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CONSTRUCTION FOR DESTRUCTION

When Solomon built the Temple, he was aware that it would ultimately be destroyed. Therefore, he constructed a chamber in which the Holy Ark could be hidden below [the Temple] in a deep, maze-like vault. [Before the destruction of the First Temple,] King Yosiab had the Ark hidden in the chamber built by Solomon ... (Mishneh Torah, Beis HaBechirah, ch.4 law 1)

Maimonides emphasizes that Solomon originally built the Temple knowing that it would be destroyed. Therefore, Solomon created a place to hide the Holy Ark and other artifacts from the Mishkan, the Sanctuary that traveled with the Jews in the desert. This underlines the continuity between the Temples. The external building was destroyed and rebuilt, but the essence of the Temple, the Holy Ark, remains to this very day.

We all have moments of failure when our personal Temple is laid waste. Nevertheless, G-d creates us so that the essence of our soul always remains pure and intact. The purpose of our failures is teshuvah, to return to Hashem and uncover our hidden self. We need our moments of failure to fully mature. Through this, we can rebuild a permanent Temple both spiritually and physically.

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