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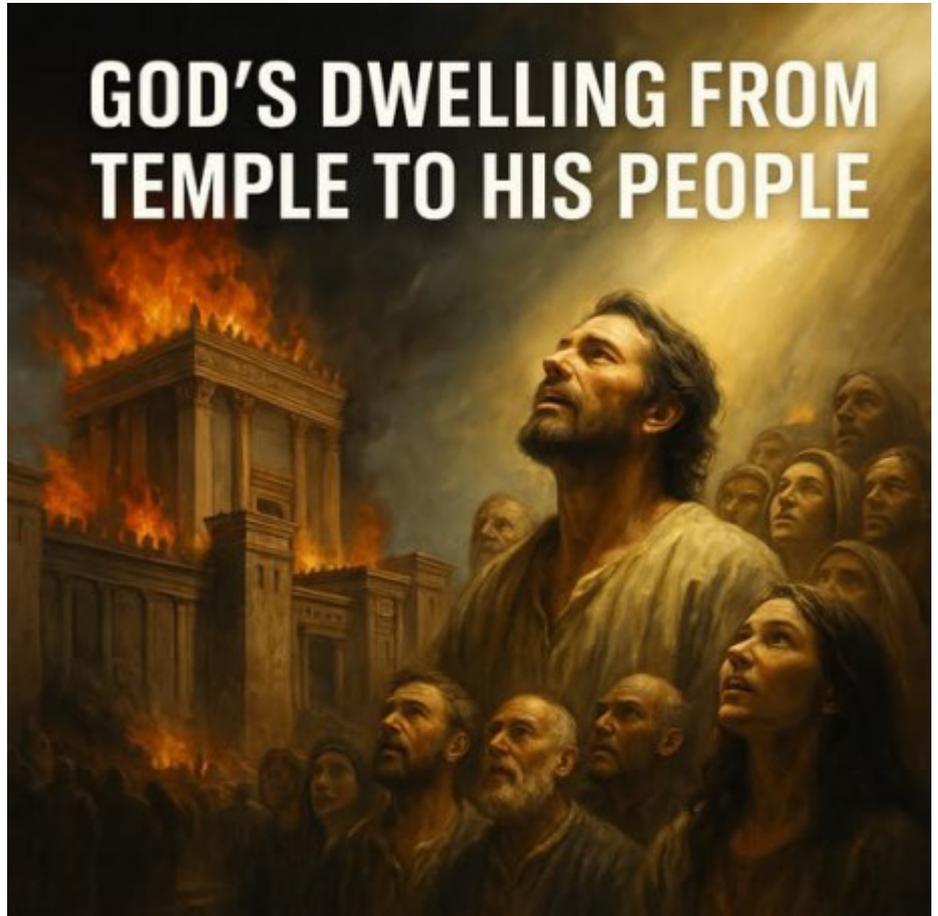
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## GOD'S DWELLING FROM TEMPLE TO HIS PEOPLE



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### **Introduction**

One of the most overlooked truths in Scripture is that God's dwelling place was never meant to remain in a physical temple made with hands forever. From Eden to AD 70, Scripture reveals a progressive movement of His presence until the final shift into His people. This is not opinion, it is Scripture interpreting Scripture.

### **GOD'S DWELLING IN THE BEGINNING**

- Genesis 3:8 - Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. God dwelt among His creation. Sin broke that direct fellowship.

- Exodus 25:8 - God commanded, "Have them construct a sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them." The tabernacle became the visible place of God's presence.

### **THE GLORY FILLED THE HOUSE**

- 1 Kings 8:10-11 - When Solomon dedicated the temple, the glory of the Lord filled the house so that the priests could not stand to minister. This was the visible sign that God's presence was among His covenant people.

### **THE PROPHETS FORETOLD A SHIFT**

- Jeremiah 31:31-33 - God promised a new covenant, not like the covenant made when He brought them out of Egypt, but one written on their hearts. This meant the place of His law and presence would change.

- Isaiah 66:1 - "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?" God's true dwelling could never be confined to a building.

### **JESUS ANNOUNCES THE CHANGE**

- John 2:19-21 - Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." He was speaking of the temple of His body. The temple was shifting from stone to the Living Temple, Christ Himself.

- Matthew 23:38 - "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate." This was the death sentence on the Old Covenant temple.

### **THE APOSTLES CONFIRM THE MOVE**

- 1 Corinthians 3:16 - "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" The dwelling place is no longer a building in Jerusalem, it is the body of Christ.

- 2 Corinthians 6:16 - "For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, 'I will dwell among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'"

## **AD 70, THE FINAL TRANSFER OF DWELLING**

- Hebrews 9:8 - The Holy Spirit signified that the way into the holy place had not yet been disclosed while the first tabernacle was still standing. When the temple fell in AD 70, the Old Covenant system was completely removed.

- Revelation 21:2-3 - "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them." This is the fulfilled reality after the passing of the old heaven and earth (Old Covenant).

## **Conclusion**

From Eden, to the tabernacle, to the temple, to Christ, and finally into His people, the dwelling place of God moved. The destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 was not simply judgment, it was the public declaration that God's presence had fully moved into His people. The kingdom was established, the New Covenant complete, and the prophecy fulfilled.

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