 9:23)
 - b. **Character** (Romans 9:28-29)
 - (1) Commitment to life of personal holiness & obedience - Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25);
 - (3) Character before gifts in ministry: humility, faithfulness, and love (Is 66:2; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 11:25-30; Rev 14:1-5)
 - c. **Power** – Gifts of the Spirit; Power of the ages to come in Word & Spirit; Sevens Spirits of God. E.g. Elijah & John the Baptist (1 Cor 12:4-11; Heb. 6:6; Rev 4:5; 5:6; Is 11:1-2). E.g. Prophecy of the 7 lamps burning and encounter on 7 Spirits of God.
3. **To stand with Israel, and to bring in the harvest of the nations for Jesus’ glorious return** (Matt 13:39)
 - a. Mandate to become a friend to Israel in the time of persecution and restoration (Jer. 30:7; Zech. 12-14; Rom 11:11-36; Eph 2:14-18)
 - b. Harvest within Australia and among the nations of the world (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21; Rev 14:14-16)

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- Instead of preaching the church vision – I want to tell you a story of God’s dream. So it is not just ‘my vision’, or just ‘GI vision’, but also ‘your personal dream’. I can preach the whole vision statement in 30 minutes. But in order for you to have it, bit of understanding is required.
1. House of Prayer – dreaming God’s dream
 - a. Is 56 – The House of Prayer for all nations was God’s dream for the temple.
 - Spiritual focus of house of prayer [Diagram] = ‘outcasts & foreigners’: *“The reality of God’s presence fuelled/sustained by the prayers of the privileged (i.e. priests & Israeli men) were to draw in the outcasts of society (i.e. foreigners/marginalised) near to God and be given a special place of acceptance and honour in God’s house!”*
 - b. Connection between ‘dreaming’ & ‘prayer’ (Joel 2:28). Why do we dream? Problem with dreaming. Solution is to dream God’s dream.
 - c. GI vision not unique dreaming of our own making, but part of God’s dreaming!
 2. Jesus’ introduces the Church (while leaving Is 56 – in ‘unfulfilled state’ c.f. John 2:19-21)
 - a. Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you [Peter’s confession of Jesus as the Son of God], but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock** (play on words) ***I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.***” (Matt 16:17-18)
 - b. Definition: (1) Definition of ‘ekklesia’ – “called out ones” (kaleo + ek). e.g. In Exodus Israelites were called out from Egypt (world) to God called “church in the wilderness (Israelites in wilderness)...” (c.f. Acts 7:38). English word ‘Church’ from Gk ‘Kyriakos’ = ‘belonging to the Lord”; (2) ‘ekklesia’ in Roman secular use = ‘elected members from a city that met periodically to make decisions pertaining to govern the city they represented.’ // Elders who met at the gate to make a decision in OT. (NT gathering of believers became ‘church’ after ‘elders’ = ‘shepherds’ were appointed.)
 - c. What church is by Jesus’s definition:
 - The New Foundation – Peter (pebble) & Rock (Jesus) vs ‘physical temple site’
 - Builder & Owner – Jesus vs ‘Herod/hands of men’
 - Function – ‘Prevailing over the gates of hell!’ – an authority over the spiritual dimension over the city! Roman use of ‘ekklesia’.
 - d. How? (note the context of Matt 18:15-17 on the issue of discipline)

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 - Context of church authority in relational order
 - Authority of church in heavenly realm
 - ‘Core of NT church in seed form’ = 2-3 in unity praying together. This led to 120 disciples in unity praying together (Acts 2). Heaven opened and the Holy Spirit was pouted out!
 3. Acts 15:16-17 – Jerusalem Council (1st Apostolic Council)
 - a. The question the early believers were still answering: ‘What is church?’ (Jesus didn’t explain what the church is!) (He left it to Paul unpacks it in Ephesians 7-fold ID of the church).
 - Temple is still standing & the early church’s identity is very closely linked to the temple! (e.g. Acts 1:1:13; Acts 3:1 – apostles prayed daily in the temple as per God’s original vision of the ‘House of Prayer for all nations.’ Acts 2:1-4 with the coming of the Holy

Spirit, literally nations were flocking into God's house in droves, which is the beginning of fulfillment of God's original intention in Is 56!)

- Question is what do we do with all these Gentiles believers flooding the place? 'Are they part of the church?' If so, what is the requirement? Circumcision & dietary laws, etc?
- b. Jerusalem council (1st Apostolic Council): The thorny question had to be answered. But underneath the debate on circumcision & dietary laws is the 'crisis of identity as Church'.
 - 3-fold testimony: (1) Peter (Acts 15:6-11); (2) Paul & Barnabas (Acts 15:12); James (Acts 15:17) quoted Amos 9:11-12 and that sealed all the argument!
 - What did the apostles & Jewish believers understand that we don't? What is the link? They understood that what is happening to them (the church) is fulfillment of God's original intention! - Levelling the playing field for Jews and Gentiles as equal members – i.e. get rid of dividing wall (circumcision – physical temple wall) that separates Jews & Gentiles! – i.e. The question of the 'Foundation' of what constitutes church is answered.

