
A 3D digital illustration of a temple. The temple is a dark, rectangular structure with a flat roof. On the roof, there is a fire burning in the center. Three tall, thin, spire-like structures rise from the corners of the roof. A wide set of stone stairs leads up to the temple. A figure in a blue robe is walking up the stairs. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a bright light source on the horizon, creating a hazy, golden glow. The overall scene is set in a desolate, sandy landscape.

“Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.”

Revelation 11:1



**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



Chapter 11 = 3 scenes: (3 parts)

- Temple on earth (v.1-2)
- Two Witnesses (v. 3-14)
- Temple opened in heaven
(*7th Trumpet blows*) (v.15-19)



Revelation 11

Part 1: Temple Review

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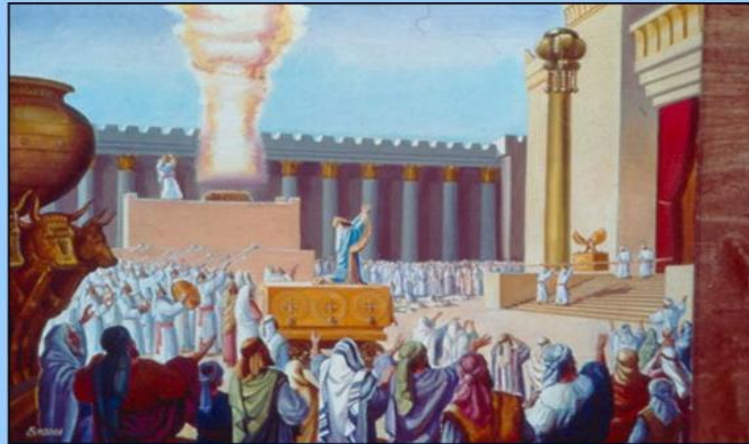
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"Rise and measure
the Temple of God..."

"Do not measure
the court of Gentiles"



Revelation 11:1-2

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- Still in **interlude** between blowing of 6th and 7th Trumpets.
- Still experiencing “**2nd woe.**”
- **Timing unclear.** Includes specified 3½ year period (*may be beginning, middle, or end*).
- Prophetically **one year always = 360 days**, not our standard 365
- John given errand at **Temple** (*a vision?, or rebuilt?*)

- Focus solidly on Israel
- Helpful to refresh understanding of Temple before beginning these verses.
- Tabernacle/Temple reveals **God's desire for fellowship with us.**

A dramatic scene of the Tabernacle at night. A bright pillar of fire descends from a glowing, fiery sky, illuminating the central structure. The foreground is filled with numerous tents, some covered in dark cloths, suggesting a camp. The background shows a dark landscape under a cloudy, twilight sky.

The Tabernacle and the Temple

Immanuel: God with Us

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- Always God's desire to fellowship, dwell among His people. *GREAT lengths to enable this.*
- Began Garden of Eden, Adam walked with God.
- Sin separated us. God is holy. We are not. He *still* desired to be with His created beings.
- Throughout HIS-story, Elohim has made a way to dwell among us, even into eternity.
- Tabernacle and Temple **symbols/lessons of God's presence with us**, now and forever.

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- **Tabernacle/Temple** = Physical representation of God's Presence with His people **(God's heart!!)**
- Expresses character, nature and PLAN of God
- **Countless lessons** in construction, dimensions, materials/furnishings (symbols of spiritual truths)
- **Points to ultimate sacrifice of Yeshua**, so we may have eternal fellowship with Him.

Tabernacle/Temple = Symbol of history of Hebrew people.

Condition of the Tabernacle/Temple always indicator of condition of people's hearts. **Their history is Temple's history.**

**Greatest lesson:
We were
created for
fellowship with
Elohim.**

He created us for
His pleasure and
fellowship
(Revelation 4:11)



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Has always
been God's
desire to
dwell with
us. *(still is!)*





But man broke this communion with God through disobedience.

- Mankind banned, *not abandoned*
- Cannot dwell together (*with God*) any longer
- Sin separates us



God still has a plan to dwell with His people. He...

- knew in advance of man's rebellion
- always had a plan
- made provision for us to dwell with Him
- **That plan still in motion.**

Elohim made one people an example to world about His desire for fellowship with us.

- Abrahamic Covenant
- Israel to be light to Gentiles, revealing God
- Deliverance TO Egypt
- Deliverance FROM Egypt



God delivered His people into wilderness to teach them.

- Presence (“tabernacled”) pillar of cloud by day, pillar of fire by night (*fellowship!*)
- In Egypt, forgotten Covenants, forgotten God



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YHVH enters covenant relationship with them.

- **Mosaic Covenant/Law**
- **Promise:** fellowship
- **Expectation:** holiness
- **Expectation:** they would reveal YHVH to entire world

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He still wants to dwell with His people. Tells them to build Him a “tent home” among them.

