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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1: 8

Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday, February 21, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

Our speaker this year will be our own

Lynn Munsterman—Speaking on— "Prayer "

There's a Garden Where Jesus
 is Waiting.. Come and join in Fellowship
 With Friends and Family .
 Good Food, Good Company
 And a wonderful Speaker.

Sign up sheets are in the foyer. The cost is \$10.00 for SLBC
 ladies and is free for your guests.



Missionaries of the Month

Ministry Newsletter Fort Hood, Texas Nov 2014

Family

Family life is always incredible because God has blessed us with a closeness that brings continual peace and joy. The kids continue to grow and amaze. Elizabeth is doing well in college and loves learning as she majors in Cross Cultural Studies and Education.



Art and Robin Robin family

Ministry Focus

In addition to training a former soldier as a new Navigators staff member, Art has been teaching a discipleship course that he has developed over the past three years. He calls it "Crossed Paths". Just like Jesus crossed the path by bridging the gap between us and The Father from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of God; we partner with Him to do the same for others in the Body and for those who have yet to receive Christ.

Through this course God is stirring several soldiers here to a deeper devotion to Christ to share their faith in their own environment. One thing that has helped them is learning the difference between an 'evangelist' and a 'witness'. Many shy away from the word evangelism. There are people who are called 'evangelists', who are gifted to take the Gospel in an area preaching to strangers and setting up churches. However, for those not gifted in evangelism, God has made them to be 'witnesses' about their experiences. This word 'witness' means a record, a witness of or martyr. When Jesus told the man whom He had healed from the legion of demons to go tell others what God had done for him, He was telling him to be a witness of what he had seen and experienced. When believers understand this concept they are more inclined to affect those around them by witnessing to them. It is important to know our salvation stories and practice them so we will have confidence and be able to share with others. Do you know your story in that way? If not Acts 26 gives a neat model for organizing your story. Paul shared his story in this format: 'life before he knew Christ', 'how he was saved,' and 'how salvation had changed his life'. Maybe this can help you develop your story and begin sharing it with your family, friends, neighbors etc... (2 Cor 5:17-21).

What a great opportunity during the Christmas season to share your story. May you have a blessed Christmas!

Soldier Stories

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth" (3 John 1:4). This was the joy we experienced in October when we made a trip to Arkansas, Ft Knox Kentucky and Tennessee to visit and encourage several soldiers we had disciplined many years ago. It was a blessing to learn that they were still walking with the Lord as lifetime laborers in His Kingdom and affecting those around them with the Gospel and in following Christ.

The ministry here at Ft Hood is going strong and bringing joy and praise to the Father! Recently, Art has had the privilege of helping soldiers to witness in the barracks and study the Bible. Please pray as Art develops other soldiers with that same heart to reach out to those in their barracks.]

Please pray for:

- Open doors for the new barrack's ministry · Wisdom in training new leaders · God to give more laborers to develop
- Our ministry to cross paths for the lost · Healing for Art's spinal problems Thank You for your Faithful giving and prayers! Please drop us a note, we always love to hear from you! Please ensure we have your current email, home address and phone numbers.

Blessings to you in Christ!

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Our new staff page: <http://www.navigators.org/FindStaff/StaffPages?>



The Temples of the Bible (Part 3 of 4)

I have just returned from a trip to Israel. While there I enjoyed an extensive tour of the Temple Mount with Dr. Randall Price and *World of the Bible Ministries*. Thus, I have been thinking quite a bit lately about the biblical temples. It seems to me that the various Jerusalem temples described in the Bible represent one of the great unifying themes of Scripture. They represent God's past, present, and future hand in history. Thus, one

Andy Woods—Pastor way to get a perspective on what God has done, is doing, and will do, is to become familiar with the various temples of Scripture. To this end, I began a survey concerning what the Bible teaches on this important subject. To begin with, it is helpful to understand the *four* Jewish temples. *Two* of these temples existed in past Jewish history. *Two* of these temples will exist in Israel's future.

My initial article gave a brief overview of the first two historical temples. That article concluded by noting that the Scripture predicts a coming third temple that will be desecrated by the Antichrist. Although the Scripture clearly predicts the reality of the coming third temple in the Tribulation period (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2), much debate persists concerning how this temple will actually be rebuilt. This article will briefly explore some of these issues.

Ready to Rebuild

Many conservative and orthodox leaders in Israel have a great desire to see the Jewish temple rebuilt. Because so many Jews are intermarrying with Gentiles, they fear that the Jews may soon lose their distinctiveness as a people and a culture. The temple was the center of Jewish political, cultural and religious activity in biblical times. Because the temple was once the hub of Jewish national life, they believe a rebuilt temple will enhance their goal of furthering Jewish cultural distinctiveness. As a result, the plans have already been laid for a third Jewish temple. My recent visit to the *Temple Institute* in Jerusalem revealed that a miniature model of the proposed temple is already in existence. Committees have been formed for the express purpose of seeing the *third temple* rebuilt. Jewish priests are presently being trained to perform religious duties in the temple. Priestly garb and religious utensils have already been prepared.

The Dome of the Rock Problem

Most believe that the third temple will be rebuilt on the original temple mount where the Old Testament temples once stood. According to the traditional view, the archeological evidence suggests that the temple mount is located directly under the Dome of the Rock. This rock is a holy site in the Islamic faith since it is the place where Mohammed allegedly ascended to Allah. Needless to say, any attempt by the Jews to remove the Dome of the Rock in an attempt to rebuild their temple would result in a holy war with their Islamic neighbors. If this traditional view is accurate, it appears unlikely that the third Jewish temple will be rebuilt in the near future.

