

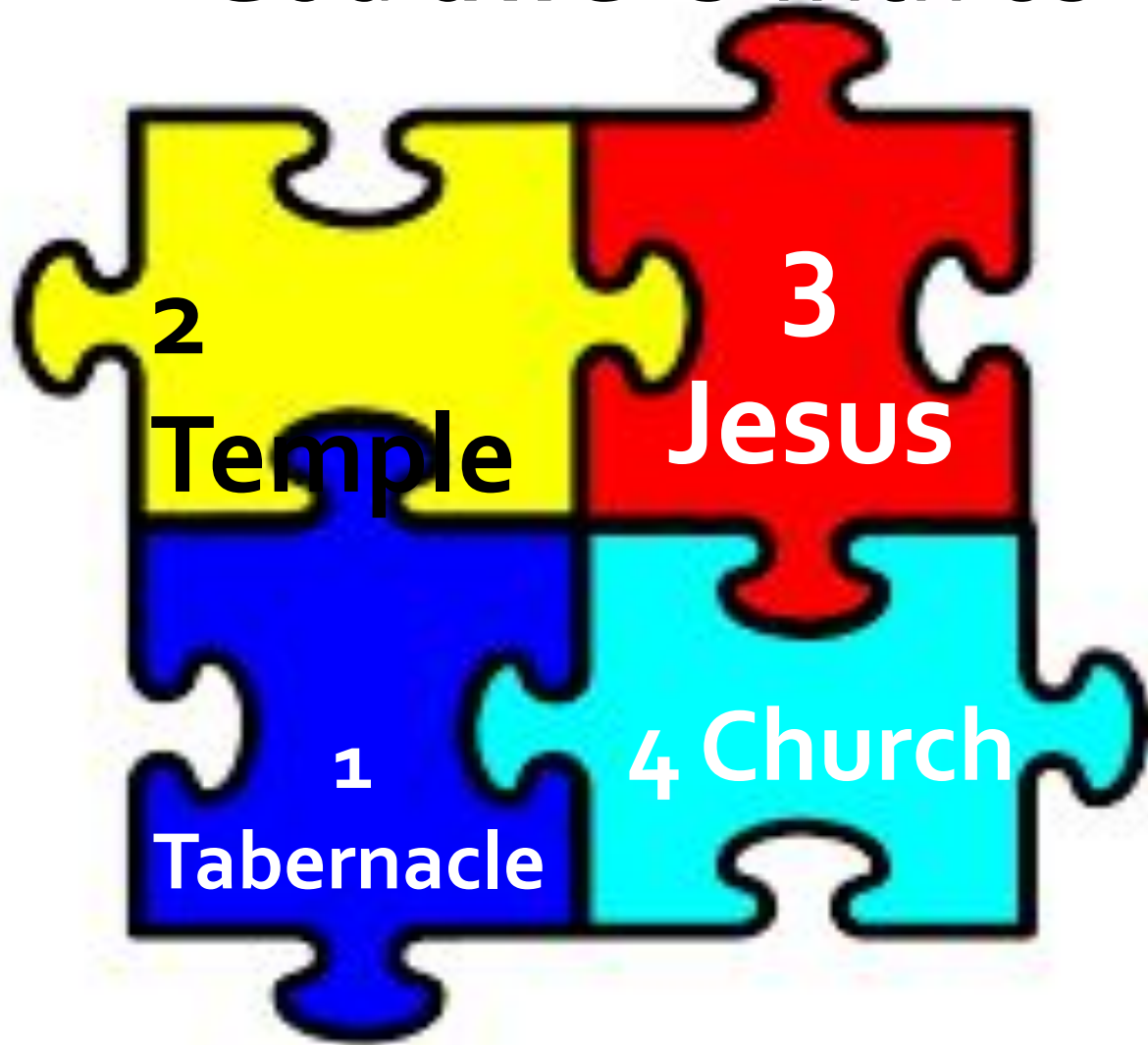
We are the Church, The Temple of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2 & 1 Corinthians 3

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God dwells with us



START: Genesis 3

END: Revelation 21

The Bible's Story

Chapter One: Tabernacle

...the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle**. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and **the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle**...