- YHVH cannot be confined!
- Would meet them there (Mercy Seat)
- Visual aid, reminder of His Presence, desire for fellowship

“If you build it, I will come.”

God’s glory filled tabernacle.

- Visible sign of His Presence
- YHVH’s dwelling place on earth
- Fellowship!



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God
moved
Israel into
Promised
Land and
the
tabernacle
went also.



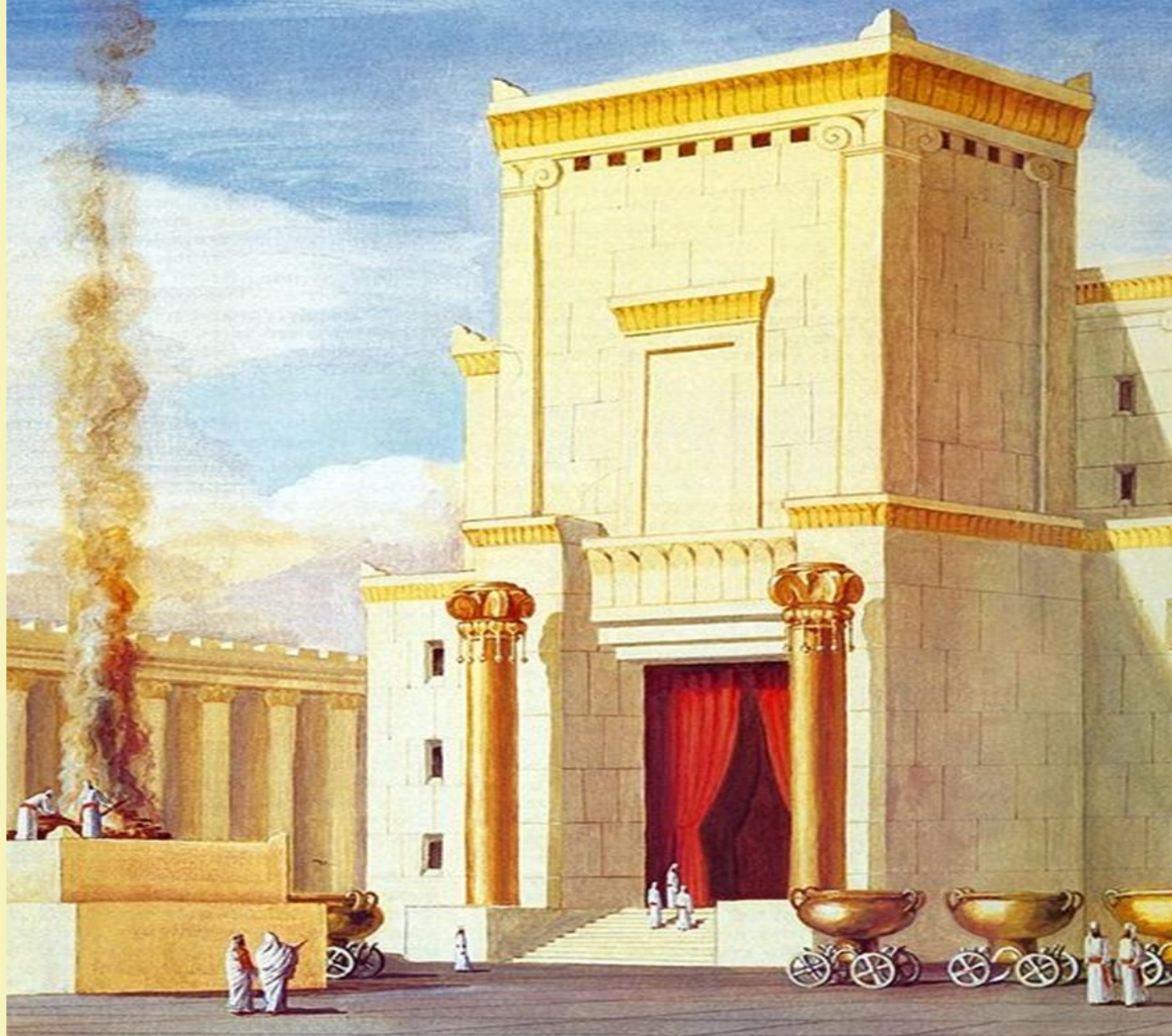
As people built permanent houses, also wanted God's House to be permanent.

- After Judges, during Monarchy
- Brought Tabernacle to Jerusalem, remained 'til Temple built



Solomon builds first Temple.

- same as Tabernacle, but “permanent”
- **Same materials** used, but dimensions doubled.



“Glory Days” of Israel didn’t last long.

