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The Temple of Jerusalem remains a fascinating topic of historical and theological inquiry. It was the center of Jewish life and the supreme locus of its cult. Archaeology has uncovered extraordinary remains of the great Herodian temple that existed at the time of Jesus and was important for Jewish Christianity until its destruction by the Romans in 70 C.E. This volume, edited by noted New Testament archaeological and text scholar James Charlesworth, provides a fine source of information about the Temple as well as Jesus' and early Christianity's attitudes toward it. Particularly helpful is the long essay by Leen Ritmeyer, based on up-to-date archaeological finds and textual evidence, that helps the reader imagine in detail this exceptional holy place.