

Book of Ezekiel

1:¹Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. ²(On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile, ³the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)

Overview of Book of Ezekiel

A. Calling of Ezekiel (1:4-3:27)

B. Condemnation of Israel based on the Mosaic Covenant (4:1-24:27)

C. Condemnation of the nations based on the Noahic Covenant (25:1-32:32)

D. Consolation of Israel based on the Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants (33:1-48:25)





1:18As for their rims they were lofty and awesome

22Now over the heads of the living beings there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal.... 24I also heard the sound of their wings ... like

the voice of the Almighty28As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds ..., so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

2:1Then He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet that I may speak with you!” 2As He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. 3Then He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4“I am sending you to them who are stubborn and obstinate children, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’

2:5“As for them, whether they listen or not—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them. **6**“And you, son of man, neither fear them nor fear their words, though thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house. **7**“But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.

2:8“Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you.” 9Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. 10When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe.

3:1Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” **2**So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. **3**He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

3:¹⁴So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away;
and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit,
and the hand of the LORD was strong on
me. ¹⁵Then I came to the exiles who lived beside
the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there
seven days where they were living, causing
consternation among them.

3:26“Moreover, I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be mute and cannot be a man who rebukes them, for they are a rebellious house. **27**“But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

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Lesson 2

5:5“Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her. 6‘But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.’

5:7“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have more turmoil than the nations which surround you and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you,’ 8therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I, even I, am against you, and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations. 9‘And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again.

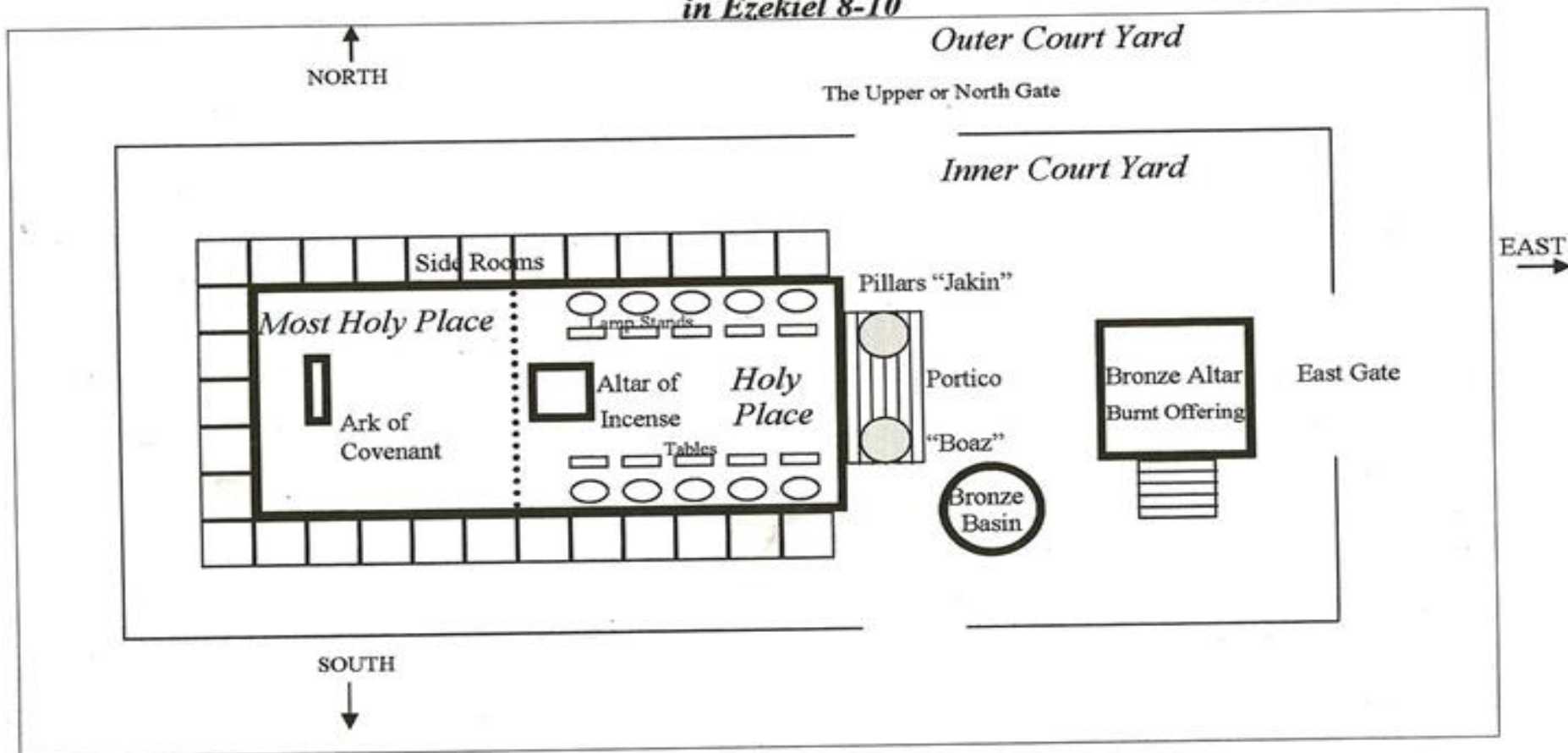
5:13‘Thus My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be appeased; then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them. 14‘Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by. 15‘So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath and raging rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken....17... and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken.’”

