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ACTS

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

THE GOSPEL PROCLAIMED AND REJECTED
ACTS 21:37–22:30

Acts 21:37, “Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, ‘May I speak to you?’ He replied, ‘Can you speak Greek?’

Acts 21:38, “ ‘Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?’ ”

“An Egyptian impostor, he claimed to be a prophet gathered together thirty thousand followers and came to the Mount of Olives, promising that the walls of Jerusalem would collapse at his command. Felix sent his troops on them, killing some, and the remainder scattered, but the Egyptian escaped.”

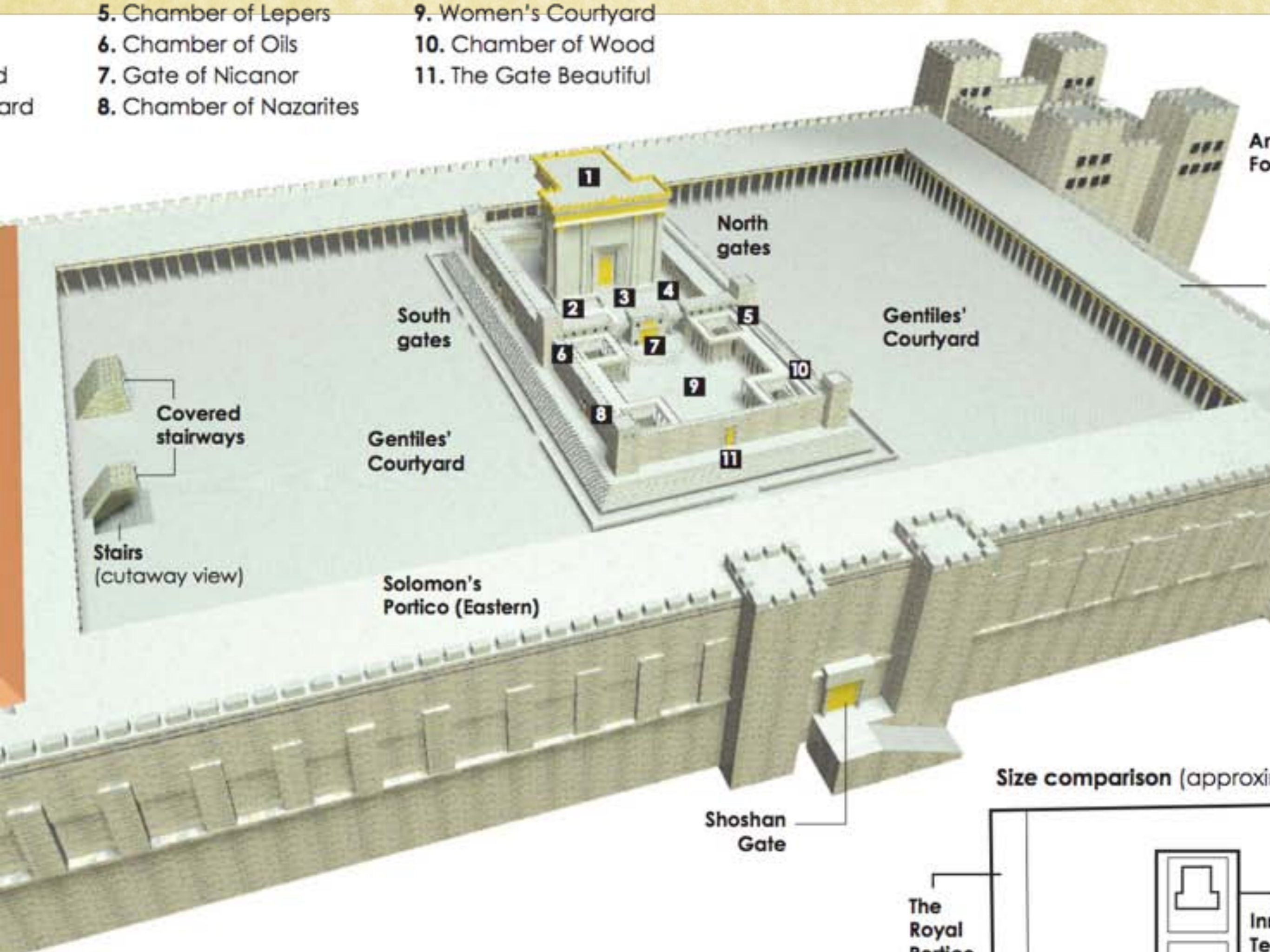
~Josephus

Acts 21:39, “But Paul said, ‘I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people.’

