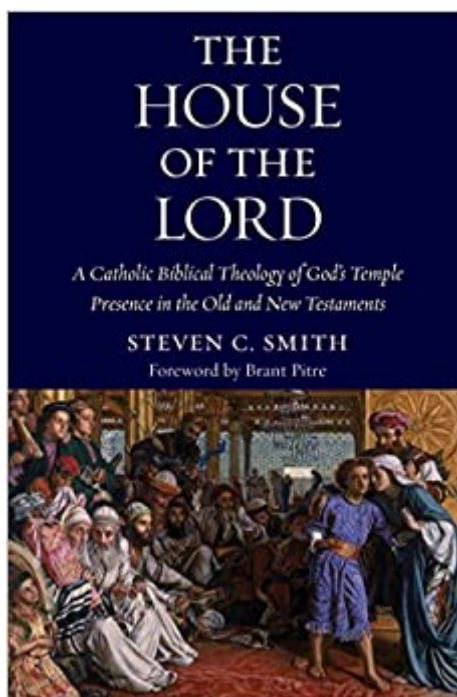




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The House Of The Lord: A Catholic Biblical Theology Of God's Temple Presence In The Old And New Testaments



Synopsis

The House of the Lord invites readers to participate in a unique journey: a deep exploration of the Old and New Testaments that searches out and contemplates the reality of God's presence with his people, with a particular focus on investigating God's self-revelation in and through the biblical temple. The journey represents a tour de force of biblical theology, guided by author Steven Smith, a Catholic biblical scholar, seminary professor, and expert on the temple and the Holy Land. In addition to the temple, Smith observes the centrality of priesthood in both the Old and New Testaments, exploring all four Gospels like never before, through a temple lens. From Genesis onward, Smith carefully traces the biblical mystery of the temple, including the Sanctuary of Mount Eden, the tabernacle of the wilderness, the rise and fall of Solomon's Temple, Herod's Temple in Jesus's day, and the heavenly sanctuary of Revelation. Supported by a massive array of evidence and details, from sources across two millennia of biblical theology, this book will be read and read again for its value as a reference work. The House of the Lord is for anyone who seeks to understand more deeply the message of the biblical story.

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Dr. Brant Pitre "The result is an exegetical feast of insights into what is arguably one of the most central topic in the Bible--The Temple ... It gives me great pleasure to recommend The House of the Lord to all readers who want to understand the mystery of the Temple, and through it the mystery of salvation, in a fresh and exciting new light. [From the Foreword.] Dr. Nicholas Perrin "Biblical theology

is experiencing a new wave that is finally putting the temple back where it belongs--at the front and center of our thinking.Â Now riding on the top of this wave comes Steven Smith and his newly released biblical theology that is at once scholarly and accessible. Protestant and Orthodox readers, no less than Catholics, will glean countless insights from its pages."Dr. Matthew Levering"For the new evangelization, I can't think of anything more important than the retrieval of Catholic biblical theology that Professor Smith accomplishes in this exciting and extraordinary book. A must-read for all seminarians and students of Scripture."

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I have been interested in Temple Theology for several years now. It has really opened up the Scriptures to me. My experience has been similar to what Brant Pitre describes in his Foreward to this book. I too read Gregory Beale's fine book, *The Temple and the Church's Mission*.

Unfortunately, Dr. Beale, as a non-Catholic, leaves much unexplored that has deep potential significance for Catholics. I have been contemplating what I learned from him since then, while continuing to further my understanding by a piecemeal pulling from other sources. The problem was that a comprehensive exploration of the topic did not exist for Catholics. That was until Steven Smith. I became aware of his interest in Temple Theology through a CD set of a class he taught, which is sold by Catholic Productions. This book is an expansion of that class. Finally, Catholics now have a text that is a one-stop resource available to them. I highly recommend this book as a serious study of the topic. Save your pennies and acquire it. You will not be sorry that you did. It will transform the way that you read and understand the Bible, and the manner in which you worship God in the Liturgy.

I've had the privilege of attending a Biblical Scripture class where Dr. Smith taught a few of us through the Institute of Catholic Culture. This was a shortened version of his seminary class which is the basis of this book. For many of us, our first challenge was seeing the "big picture" of Salvation History and Bible Studies such as Jeff Cavins' "Bible Timeline" have met this need. I've continued my studies and recently began taking graduate school classes in Scripture, Liturgy, and the Sacraments. Each of these are intimately related and in fact, they are really all the same thing! In "The House of the Lord," Dr. Smith illuminates a key prerequisite: Biblical Temple Theology, which

students eventually learn but which is seldom "taught." I can already see this book is expanding on the foundation that he's already introduced in our classroom. I can see this book will serve as a foundation for the "Bible and the Liturgy" class that I'm currently taking. Before purchasing the book, I asked Dr. Smith if the book covers the temple as "the people of God." This response to me was "take and read." I feel like Augustine that I've been given a resource showing how to put together the puzzle pieces I'm learning. God is good and this book is a gift. Please "take and read" along with me. I'm sure you won't be disappointed!

Pre-ordered in March. IT'S FINALLY HERE! If someone tells you they're looking for the original "Hebrew Roots" Christianity, tell them to look no further than the Catholic Church; with one important caveat: our roots are not post-Temple rabbinic Judaism - we are the restoration, flowering, and fulfillment of that "old-time" Israelite Temple religion! Much love and respect to Dr Smith!

I was recently introduced to Dr. Smith via FB, of all things. As a student of the school of life, the prospect of Catholic biblical theology was somewhat daunting. But, I have found that Dr. Smith expertly breaks down deep biblical themes into bite size pieces, bringing the ancient to life and making it new. This is a theology book that will be an asset readers from various educational and theological backgrounds. And, if you are so inclined to join the discussion, Dr. Smith has a group just for that purpose.

As a graduate student of biblical theology, I can say that this book was desperately needed. There appears to be certain gaps within the field of biblical theology where one must consult or search for dozens of sources just to try and piece together something intelligible. Dr. Smith's work represents a comprehensive treatment on a crucial subject, and I personally find the temple theme through the Old and New Testament, to be fascinating. Jesus is explicit in saying that he is the "new temple", yet there is such a lack of temple studies in this regard. This book is a much welcomed addition to the study of Christology and will definitely help one come to Jesus for fully in the scriptures.

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