- Solomon’s son, Rehoboam = division of Kingdom
- 10 tribes of **North** (*northern Kingdom of Israel*), 2 tribes in **South** (*southern Kingdom of Judah*)
- Israel conquered by Assyria 722 BC.
- **Judah conquered by Babylon** (606 BC), led into captivity 70 years.



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**Southern
kingdom of
Judah falls
(606 BC),
Temple
destroyed 19
years later
(587 BC).**

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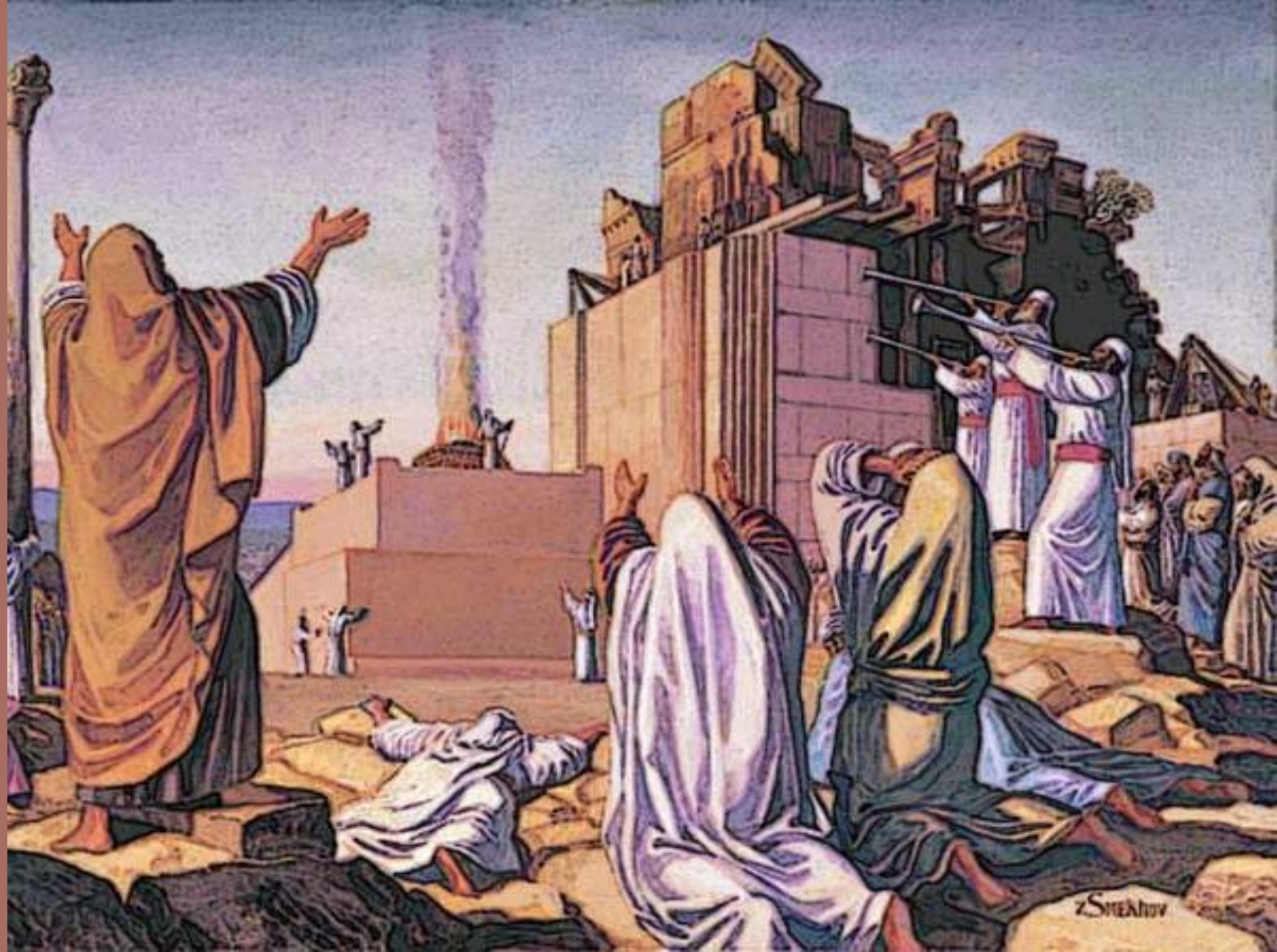


The Temple is gone. The people are gone.

- People removed, captive in Babylon for 70 years
- No Temple = **no worship, no sacrifices**
- Synagogues began in Babylon

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People
(remnant)
return from
captivity,
Temple
rebuilt (2nd
Temple,
“Ezra’s
Temple”)



**BUT, we do not hear of God's
glory filling this Temple.**

He will not reside in a stone
Temple any longer.

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Prior to first (Solomon's) temple destruction, Ezekiel saw **God's glory leave the Temple and return to heaven** (Ezekiel 10-12)

It did not return until over 600 years later when the...

