



Gospel of John

The Temple
John 2: 13-21

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What Is Jesus Doing?

John 2:13-18 (NRSV)

“The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18 The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”



A remembrance of the 10th plague in Exodus, when the Yahweh struck the firstborn in Egypt but “passes over” the homes of the Israelites

resulting in Israels deliverance from bondage to Egypt (ref. Ex. 12: 1-28)

The religious leaders, the Jews take notice **“What sign”**

Three Days

“...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” (ref. Jn. 2:19)

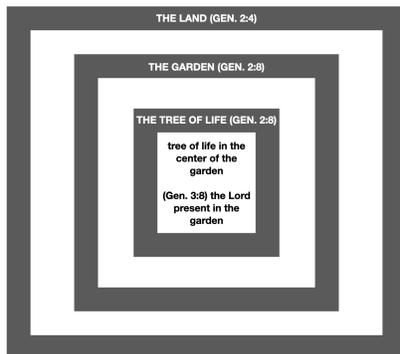
“...he was speaking of the temple of His body.” (ref. Jn. 2: 21)

Jesus is the true Temple

Heaven and Earth Meet

Temple theme begins in Genesis and is fulfilled in Jesus

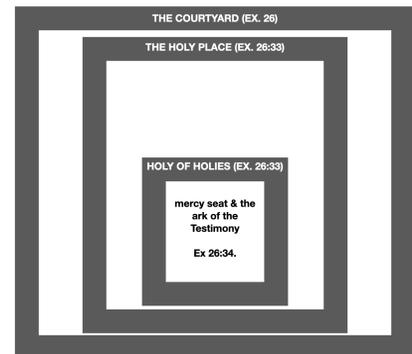
The Temple, the Tabernacle, and the Garden are all places where heaven and earth meet



“And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.” (Gen. 2:8)

In the middle of the garden was the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (ref. Gen. 2:9)

The Lord was present in the garden (ref. Gen. 3:8)



Within the courtyard was the holy place (ref. Ex. 26:33)

Inside the holy place was the holy of holies (ref. Ex. 26:33)

The Lord was present in the tabernacle - temple (ref. Ex. 40:34)

2 CHRONICALES 7:1 (NRSV)

“When Solomon had ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”

JOHN 2:18-22 (NRSV)

“The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”

John reveals the identity of Jesus. Jesus is the fulfillment of the temple, and in Jesus, heaven and earth come together.