

Exilic and post-exilic texts on YHWH's dwelling place

1 Kings 8	Expresses a fully Deuteronomic perspective: if the people obey YHWH's statutes and commandments, YHWH will continue to be with them. It grounds its voice in Solomon and the memory of David and Moses, to link king, house and covenant with YHWH.
2 Chronicles 5-7	Follows 1 Kings 8 closely but presents the building project as YHWH's plan for a house all along, rather than as a partial betrayal of YHWH's freedom (as in 2 Samuel 7).
Ezekiel 40-48	A vision of a restored house, with the provision that no foreigners are allowed and only certain priests will be allowed to "come close" to YHWH. Focus is on rules for "right" ritual/sacrifice with priests as the leaders. No king is mentioned, including David.
Ezra-Nehemiah	Presents the rebuilding of the house of YHWH as initiated and financed by the Persian king (from local tribute) but the new house is available only to those who have been "purified," i.e., men who have sent away "foreign" wives and their children. The building process generates a crisis in which the Persian-appointed governor, Nehemiah, must demand that the elite ease up on the workers so that the project can be completed.
Leviticus	Entire book narrates a cultic process built on the Exodus "Mishkan" (tabernacle), in which the body parts of a sacrificial animal, the Mishkan, Mt Sinai and the book's emphasis on social justice (love of neighbor, practice of Jubilee) are all coordinated. Thus, there is no temple or king.
Genesis	Narrates a time of "beginning," in which all people are "in the image and likeness" of the Creator God. It presents patriarchy and agriculture, both foundations of urban life, as "the curse." The primary "plot" is how the characters will thrive in the midst of urban empires such as Egypt or Babylon.
Gospels and Paul	Places God's dwelling not in a building but in the community of believers, the "body of Christ" or the individual person.
Revelation	God dwells in a "tent" on the streets of the Holy City, replacing the destroyed "Great City". There is explicitly "no temple."