Shekinah ("Glory in the tent")
walked in the flesh.



Herod enhances 2nd Temple (Ezra's/Herod's Temple)

- Massive renovation
- **Messiah here**, dwelling of God in their midst, not Temple made of stone
- **IMMANUEL** here but rejected

Second (*Ezra's/Herod's*) Temple Destroyed

- Yeshua dies, rises, returns to heaven
- **Jews not "quiet"** under Roman rule
- Continued uprising
- **70 AD**, Titus/Roman army
- **"Diaspora"**



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ARCH OF TITUS, ROME

New Temple, not made of stone.

- ~ 40 years before 2nd Temple destroyed, **new Temple created**. Not built with hands of men.
- SHAVUOT, Holy Spirit came to not just dwell WITH men, but to dwell IN believers.
- **WE are Temple of the Holy Spirit**
(1 Corinthians 6:19)



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God still dwells among His people. He loves our fellowship.

Physical Temple **not needed.**

WE are the spiritual
Temple of God today.

The people return...another Temple?

- God restoring “dispersed” of Israel. Homeland 1948, Jerusalem in Jewish control 1967.
- Another temple built? Daniel/2 Thessalonians: final world ruler to abolish sacrifices, set himself up as God in Temple, cause ultimate *“abomination that causes desolation.”*
- **Seems Temple must exist.** Current prep for coming "Third Temple" (“Tribulation Temple?”)
- Dome of the Rock, Al Aqsa Mosque

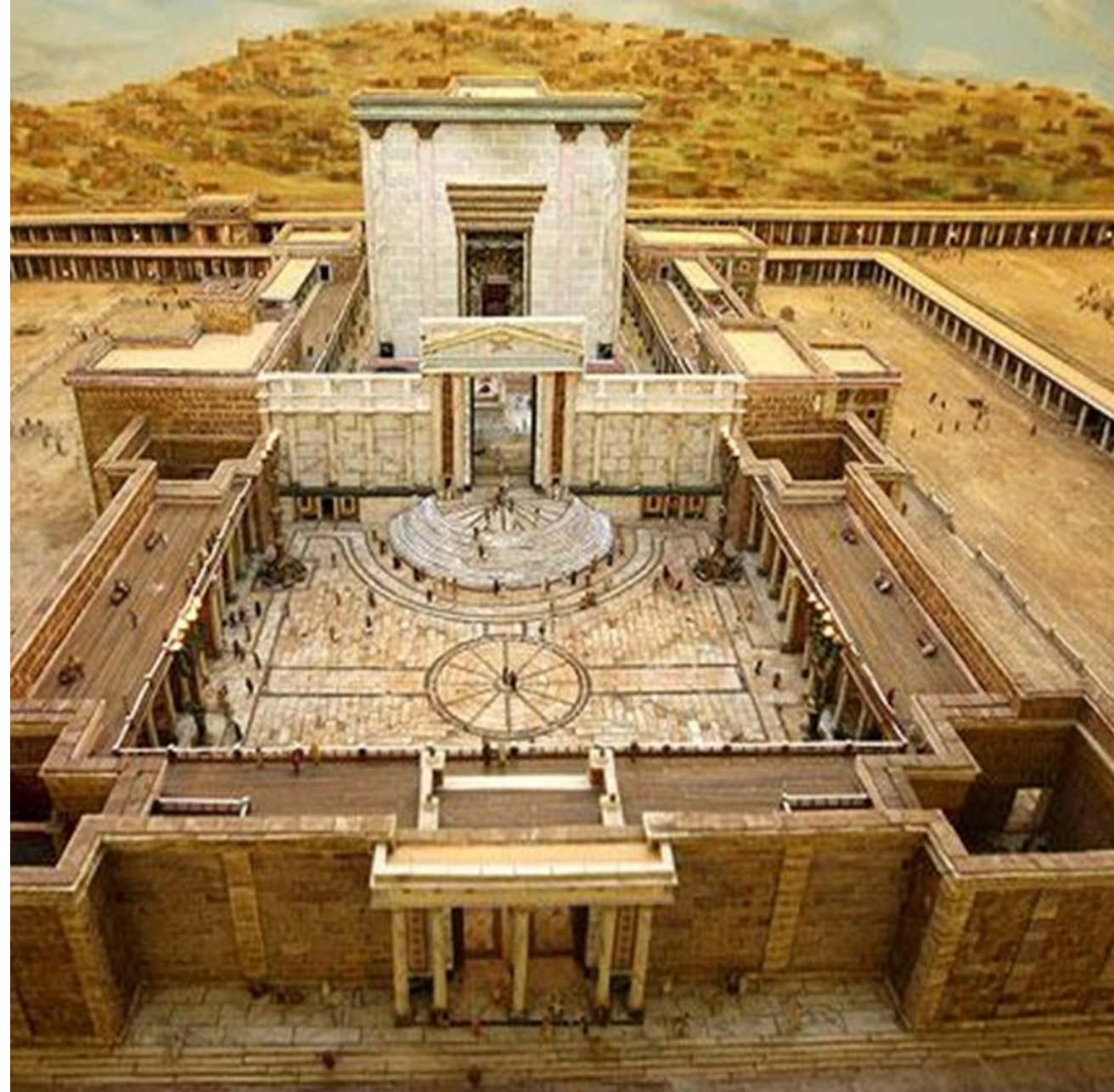
You think this is a
problem for
YHVH???



