

word

WITH REV STEFANIE OH

expectant
martyrs
ACTS 17-20



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EXODUS 40:34-35

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

1 KINGS 8:10-11

¹⁰ And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

ISAIAH 6:1-4

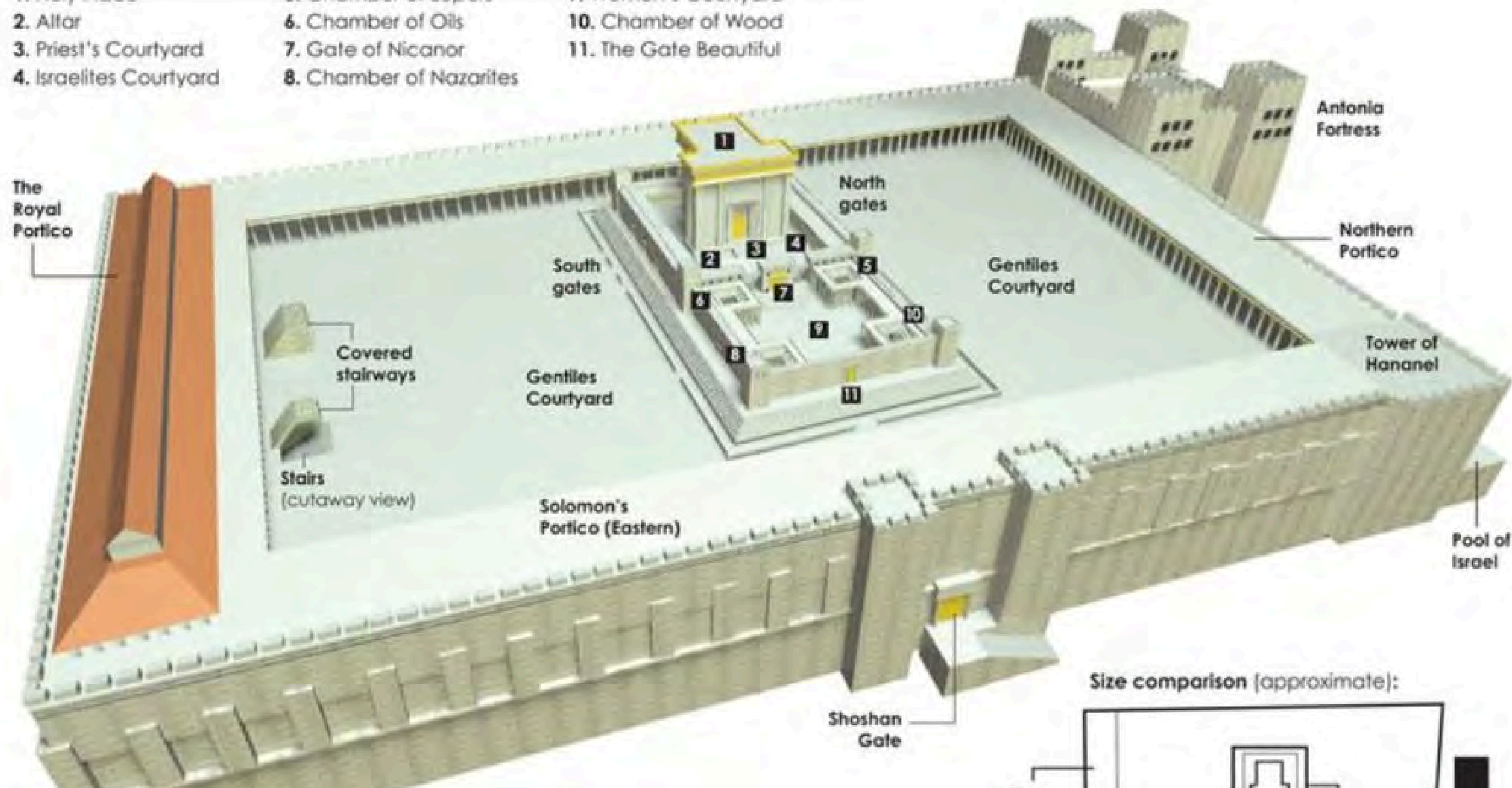
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

