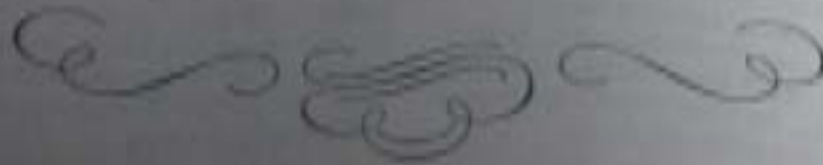




The

REVELATION

of St. John the Divine



CHAPTER 11

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, WHICH GOD GAVE UNTO him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass, and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: who bare record of the word of God, and of the revelations of Jesus Christ, and of all things which he saw, and heard, and which came unto him. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep these things, for the time is near.

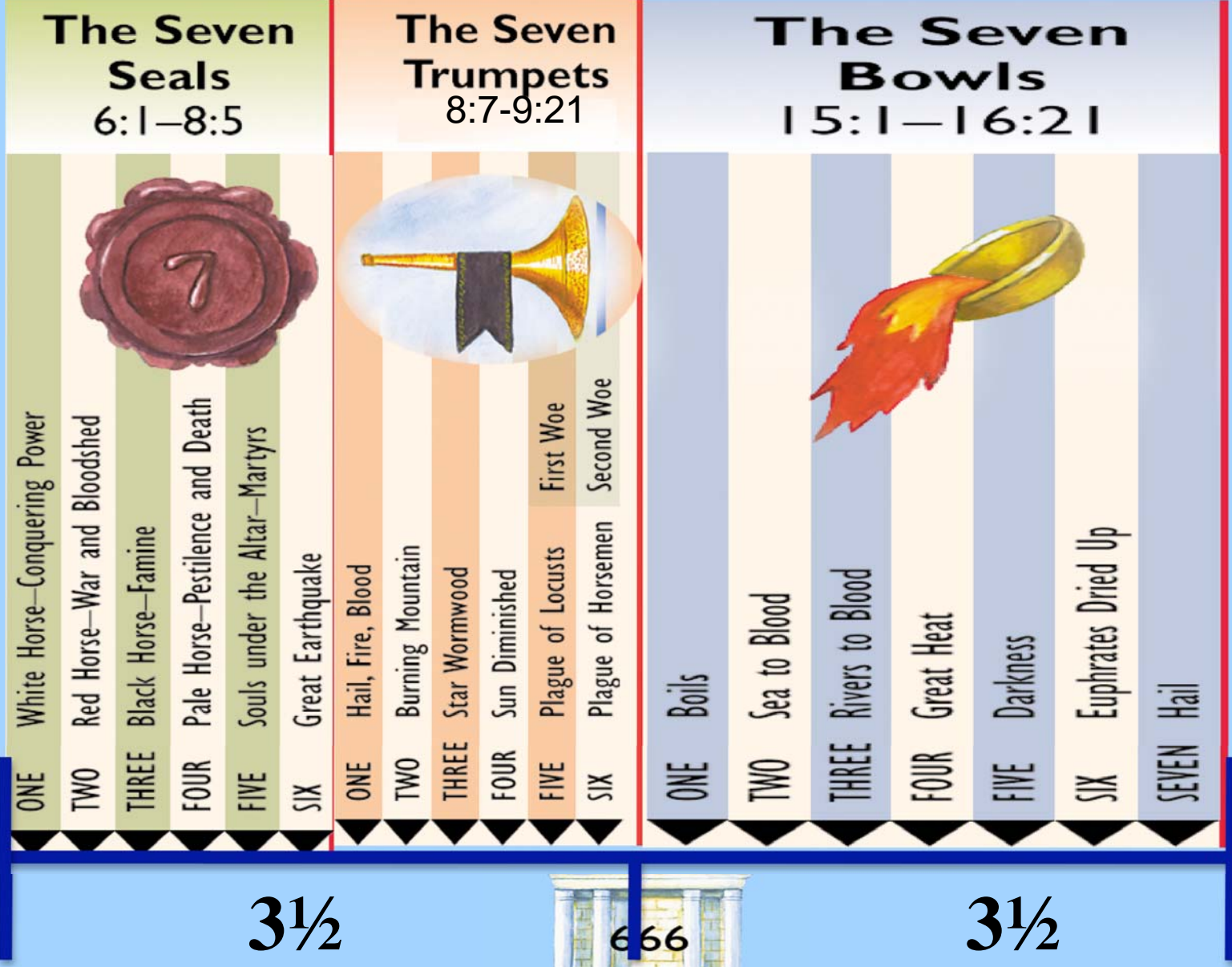
that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7 Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which have pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

RAPTURE

1 Ths 4:16-17

The Heavenly Vision

4:1-5:14



3 1/2
years

666

3 1/2
years

The Little Book Prophecies 10:1–11

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Measuring the Temple

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Rev. 11:2, “Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.”

When is This Taking Place?

Rev. 11:14, “The second woe is past; behold, the **third woe** is coming quickly.”

