

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

The Barrier is Removed
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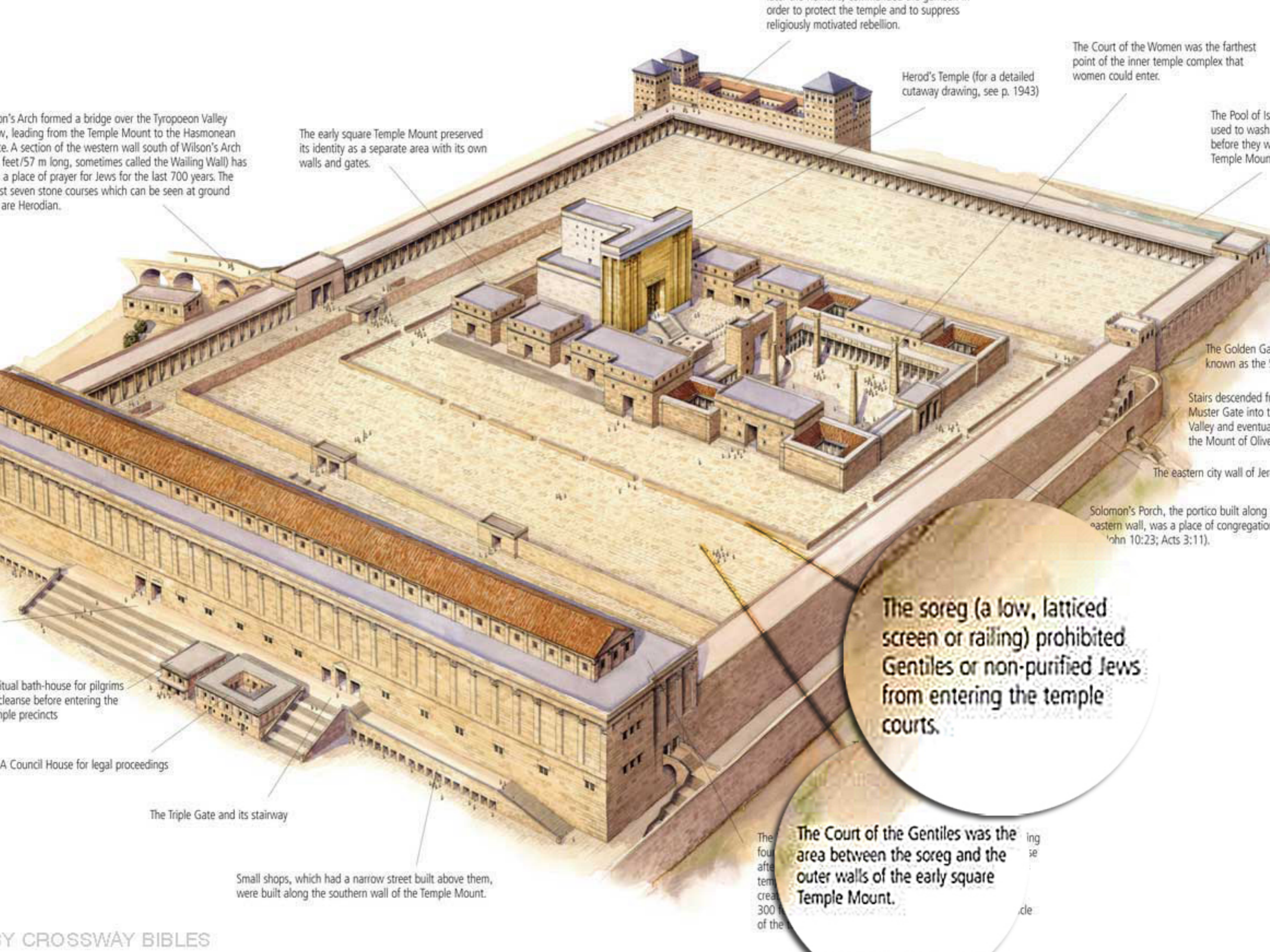
**καταργέω *katargēō*
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to abolish, nullify;
Participle of means, by abolishing**

“... and [He] has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Eph. 2:15, “[by] abolishing in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, ...” (~RD)

the enmity = the law of commandments ...

vs. 16: “... resulting in the putting to death the enmity” (~RD)



Wilson's Arch formed a bridge over the Tyropoeon Valley, leading from the Temple Mount to the Hasmonean palace. A section of the western wall south of Wilson's Arch (57 m long, sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has been a place of prayer for Jews for the last 700 years. The first seven stone courses which can be seen at ground level are Herodian.

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

order to protect the temple and to suppress religiously motivated rebellion.

