

God's Presence in the Temple

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 11**.

When Constantine became emperor of Rome, he named his mother, Helena, empress of Rome. She used her influence to build churches in holy cities. Under Constantine's rule, the persecution of Christians ended.

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King David had dreamed of building a great temple to honor God. After King David's death, his son Solomon began construction of a temple on Mount Zion.

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The Ark of the Covenant is said to have held the actual stone tablets of the Ten Commandments.

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The Temple was designed and built according to God's instructions. The most sacred room inside the Temple was the Holy of Holies.

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In ancient Judaism, the Temple was an important part of life. Animal sacrifices were a common part of ceremonies.

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Before the Temple, the Hebrews worshiped in a special tent called a tabernacle.

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Today we are all the Church because God dwells within us. We are called to love others through our actions and not to discriminate. Discrimination can make people feel they are not good enough for God.

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The men called to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders are visible signs of the priesthood in Jesus Christ. With this sacrament, men are called to become bishops and priests.

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During his life Jesus had a special respect for the Temple at Jerusalem. For Jesus the Temple was not just a monument to God; it was his Father's house.

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Jesus is the one mediator between God and us, his human family.

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