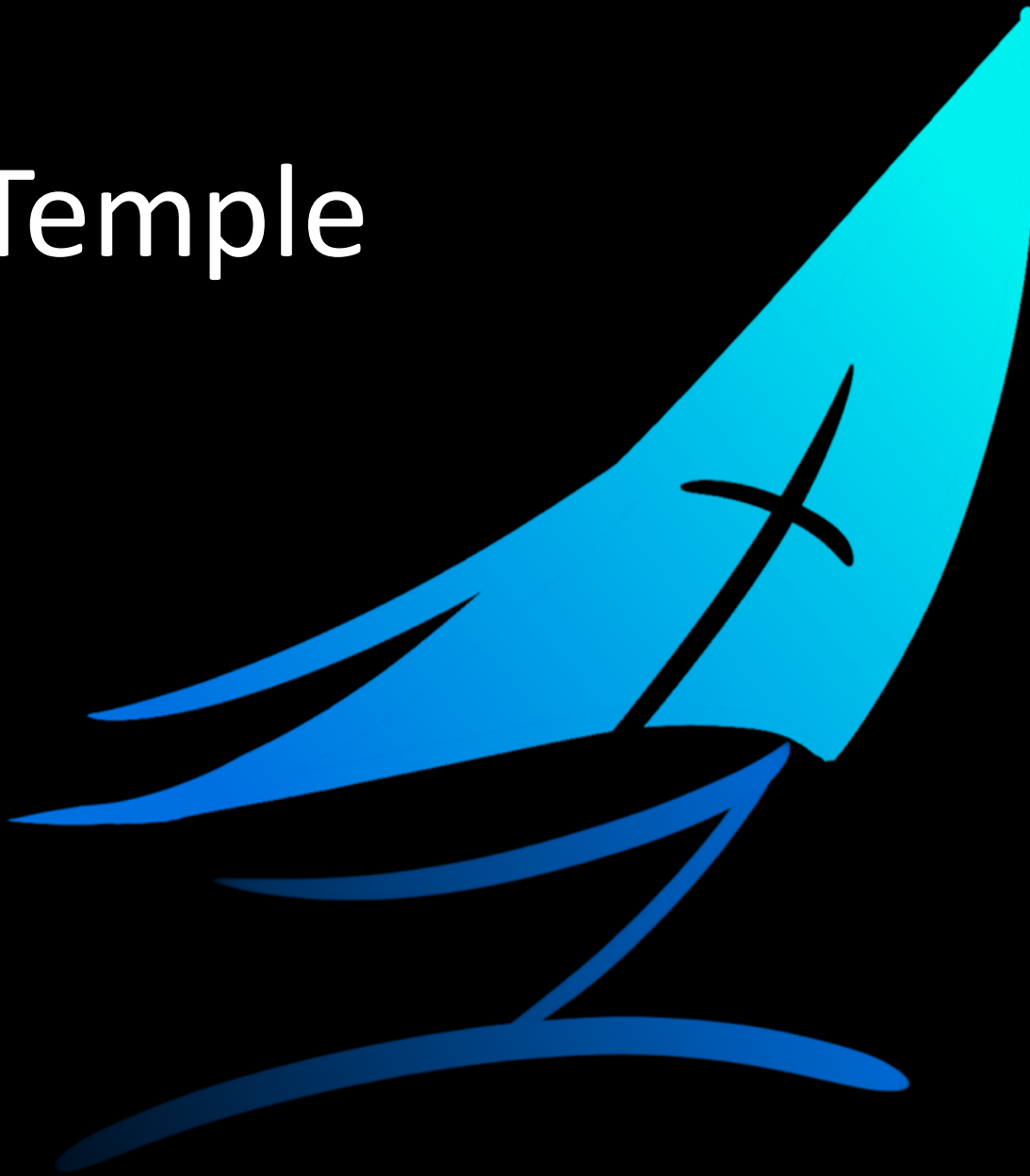


# The Temple



## INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

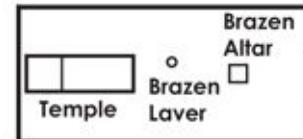
Pillar of  
Smoke

The  
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Pillar

American  
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Size comparison  
(approximate):



Court of the  
Tabernacle

## TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Curtain  
enclosure

Court of the  
Tabernacle

Brazen  
Laver

Brazen  
Altar

Slaughter  
Tables

Entrance  
Curtain

# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.





