

# God's NT Construction Project

From the Series

“The Sanctuary: God’s Plan for Your Lives”

Guiding Passage: **Exodus 25:8–9 (NASB95)** — **8** “Let them *construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.* **9** “According to *all that I am going to show you*, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

Scripture Reading: **1 Peter 2:4–7 (NASB95)** — **4** And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, **5** *you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house* for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For this is contained in Scripture: “*Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone*, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.” **7** This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “*The stone which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone,*”

God’s Response to a Deadly Virus

**John 1:14 (NASB95)** — **14** And the Word became flesh, and *dwelt among us*, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Hebrews 10:5 (NASB95)** — **5** Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT *A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME*;

Jesus Is the Sanctuary

**John 2:19–21 (NASB95)** — **19** Jesus answered them, “*Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*” **20** The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” **21** But *He was speaking of the temple of His body.*

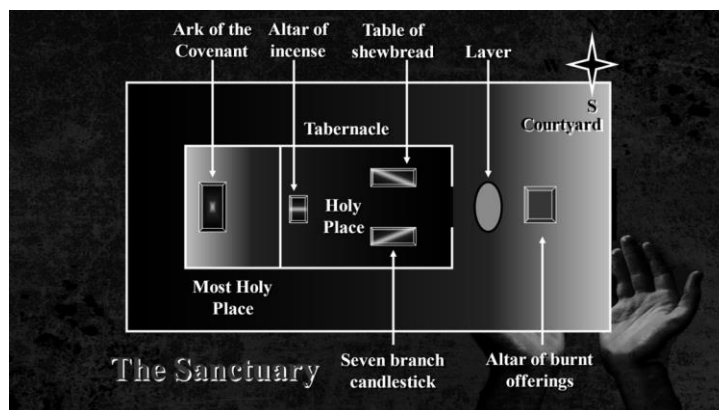
The Church Is Also the Temple

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (NASB95)** — **27** Now *you are Christ’s body*, and *individually members of it.*

**1 Corinthians 3:16 (NASB95)** — **16** Do you not know that *you are a temple of God* and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Following Jesus in the Sanctuary

**Revelation 14:4 (NASB95)** — **4** These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are *the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.* These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.



### Old Testament Construction

**Exodus 25:8–9 (NASB95)** — 8 *“Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. 9 “According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.*

**2 Chronicles 3:1 (NASB95)** — 1 *Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.*

**Ezra 3:8 (NASB95)** — 8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and *the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites*, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began the work and appointed the Levites from twenty years and older *to oversee the work of the house of the Lord.*

### New Testament Construction

**Ephesians 2:19–22 (NASB95)** — 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but *you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.*

### OT Spirit-filled Workmen

**Exodus 36:1–2 (NASB95)** — 1 *“Now Bezalel and Oholiab, and every skillful person in whom the Lord has put skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded.” 2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every skillful person in whom the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.*  
**2 Chronicles 2:13–14 (NASB95)** — 13 *“Now I am sending Hiram-abi, a skilled man, endowed with understanding, 14 the son of a Danite woman and a Tyrian father, who knows how to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood, and in purple, violet, linen and crimson fabrics, and who knows how to make all kinds of engravings and to execute any design*

which may be assigned to him, *to work with your skilled men* and with those of my lord David your father.

#### NT Spirit-filled Workmen

**1 Corinthians 12:4,7 (NASB95)** — **4** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. . . **7** But *to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

**1 Corinthians 12:28 (NASB95)** — **28** And *God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.*

**Romans 12:5–13 (NASB95)** — **5** so *we, who are many, are one body in Christ*, and individually members one of another. **6** Since *we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith . . .

**Ephesians 4:11–16 (NASB95)** — **11** And *He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13* until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. **14** As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; **15** but speaking the truth in love, *we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16* from whom *the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies*, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

#### A Collective and Individual Building

**1 Corinthians 3:9–11 (NASB95)** — **9** For we are God's fellow workers; *you are God's field, God's building.* **10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. *But each man must be careful how he builds on it.* **11** For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (NASB95)** — **16** Do you not know that *you are a temple of God* and that *the Spirit of God dwells in you?* **17** If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for *the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.*

**1 Peter 2:5 (NASB95)** — **5** *you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house* for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 3:12 (NASB95)** — **12** 'He who overcomes, *I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore*; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.

#### God Does the Construction

**Philippians 1:6 (NASB95)** — 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that *He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 2:13 (NASB95)** — 13 for *it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

God Takes Up Residence

**Exodus 40:33–35 (NASB95)** — 33 He erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus *Moses finished the work.* 34 Then *the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.* 35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and *the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*

**2 Chronicles 7:1–2 (NASB95)** — 1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, *fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house.* 2 The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because *the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house.*

God Takes Up Residence

**Acts 2:1–4 (NASB95)** — 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven *a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house* where they were sitting. 3 And *there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.* 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

**Acts 4:31 (NASB95)** — 31 And when they had prayed, *the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Are You Becoming a Fixture in God's Temple?

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