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ACTS 21-24





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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!”

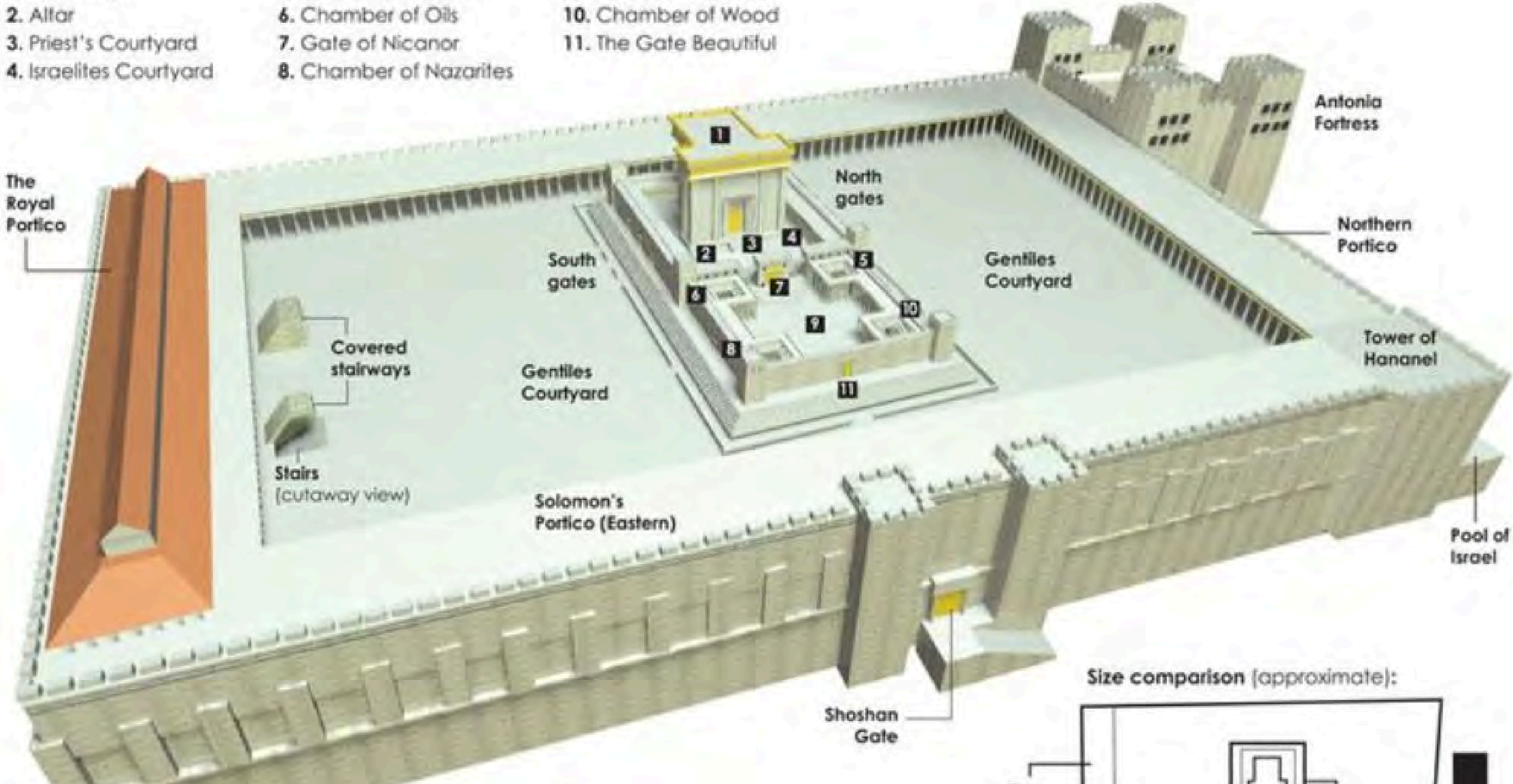
4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him
who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

TEMPLE



The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

1. Holy Place
2. Altar
3. Priest's Courtyard
4. Israelites Courtyard
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



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.”

