

Lesson 6 Notes – 02/05/2008

PROJECT: The Temple, Part I

This session begins to apply some of the principles of interpretation that we have been talking about. We will spend two sessions investigating the Jewish Temple located in Jerusalem during Jesus' time.

Preliminary Thoughts:

Here is my general procedure for doing biblical research on significant projects –

1. Define the goal or purpose of the study
2. Collect my first data and information
3. Catalog and arrange what I have discovered
4. Identify what is still missing or needed, and seek it out (answering the “who, what, when, where, why, how, and how much” questions)
5. Determine the best way to arrange the information for presentation
6. Compare results to the goal (#1) and work on making application to today

Temple Project: Goal

Develop a sense of the physical aspects of the Temple in Jesus' time, and the role it had in his mission and ministry.

Temple Project: Collect Information

1. Always begin by asking, “What does the Bible say?”
 - a. Use exhaustive concordance to locate all passages in New Testament with word “temple” and determine which ones refer to the one in Jerusalem
 - b. (See Assignment 3) Identify what the Scriptures are telling us. . . and leaving for us to discover elsewhere
2. Filling in the information the Gospel writers assumed their first readers had access to
 - a. Expository dictionary - two different words (*hieros, naos*) for Temple; note the difference in meaning
 - b. Bible dictionary - size, history, ceremonies, destruction, etc. **This will be part of the focus of our next session.**

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