

“HAPPY ARE THOSE  
CONSCIOUS  
OF THEIR  
SPIRITUAL NEED.”

—Matthew 5:3.

The Key to True Happiness- Spiritual Need – 2026 Year Text

2025 Governing Body Update #6

As Jehovah's people, we view the Bible as more than a vital piece of history. It's more than just a good book. We need Jehovah's direction —just like we need food, clothing, and shelter. That's how Jehovah created us. Jesus highlighted this truth in a simple but powerful statement recorded at Matthew 5:3: "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need, since the Kingdom of the heavens belongs to them." To be truly happy, we must be aware of our spiritual need and take steps to satisfy it. But what does it mean to be "conscious of [our] spiritual need"?

The original Greek expression conveys the idea of being a beggar for the spirit. Picture a person in rags, crouched on a street corner. He's weak from hunger and exposed to the elements. He begs for help to improve his lot in life. Now, what's the point? A person who is conscious of his spiritual need knows that he needs Jehovah's help, and he eagerly seeks it.

What qualities must we have in order to be conscious of our spiritual need? Let's see what we learn from the account of the Phoenician woman. It's described at Matthew 15:22-28. Notice how she approached Jesus and interacted with him. It says: "And look! a Phoenician woman from that region came and cried out: 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My daughter is cruelly demon possessed.' But he did not say a word in answer to her. So his disciples came and began to urge him: 'Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.'

"He answered: 'I was not sent to anyone except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But the woman came and did obeisance to him, saying: Lord, help me!' In answer he said: 'It is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to the little dogs.' "She said: 'Yes, Lord, but really the little dogs do eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus replied to her: 'O woman, great is your faith; let it happen to you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed from that hour on."

This woman was a Gentile, a Phoenician. Yet, she approached Jesus with a desperate plea: "Have mercy on me." At first, Jesus didn't respond. Then he said he was 'sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

And finally, he used an illustration that likened her to a little dog. How would you have reacted? Would you have felt insulted or even given up? This woman didn't.

She showed three beautiful qualities that can help us to satisfy our spiritual need. Now, here they are: humility, persistence, and faith. Because she was humble, she didn't argue or take offense. She accepted her position and still appealed to Jesus' mercy. She was persistent. She kept asking, even when the disciples urged Jesus to "send her away." And she had strong faith. She believed Jesus could help her — even if all she got were "the crumbs" of his attention. Jesus was so moved by her faith that he did something remarkable. He healed her daughter even though she was not an Israelite.

This account teaches us that Jehovah and Jesus are eager to help those who are truly conscious of their spiritual need. Like the Phoenician woman, we must develop humility, persistence, and faith. Earlier, we likened our spiritual need to our physical needs — things like food, clothing, and shelter. But how can we gain spiritual food, clothing, and shelter? Let's see how Jehovah provides these for us.

First, let's think about spiritual food. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he told the apostle Peter: "Feed my little sheep." Peter did just that. Jehovah even used him to write two letters that became part of the Bible. But Peter also needed to nourish himself with spiritual food. For example, he studied the inspired letters that the apostle Paul wrote. Peter acknowledged that some of the things Paul wrote about were "hard to understand."

The Key to True Happiness- Spiritual Need

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Amen! But Peter didn't give up. He had faith that Jehovah would help him to understand and apply the "solid food" in those inspired letters.

Like Peter, we must regularly feed on the truths of God's Word. We must develop an appetite for solid spiritual food —truths that may be hard to understand at first. Of course, this takes time and effort, but it's worth it. It strengthens our love for Jehovah, and it motivates us to tell others about him.

What about spiritual clothing? At Colossians 3:9, 10, the apostle Paul wrote: "Strip off the old personality with its practices, and clothe yourselves with the new personality." Paul lived those words. Before he was a Christian, he had a hot temper. Acts 9:1 says that he was so angry with the disciples of Jesus that he was "breathing threat and murder" against them! After Saul had a miraculous vision of Jesus, he was moved to repent.

But his work didn't end there. Paul had to keep 'pummeling his body' — fighting his imperfections. And with Jehovah's help, he stripped off his negative traits. He clothed himself with the new personality.