The events of 11:1–13, the ministry of the two witnesses are in the first half of the Tribulation before the sixth trumpet sounds.

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Key Questions

1. What is the meaning of “measure” (μετρέω *metreo*)?
2. Who and what is measured?
3. What Temple is this? Figurative, heavenly, or earthly?
4. What altar is this? Heaven or earth? Bronze or incense?
5. Who are the worshippers? Apostate or approved?

Measuring the Temple

- 6. Is the Temple apostate or approved?
Legitimate or illegitimate?**
- 7. When does the measuring take place? First
half or second half of the Tribulation?**
- 8. Is there any significance to the labeling of
42 months or the 1,260 days?**

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Measuring the Temple

1. What is the meaning of “measure” (μετρέω *metreo*)?

1. Temple of God, the altar, and the worshippers are measured; the Gentiles are not measured.
2. Could be protection, delineation of ownership, or judgment.
3. The contrast with the Gentiles indicates something positive in relation to the Temple, altar, worshippers, and sacrifices.

Evaluation of Worship

Why is their worship acceptable?

Acceptable worship is always a matter of soul relationship with God, not external ritual.

Evaluation of Worship

1 Sam. 15:22, “So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.**’”

Conclusion

1. The Temple, the altar, and the worshippers are approved.
2. These worshippers will be believing Jews, the remnant.
3. Though they are bringing Levitical sacrifices to the Tribulation Temple they have accepted Jesus as Messiah.
4. God approves them because they are justified by faith, not because of their sacrifices.

Evaluation of Worship

John 4:23, “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 4:24, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship **in spirit and truth.**”

Which Temple is This?

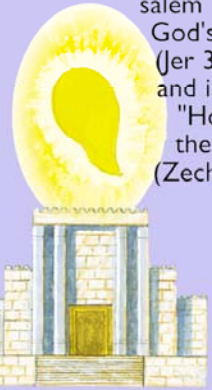
Heavenly or Earthly?



Apostate or Approved?

Timeline of the Four Temples

All of Jerusalem become God's throne (Jer 3:16-17) and is called "Holy to the Lord" (Zech 14:20)



Millennial Temple
(Ezk 40-48; Hag 2:6-9)

Abomination of Desolation desecrates Third Temple



Tribulation Temple

(2 Ths 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)