Temple Mount
Mount Moriah
(Genesis 22)

Current Temple Plans

- Plans well underway
- Problem: Jews today using Ezekiel 40-48 Temple *as a model*. Something missing in these plans!
- **Unlikely** a “Tribulation” Temple.
- Description fits Millennial Temple.



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Nothing is impossible to God. If Temple to be rebuilt, it will be, regardless of debate.

Any Tribulation Temple will likely also be destroyed.



Fourth (Ezekiel's) Temple

- Chapters 40-48 (*never built*).
- To Jews = 3rd Temple, others 4th (*after Tribulation Temple, destroyed*)
- Most think **built during Millennium**



The Real Temple

- Tabernacle/temples only patterns/visual aids/object lessons to **illustrate one true Temple.**
- Hebrews/Revelation = Temple in heaven, **God's dwelling place.** Even this Temple will disappear.

No more Temple. **Not needed any longer.**

- After Millennium one more human rebellion, quickly ended.
- After this "**eternal state**" (eternity). No temple.

Revelation 21:22

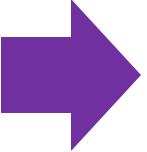
"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The new city, the New Jerusalem is the dwelling place of God and Lamb, among His people."

WHY?

Immanuel!

God with Us!

TABERNACLE/TEMPLE HISTORY RECAP

- History of tabernacle/temple = **history of God's plan of redemption**, and His ultimate plan of dwelling with the people He loves.
-  Key to spiritual condition of Hebrews/Jews, key to **spiritual condition of believers** today. *(Referenced in Revelation 11 for this purpose.)*
- Began in the Garden, as Adam **fellowshipped with God** *(will also end in the garden!)*

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- Illustrated in wilderness = large **tent that moved with the people** (*and pillar of fire that stayed with them*)
- Given “permanent” home in Jerusalem (1st Temple, Solomon)
- **Destroyed by Babylon** due to Judah’s disobedience 586/587 BC (*Tisha b'Av, “Glory” departed prior*)
- Rebuilt, much smaller (*Ezra's or Nehemiah's Temple, 2nd Temple*)