We want to do the same! No matter how long we've been serving Jehovah, we need to keep working at it. At times, we might become discouraged. We thought we had already stripped it all off. And then we notice that some part of that old personality has reappeared. What do we do? We keep stripping it off and keep putting on the new personality. That's the wonderful spiritual clothing that Jehovah supplies. To be truly happy, we need more than spiritual food and spiritual clothing. What do we need? We also need spiritual shelter. King David spoke about it at Psalm 27:5. Speaking of Jehovah, David wrote: "For he will hide me in his shelter on the day of calamity; he will conceal me in the secret place of his tent; high on a rock he will place me."

When David obeyed Jehovah, he was protected from the harm that comes to those who willfully sin. But when David ignored God's standards, Jehovah did not shelter him from the consequences. We can imitate David by seeking Jehovah's counsel when we make decisions. At times, we may suffer hardship, not because Jehovah has failed to shelter us, but because we've made poor decisions. At other times, we may face trials through no fault of our own. What do we do then? We pour out our heart to Jehovah in prayer. And what does Jehovah do? He guards our hearts and our thoughts. He will protect us from anything that could permanently harm our faith. We're grateful that Jehovah provides spiritual food, clothing, and shelter. Thanks to Jehovah, we have everything we need to survive and to be truly happy!

**Remember Jesus' words at Matthew 5:3: "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need." To help us remember this key to happiness, Matthew 5:3 has been chosen as the year text for 2026. May we never forget these vital words: "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need."**

We're also excited to announce a new original song based on Matthew 5:3. It's entitled "My Spiritual Need." This new song beautifully expresses our desire to keep feeding our faith and walking with Jehovah. We look forward to singing this new song together at the upcoming annual meeting. It will become song 162 in our songbook. It's now available for download in English and in a number of other languages. Additional languages will be added as they become available.

Remember, brothers: To be conscious of our spiritual need, we must remain humble, be persistent, and have strong faith in our God, Jehovah. With the help of those wonderful qualities, we will fill our spiritual need every day. And what's more, we'll be truly happy.

**My Spiritual Need-**  
**2026 Year Text Original song**

**(Matthew 5:3)**

1. There is a need in each heart  
God put within from the start:  
Yearning to know what life is for,  
Thirsting for something more.  
Though some may search in despair,  
God's Word has always been there—  
Words that bring hope, joy that is real,  
Happiness I can feel.

**(CHORUS)**


I'll praise Jehovah each day,  
Walk in his light, follow his way.  
I'll give Jehovah my life,  
Trusting that he'll provide.  
I will always feed  
My spiritual need.

2. I know I need to make time  
Thinking on truths that I find,  
Feeding my faith, helping me see  
How to be truly free.  
Though some may choose to ignore,  
I'll pray they open the door.  
Then they can feel true peace of mind,  
Happiness just like mine.

**(CHORUS)**

I'll praise Jehovah each day,  
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I'll give Jehovah my life,  
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(See also Ps. 1:1, 2; 112:1; 119:97; Isa. 40:8; Matt. 5:6; 16:24; 2 Tim. 4:4.)



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AND  
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AND BE ZEALOUS FOR  
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**South Africa**  
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**Sweden**  
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**Romania**  
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CONVENTIONS**

## 2026 International Conventions

### **CAMEROON, Douala**

June 19, 2026 – June 21, 2026  
Language. French, English, Pidgin (West Africa), Cameroon Sign Language

### **ROMANIA, Bucharest**

June 19, 2026 – June 21, 2026  
Language. Romanian, English, Hungarian, Romanian Sign Language, Romany (Romania)

### **BRAZIL, Curitiba**

June 26, 2026 – June 28, 2026  
Language. Portuguese (Brazil), English

### **CANADA, St. John's**

July 3, 2026 – July 5, 2026  
Language. English

### **POLAND, Warsaw**

July 3, 2026 – July 5, 2026  
Language. Polish, English, Polish Sign Language

### **SWEDEN, Stockholm**

July 3, 2026 – July 5, 2026

Language. Swedish, English, Swedish Sign Language

### **TAIWAN, Kaohsiung**

July 3, 2026 – July 5, 2026  
Language. Chinese (Mandarin), English, Taiwanese Sign Language