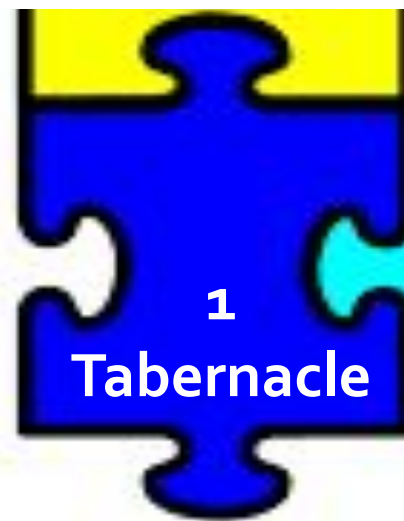
Exodus 40:33-38



The Tabernacle was

where YHWH “dwelt,” the place where God’s glory rested, the Presence of God

So, Israel camped around the Tabernacle, with the reassuring presence of God in their midst, and they followed the cloud/the flame



Chapter Two: Temple

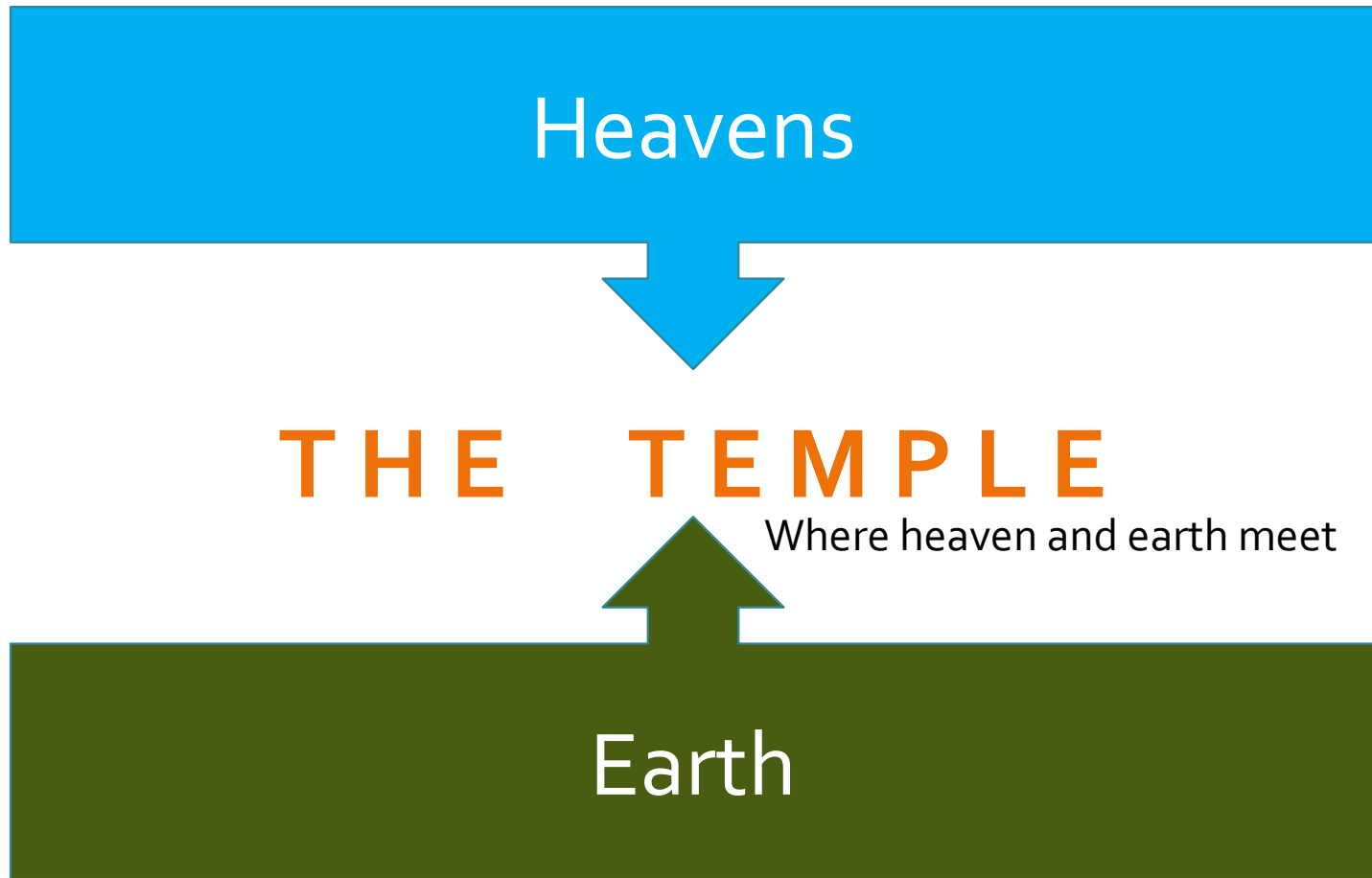
When Solomon had ended his prayer, ... **the glory of the LORD filled the temple.** The priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because **the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.** When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and **the glory of the LORD on the temple,** they...