6:7“The slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am the LORD....”¹⁰“Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them.” ...¹³“Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their slain are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill...—the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols. ¹⁴“So throughout all their habitations I will ... make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; thus they will know that I am the LORD.”””

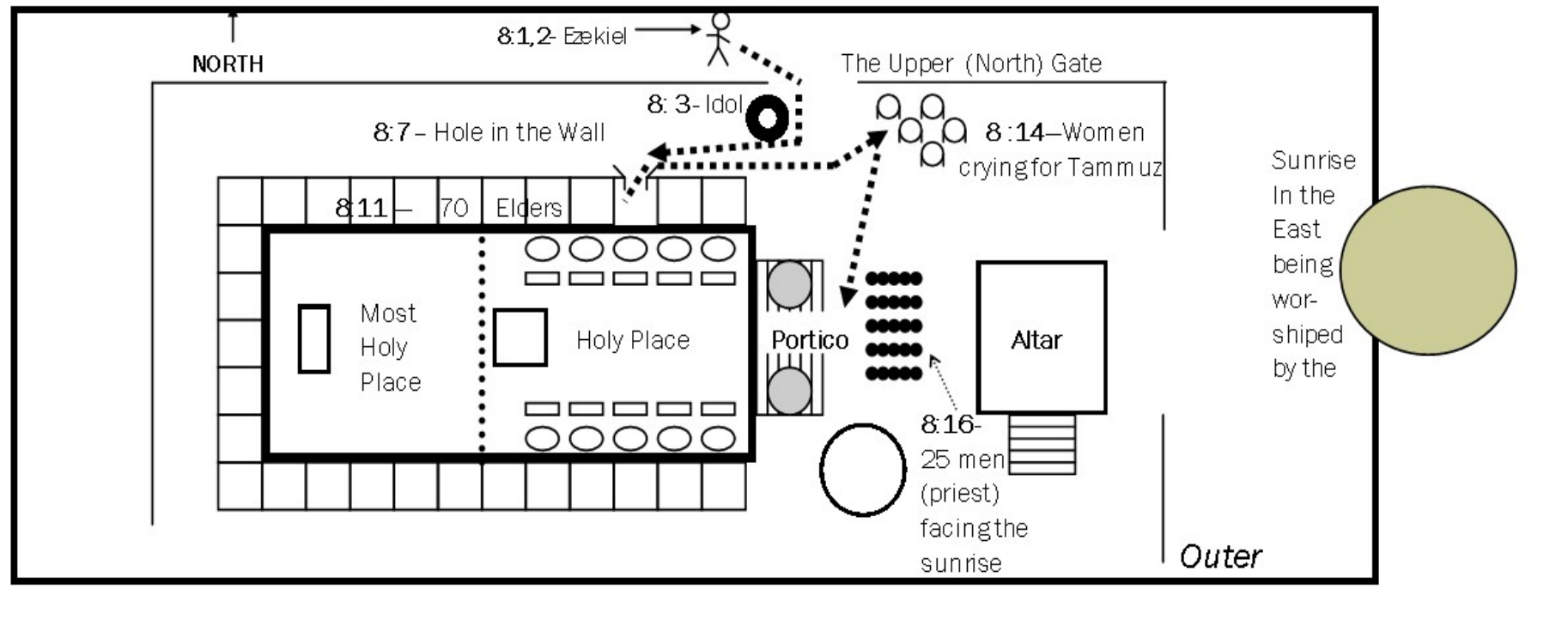
7:3'Now the end is upon you, and I will send My anger against you;...⁴ ... then you will know that I am the LORD!'... 8'Now I will shortly pour out My wrath on you and spend My anger against you;...⁹ ... then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting.