### **PANAMA, Panama City**

July 10, 2026 – July 12, 2026  
Language. Spanish, English, Guna, Panamanian Sign Language, Ngabere

### **PORTUGAL, Porto**

July 10, 2026 – July 12, 2026  
Language. Portuguese (Portugal), English, Portuguese Sign Language

### **CANADA, Calgary**

July 31, 2026 – August 2, 2026  
Language. English, Russian, Tigrinya

### **ECUADOR, Quito**

August 7, 2026 – August 9, 2026  
Language. Spanish, English, Ecuadorian Sign Language

### **LITHUANIA, Vilnius**

August 7, 2026 – August 9, 2026  
Language. Lithuanian, English, Latvian, Russian, Russian Sign Language

### **GERMANY, Hamburg**

August 14, 2026 – August 16, 2026  
Language. German, English, Polish

### **NETHERLANDS, Utrecht**

August 14, 2026 – August 16, 2026  
Language. Dutch, English, Papiamentu (Curaçao)

### **SOUTH AFRICA, Johannesburg**

August 28, 2026 – August 30, 2026  
Language. English, Sepedi, Zulu, South African Sign Language

### **UNITED STATES, Milwaukee**

August 28, 2026 – August 30, 2026  
Language. English, Spanish

### **PHILIPPINES, Manila**

October 30, 2026 – November 1, 2026  
Language. Tagalog, English

### **UNITED STATES, San Diego**

November 27, 2026 – November 29, 2026  
Language. English, Tagalog

### **THAILAND, Bangkok**

December 11, 2026 – December 13, 2026  
Language. Thai, English, Thai Sign Language













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Preaching From Ship to Ship (2015) – transcript.

In busy harbors around the world. Witnesses invited to this special work are going aboard ships with the kingdom message you

The harbor is a 24/7 economy, so you never know exactly when a ship arrives, you have to be flexible in your schedule. Adjust everything you can to meet the people there on board, especially when it is a return visit, to try to do everything you can to meet that person again.

We checked one website where all the ships are depicted on a map. We check if some of them are return visits, and what nationalities are on board. Once on the ship, we go to the mess room, and then it's a little bit like metropolitan witnessing. We have like a table, and we play some magazines over there. We put a tablet over there with a website. In the 80s, we used a little cart behind our bicycles to bring all the 80 languages of literature to the sea ships.

Sometimes we would come home tired at 10:30, maybe 11, and then there was a message on the answering machine of a sailor saying, Please, Mr. Tydeman, come to our ship because we're leaving in two or three hours, and we desperately need spiritual food, and we would go right back on our bikes with literature.

But in the wintertime, it was very hard, because it was raining, it was very cold, and we had to bike for one hour. But then we came on the ship, and then people were so nice and you were inside, and then we could forget it.

The JW language app also proves very valuable in our ministry. When we have to wait, for example, in the mess room for the crew to arrive, we use it to practice certain greetings or expressions in their mother tongue.

The biggest challenge for us in the harbor field is a little bit like what I call the five minutes rule. What will you say if you meet a person once in your life and you only have five minutes? So what we have to do then is read a scripture, inform him about God's name, give him a beautiful tract, show him a video, all focus on the first five minutes you meet a person.

. And if we see how they react to Jehovah's purpose to make this earth a paradise again, and that they would be able to be with their families, that that is Jehovah's intention from the start. That's very nice to see how they are comforted by the good news.

I have seen so many times, how Jehovah cares for the sailors, how he helps them, how he listens to their prayers. Sometimes when I was coming from the ship, I couldn't sleep from all the excitement on the ship. These are really the most beautiful years of my life.

(experience) I first got in touch with the truth in 1997 at Antwerp Harper in Belgium, when brother Danny and sister Nancy Sghiri visited me, one of the topics that touched his heart was the good news of the kingdom. And I remember once he told us that his personal name, Talalelei, means good news. He applied promptly what he learned in his personal life, and shortly thereafter, he became an unbaptized publisher. And after some time, he preached with us together on the ships.