ACTS 15:6-9

6 Now the **apostles** and **elders** came together to consider this
matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up
and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that a good while
ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should
hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the
heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as
He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them,
purifying their hearts by faith.

WHAT IS THIS NEW WINE?

INAUGURATED ESCHATOLOGY


MACEDONIA
PHILIPPI
THRACE
BLACK SEA
THESSALONICA
BITHYNIA
AND PONTUS
GALATIA
BEREA
TROAS
AEGEAN SEA
ASSOS
ASIA
ANTIOCH IN PISIDIAN
CAPPADOCIA
ATHENS
EPHESUS
ICONIUM
COMMAGEN
DERBE
CORINTH
MILETUS
LYSTRA
ACHAIA
TARSUS
PAMPHYLIA
PATARA
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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 20:32-36

32 “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His
grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance
among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one’s
silver or gold or apparel. 34 Yes, you yourselves know that these
hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were
with me. 35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that
you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord
Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed
with them all.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I
press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has
also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have
apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which
are behind and reaching forward to those things which are
ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of
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scripture reading

WITH SARAH GOH

ACTS 22:1-22

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“Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now.” [2] And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he said: [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 zealous toward God as you all are today. [4] I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, [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 22:6-10

6 “Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at
about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around
me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me,
‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ 8 So I answered, ‘Who
are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom
you are persecuting.’ 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. 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 22:12-16

12 “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law,
having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, 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.
14 Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that
you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the
voice of His mouth. 15 For you will be His witness to all men of
what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why are you
waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins,
calling on the name of the Lord.’

ACTS 22:17-22

17 “Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying
in the temple, that I was in a trance 18 and saw Him saying to me,
‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not
receive your testimony concerning Me.’ 19 So I said, ‘Lord, they know
that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe
on You. 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.’ 21 Then He said to me,
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they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their
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Antioch	**18:23-28**	• **Started off revisiting Galatia and Phyrgia**
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**

ACTS 21:18-23

18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the
elders were present. 19 When he had greeted them, he told in detail
those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his
ministry. 20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they
said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are
who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; 21 but they
have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are
among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to
circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. 22
What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear
that you have come. 23 Therefore do what we tell you: We have four
men who have taken a vow.

#CHURCHHURT

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant
to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a
Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as
under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to
those who are without law, as without law (not being without law
toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those
who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might
win the weak. **I have become all things to all men**, that I might
by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that
I may be partaker of it with you.

WHAT IS THIS NEW WINE?

THESSALONICA: OBJECTION 1

There is another King - Jesus!

CORINTH: OBJECTION 2

The Law and the Temple are not the ultimate end - they are fulfilled through Jesus

EPHESUS: OBJECTION 3

Jesus is bad for the idol-making business

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

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Has my life so far told the story of God and what He has done through the Son?

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1 CORINTHIANS 1: 26 - 31

[26] For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. [27] But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; [28] and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, [29] that no flesh should glory in His presence.

[30] But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption —
[31] that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

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ACTS 4:8-12

[8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the
people and elders of Israel: [9] If we this day are judged for a good
deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made
well, [10] let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here
before you whole. [11] This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you
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ROMANS 11:11-15

[11] I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. [12] Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

[13] For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, [14] if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. [15] For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

ROMANS 11:28-33

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but
concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were
once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their
disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that
through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God
has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy
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Or who has become His counselor?”

35 “Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?”

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom
be glory forever. Amen.

ACTS 23:11

[11] But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”

ECCLESIASTES 1:9-10

That which has been is what will be,
That which is done is what will be done,
And there is nothing new under the sun.
10 Is there anything of which it may be said,
“See, this is new”?
It has already been in ancient times before us.

WHAT IS THIS NEW WINE?

MATTHEW 9:14-17

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, “Why do we and
the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?”
15 And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom
mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will
come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and
then they will fast. 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an
old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the
tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old
wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the
wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins,
and both are preserved.”

ARE WE READY TO BE NEW WINESKINS?