7:12'The time has come, the day has arrived... for wrath is against all their multitude.... ¹⁴ ... for My wrath is against all their multitude.... ¹⁹ ... their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD.... ²⁷'The king will mourn, the prince will be clothed with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. And they will know that I am the LORD.

Solomon's Temple as seen in Jerusalem
in Ezekiel's vision of 5 92 BC
in Ezekiel 8-10

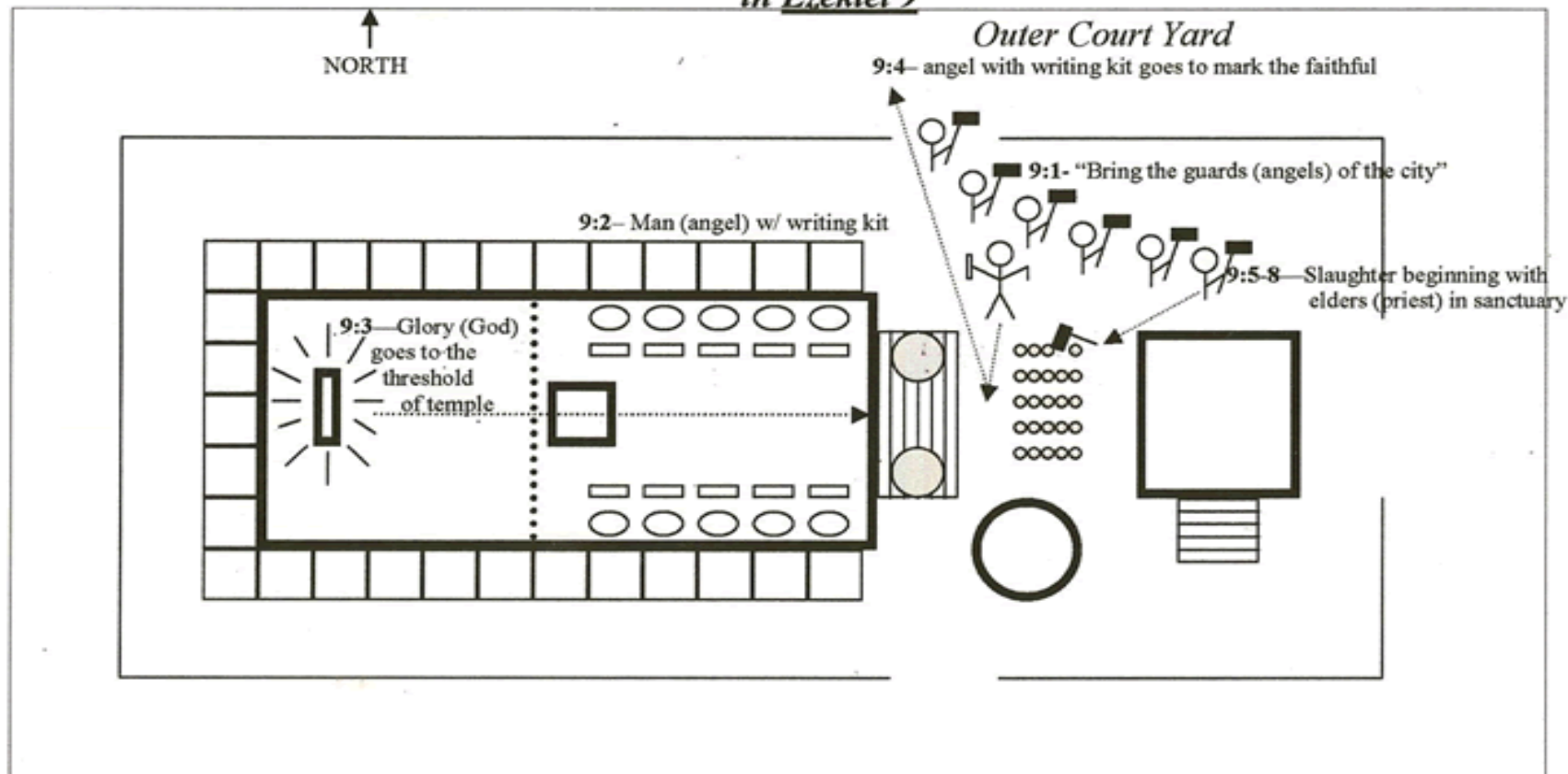


8:6 And he said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel are committing here, to drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see still greater abominations."



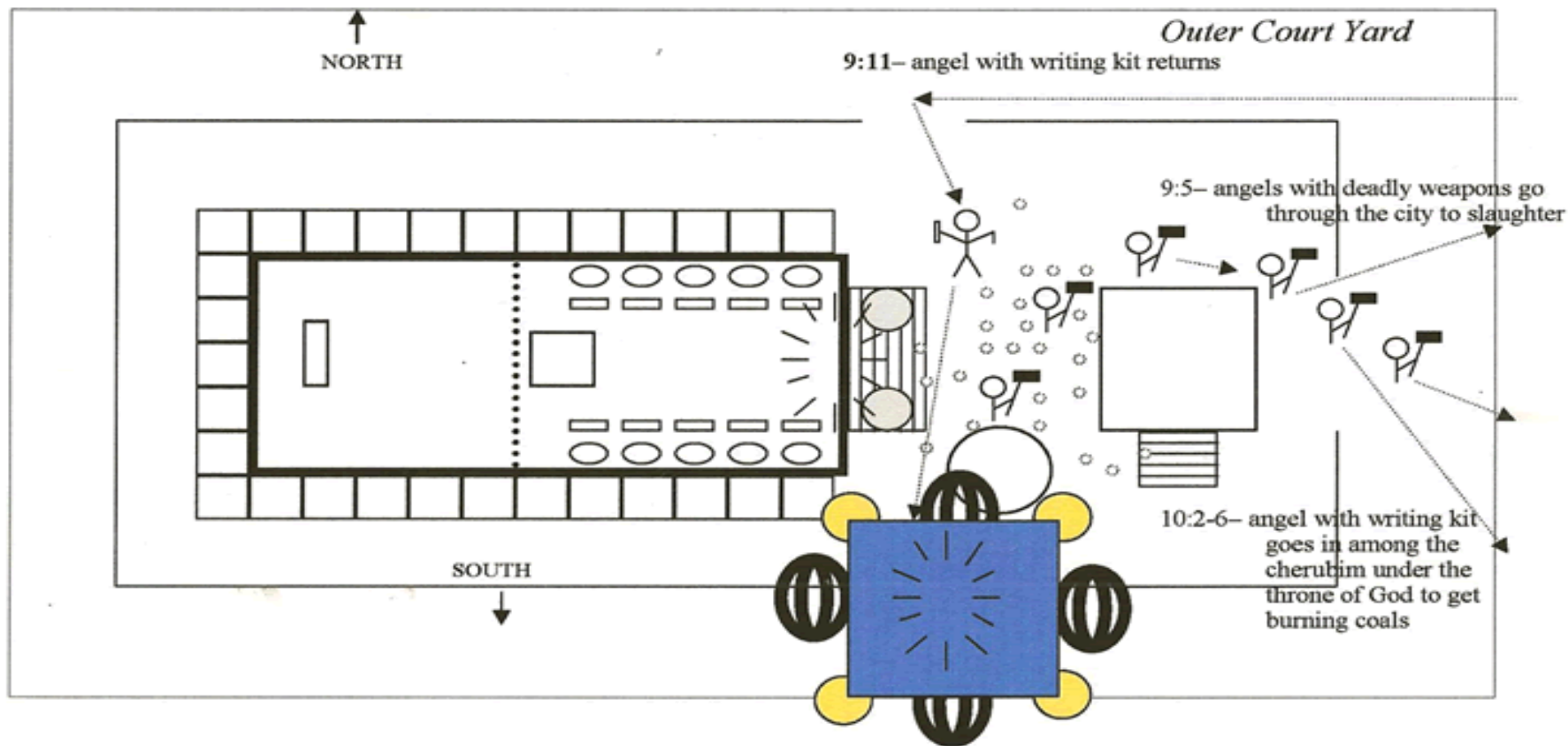
8:12 Then He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, ‘The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.’”