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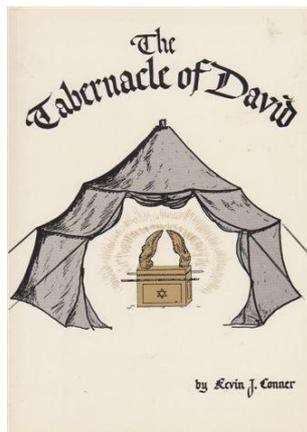
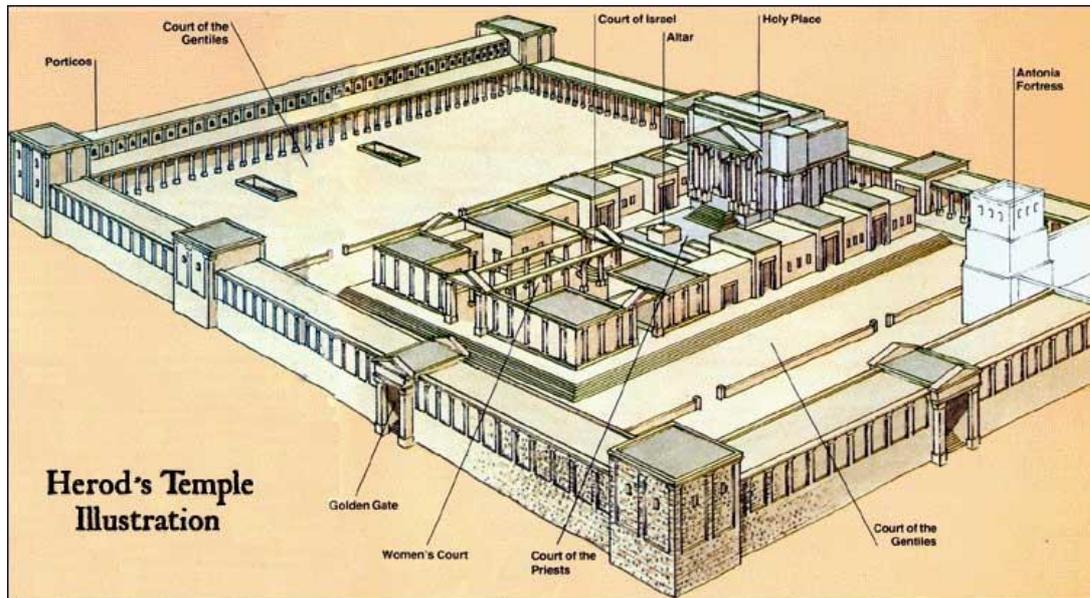
Says the Lord who does this thing. (Amos 9:11-12)

4. What is the Tabernacle of David?
 - a. It was a 'transient model' (not supposed be there?) '~mobile tent' – While the animal sacrifices continued in Mt Gibeon (2 Chr 1:3, 13) the Ark was not in the tabernacle of Moses but in the tabernacle of David was place on the hill of Mt. Zion 'out in the open' so that 'all Israel' could come up and behold God and worship & pray! – i.e. access restricted to privileged priests were granted to 'all-Israel.'
 - Neville Johnson's vision of tabernacle of David
 - 288 (1 Chr 25:7) full time singers and 4000 musicians (1 Chr 23:5) to worship God day and night (1 Chr 16:37)! [Note: 288 divided by 24 (elders) = 12 (rotation)?]
 - b. Where did David get this model of worship?
 - Personal encounter of Revelation 4-5? – Ark as the symbol of God's throne.
 - Harps (worship) & bowls (intercession) Rev 5:8 – end time come when the bowl is full!
 - Governmental centre of universe fuelled by continual prayer & worship – not board meeting.
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 - c. Why Acts 15:16-17 connection important? 70 AD Temple destroyed & God's vision lived on!
5. Ps. Paul's Vision of the Golden Bowl of Incense in 2011 (internal burning vision).
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Discussion Questions

1. Can you describe God's dream in Isaiah 56:3-15 (read)? How is dreaming God's dream different from dreaming our dreams? How can we begin to dream God's dreams?
2. Read Matthew 16:17-18 & 18:15-20. What is the church? You may define/describe in terms of what/who is church's foundation, builder, owner, and function, etc.
3. What was the essence of the debate in Jerusalem council? (c.f. Acts 15:6-21) How was the debate resolved? (Acts 15:16-17 c.f. Amos 9:11-12) What did you learn about who we are as the church from the Jerusalem council?
4. Do you believe God is building the end time church among us in G.I.? What does it look like? How can we become part of the end time church? Try to be practical & concrete response.

