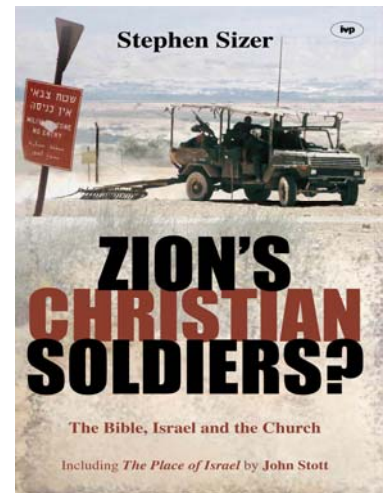


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Seminar 5: The Coming Last Day's Temple – Ready to Rebuild?



“Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this Temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the Temple he had spoken of was his body.” (John 2:18-21)

1. The Case for Rebuilding the Temple

Daniel 9 and the Case for Rebuilding the Temple

“The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary... War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. (9:26)

2000 Year Parenthesis :
The Prophetic Clock Stopped



He will confirm a covenant with many for one “seven.” In the middle of the “seven” he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” (Daniel 9:27)

2. The Quest to Build the Last Day's Temple

3. Armageddon and the Temple of Doom

4. The Temple: Redundant before it is even built

5. The True Temple is already under construction

Summary Points

1. Attempts by militant Jewish groups to destroy the Dome of the Rock and rebuild the Jewish Temple have widespread support and are taken very seriously by the Israeli authorities.
2. Any attempt to rebuild the Temple will very likely ignite an apocalyptic war with Muslims worldwide.
3. For some, the case for rebuilding the Temple is based on the mistaken belief that only through the reintroduction of the sacrificial system can Jewish people atone for their sins.
4. For others, the Temple must be rebuilt so that it can be desecrated one more time before Jesus returns.
5. This is only possible by the insertion of a 2000 year gap between Daniel 9:26 and 9:27 and Matthew 24:1-2 and 15-16.
6. This assumption must ignore the way in which previous Temples were desecrated by Antiochus Epiphanes, the Jewish Zealots as well as by Titus and the Roman army.

7. There are four different theories as to where Herod's Temple was located and therefore there is no consensus as to where any new Jewish Temple should be built.
8. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that requires or justifies a Temple in Jerusalem.
9. The Temple was made redundant and obsolete when Jesus died on the cross.
10. Jesus is the true Temple
11. The Church, the Body of Christ, is likened to a living Temple.
12. The Apostles use Old Testament references to the Temple and apply them to the Church.
13. To advocate the rebuilding of the Temple is heresy.

Passages to Review

2 Samuel 7:1-17; John 4:21-24; Hebrews 9-10; Ephesians 2:19-21; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 21:9-27.

Questions for Further Study

1. What role did the Temple fulfil under the Old Covenant?
2. Why is an earthly Temple no longer required?
3. What or who is the Temple?
4. Where are we to worship God?
5. How would a future Temple in Jerusalem undermine the finished work of Christ?