Solomon's Temple as seen in Jerusalem
in Ezekiel's vision of 5 92 BC
in Ezekiel 9



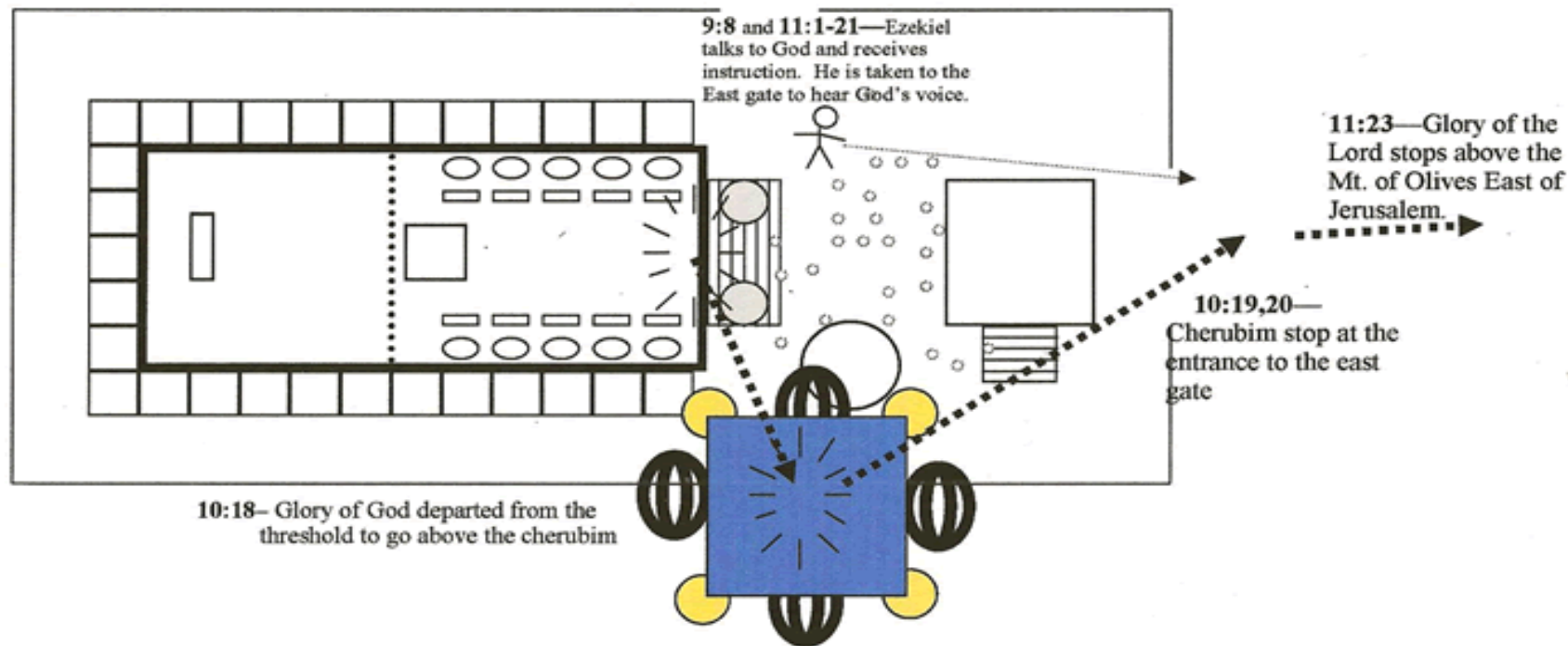
9:8As they were striking the people and I alone was left, I fell on my face and cried out saying, “Alas, Lord GOD! Are You destroying the whole remnant of Israel by pouring out Your wrath on Jerusalem?” 9Then He said to me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is filled with blood and the city is full of perversion; for they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!’