My love for the truth and the Brotherhood got stronger. I was baptized in 2000. I am grateful that the brothers who visited us at the dock, carried out jealous work, selflessly and faithfully.

These brothers learn that harbor witnessing takes good planning and an adaptable spirit. If there is a seaport in your area that could benefit from this form of ministry, ask your congregation Service Committee what arrangement exists, or it could be set up by your branch

### **Good News for Seafarers**

By some estimates, there are one and a half million seafarers around the world. Since sailors constantly travel from one port to another, how can Jehovah's Witnesses reach as many of them as possible with the Bible's message? When a ship comes into port, trained Witnesses offer to come aboard and give free Bible-based courses and literature to officers and crew members in their preferred language. <https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/activities/ministry/good-news-for-seafarers/>

## **Do You Remember?**

Have you carefully read this year's 2025, issues of *The Watchtower*? Well, see if you can answer the following questions:

### **What motivates us to give Jehovah glory?**

We do so because we deeply respect Jehovah and dearly love him. We also glorify him because we want others to know him.—[w25.01](#), p. 3.

### **If someone offends us, how can we be more forgiving?**

We do not simply ignore our feelings; yet, letting go of anger and resentment can help us to avoid being damaged by bitterness.—[w25.02](#), pp. 15-16.

### **Why is the disciple Mark a good example for young brothers?**

Mark willingly accepted an assignment to serve. Even though he was likely hurt and disappointed over a situation, Mark did not quit. He cultivated his relationship with Paul and other mature ones.—[w25.04](#), p. 27.

### **What did Jesus mean when he prayed: “I have made your name known to them”? (John 17:26)**

His disciples already knew God's name. But Jesus made known to them the Person behind the name, including His purposes, activities, and qualities.—[w25.05](#), pp. 20-21.

### **If we are modest, what do we recognize?**

We recognize that we do not know some things. For example, we do not know when the end will come or how Jehovah may act at that time. Nor do we know what will happen tomorrow or how well Jehovah knows us.—[w25.06](#), pp. 15-18.

### **What can help us benefit from an article or a public talk?**

We can ask ourselves: ‘What evidence is being used to convince the audience? Is there an effective illustration that I can use when teaching? Who might be interested in this topic?’—[w25.07](#), p. 19.

### **What can we learn about God's forgiveness from how he dealt with David?**

Though David committed grave sins, when he sincerely repented, Jehovah forgave him. (1 Ki. 9:4, 5) Once God forgives, he does not hold a past error against the sinner or bring it up in the future.—[w25.08](#), p. 17.

### **If a Bible student struggles with a point, what can you do?**

If he still struggles with a point after you have tried to teach it well from the Bible, move past it and plan to return to it later.—[w25.09](#), p. 24.

### **The Bible says that sin has “deceptive power.” (Heb. 3:13) How so?**

Sin can entice us to commit wrong acts. It can also deceive us into having persistent doubts, such as whether God really loves us.—[w25.10](#), p. 16.

### **What are three things that can make our personal prayers more meaningful?**

(1) We can reflect on Jehovah's qualities. (2) We can think about what we are dealing with and mention it, such as our need to forgive someone. (3) We can linger in prayer. This will more likely allow us to express our inner thoughts.—[w25.10](#), pp. 19-20.

### **How can we help older ones?**

We can visit or call those who are older. We may also be able to accompany them to medical appointments. Or we can work with older ones in different forms of the ministry.—[w25.11](#), pp. 6-7.

### **What are key aspects of an honorable Christian wedding?**

Comply with any relevant legal requirements. Ensure that the atmosphere of the ceremony and reception reflects the fruitage of God's spirit. Be modest in your attire, and be sure to avoid unscriptural customs. Communicate well while planning the wedding.—[w25.12](#), pp. 21-24.

## Trivia Questions

**1. Who is presently serving as president of the Watch Tower Society?**

**Answer:** Bro. Ciranko

**2. Who was the first president of the Watch Tower Society?**

**Answer:** In 1881, William Henry Conley was the first president of Zion's Watch Tower. It was not until 1884, when the Society was legally incorporated, that Bro. Russell became president.