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

The Court of the Women was the farthest point of the inner temple complex that women could enter.

The Pool of Bethesda was used to wash before they went to the Temple Mount.

The Golden Gate, known as the Shushan Gate.

Stairs descended from the Temple Mount to the Tyropoeon Valley and eventually to the Mount of Olives.

The eastern city wall of Jerusalem.

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

Ritual bath-house for pilgrims to cleanse before entering the temple precincts.

A Council House for legal proceedings.

The Triple Gate and its stairway.

Small shops, which had a narrow street built above them, were built along the southern wall of the Temple Mount.

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

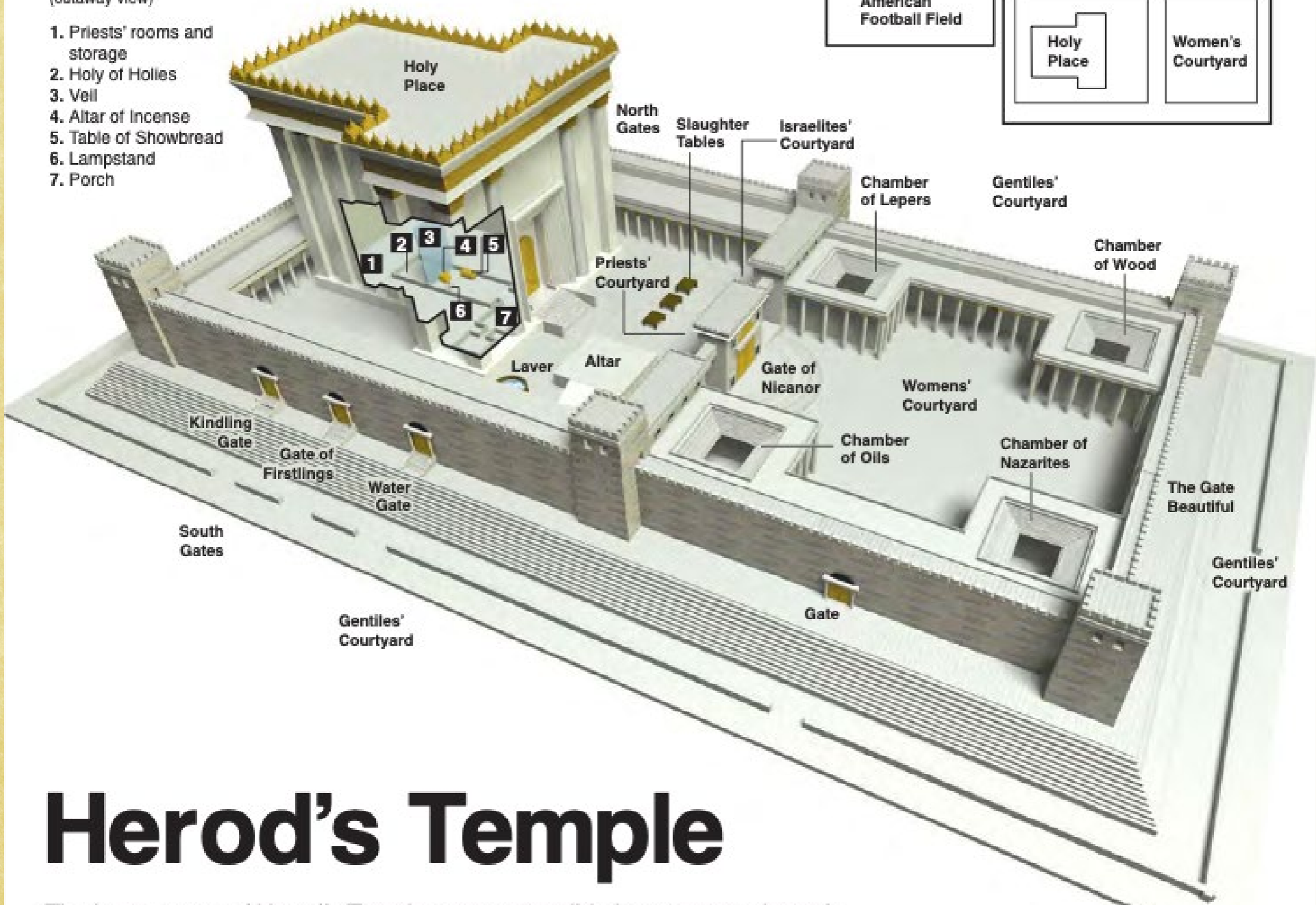
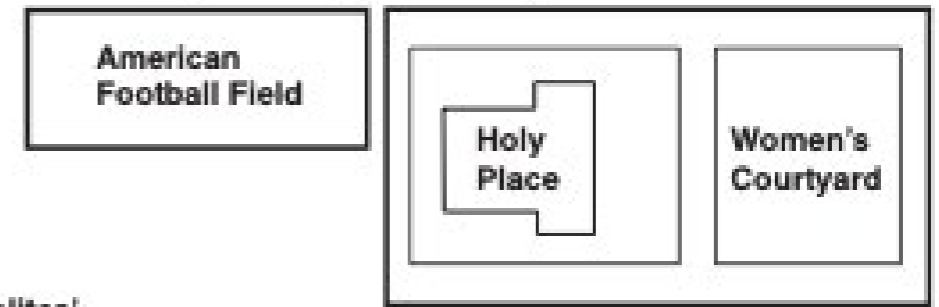
The Court of the Gentiles was the area between the soreg and the outer walls of the early square Temple Mount.

INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

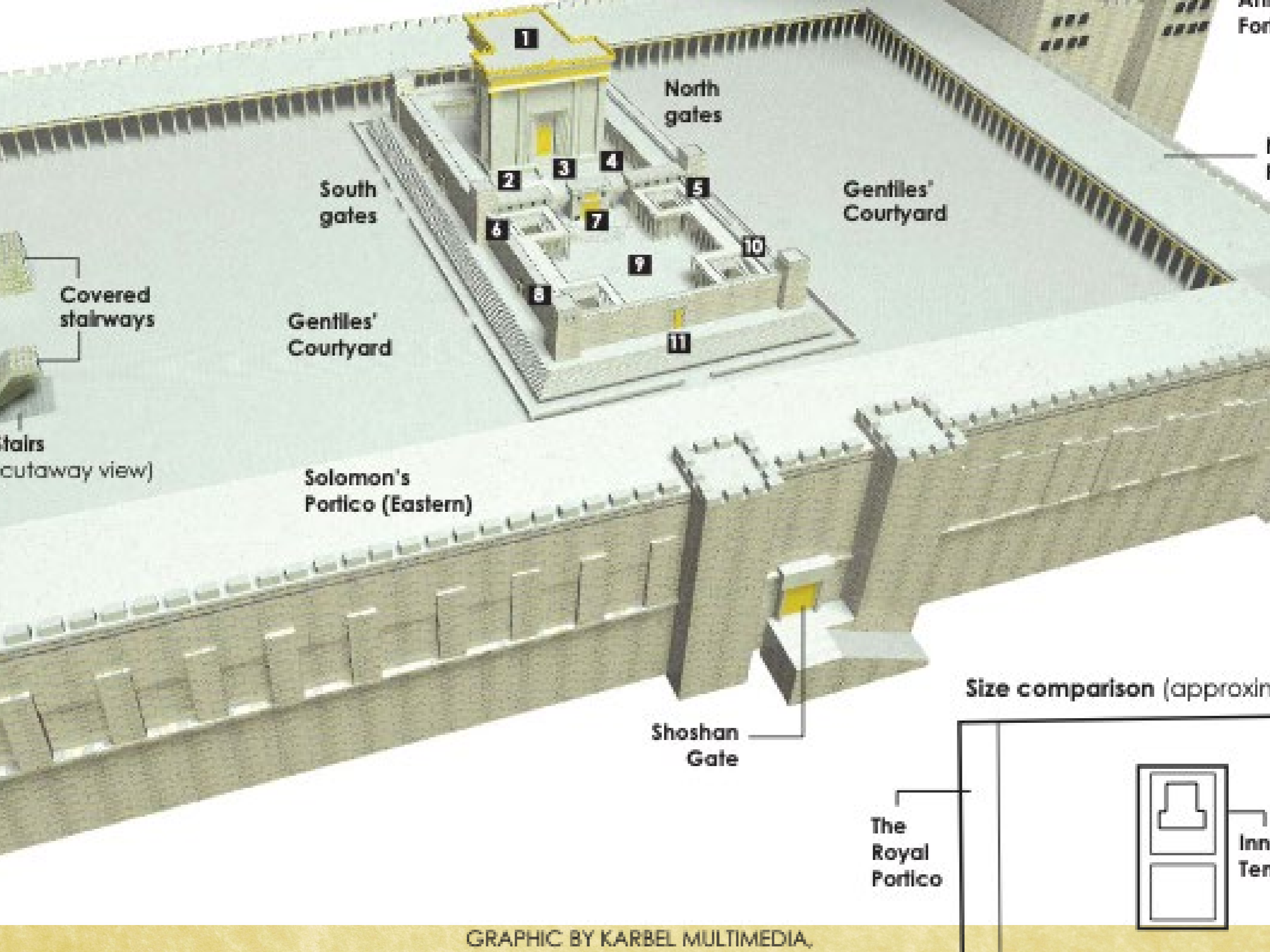
(cutaway view)