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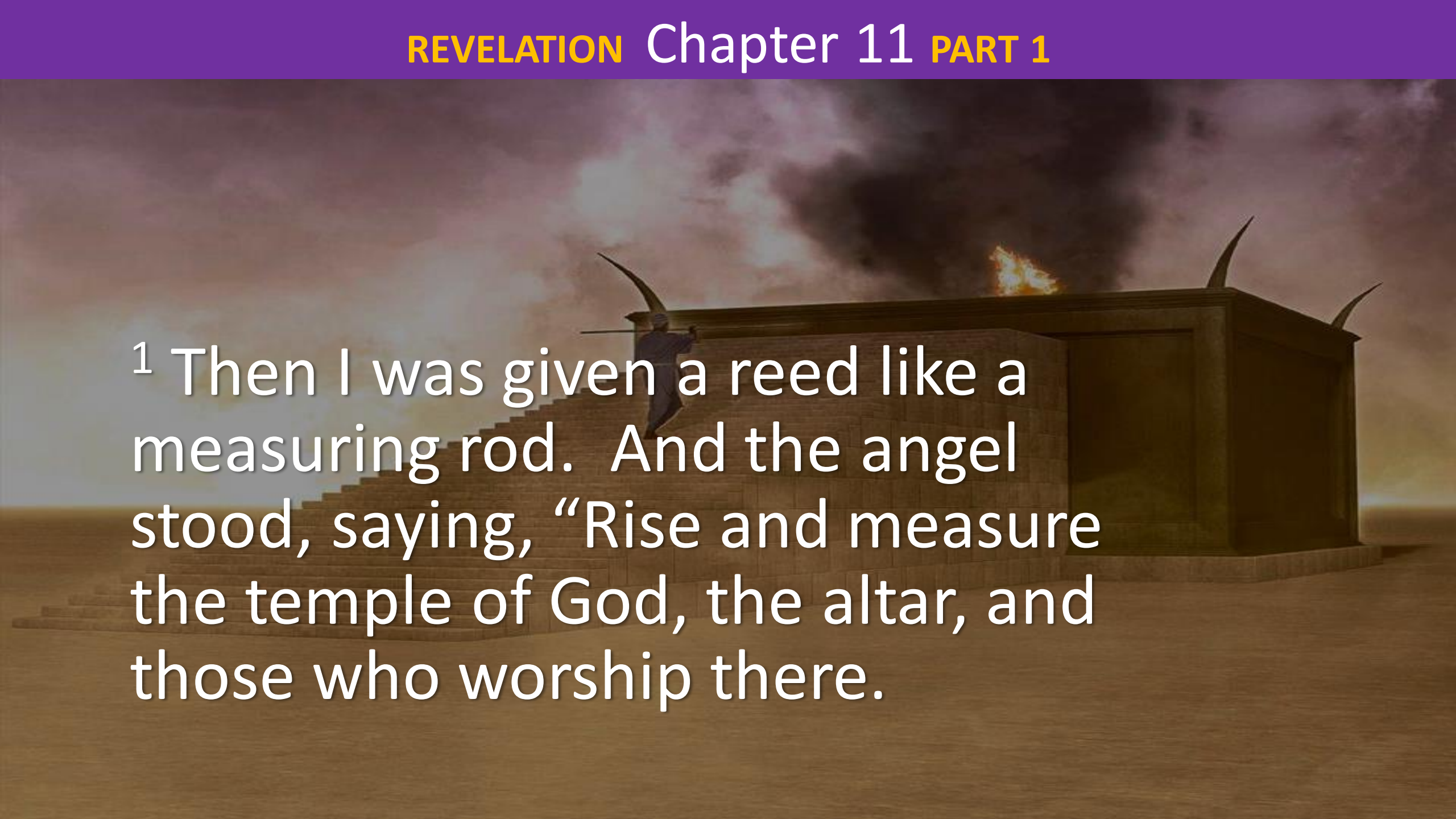
- **Enhanced/renovated by Herod** over 60 years
- **Destroyed by Rome** in 70 AD (*Tisha b'Av!*)
- Exists now in hearts of believers (*indwelt by Holy Spirit*)
- **Possibly rebuilt for end time** prophecies (3rd Temple)
- Likely newly constructed in Millennium per Ezekiel's vision (4th Temple)

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- Will end in garden. Not needed in eternity. God will dwell permanently with His people made holy by blood of His Son.
- Until then, **reminds us of His incredible plan and great desire to fellowship** with us. This desire fuels the entire plan of redemption.

IT IS THE PLACE HE MEETS WITH US!

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An angel with large, feathered wings is shown in profile, standing on a wide set of stone steps that lead up to a large, rectangular stone building. The angel is holding a long, thin reed horizontally, using it to measure the width of the building's facade. The building has a flat roof with several sharp, pointed spires or finials. In the background, a dark, stormy sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, and a bright, fiery light source is visible on the horizon behind the building. The overall scene is set in a desolate, sandy landscape under a dramatic, apocalyptic sky.

¹ Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

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- **Which Temple?** A vision, or rebuilt? A symbol of God's relationship with us?
- Some think Temple must be restored in Israel to fulfill scriptures.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*



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- Many scriptures seem to call for **literal, physical Temple in Jerusalem** in end times.
- Restoration of Temple **underway for years**. Have finances, plans, temple furnishings, priest vestments/training ... even red heifer?



- Not sure **which altar**, brazen altar (courtyard), or altar of incense inside.
- “*Thusiasterion*” = place of sacrifice –probably **altar of sacrifice** in courtyard.

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- “Temple” = *naos*, always inner sanctuary, Holy of Holies (*where God met with His people, priest as representative*) [*note: perfect cube*]. Entire Temple complex = heiron.
- Speculation this does **not** imply actual physical Temple, but vision/symbolic meaning:
 - 1) **Condition of Temple related to spiritual condition of Israel. If Temple in disrepair, hearts of people far from God. Temple in good condition, people right with God.**

This temple may = Israel’s current relationship/God.

2) May also = “temple of Holy Spirit” = believers.
About measuring hearts of believers, Jew or
Gentile.

