

Levels

To God's glory, He hides His truth from man (Prov 25:2; Matt 11:25-26). Therefore, why would you ever think that God speaks plainly at all times in His Word? At any given moment in Scripture, He can be speaking in an *earthly, spiritual, or heavenly* sense. He can also be speaking of something that is *past, present, or future*. Therefore, when seeking God's thoughts on the Word of God, you must wrestle with at least nine different levels:

Earthly past	Earthly present	Earthly future
Spiritual past	Spiritual present	Spiritual future
Heavenly past	Heavenly present	Heavenly future

Wrestle over this chart on temple...

Temple

<i>Earthly past:</i> E.g., the temple on earth when Jesus was on earth (John 2:14; Matt 4:5)	<i>Earthly present:</i> No temple today except western wall in Jerusalem (Matt 24:1-2, Herod's temple)	<i>Earthly future:</i> Ezekiel's temple (Ezek 40-48; Rev 11:1-2)
<i>Spiritual past:</i> The Lord who had the Holy Spirit in full; also, His body of people (John 1:32; 2:19-21 [Jesus]; Eph 2:19-22)	<i>Spiritual present:</i> The true body of the Lord today – His "few" (1Cor 3:16; 1Pet 2:5; Eph 2:21-22)	<i>Spiritual future:</i> God's future body and bride (Rev 7:15; 21:2-3)
<i>Heavenly past:</i> Temple in heaven past (Job 1:6; Acts 7:45-50; Hab 2:20)	<i>Heavenly present:</i> Temple in heaven currently (Acts 7:55-56; Heb 8:1-2)	<i>Heavenly future:</i> He is the temple (Rev 7:9-10; 11:19; 21:2-3; 21:22)