Islamic shrine defiles site of the Holy of Holies



Dome of the Rock

691 -

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Church Age

Roman eagle insignia defiles sanctuary

Second Temple



516 BC - AD 70



First Temple



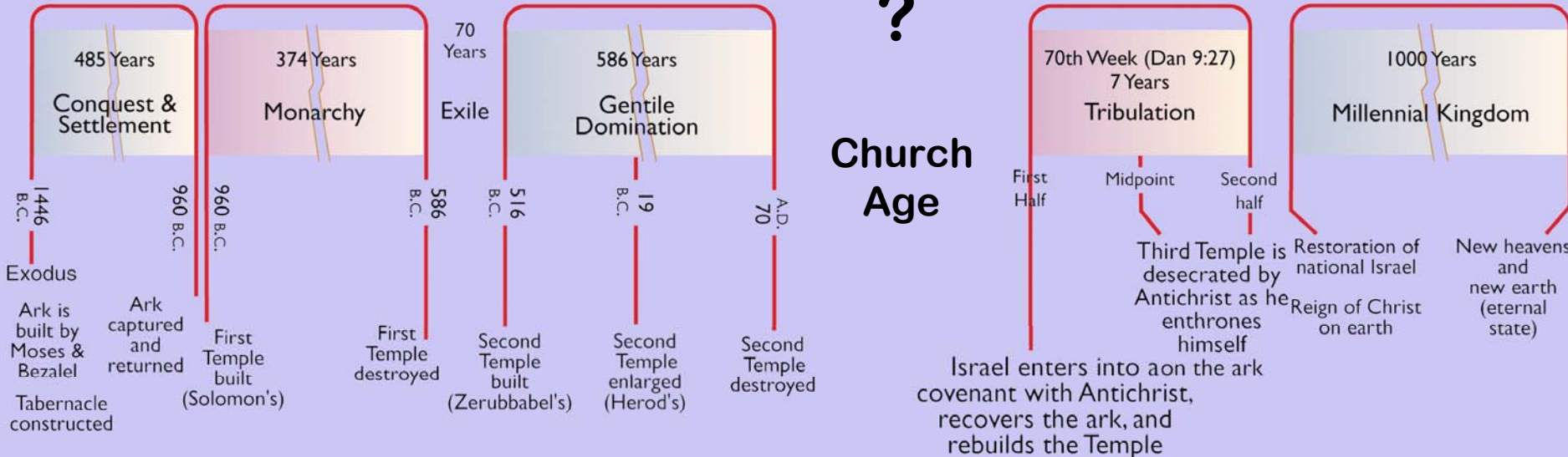
960 BC - 586 BC



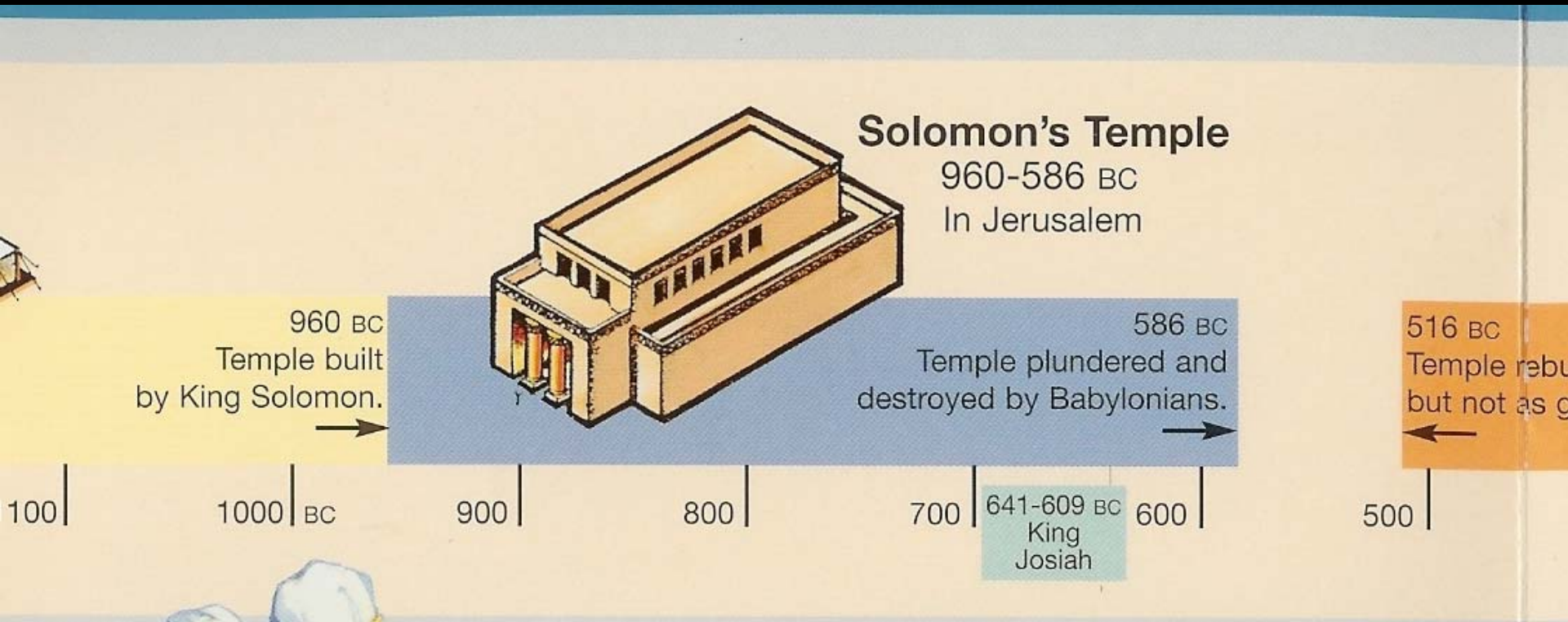
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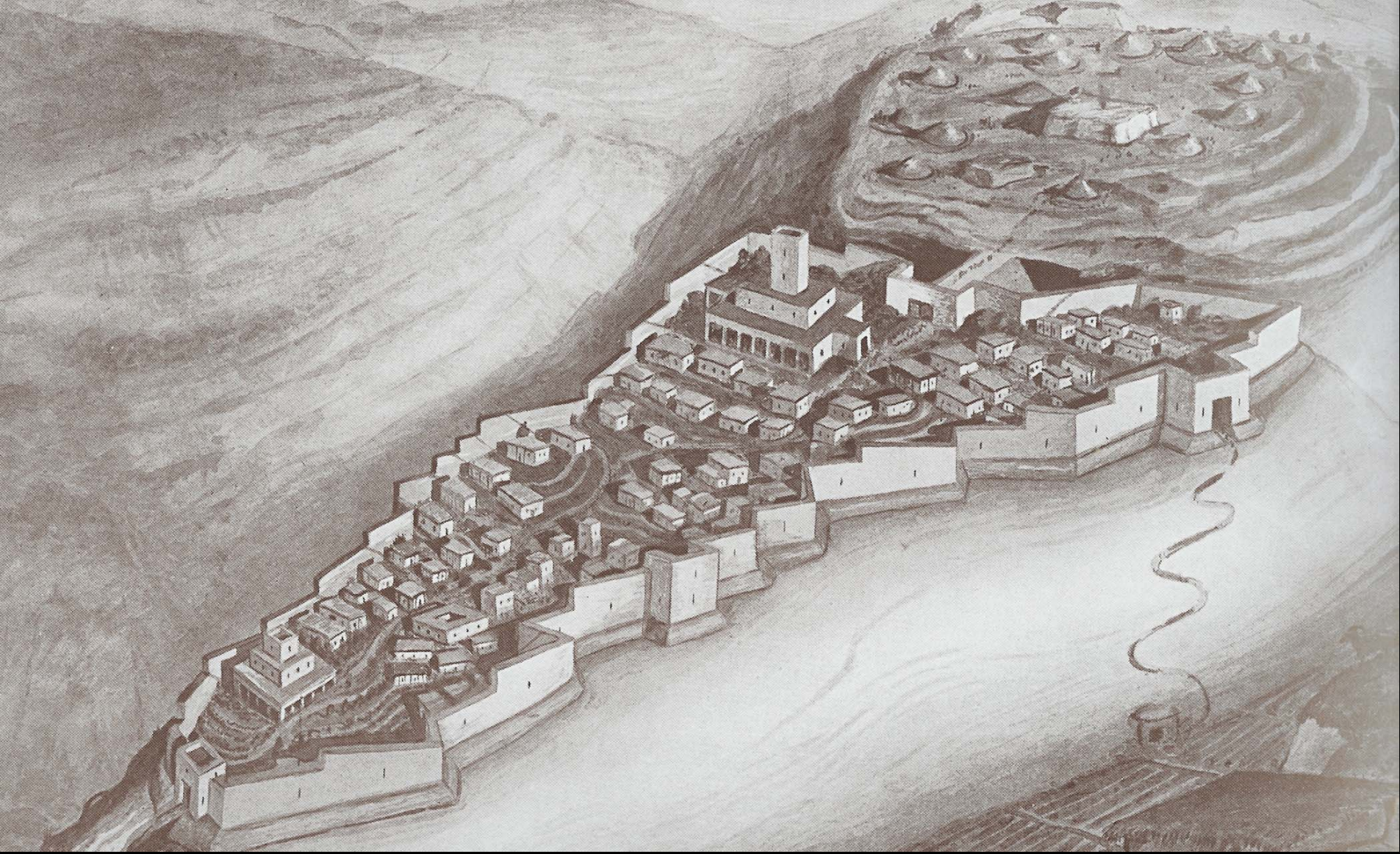