**3. Who among the Governing Body has served the longest?**

**Answer:** Bro. Gerrit Lösch

**4. Who is the oldest serving member of the Governing Body?**

**Answer:** Bro. Samuel Herd

**5. Who worked together with Jody Hadley on night security at Wallkill in the early 1990s, and both were still single? If you haven't figured that out yet, here's another clue: He served in the Bethel Office with Ken Cook for 10 years.**

**Answer:** Bro. Jeff Winder

**6. Which member of the Governing Body served as a missionary in Africa? He attended Gilead in 1966 and served in Senegal.**

**Answer:** Br. David's Splane

**7. Which member of the Governing Body graduated from the 132nd class of Gilead—the first class where Gilead invited brothers and sisters to help strengthen and stabilize the work in other countries? He also served as an SKE instructor and as a member of the Ecuador Branch Committee.**

**Answer:** *Jacob Rumph*

**8. Which member of the Governing Body speaks English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian?**

**Answer:** Bro. Gage Fleegle

**9. Which member of the Governing Body served twice in Wallkill, twice in Brooklyn, twice in Patterson, and twice in Warwick? In fact, he once said, "No one will keep us." He was known as a *nomadic Bethelite*.**

**Answer:** Br. Jody Jedele

**10. Which Governing Body Member's Father helped to design the sawmill equipment that was used at Wallkill, now his father, though not a witness, helped to design the equipment for a company that was in Pennsylvania,**

**Answer:** Br. Kenneth Cook

**11: How many members of the Governing Body once served in Bethel, were later reassigned to the field, and eventually invited back to Bethel?**

**Answer:** Five

**12. At 18 years of age, which member of the Governing Body received a letter from his brother-in-law encouraging him to fill out a Bethel application?**

The letter gave him 30 days to complete and return it. He waited until the 30th day—and less than three months later, he became a Bethelite.

**Answer:** Bro. Stephen Lett

**13. Which member of the Governing Body is the only one to have graduated from the Ministerial Training School (MTS)? Interestingly, for three days, his instructor was Brother Stephen Lett. Later, this brother became a Branch Committee member in the Philippines.**

**Answer:** Bro. Sanderson

**14. What is *Ramapo*? We often hear the name mentioned and pray for the progress at Ramapo — but what exactly is it?**

**Answer:** The World Headquarters Media Center. It's located near Warwick and will be used in a marvelous way once completed.

**15. Which member of the Governing Body will receive counsel on Wednesday for...**

**Well, you probably don't even need me to say it — but here's the answer anyway:**

**Answer: Br. Jackson.**

All ten members of the Governing Body gave talks!

The last time this happened was in 1980, during the **Centennial of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society**. That program also ran for **five hours**, so I think we can say — we'll be just fine!

## Questions From Readers

### What “thought” will Jehovah put into the hearts of the nations in the near future?

Regarding the start of the great tribulation, Revelation 17:16,17 says: “The ten horns that you saw and the wild beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her devastated and naked, and they will eat up her flesh and completely burn her with fire. For God put it into their hearts to carry out his thought, yes, to carry out their one thought by giving their kingdom to the wild beast.” In the past, our publications have said that the “thought” that Jehovah will put into the hearts of the nations is to destroy false religion.

However, an adjustment is needed. The “thought” that Jehovah will put into the hearts of the nations is for them to give “their kingdom to the wild beast.” To understand how this will be fulfilled, consider the following questions.

**Who are the main characters in the prophecy?** “The prostitute” is also called “Babylon the Great”; she represents the world empire of false religion. The “scarlet-colored wild beast” is a symbol of the peace organization that began to function in 1919 as the League of Nations and is now the United Nations. (Revelation 17:3-5) “The ten horns” represent all the governmental powers that support the wild beast.

**What is the relationship between the prostitute and the scarlet-colored wild beast?** The prostitute has been “sitting on” the wild beast, giving that beast her blessing and trying to influence, even dominate, it.

**What will happen to the prostitute?** The wild beast, along with the ten horns that support it, “will hate the prostitute.” Venting their hatred, they will plunder her wealth and expose her wickedness. And they will carry out Jehovah’s judgment respecting her, namely, that she be completely destroyed. (Revelation 17:1; 18:8) That will be the end of false religious institutions. However, **before** that happens, Jehovah will cause the nations to do something that is unprecedented in the history of human rulership.

