

On Wednesdays this month we've been looking at worship "then and now" and you've been working on memorizing Hebrews 12:28:

...and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe...

But the way people worshiped God in the Old Testament is very different from the way we worship today. What's the difference between worship "then" and "now"?

For almost 500 years, the _____

was where God's people worshiped. It started when God told Moses at Mount Sinai: "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their

midst." (Exo 25:8) But God didn't leave it up to Moses' imagination or the people's guesses as to what to build; he gave them a very specific pattern (Exo 25:9) to follow.

The third king of Israel, King Solomon, eventually built "a house for the name of the LORD" (I Kings 5:5) called

the _____.

But the tabernacle and temple are long gone, so what now? Is all lost? Not at all! Listen:

- The God who made the world "does not ______ in temples made by man" (Acts 17:24-25)
- Christians are "being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (Eph 2:19-22)
- Paul told Christians in Corinth, "______ are the temple of the living God" (2 Cor 6:16)
- Peter encouraged Christians to realize, "you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" (I Pet 2:4-5)

Who are the sacrifices now? God's people are the sacrifices. Where are the priests today? God's people are the priests. Where is God's temple? God's people are the temple!

FOUNDATION STONES

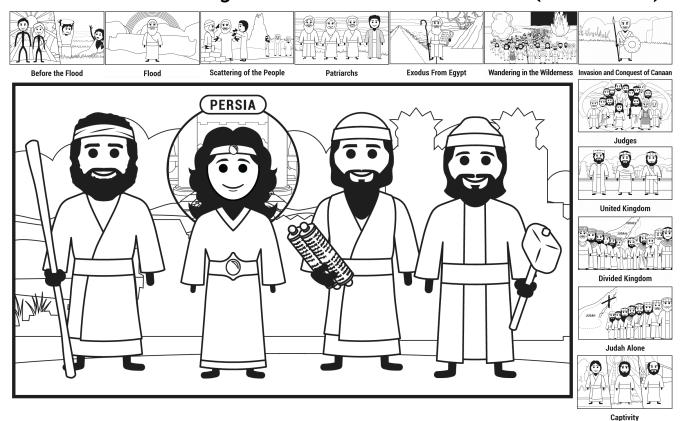
This month, we're working on:

TIMELINE Building Blocks:

The first 13 periods of the Creation to Revelation timeline (this will get us through the entire Old Testament by the end of the month)

- BIBLE Building Blocks: our Old & New Testament books of the Bible; turning to books of the Bible without looking at the Table of Contents
- KEY WORD Building Blocks: altar, tabernacle, temple, synagogue, church, Amen

TIMELINE Building Blocks: Creation to Revelation (Period 1-13)



Return From Captivity

KEY WORD Building Blocks

The tabernacle was the "tent" built in the days of Moses where God promised to meet with the children of Israel. The temple was the "house" built in the days of Solomon "for the name of the LORD." Synagogues were buildings where people worshiped after the temple was destroyed.