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**An Amazing Fact: At 144,000 square meters—the equivalent to 29 football fields—the Jewish temple in the time of Christ was the largest sacred site in the Roman Empire. While it took 46 years to construct, the sanctuary was destroyed in ad 70 by the Romans in a matter of days. Today, all that remains is the outer foundation of the Western Wall—better known as the Wailing Wall—the most sacred site in all of Judaism. But some say this temple must be rebuilt before the Messiah can return.**



Dear friend,

Have you heard about the world-famous “secret-rapture” pastor offering the benediction for the new U.S. embassy in Jerusalem, which he claims is a fulfillment of prophecy? And this week, I heard another well-known pastor declare that the Jewish temple would soon be rebuilt on the hotly disputed site of the Dome of the Rock—where the antichrist would then be revealed.

As millions of sincere believers are bamboozled by these warped interpretations of prophecy, the real antichrist grows in power. If you and I are going to make a stand for truth, we must understand the real purpose of God’s true temple. Let me explain ...

### A Divine Design

After the Lord miraculously delivered the Israelites from Egypt, He led them to Mount Sinai—where He spoke audibly and gave the people His eternal Ten Commandment law. But He also gave Moses something more: detailed blueprints for a temple. According to the book of Hebrews, this portable earthly sanctuary was actually a small model of the Lord’s dwelling place in heaven. This beautiful, unique structure was a three-dimensional object lesson designed to help God’s people understand His plan to save and sanctify us through Jesus, our “High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle” (Hebrews 8:1, 2).

This is where Jesus is right now, interceding for us before the Father in the heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 7:25). Is it any wonder then that the devil is working feverishly to confuse people by getting them to focus on a fake third temple?

### A Masterpiece of Distraction

Let me tell you about Nadine. She had been searching for happiness in earthly relationships for years—but after two failed marriages, she was deeply discouraged. While she believed in God, she admits, “I was a hearer of the Word but not a doer.”

However, one big reason she didn’t take God’s law seriously was because she’d been confused by the conflicting doctrines of popular pastors. One of those teachings was a twisting of 2 Thessalonians 2:4, which says that the antichrist would commit blasphemy by showing himself “as God in the temple of God.”

Some teach that for the devil to sit “in the temple,” it must mean a new sanctuary will be built. But Satan doesn’t need to enthrone himself in literal Israel; instead, he’s trying to show himself as God within the church—“you are the temple of God” (1 Corinthians 3:16). Bible prophecy warns that a world religious power will open “his mouth in blasphemy against God [and] His tabernacle” (Revelation 13:6), teaching that God’s Ten Commandments are no longer binding.

Friend, this has already happened ... and only a few know the truth! The antichrist, proclaiming that he stands in the place of Jesus, has diverted people’s attention to an imaginary earthly temple in the Middle East, when our

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eyes should be fixed on *“the Jerusalem above”* (Galatians 4:26). But with the help of your gifts we can direct the eyes of the world to the *“more perfect tabernacle not made with hands”* (Hebrews 9:11). What happens when we do that? Let’s go back to Nadine ...

### “A Miracle Has Happened!”

“It seemed as though I had fallen into a pit,” she says. Depressed and disillusioned, Nadine began praying fervently for guidance. That’s when she remembered a family member had recommended to her a ministry they loved called Amazing Facts.

So Nadine looked for us on YouTube and began watching our sermons. And not long after, God led her to my presentation on the heavenly sanctuary. Something clicked when she learned that God’s Ten Commandments were located *inside* the ark of the covenant (Deuteronomy 10:2,5). Nadine then heard Revelation 11:19: *“The ark of His covenant was seen in His temple”*—and Hebrews 10:16: *“I will put my laws into their hearts.”*

I am happy to tell you that Nadine has found freedom in obedience and God’s grace. Her experience was so penetrating, she wrote, “A miracle has happened!” She now attends church each Sabbath and is experiencing the joy of a deeper, obedient walk with God.

### Sharing Magazines

But I can’t help but think of all those who are still distracted by the deceptive doctrines of devils. How can we reach them with the truth of God’s heavenly temple?

Well, I have an idea! The Bible says, *“Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary”* (Psalm 77:13). This is why Amazing Facts wants to create a new sharing magazine that will teach people about God’s love as revealed in the sanctuary. What better topic could there be at this time in history, when so many are curious yet deceived about God’s temple in the last days? Among Amazing Facts’ most popular witnessing tools are our colorful sharing magazines. Churches, small groups, and individuals often order them by the box to share with their communities. In fact, did you know that on average, more than 500 copies of our new *The Final Events of Bible Prophecy* magazine are being distributed every day?

**It’s time for Amazing Facts to create a convicting sanctuary sharing magazine** revealing undeniable truths about prophecy, salvation, Sabbath, and even our health. But most importantly, when we share the sanctuary truth, we are sharing Christ, who said, *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ... But He was speaking of the temple of His body”* (John 2:19-21).

### Only You Can Make It Happen!

By faith, and enabled by your partnership, we freely distribute countless resources—but that doesn’t make them free! When people contact Amazing Facts asking for Bible-based materials, I don’t want to turn them away.

Won’t you please bless us with your sacrificial offering this month? As my thanks for your gift, let me send you my two-part series, *Where Is the Temple of the Lord?* These fascinating presentations will thrill your heart, and after you watch them, they are perfect for sharing the truth about the sanctuary with family and friends who might be deceived by popular preachers.

And don’t forget to share your prayer requests on the back of the reply card when you send your gift this month—it’s important to me that we pray for one another. And thank you for lifting the eyes of so many like Nadine up to Jesus.

Directing souls to our High Priest in heaven,

Pastor Doug Batchelor  
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