However, this traditional view is not the only view. Many other theories abound. One view that is particularly interesting is



the view recently advocated by archeologist Dr. Asher Kaufman. It teaches that the archeological evidence indicates that the original temple mount is located a short distance away from the Dome of the Rock. Hal Lindsey summarizes: "Every ancient document describing the Temple placed the Eastern gate exactly on the east/west centerline of the Temple itself. The Dome of the Rock is at least 150 meters south of that centerline...As I stepped off the Temple and its inner court wall, I discovered that there was a 26-meter clearance from the Dome of the Rock's nearest point." This is a very exciting discovery in light of Bible prophecy. It indicates that the third Jewish temple could be rebuilt without disturbing the Dome of the Rock at all.

Antichrist as the Mediator

If the Kaufman conjecture is accurate, two of the greatest religious artifacts of the world, the third Jewish temple and the Dome of the Rock, may one day stand side by side of one another. Even if the Jews attempt to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem without disturbing the Dome of the Rock, such an action could cause the Jews to incur the wrath of the surrounding Muslim countries. According to the Islamic faith, Jerusalem is the third holiest city in the Muslim religion. As previously mentioned, it is believed that Jerusalem is the city where the prophet Mohammed supposedly ascended back to Allah. Thus, the more the Jews cause Jerusalem to look like a Jewish city, the more they run the risk of being attacked by the surrounding Islamic fundamentalists. This political and spiritual reality explains why any Jewish attempt to rebuild the temple may result in a holy war.

Therefore, it is believed by many that the Jews will be able to rebuild their temple only after the Antichrist comes to power and begins to rule the world. Only the Antichrist will have the skill, power, and charisma necessary to peacefully mediate the differences between the Jews and the Muslims so as to allow the Jews to rebuild their temple next to the Dome of the Rock without causing a holy war (Dan. 9:27a; 1 Thess. 5:3a; 2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 6:2). The actual work of rebuilding the Jewish temple will thus most probably commence during the first half of the Tribulation period. While much of this is speculation on my part, we do know for certain that the temple must be standing at the midpoint of the Tribulation period so that the Antichrist can desecrate it.

What Will Happen to the Third Temple?

The first temple was destroyed by the Babylonians (2 Kgs. 25:9) in 586 B.C. The second temple was destroyed by the Romans (Matthew 24:2) in A.D. 70. The Scripture does not specifically indicate what will happen to the third temple. Some believe that it will be destroyed as the judgment of God is poured out upon the world during the second half of the Tribulation period. Others believe that it will be preserved and eventually cleansed and dedicated in preparation for the millennial temple (Dan. 12:11). However, beyond this *third temple*, a *fourth temple* is predicted. My next article will briefly examine this coming *fourth temple* as well as briefly discuss the metaphorical temples God indwells in the present Church Age.

(To be continued...)

The Cornerstone Newsletter deadline for News articles is the 19th of each month. You can e-mail Patricia Chandler at: earlbudc@att.net or send information to Carol Henry at Carol@SLBC.org



Bulletin Board



Home Fellowship Groups

First Colony East—Adults Only: Host: Eric and Veronica Wasek—Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7 pm—2801 Hidden Knoll Court—281-980-3742— A study in 1 & 2 Timothy -.Leader: Earl Chandler

First Colony West—Children Welcome: Hosts: Keith and Judy Kurrus- 2803 Pineleaf Drive—281-242-3031 Co-Hosts: Brooks and Elizabeth Sellers—281-313-0527 : Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 6:30

New— Young Couples Fellowship—Held at SLBC—7 pm. Coordinator: Andrea Merkin, 1-210-367-6452; Meets 2nd & 4th Friday They meet in the fellowship room.

Men's Weekly Bible Study— Tuesday, 8:00 pm David Sandlin—Teacher

Ladies Bible Study—Thursday—September 18th—9:30 to 11:30

Ladies Class—Hostess and Teacher: Betty Cooke

21926 Rustic Canyon Lane, Richmond, 281-232- 1795 Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm

News from the SLBC Library



Have you had an “*aha!*” moment lately? – One when you are overcome with joy, reverence and thankfulness for God’s presence in your life. I experience this when I read the Word, and also when I am surrounded by books that were written by men and women with wisdom, given them by God as they share their relationship and knowledge of His Word.

When I enter our church Library, I am often humbled by the timeless books these people have written. I hope you will seek out some of these books, and, that it will deepen your appreciation of what God can do in your life.

The books in the Children’s section will also give your children a Christian perspective of how God wants to be a part of their lives.



Thank you to the many people who have donated books to the Library this year. We have been blessed with many additional books for children and adults, as well as video tape donations. If you want to look at the selection before you visit the Library, you can go to our church website. The Church Library is listed under **Resources**. It will give you a list of everything that is in our Library and it is there for your use.

Scripture for the Month: Rev. 15:3-4



They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

Winter Sunday School Classes begin January 2015

There will be two Sunday classes starting in January 2015.

From God's Creation to God's Nation (Teaching from Genesis).

In the Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Ed Allsteadt

The Future of Israel – Daniel 9-12

In Room 110/108

Teacher: Bob Graper

PLEASE REMEMBER:

CLASSES START RIGHT AT 9:45 A.M.

Wednesday night Adult Prayer and Bible study 7 P.M. (1/7/2015)

The Tabernacle



Teacher: John Nemec

Did you know that over 50 chapters in the Bible talk about the Tabernacle? That is the same number of chapters than the entire first book of the Bible. In fact, only Jesus is talked about more than the Tabernacle. Would you like to know why? Join us starting January 7th to explore the Tabernacle and see why God thought it was so important.