TEMPLE OF GOD IN HEAVEN (Hebrews and Revelation)

The word "temple" signifies a dwelling place. Believers in the church today are the temple of God. That is, God the Holy Spirit dwells within us (**1Co.3:16**; **2Co.6:16**; **Ep.2:21**). Of the 13 times the word "temple" occurs (3 times for "tabernacle) in the book of Revelation they always refer to the heavenly dwelling place of God in Heaven (**Rv.21:22**). If the temple is heaven itself then what does being a pillar (**Rv.3:12**) mean? In 1 kings 7 the temple had two pillars that did not support anything. They both were named (Jachin, meaning 'He shall establish') and Boaz, meaning 'In Him is strength'). It likely signifies permanence. So when one overcomes he gains a permanent place in heaven (like a physical pillar in a physical temple).

DESCRIPTIONS

1 (Hb.8:1-5)

- Our High Priest, Jesus Christ, is set on the right hand of the throne in the heavens (v.1).
- Jesus is a minister of the Sanctuary, and of the true Tabernacle that was pitched by Him alone (v.2).
- Moses was admonished to pattern the earthly Tabernacle after heavenly things (v.5)

2 (Rv.3:12)

• Believers are the pillars in the Temple

3 (Rv.7:15)

HEAVEN

- Martyrs and all Believers serve God in His Temple
- God sits on His Throne and dwells among them

4 (Rv.11:1)

- John is to measure:
 - 1. Temple of God
 - 2. the altar
 - 3. them that worship
- This Temple appears to be all the people of God which includes believing Jews and Gentiles.

5 (Rv.11:2)

- Court (court of the Gentiles) outside the temple is not measured.
- Heavenly Temple is related to events that will happen on the earth.

6 (Hb.9:11)

 Christ, our High Priest, is in the greater Tabernacle in Heaven

7 (Rv.11:19)

- Temple is seen as having:
- 1. Ark of His 4. Thunderings testament 5. Earthquake
- 2. Lightnings 6. Great hail
- 3. Voices

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8 (Hb.9:23-24)

- The things in Heaven are purified. The heavenly things are better than earthly things
- The things of the earthly Tabernacle are figures of the true which is in Heaven.

9 (Rv.15:6)

- 7 angels come out of the Temple
- They had 7 plagues
- They were clothed in pure white linen
- Their breasts girded with golden girdles.

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(Rv.15:8)

- The glory and power of God filled the Temple with smoke
- No man could enter the temple till the 7 plagues of the angels (Rv.14:5-18) were fulfilled

(Rv.14:17)

- Yet "another angel" comes out of the Temple
- · He had a sharp sickle

EVENTS

(Rv.14:15)

- "Another angel" spoke to the angle that sat on the cloud.
- He told him to reap a harvest from the earth.

(Rv.15:5)

• The Temple is open to be seen



(Rv.16:1)

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plagues

 A great voice out of the Temple told the 7 angels to pour out the vials of God's wrath upon the earth.



(Rv.16:17)

- The 7th angel pours out his vial of God's wrath into the air
- A voice from the Temple says, "It is done".



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16 HEAVEN

(Rv.21:3)

- Voice out of Heaven says the Tabernacle of God is with men.
- · God will dwell with them.

LEGEND

D = Descriptions E = Events

ANTICHRIST ON EARTH

(Rv.13:6) "Mr. Big Mouth" (Da.7:7-8,20; Rv.13:5-6)

- · Antichrist opens his mouth and blasphemes:
 - 1. God 2. God's name
- 3. God's tabernacle
- 4. Them that dwell in Heaven

ON EARTH

NEW JERUSALEM (Rv.21:22)

- The Lord God is said to be the Temple
- The Lamb is said to be the Temple

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