Acts 21:40, “So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,”

- 5. Chamber of Lepers
- 6. Chamber of Oils
- 7. Gate of Nicanor
- 8. Chamber of Nazarites

- 9. Women's Courtyard
- 10. Chamber of Wood
- 11. The Gate Beautiful



Covered stairways

Stairs (cutaway view)

South gates

North gates

Gentiles' Courtyard

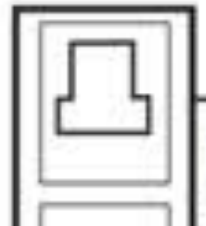
Gentiles' Courtyard

Solomon's Portico (Eastern)

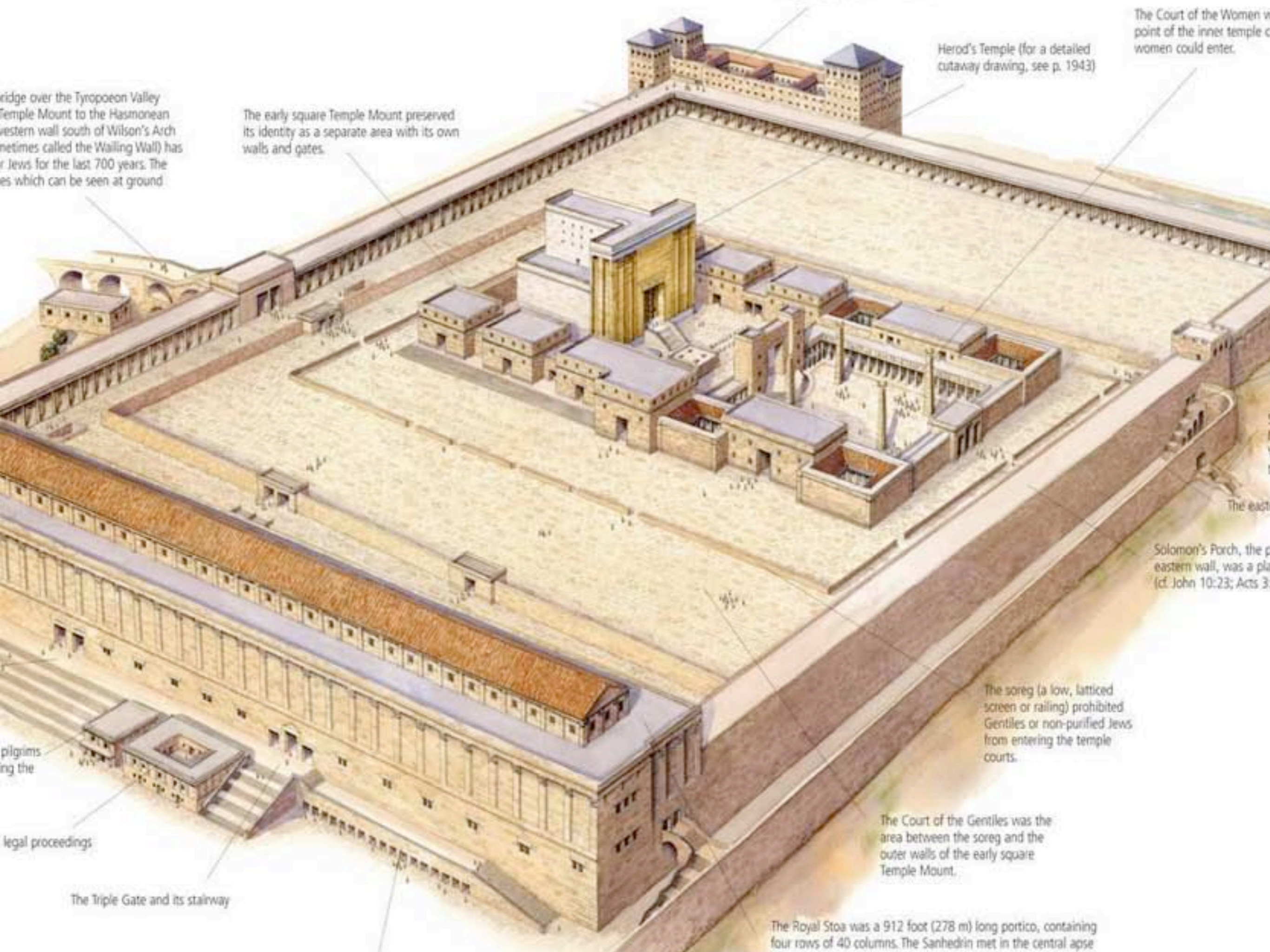
Shoshan Gate

Size comparison (approximate)

The Royal Portico



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bridge over the Tyropoeon Valley
Temple Mount to the Hasmonean
western wall south of Wilson's Arch
(sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has
for Jews for the last 700 years. The
ruins which can be seen at ground

The early square Temple Mount preserved
its identity as a separate area with its own
walls and gates.

Herod's Temple (for a detailed
cutaway drawing, see p. 1943)

The Court of the Women was the
point of the inner temple where
women could enter.

The eastern wall

Solomon's Porch, the portico along the
eastern wall, was a place where
(cf. John 10:23; Acts 3:11)

The soleg (a low, latticed
screen or railing) prohibited
Gentiles or non-purified Jews
from entering the temple
courts.

The Court of the Gentiles was the
area between the soleg and the
outer walls of the early square
Temple Mount.

The Royal Stoa was a 912 foot (278 m) long portico, containing
four rows of 40 columns. The Sanhedrin met in the central apse

where
pilgrims
were
holding
the
legal
proceedings

The Triple Gate and its stairway





Acts 22:1, “Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now.”

Acts 22:2, “And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he said:”

ἀπολογία *apologia*

gen fem sing

a logically presented argument in defense, or in explanation of one's actions

Phil. 1:7, “just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”

Phil. 1:17, “but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.”

1 Pet. 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”

Acts 22:3, “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and **was [being] zealous toward God as you all **are** today.**

Acts 22:4, “I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,

Acts 22:5, “as also the high priest bears me witness, and all ~~the council of the elders~~, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.”

Acts 22:6, “Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

Acts 22:7, “And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’