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Temple Timeline



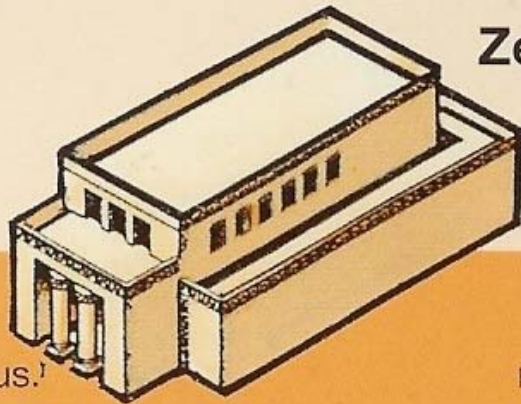


Jerusalem Time of King David

First Temple

959–586 B.C.





Zerubbabel's Temple
516-20 BC



Herod's Temple
20 BC -AD 70

re built,
ot as glorious.

Former Temple enlarged and rebuilt by King Herod the Great

20 BC

AD 70
Temple destroyed by Romans

400

300

200

167 BC
Temple desecrated

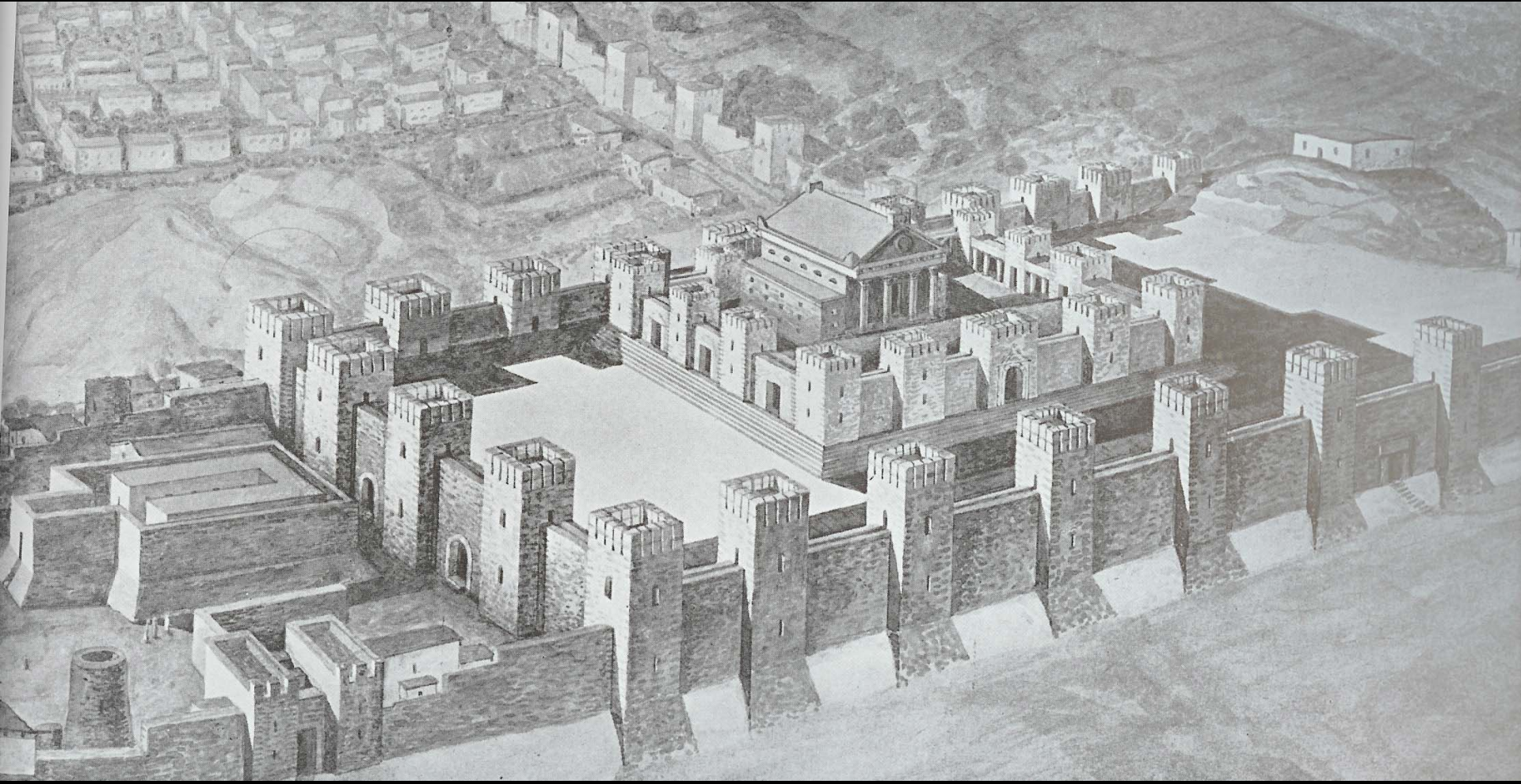
164 BC
Temple cleansed and rededicated

6-4 BC
Jesus born

AD 30
Jesus dies

AD 64
Herod's Temple completed

Second Temple: Maccabean Period







“And when He approached, He saw the City and wept over it, saying, ‘If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes, For the days shall come upon you ... and [your enemies] will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.’”

