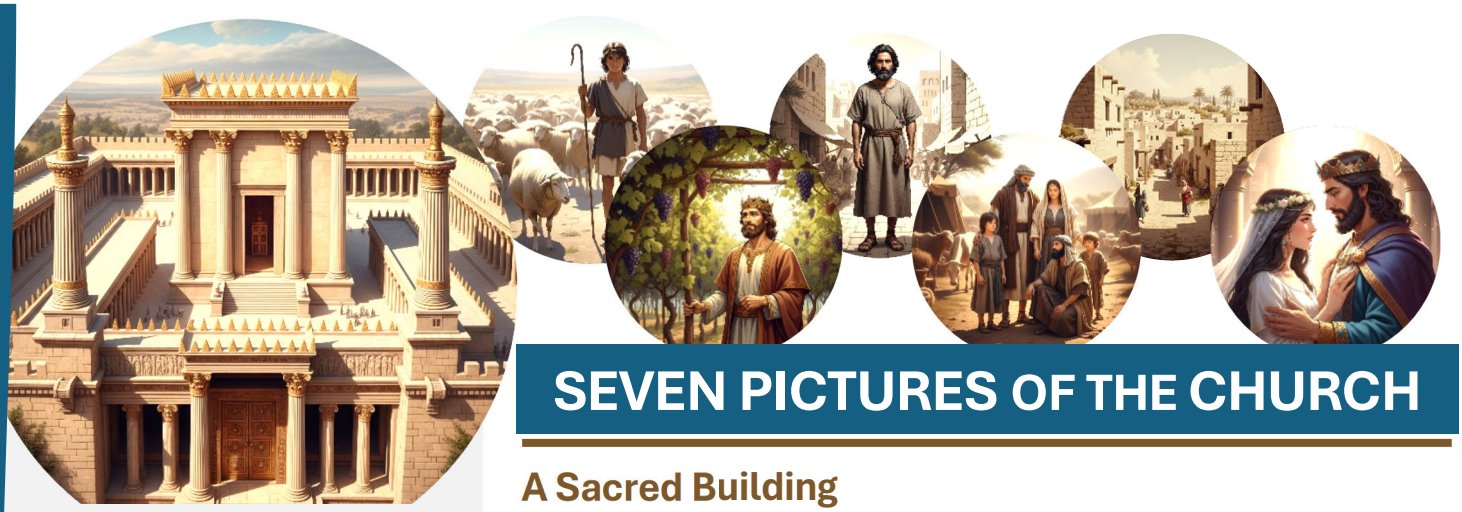

# SEVEN PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

## GOD'S TEMPLE

(You are) … built on **the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a **holy temple** in the Lord. And in him you too are **being built** together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. - Eph 2:20–22.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? …God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. - 1 Co 3:16–17.

What warning did God give the people of Israel regarding their trust in a physical temple built by man? (Jeremiah 7:1-8)

Propose the best interpretation of prophesies of the temple. (Mi 4:1-5)

How is Christ and his work superior to the temple and its sacrifices? (Heb 9)

## A Sacred Building

Describe the temple built by Solomon (1 Kings 6)

## Built for a Purpose

Why did the Lord designate certain places and structures for worship?

- 1 Kings 8:27-40
- Exodus 20:24
- Psalm 150:1
- Isaiah 2:3. Luke 21:37, Acts 1:8
- Hebrews 8:5

Determine what we can conclude about both the first (1 Kings 9:1-9) and second (Luke 21:5-6) temple built in Jerusalem.

## God Must Build It

Breakdown why human efforts cannot make a suitable temple. (Acts 7:44-50)

Summarize God's promise regarding his temple. (2 Samuel 7:1-15)

## Living Stones

Where can God quarry for his temple's stones? (Luke 3:8)

Describe how the true Son of David builds God's temple. (1 Peter 2:4-6)

## You Are a Sacred Building

Indicate the appropriate response to God's building program.

- 1 Cor 6:18-20
- 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Christ has come. Discuss how our worship has changed. (John 4:20-26)