

“The LORD said to Moses: ‘Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover.’” Lev. 16:2

I. Chapter 11 Begins and Ends with the Temple of God

- a. V. 1: “Go and measure the temple of God...”
- b. V. 19: “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened...”

II. The Bible Begins and Ends with the Temple of God

- a. Wait...
- b. What?

III. (Yes) The Bible Begins and Ends with the Temple of God

- a. Eden was the first (wall-less) temple
- b. Heaven is the final (temple-less) temple Rev. 21:22

IV. Sin Necessitated the Altar

- a. Sacrifices were reminders of sin (Heb. 10:3-4)
- b. The Cross is the final altar (Heb. 10:8-18)

V. Jesus Rent the Temple Curtain on the Cross

- a. To offer his blood in the Holy of Holies (Heb. 9:11-12)
- b. To replace the curtain with his body (Heb. 10:19-21)

VI. Jesus Replaced the Temple

- a. With himself (John 1:14; 2:19-22)
- b. With the Church, i.e. his people (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

VII. Through Jesus’ Body and Blood We See...the Ark

- a. The earthly ark disappeared (2 Chronicles 35:3)
- b. The heavenly ark is God’s throne

Close: To “measure the temple” takes us to Eden, and to heaven.

To measure the altar takes us to the cross, and to “...the ark of the covenant of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim” (1 Samuel 4:4).