*(But in this time, most think HS will not reside within
believers! Removed with removal of church)*

**Speculation this Temple, therefore, not literal, but
symbol of God’s presence and relationship with His
people. John was to “measure” this relationship.**

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- However, other things make it difficult to take passage completely symbolic/spiritual. (*2 Thessalonians passage*)
- Always **best to take things literally** unless impossible to do that. (*often both!*)
- Notice WHAT is being measured: **1) Temple, 2) altar, and 3) those who worship there.**
- Physical dimensions of “worshippers” not the point. Whether physical or spiritual temple, **Measuring spiritual “worth” – hearts before God.**

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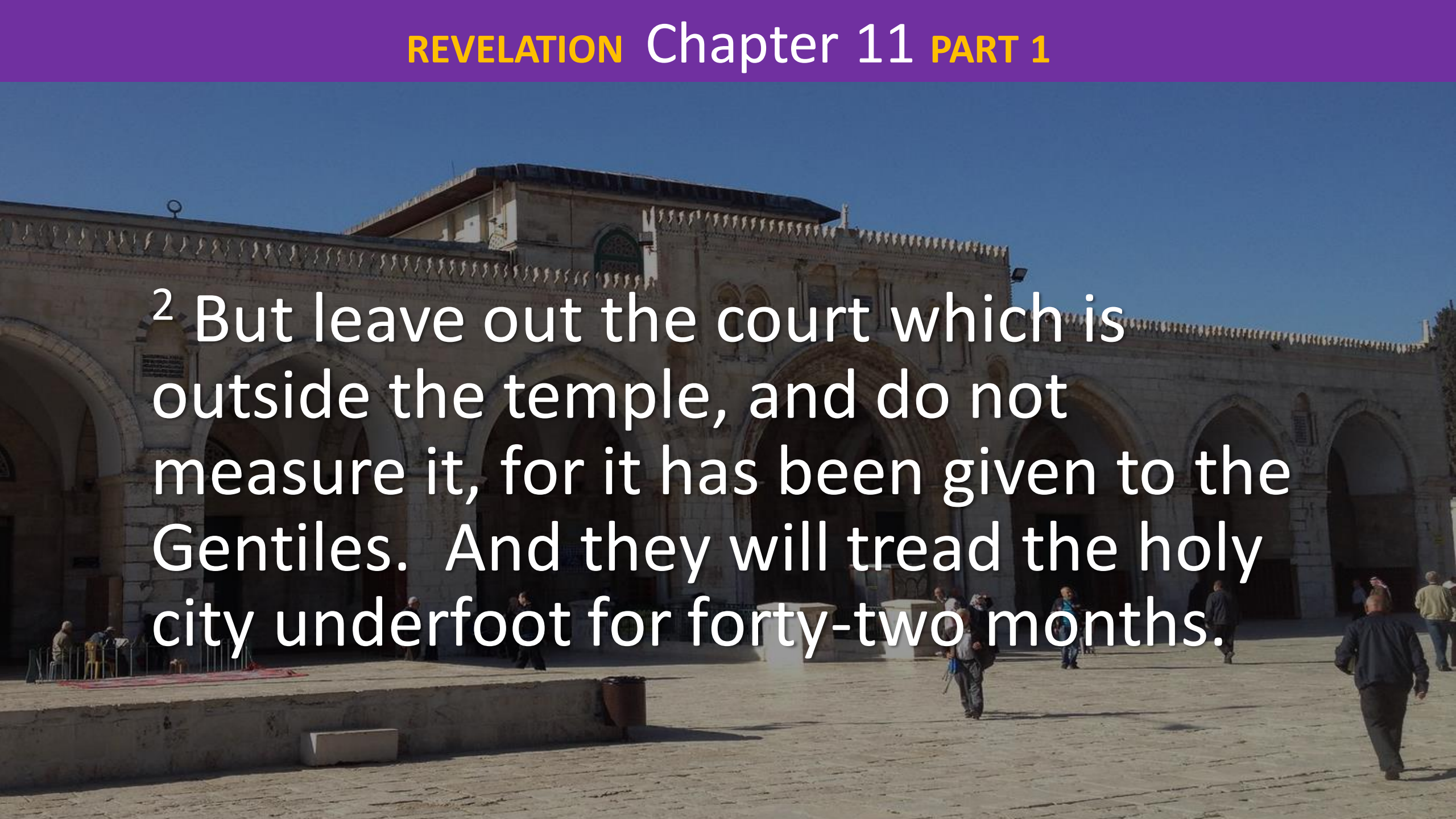
- If literal Temple in Jerusalem, those worshipping there **Jews - would *not* be worshipping Messiah.**
- Rebuilding physical Temple physical demonstration of rejection of Jesus as Messiah.
- “Measuring” worshippers, likely those who rejected Yeshua, = **precursor to judgment/discipline.** Found “wanting.” (*Daniel 5*)
- *Measuring altar would represent **who or what their salvation/atonement is based on.** Thousands of animals,...or the blood of the Lamb of God?*