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περιαστράπτω *periastraptō*

aor act infin

to flash around

Acts 22:9, “And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.

Acts 22:10, “So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.’

Acts 22:11, “And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.”

Acts 22:12, “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there,

Acts 22:13, “came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him.

Acts 22:14, “Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen [appointed] you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.’ ”

Acts 22:15, “ ‘For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

Acts 22:16, “ ‘And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’ ”

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Arise, to be baptized and to wash away your sins [symbolically] because you have called on the name of the Lord.

Acts 22:17, “Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance.”

**ἔκστασις *ekstasis*
dat fem sing
trance, vision**

Acts 9:28, “So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

Acts 9:29, “And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

Acts 9:30, “When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.”

Acts 22:19, “So I said, ‘Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe on You.’ ”

Acts 22:20, “ ‘And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death, and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.’ ”

Acts 22:21, “Then He said to me, ‘Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.’ ”

Acts 22:22, “And they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their voices and said, ‘Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live!’

Acts 22:23, “Then, as they cried out and tore off their clothes and threw dust into the air,”

Acts 22:24, “the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him.”

ἀνετάζω *anetazō*

pres act infin

**to inquire, search out,
question; to interrogate by
torture**

Acts 22:25, “And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, ‘Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?’

Acts 22:26, “When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, ‘Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman.’ ”

Acts 22:27, “Then the commander came and said to him, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman?’ He said, ‘Yes.’

Acts 22:28, “The commander answered, ‘With a large sum I obtained this citizenship.’ And Paul said, ‘But I was born a citizen.’

Acts 22:29, “Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.”