Luke 19:41–44

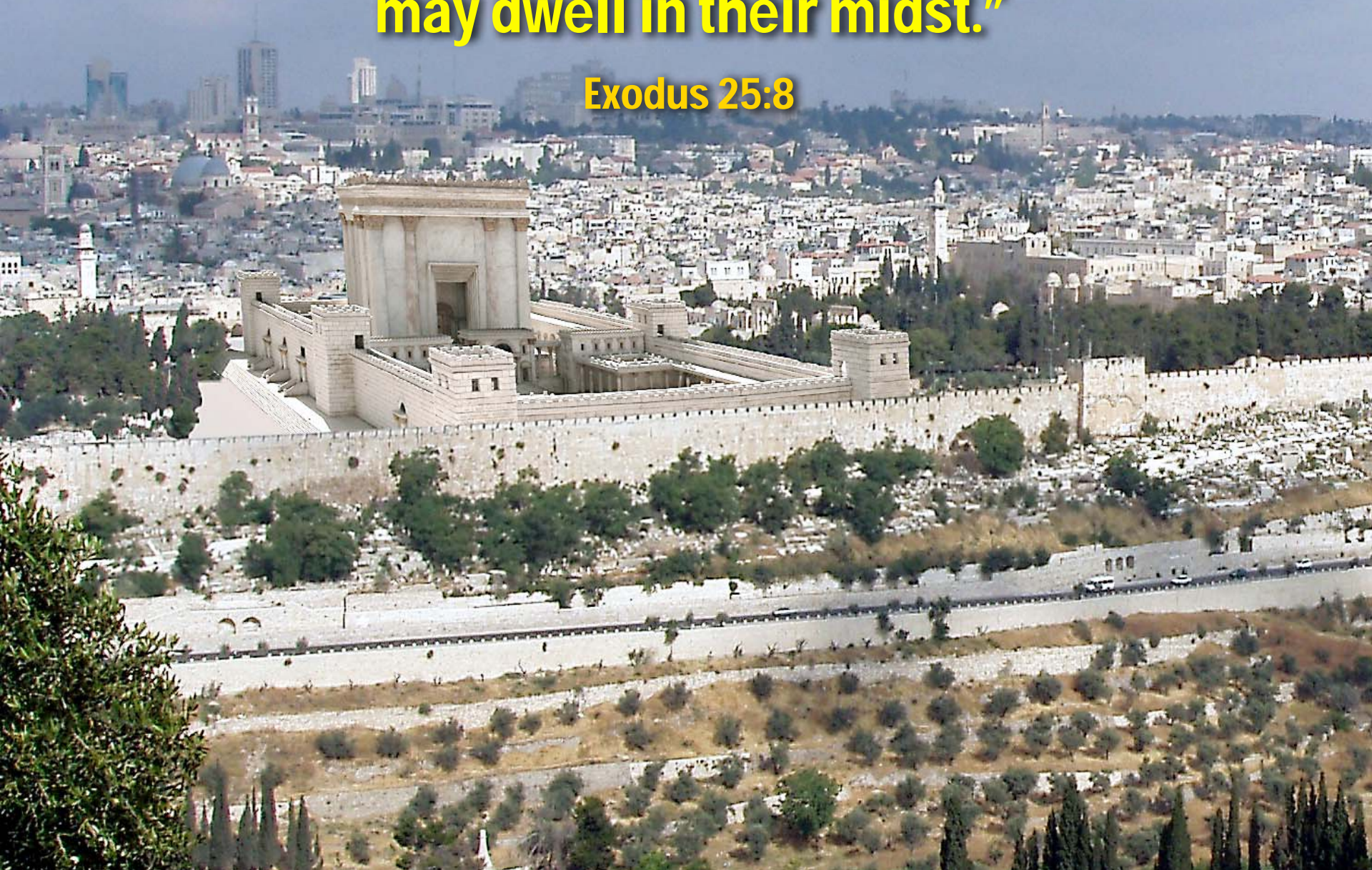


O - Jerusalem

From the heights of Mount Scopus I greet thee,
Peace unto thee, O Jerusalem!
From the peak of Mount Scopus I gaze,
And bow low in rapt adoration,

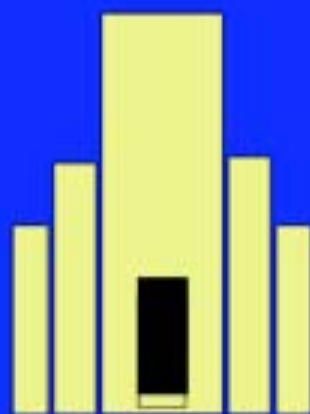
**“And let them build for me a Sanctuary, that I
may dwell in their midst.”**

Exodus 25:8

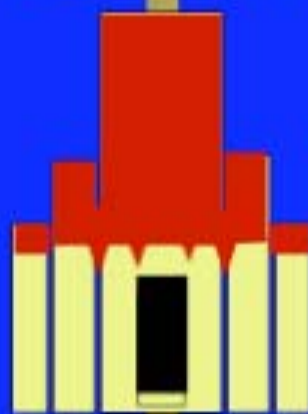


Daniel's 70th Week = 7 years

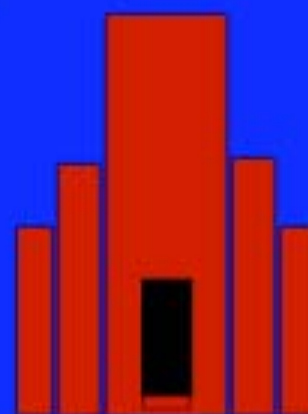
3 1/2 years
Peace



**Temple
Desecrated**



3 1/2 years
Tribulation



“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the **holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains...”**