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Solomon's Temple as seen in Jerusalem
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in Ezekiel 10 – 11

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11:13... “Ah, Lord GOD! Will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?” ... **15**“Son of man, ... the whole house of Israel ... are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession.’ **15**Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.’ **17** ... I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered.

12:¹³“I will ... bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, though he will die there. ¹⁴“I will scatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹⁵“So they will know that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations ¹⁶“But I will spare a few of them from the sword, the famine and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and may know that I am the LORD.”

12:22“Son of man, what is this proverb you people have concerning the land of Israel, saying, ‘The days are long and every vision fails’? **23**“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel.” ... **25**“For I the LORD will speak, and whatever word I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it,” declares the Lord GOD.’”

12:27“Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, ‘The vision that he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies of times far off.’ **28**“Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed,”’” declares the Lord GOD.

13:³‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing.... ⁶“They see falsehood and lying divination who are saying, ‘The LORD declares,’ when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of their word.... ⁹...They will have no place in the council of My people ... nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am the Lord GOD. ¹⁰“It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, ‘Peace!’ when there is no peace.

13:18 ... “Woe to the women who sew magic bands on all wrists and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature to hunt down lives ... of My people, but preserve the lives of others for yourselves? ¹⁹”... you have profaned Me to My people to put to death some who should not die and to keep others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies ... ²² ...you disheartened the righteous with falsehood ... but have encouraged the wicked not to turn from his wicked way and preserve his life.

14:³“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts... Should I be consulted by them at all? ⁴“Therefore speak to them ..., ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart ... and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will be brought to give him an answer in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols, ⁵in order to lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel who are estranged from Me through all their idols.””

14:⁶“Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Repent and turn away from your idols and turn your faces away from all your abominations....⁷”I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the LORD.

14:⁹And if the prophet is deceived and speaks a word, I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. ¹⁰And they shall bear their punishment—the punishment of the prophet and the punishment of the inquirer shall be alike— ¹¹that the house of Israel may no more go astray from me, nor defile themselves anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be my people and I may be their God, declares the Lord GOD.”

16:⁴⁸“As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done. ⁴⁹“Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. ⁵⁰“Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw *it*. ⁵¹“Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins ... Thus you have made your sisters appear righteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

16:⁵³“Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and along with them your own captivity, ⁵⁴in order that you may bear your humiliation and feel ashamed for all that you have done when you become a consolation to them....⁵⁸“You have borne the penalty of your lewdness and abominations,” the LORD declares. ⁵⁹For thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.