worshipped and gave thanks to the LORD

2 Chronicles 7:1-3



God dwells in the midst of his people,
in this divinely appointed space (Perrin)



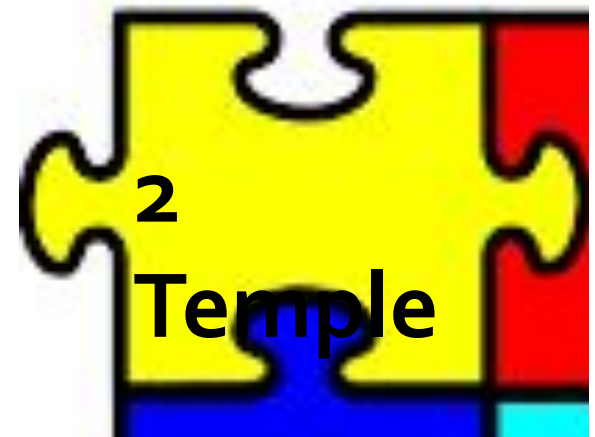
The Temple is...

Centre of “God’s presence”

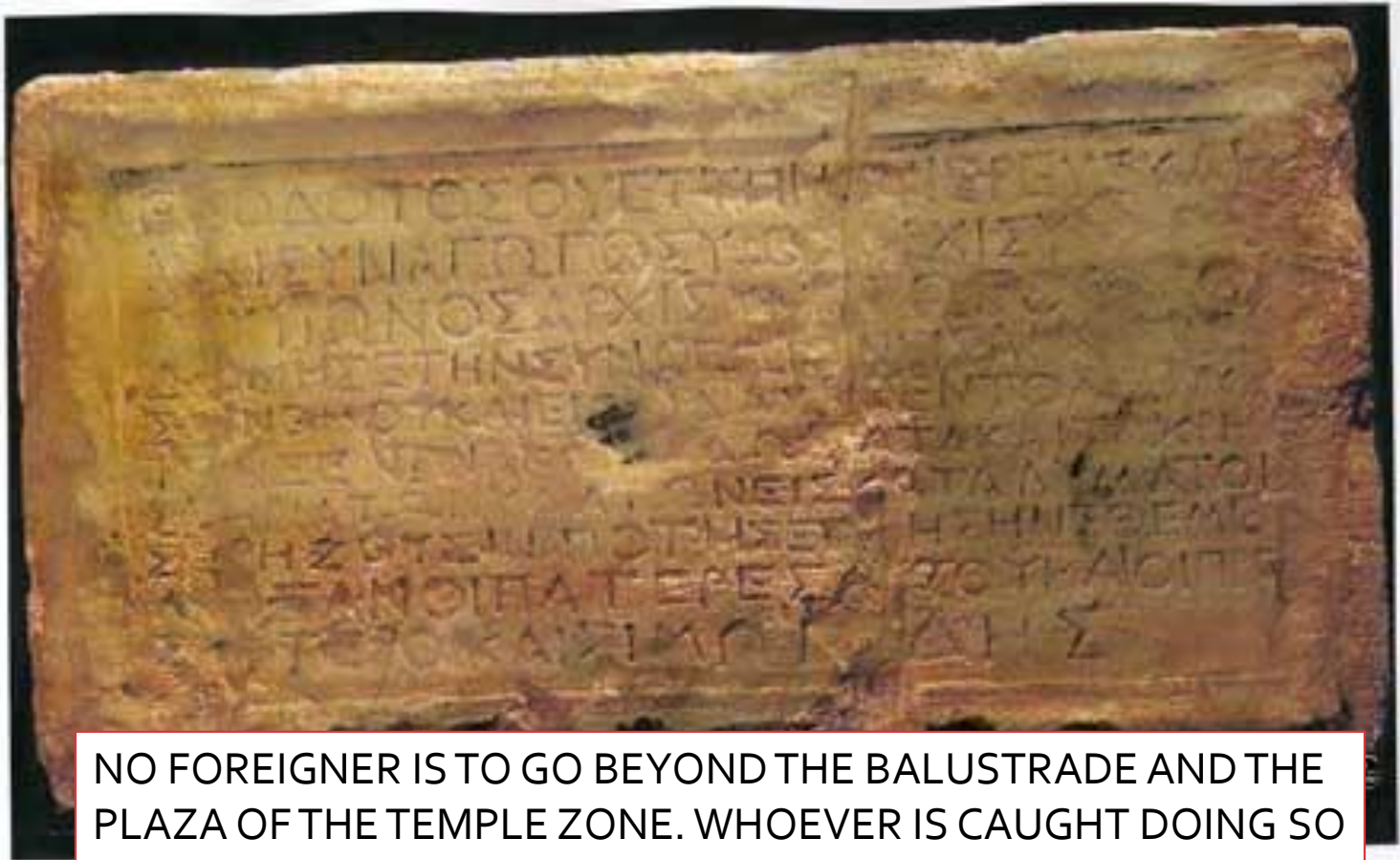
Sins forgiven / reconciliation

Centre of worship

Centre for charity



The danger of “owning God’s Temple” and restricting access of the needy



NO FOREIGNER IS TO GO BEYOND THE BALUSTRADE AND THE PLAZA OF THE TEMPLE ZONE. WHOEVER IS CAUGHT DOING SO WILL HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR HIS DEATH WHICH WILL FOLLOW

And the Word became flesh and **lived among us (tabernacled: pitched his tent)**, and we have seen his **glory**, ... full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

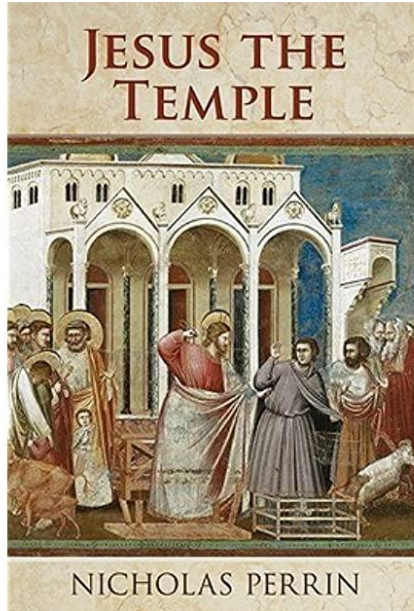
Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this **temple**, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This **temple** has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But **he was speaking of the temple of his body....**

John 2:18-22

...and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

...and they shall name him 'Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Matthew 1:20-23



In the Gospels, Jesus is portrayed as the Living Temple. The one in whom heaven and earth meet.

Jesus **IS** God's Temple...

Radical Presence of God

Radical Revelation of God

Forgiveness of Sin and Healing

Assurance of Acceptance



Jesus said to his disciples, “But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and...you grieve because of what I’ve told you. But in fact, **it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Holy Spirit won’t come.** If I do go away, then I will send him to you.”

John 16:5-7

In my first book I told you...about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit... He talked to them about the Kingdom of God... [And] he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**”

Acts 1:1-5

Do y'all not know that **y'all are God's temple** and that God's Spirit dwells in y'all? ... God's temple is holy, and **y'all are that temple**.

I Corinthians 3:16-17

FILLED and BAPTISED.

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability... "God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the place of highest honour in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. Acts 2: 01-33

More than a church, we are God's temple...

The Holy Spirit dwells in the midst of God's people, the church is a "Temple"

A people centred upon God among whom God is encountered – a place to find forgiveness and reconciliation; a place for guidance and revelation; a people of intercession, a point of divine contact



God **dwells** with us:
WE ARE the Temple of the Holy Spirit

The sign on our lives needs to say:
"you are welcome to meet God here."