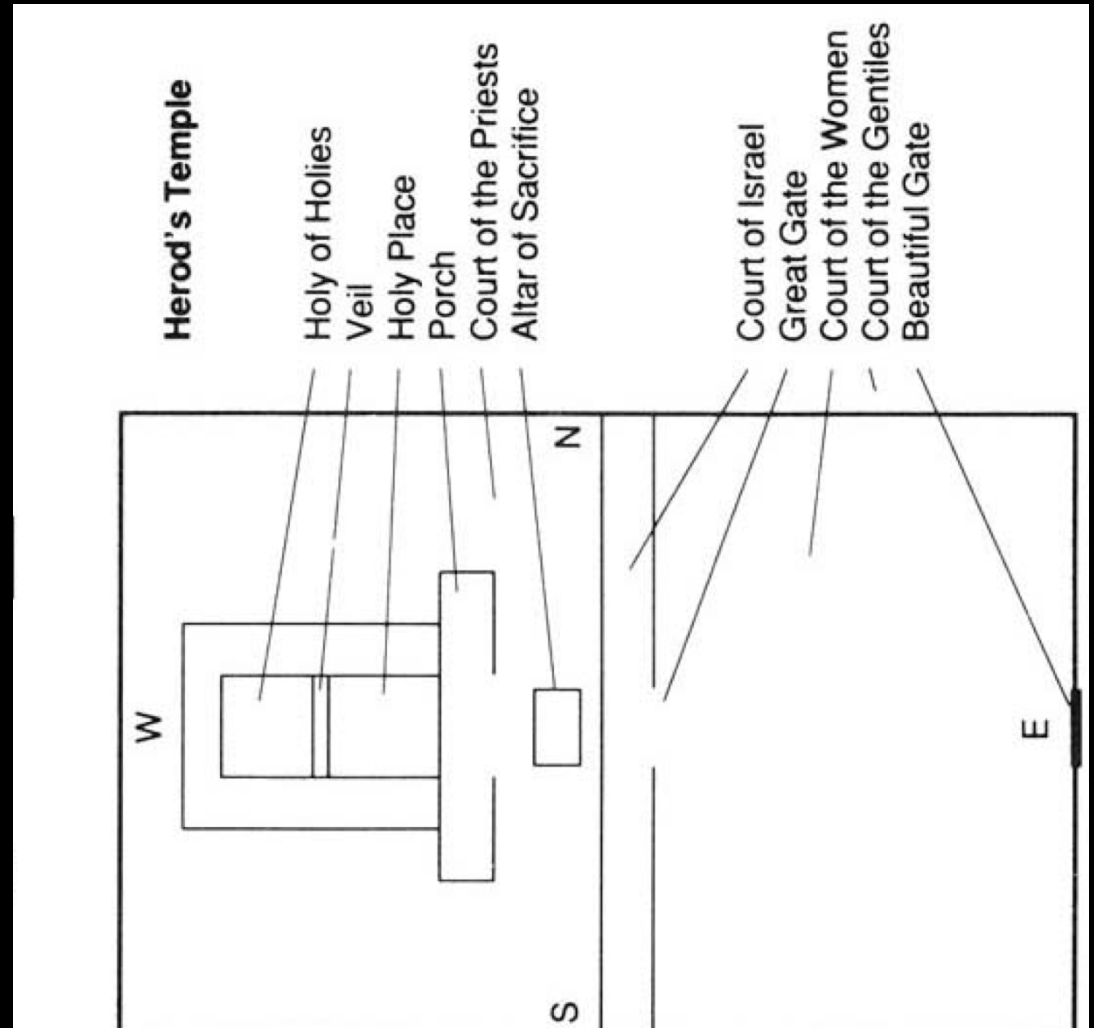
Matthew 24:15

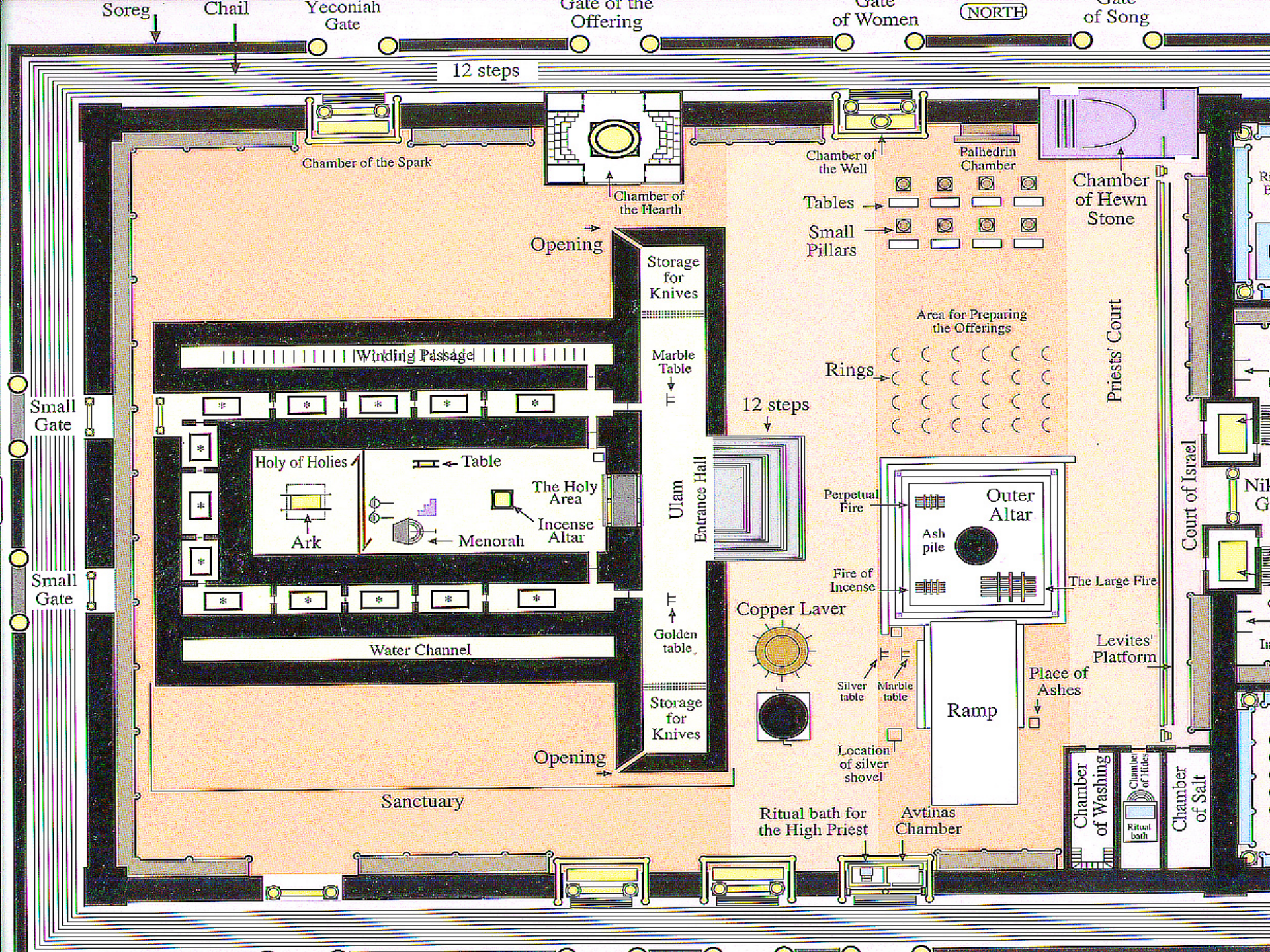
“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy [departure] comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in **the Temple of God, displaying himself as being God,” **2 Thess. 2:3–4****