Let's close the meeting by praying for one another and for God to help us dream His dream for the end time church.



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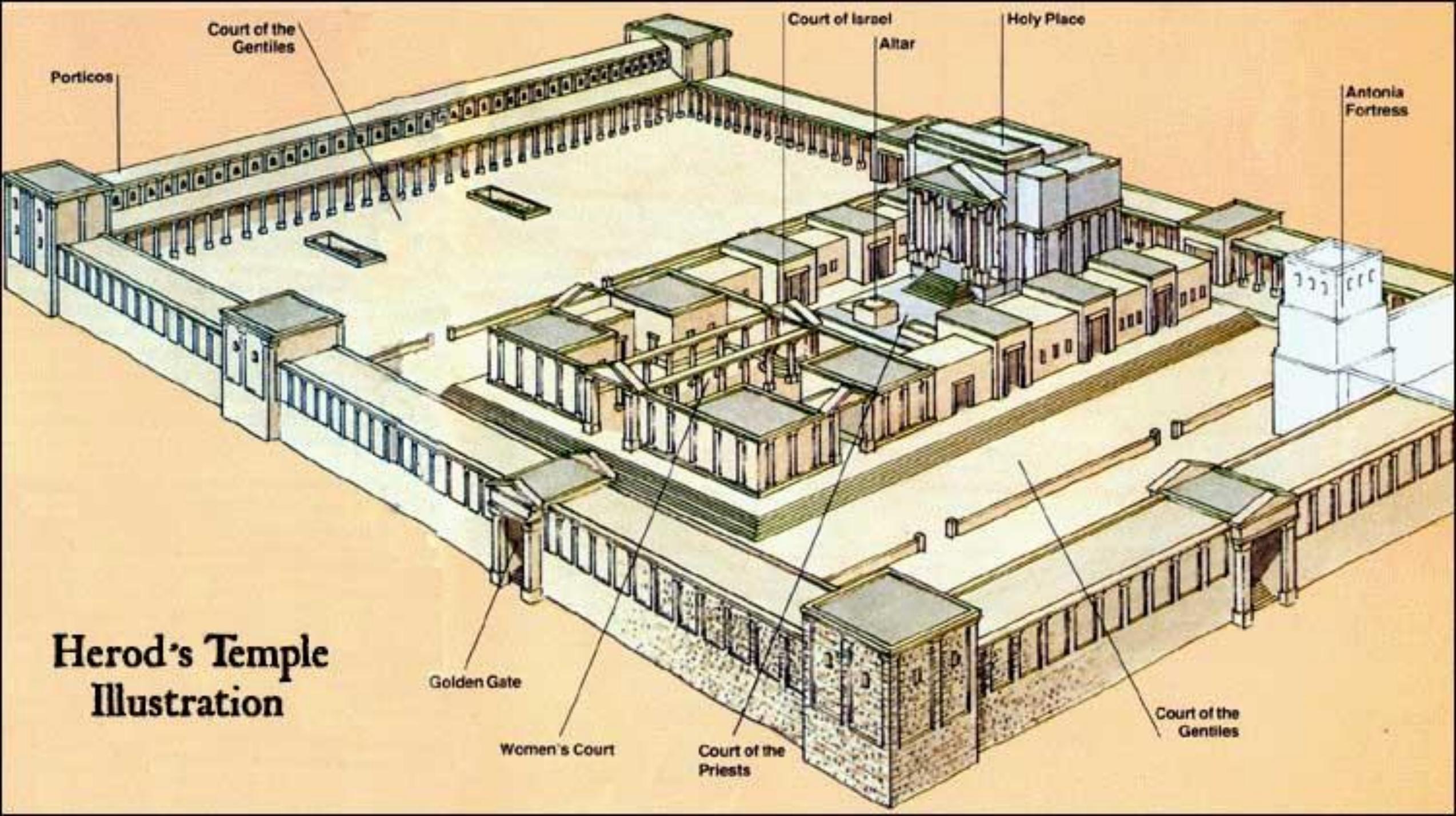
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Court of the Gentiles

Porticos

Court of Israel

Holy Place

Altar

Antonia Fortress

Herod's Temple Illustration

Golden Gate

Women's Court

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God's Vision of the Temple in Isaiah 56:3-8

- Contrary to spatial arrangement (Herod's Temple) at the centre of God's attention is eunuch, outcasts, gentiles!
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