

2 Chronicles 3 — “Constructing the Temple Building & Its Furnishings — God Is a God of Detail! He’s Holy & Worthy of All Worship!”

So much attention to detail in the building of the Temple:

- This entire section of 2 Chron 3:1 - 5:1 is divided into two sections:
 1. the BUILDING itself (3.1-7)
 2. the FURNISHINGS (3.8-5.1)

Chapter 3 details with the building of the Temple “complex” (building):

- Why so much detail?
 - **(1) God cares** about the detail;
 - **(2) Even the seemingly ‘small’ things** can be done to the honor & glory of God;
 - **(3) God’s worship** must be thoughtful, exalted, elevated and God-focused;
 - **(4) God is preeminent** above all other gods.

THESIS — We will journey through 2 Chronicles 3 and follow the Chronicler as we learn about the building of the Temple and its furnishings.

Consider how the Chronicler acts as a sort of **TOUR GUIDE** to lead us (in 2 Chronicles 3)!

- he starts with the PORCH (3-4)
- then the interior room - “the holy place” (v.5-7)
- then the Holiest of all, the Most Holy Place (v.8-13)
- then the VEIL of separation (v.14)
- then the PILLARS on the outside of symbolic praise (v.15-17)

I. THE LOCATION OF THE TEMPLE (God is faithful, unchanging and wise) (1-2)

Verse 1 - Mount Moriah — its significance?

1. Abraham taking Isaac up to sacrifice him - Gen 22
2. David and the Threshing Floor & God’s appearing - 1 Chron 21
3. Solomon building the Temple - 2 Chron 3
4. Jesus rending the veil when he died - Matt 27.51
5. The eschatological (millennial) temple - Ezekiel 40-48

II. THE HOLY PLACE IN THE TEMPLE (God is holy) (3-7)

The Temple itself (proper) consisted of two main chambers or parts (rooms) = (1) the holy place and the (2) most holy place. The text also deals with the “porch (portico; a front entryway)” (v 4).

III. THE HOLY OF HOLIES IN THE TEMPLE (God is unapproachable) (8-14)

- Going past the Holy Place (the ‘main room’) one entered the innermost room, the holiest room, the very place where God’s presence dwelt among them! **The Holy of Holies** (the most holy place). Only the high priest would enter here 1x a year (Day of Atonement).
- This all reminds us of one paramount truth — **God is unapproachable by sinful man without pure, innocent blood of a substitute.**

Verses 10-13 - The “Cherubim” (angels) —

Verse 14 - The “veil” —

IV. THE PILLARS BEFORE THE TEMPLE (God is to be Remembered and proclaimed) (15-17)

Why the pillars in front of the Temple complex?

1. The PILLARS are Monuments of God’s Majesty!
2. Also, they served to *REMIND* each generation of Israelites of the greatness and power of the One True and Living God, that they had the privilege of worshipping and coming to Him!

One more important note to consider regarding Mount Moriah and sacrifices...

Abraham > many hundreds of thousands of animals > Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

The Temple points us to Christ & for He is our Priest (Heb 9.6-12!)
Our access is in Christ! And He is our confidence (Heb 10:19-22)!

Yes details are important! But just as Solomon took great care, so also did God in sending Christ. And Christ tabernacled among us and when he died, the VEIL was torn! Come to this God!

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may
not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and
sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and
salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who over all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have
been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously,
made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly
falling, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore
Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with
praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly forever adore Him.