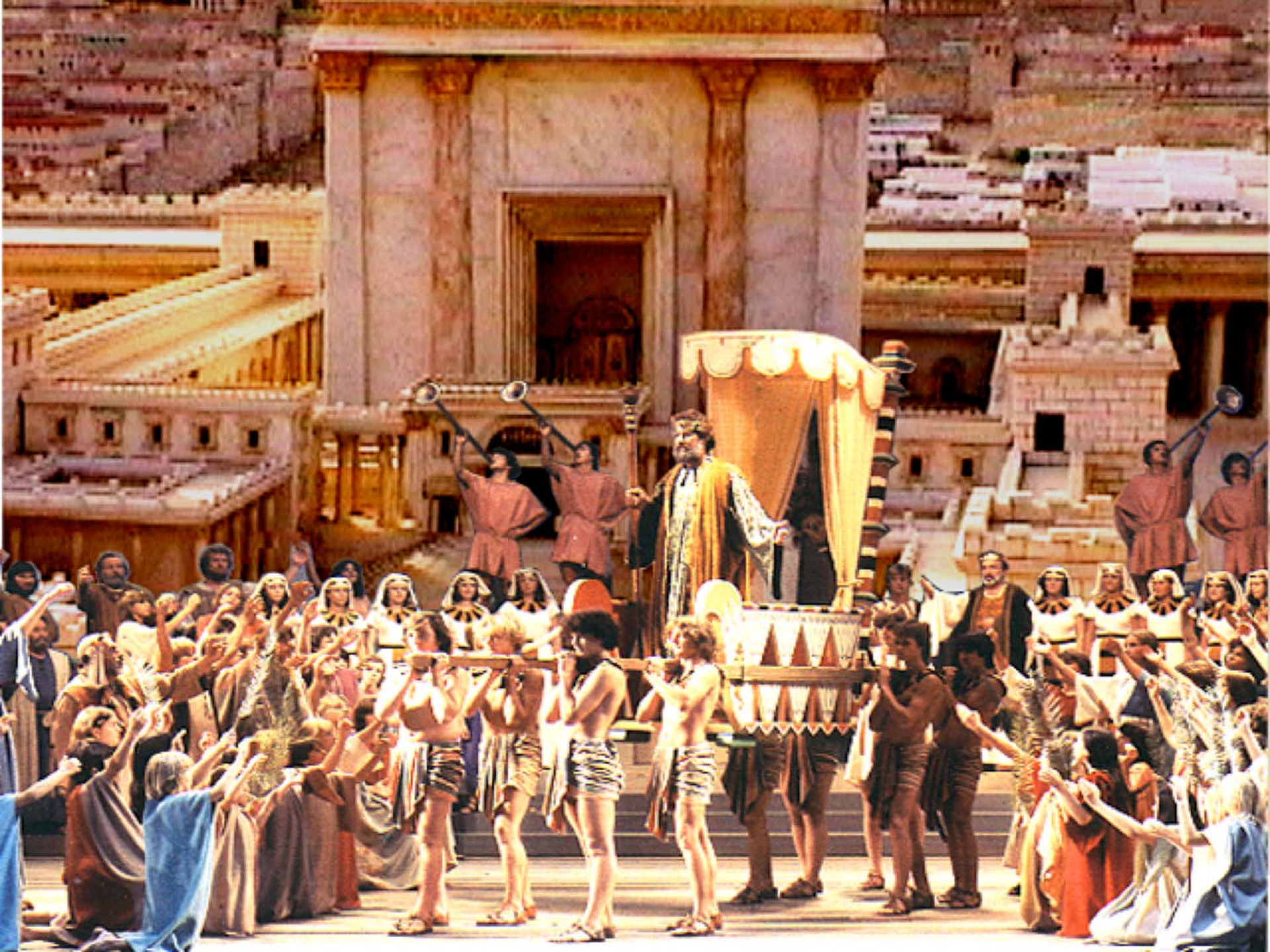
“And there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, ‘Rise and measure **the Temple of God, and the altar, and those who worship in it. And leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months,”**

Rev. 11:1–2

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Who are the Two Witnesses?


Rev. 11:3, “And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

Rev 13:5, “There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.”

Rev 12:6, “Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”

Who are the Two Witnesses?

Rev. 11:4, “These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”



Zech. 4:6, “Then he said to me, ‘This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts.’”