- 1. Priests' rooms and storage
- 2. Holy of Holies
- 3. Veil
- 4. Altar of Incense
- 5. Table of Showbread
- 6. Lampstand
- 7. Porch

Size comparison (approximate):



Herod's Temple



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North gates

South gates

Gentiles' Courtyard

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Gentiles' Courtyard

Covered stairways

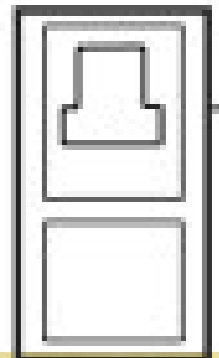
Stairs (outaway view)

Solomon's Portico (Eastern)

Shoshan Gate

Size comparison (approximate)

The Royal Portico



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Eph. 2:15, “by abolishing the law of commandments ... that he might create ...

Eph. 2:16, “and might reconcile us both to God ...” (~ESV)

Eph. 2:15, “when he nullified ... He did this to create in Himself one new man ...

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The NEW MAN = THE CHURCH

Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Col. 3:11, “where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

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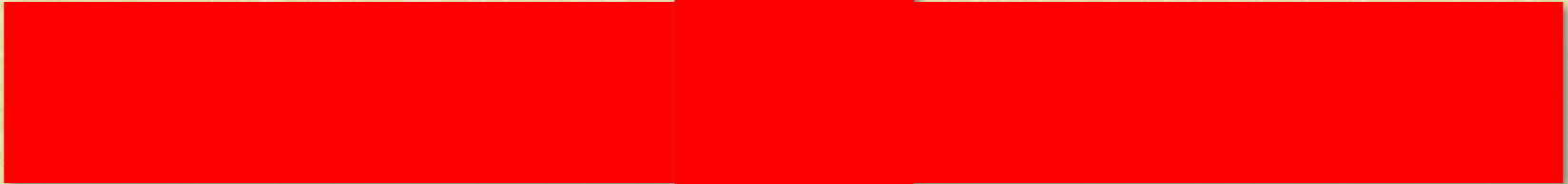
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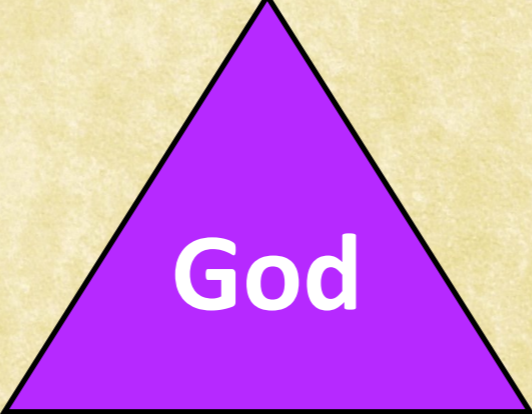
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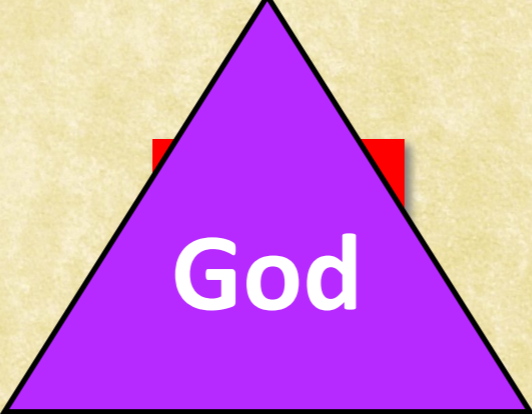
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The SIN Barrier

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God



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All Humanity

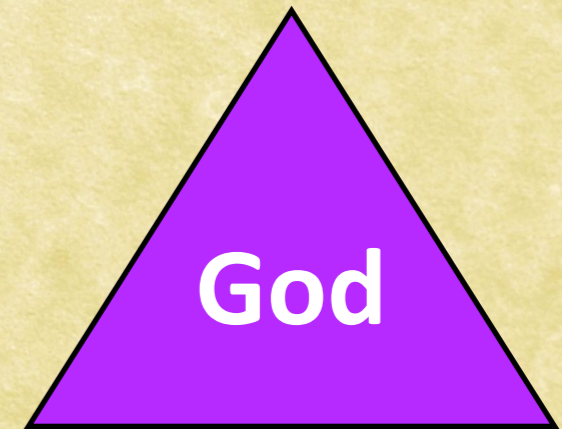
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