**What will Jehovah cause the nations to do?** He will put into the hearts of the ten horns “his thought,” namely, that “they give their power and authority to the [scarlet-colored] wild beast”—the United Nations. (Revelation 17:13) Think what that means. Will human governments simply decide on their own to hand over their power and authority to the wild beast? No! The prophecy shows that God himself will influence them to follow that course. (Proverbs 21:1; compare Isaiah 44:28.) Will this be a gradual shift in power? No! Evidently it will be a sudden, decisive change. Then the newly empowered wild beast will execute Jehovah’s judgment on false religious organizations by removing them once and for all.

**What, then, may we expect?** We need not look for news reports that governments are slowly becoming more supportive of the United Nations. What we can expect is this: With startling suddenness, Jehovah will put it into the hearts of the nations to hand over their power to the wild beast. When that happens, we will know that the great tribulation is about to begin. Meanwhile, “let us stay awake and keep our senses” because sudden changes are soon to come!—1 Thessalonians 5:6.

# Study Tip

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## STUDY PROJECT

Showing Courage Under Pressure

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## STUDY PROJECT

Build Trust in Jehovah's Saving Power

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## Set Priorities

We all have a limited amount of time for personal study. How can we make the best use of it? First, take your time. You will actually benefit more by studying a little material carefully than by skimming through a lot of material.

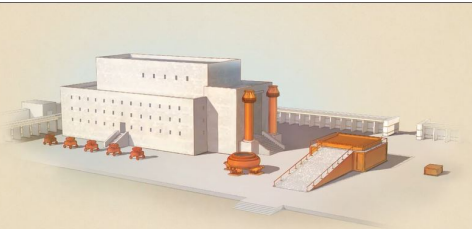
Then, set some priorities. ([Eph. 5:15, 16](#)) Consider these suggestions:

- Read the Bible every day. ([Ps. 1:2](#)) Our weekly Bible reading schedule for the midweek meeting is an excellent starting point.
- Prepare for the *Watchtower* Study and the midweek meeting. Be ready to comment.—[Ps. 22:22](#).
- As you have the time, keep up-to-date with other spiritual food, such as our public magazines, videos, and material published on [jw.org](#).
- Do a study project. You could do research on a challenge you are facing, a question you have, or a Bible topic you would like to understand better. To get ideas, review the "[Bible Study Activities](#)" section on [jw.org](#).

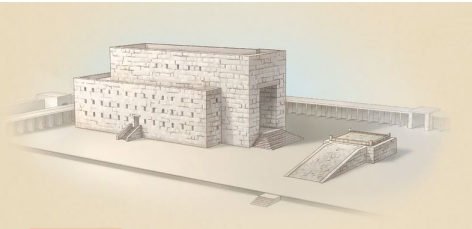
# Temple



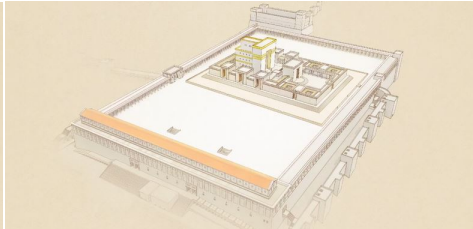
1. The tabernacle (in use for almost 500 years; 1 Sam. 1:9)



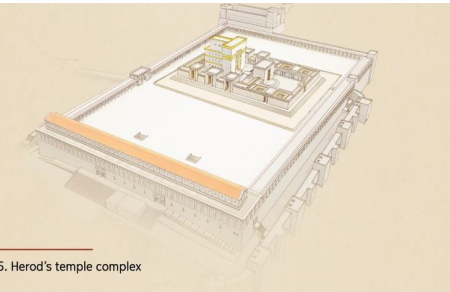
2. Solomon's temple (in use for about 420 years)