TEMPLE



The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 82-84 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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| 1. Holy Place | 5. Chamber of Lepers | 9. Women's Courtyard |
| 2. Altar | 6. Chamber of Oils | 10. Chamber of Wood |
| 3. Priest's Courtyard | 7. Gate of Nicanor | 11. The Gate Beautiful |
| 4. Israelites Courtyard | 8. Chamber of Nazarites | |



**What is the relationship
between obeying God
and living under
human authority?**

ROMANS 11:25 - 27

²⁵ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

²⁷ For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”

**inaugurated
eschatology**

scripture reading

WITH STEPHENIE KHOO



ACTS
20:17-24

ACTS 20:17-21

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

ACTS 20:22-24

²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

ACTS 13:1-3

¹ Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

ACTS 14 : 26 - 28

²⁶ From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

²⁷ Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

ACTS 13 : 6 - 11

⁶ Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ *Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit*, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.”



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Antioch	13:1-3	Start off
Cyprus	13:4-12	Conversion of a Roman proconsul
Perga, Antioch in Pisidia	13:13-52	Many Gentiles received the Gospel and were saved
Iconium	14:1-7	Many believed but opposing Jews tried to stone them
Lystra, Derbe	14:8-21	Many believed but opposing Jews stoned Paul and left him for dead, but he lived
Back to Antioch through Galatia	14:22-28	Believers were strengthened

ACTS 15 : 37 - 40

³⁷ Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.



ACTS 16:3-5

³ Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. ⁴ And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Antioch, Cilicia	15:41	• Start off
Lystra, Derbe	16:1-5	• Circumcised Timothy • Churches were strengthened
Mysia, Troas	16:6-10	• Holy Spirit restricted their travel and diverted them • Luke joins the team
Philippi	16:11-40	• Lydia was baptised • Paul and Silas jailed • Jailer is saved
Thessalonica	17:1-9	• Many believed • Jason was brought to the rulers then released
Berea	17:10-15	• Many believed • Opposing Jews start to stir up the crowd
Athens	17:17-34	• Paul's famous discourse
Corinth	18:1-17	• Met tentmakers Aquila & Priscilla • Many believed • Vision from God to continue
Cenchreae, Ephesus, Caesarea, Antioch	18:18-21	• Cut his hair off due to a vow • Believers were strengthened

ACTS 17:6-9

⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. ⁷ Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.” ⁸ And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. ⁹ So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

**WHAT IS THE GOSPEL
THAT WE ARE PREACHING?**

THESSALONICA: OBJECTION 1

There is another King - Jesus!

ACTS 18 : 14 - 16

¹⁴ And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you. ¹⁵ But if it is a question of words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such matters.” ¹⁶ And he drove them from the judgment seat.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:6-8

⁶ Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.⁷ For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

⁸ You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us — and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you!

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ACTS 19: 28 - 32

²⁸ Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!” ²⁹ So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul’s travel companions. ³⁰ And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. ³¹ Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater. ³² Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.

ACTS 19: 33 - 34

³³ And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people. ³⁴ But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!”

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EPHESUS: OBJECTION 3

Jesus is bad for business

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 22 - 25

²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.



Antioch	18:23-28	• Started off revisiting Galatia and Phrygia
Ephesus	19:1-40	• Many believed • Miracles performed through Paul • Riot brought on by Demetrius
Macedonia, Greece	20:1-5	• Traveling
Troas	20:7-12	• Paul preached in a home • Eutychus fell from the window, raised from the dead
Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Trogyllium, Miletus	20:13-16	• Traveling
Tyre	21:1-6	• Traveling • Prayed with a small group of disciples
Ptolemais, Caesarea	21:7-14	• Stayed at the home of Philip the evangelist • Prophetic warning about suffering in Jerusalem
Jerusalem	21:15-27:1	• Paul arrested in the Temple, and addresses the mob • Paul taken into Roman custody and held at the barracks • Trial before Felix • Trial before Festus and Agrippa
On to Rome	27:1-28:10	• Shipwrecked on Malta • House arrest in Rome

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MATTHEW 24: 11 - 14

¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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