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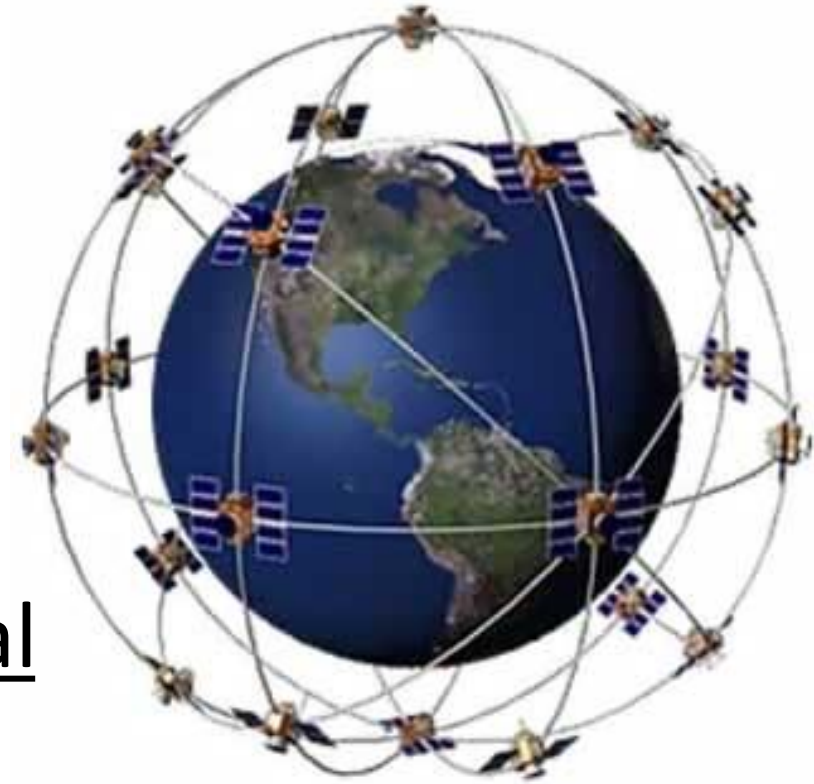
- Seems to be **focus on Jewish people** here.
- Mention of Temple (*where God fellowships with His people*) – In Israel, symbol of Judaism, Jews, Israel, and presence of God with them.
- Measuring altar, basis/foundation of salvation
- Measuring worshippers (their hearts with God/Messiah)
- About Israel, Jews who do not know God.

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² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.



- ***“Court which is outside the Temple”*** = court of Gentiles.
- **Interesting note:** New GPS technology (+ archeological finds) may reveal DOR (and Al Aksa Mosque) do not sit on actual place where original Temple stood, but rather occupy **what would have been court of the Gentiles.**
- **Here it gets interesting!** Much speculation over precise placement of Temple today...*(literally!)*



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Current 3D rendering of proposed
Third Temple in Jerusalem



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Proposed Third Temple -
Bronze Altar in foreground

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Rendering of night view of new
Temple constructed next to Dome of
the Rock



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Court of Gentiles

Rebuilt Temple



Current Temple Mount

- If 3rd (“Tribulation”) Temple rebuilt, and **IF** positioned next to Dome of the Rock *as some suggest*, puts this **GENTILE structure (DOR) smack in the COURT OF THE GENTILES**, referenced in Revelation 11.
- Makes this passage VERY interesting!
- As always, *beware of speculation!*



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- ***“given to the Gentiles”*** Possibly = Gentile domination of area, or actual Mosque in Court of Gentiles.
- God’s Word always precise. Another reason to think this is literal, not symbolic/allegorical only.
- **Current move to divide Jerusalem** possible reference here, or merely *Gentile structures* here.
- Time span = **forty-two (42) months**, exactly 3½ years, half 7-year tribulation period.

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- “**Time of the Gentiles**” did not end in 1967 when Israel reclaimed Jerusalem. Continues today, and through tribulation. (*Nebuchadnezzar forward, 606BC >*)
- Jerusalem already trodden underfoot by Gentiles –will get worse. Growing anti-Semitism.
- Passage helps show strictly allegorical approach to Revelation doesn't work. **Specific time references – not symbolic, but literal.**

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- In next verse, two witnesses will ***“prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”***
- **“Time, times and half a time”** (Dan 7:25, 12:7, Revelation 12:14) = 3½ years = 1,260 days = **42 mos.**
- Daniel 9, “70 weeks” refers to **“middle of the week”** (the 70th week, or 3½ year mark) ***“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week. He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.”*** (Daniel 9:27a) (“week” = week of years, 7 years. “Middle of the week” = 3½ years)

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- God anticipating erroneous allegorical interpretation by **using specific time references.**
- How many ways can you say **three and one half years???** Purposeful effort to make sure we understand this = literal period of time.
- ***Remember “scriptural”/prophetic year = 360 days.*** People keeping track of time here will likely count days, not months and years.



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- Throughout scripture God provides truths to combat and deflate every worldly argument against Him and His Truth.
- He anticipates them and counters them in His Word.
- Must know them well. **No believer should be caught off-guard by erroneous human arguments.**

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Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)

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; (1 Peter 3:15)



Yevarekh-kha Adonai veyishmerekha

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha viyasem
lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

