

1. Before we get to Titus I want to complete the analysis of Herod's Temple.

2. Herod's Temple: I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material at point 2.3 below.

2.1 Herod the Great "built" the Temple in Jerusalem to appease the Jews. The building took 46 years.

Joh 2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

2.2 The Temple was smaller than the Temple of Solomon but enlarged over the Temple constructed by Zerubbabel.

2.2.1 Zerubbabel's Temple in fact has little Scripture describing it, however we do know it was small and did disappoint the people. Hag 2:1-7.

2.3 The Temple of Herod in contrast was said to have been a magnificent structure built of beautiful stones. Mat 24:1; Mar 13:1

Mat 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Mar 13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

2.3.1 There was a Beautiful Gate located on the east side leading on to Solomon's Porch. Acts 3:10

Acts 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

2.4 The Temple had on the east side near the city gate leading to the Mount of Olives a porch designated Solomon's Porch. Joh 10:23; Acts 3:11; 5:12

Joh 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Acts 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Acts 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch).

2.5 This Temple was the place where great wealth was accumulated.
Mar 12:41-44

Mar 12:41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

Mar 12:42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

Mar 12:43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

Mar 12:44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

2.6 It is here that Zacharias, the officiating priest received a promise of a son. Luk 1:11-14

Luk 1:11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Luk 1:12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Luk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Luk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

2.7 Jesus was brought to Herod's Temple according to the law and Simeon blessed the infant. Luk 2:21-30

Luk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luk 2:22 And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

Luk 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

Luk 2:24 And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Luk 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

Luk 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luk 2:27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Luk 2:28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Luk 2:29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

Luk 2:30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

2.8 Jesus as a youth was found in this Temple learning the Word.

Luk 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

2.9 Jesus was taken to the pinnacle of this Temple during his temptation.

Mat 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

2.10 Jesus often taught in the Temple.

Mar 14:49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

2.11 Jesus performed miracles in this Temple and it was here that He cast out the money changers.

Mat 21:14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

Mat 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

2.12 The Temple of Herod had its own police force.

Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2.13 Judas casts down the pieces of silver in Herod's Temple.

Mat 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

2.14 The curtain of this Temple was torn at the time of the crucifixion.

Mat 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

2.15 The disciples worshipped in the Temple of Herod after the resurrection.

Luk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

Luk 24:53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

2.16 Peter heals the lame man at the gate of the Temple.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour ...

3. The Temple of Herod was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

4. The years 68 and 69 are known as the years of the three Emperors, **Galba, Otho** and **Vitellius**. Each followed in rapid succession. Finally, Vespasian, commander of the armies of the east, won undisputed control of the empire.

5. **Vespasian** (69-79) could have followed the path of military dictatorship or cooperation with civilian administrators. He chose the latter and became a kind of second Augustus, dividing rule of Rome and the empire with the Senate.

6. The most significant of Vespasian's activities for the Bible student was his suppression of the Jewish revolt. This rebellion broke out in 66, and Vespasian reduced all of Judea beside Jerusalem. He would leave that to his son Titus.

7. More importantly to our study, he authorized Titus to destroy Herod's Temple. Titus assumed command of the armies that finally destroyed the city and the Temple in A.D. 70.

Introduction to the New Testament book-- Titus

1. Titus was what Col. R.B. Thieme called Paul's side-kick and first soldier. Titus is a common Latin name. When it came over to us in the Koine Greek it became **Titon** or **Titos**.

2. Titus was a fellow laborer in the work of the Lord with the Apostle Paul. We find no mention of Titus in the book of Acts.

2.1 We must therefore develop our biography from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, the book of Galatians, the Book of Titus and Paul's second epistle to Timothy. We will learn more of Titus when we study the *Doctrine of Paul*—I will begin that study next week.

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