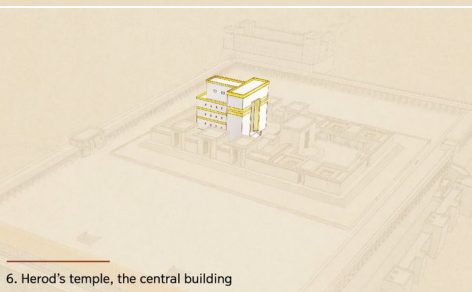
3. Zerubbabel's temple (in use for about 500 years)



4. Herod's temple (built in 46 years; John 2:20)



5. Herod's temple complex



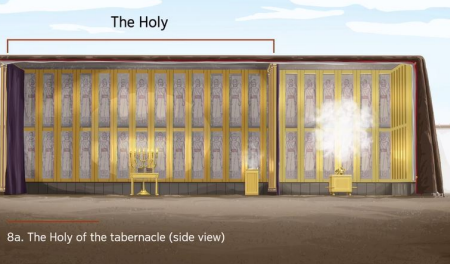
6. Herod's temple, the central building



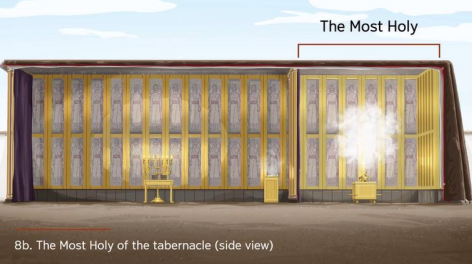
7. Solomon's temple, the central building (The Holy, Most Holy, and side chambers)



8. The tabernacle (side view)



8a. The Holy of the tabernacle (side view)



8b. The Most Holy of the tabernacle (side view)



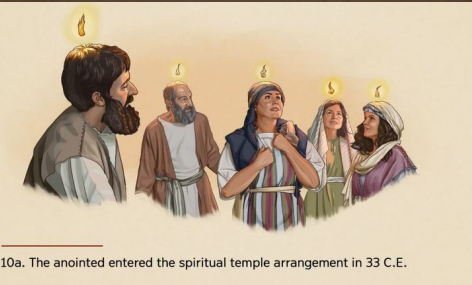
8c. The curtain separating the Holy from the Most Holy (side view)



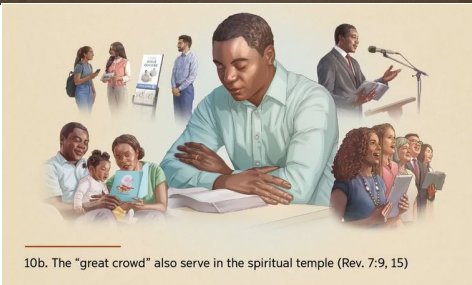
9. The anointed are a "temple for Jehovah" (Eph. 2:21, 22)



10. The spiritual temple arrangement began in 29 C.E.



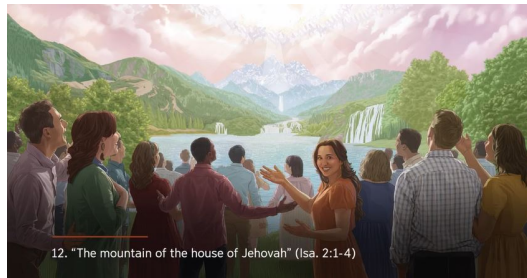
10a. The anointed entered the spiritual temple arrangement in 33 C.E.



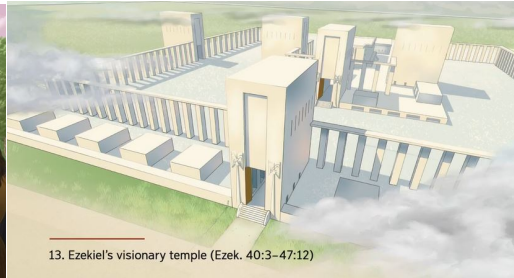
10b. The "great crowd" also serve in the spiritual temple (Rev. 7:9, 15)



11. Jesus compared his body to a temple (John 2:19)



12. "The mountain of the house of Jehovah" (Isa. 2:1-4)



13. Ezekiel's visionary temple (Ezek. 40:3-47:12)



14. "Jehovah God the Almighty is [a] temple" (Rev. 21:22)