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1. Center of worship that called people to correct belief through the generations

2. Symbol of God’s presence with His people

3. Symbol of forgiveness and grace, reminding the people of the seriousness of sin and the availability of mercy

4. Prepared the people for the true Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who would take away sin

5. A place of prayer
III. Dedicating the Temple  5:1 to 7:11

A. Presenting the Ark   5:2-14

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IV. Yahweh's Second Appearance to Solomon
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