## Exodus 40:33-38 (NIV)

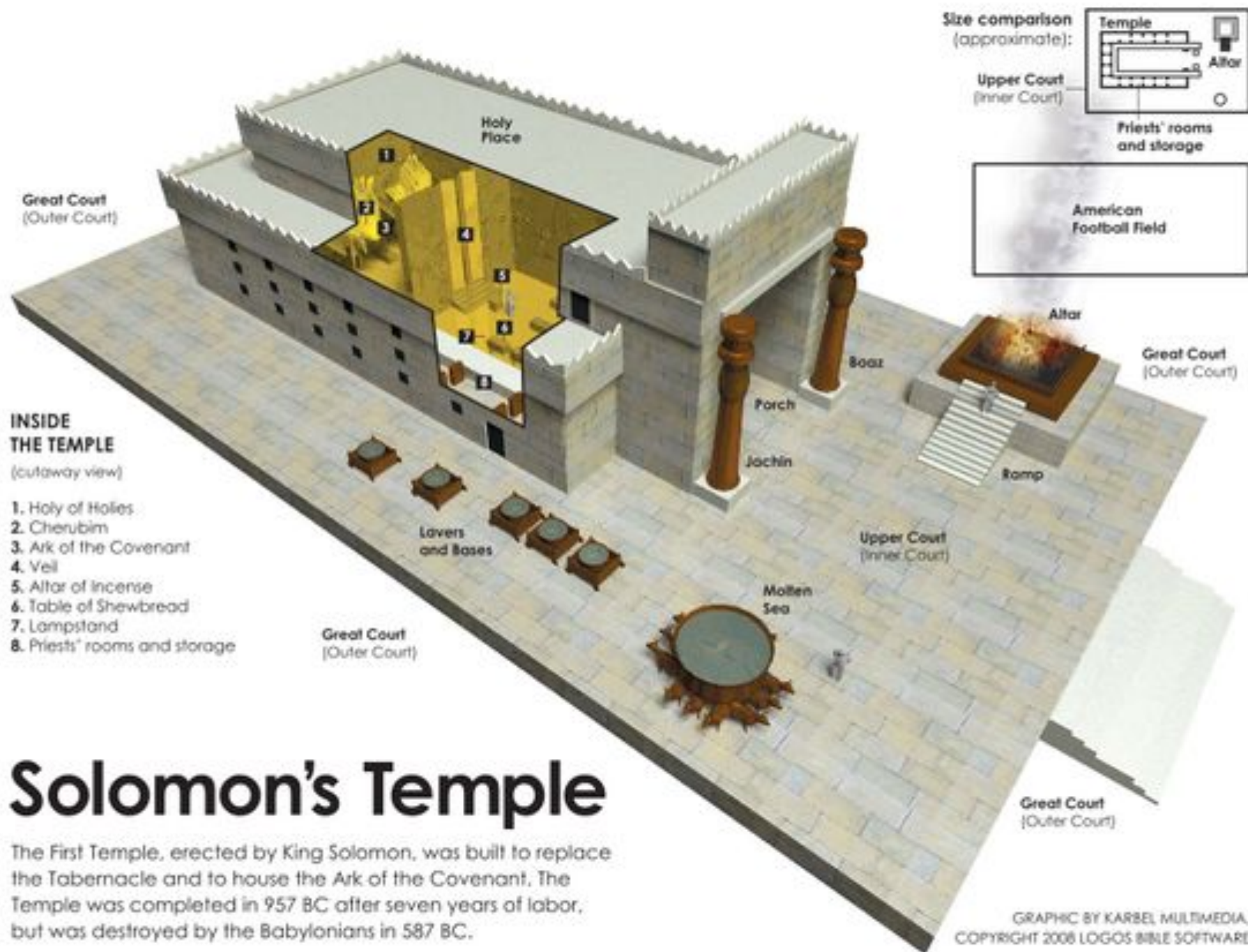
**33** Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

**34** Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

**35** Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

<sup>36</sup> In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; <sup>37</sup> but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. <sup>38</sup> So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.





# Solomon's Temple

The First Temple, erected by King Solomon, was built to replace the Tabernacle and to house the Ark of the Covenant. The Temple was completed in 957 BC after seven years of labor, but was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC.



## 2 Chronicles 7:1-3 (NIV)

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it.



<sup>3</sup> When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying,  
“He is good;  
His love endures forever.”

2 Chronicles 7:17-21 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> "As for you, if you walk before Me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe My decrees and laws, <sup>18</sup> I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.'

19 "But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for My Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. 21 This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and say, 'Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?'



## INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

(cutaway view)

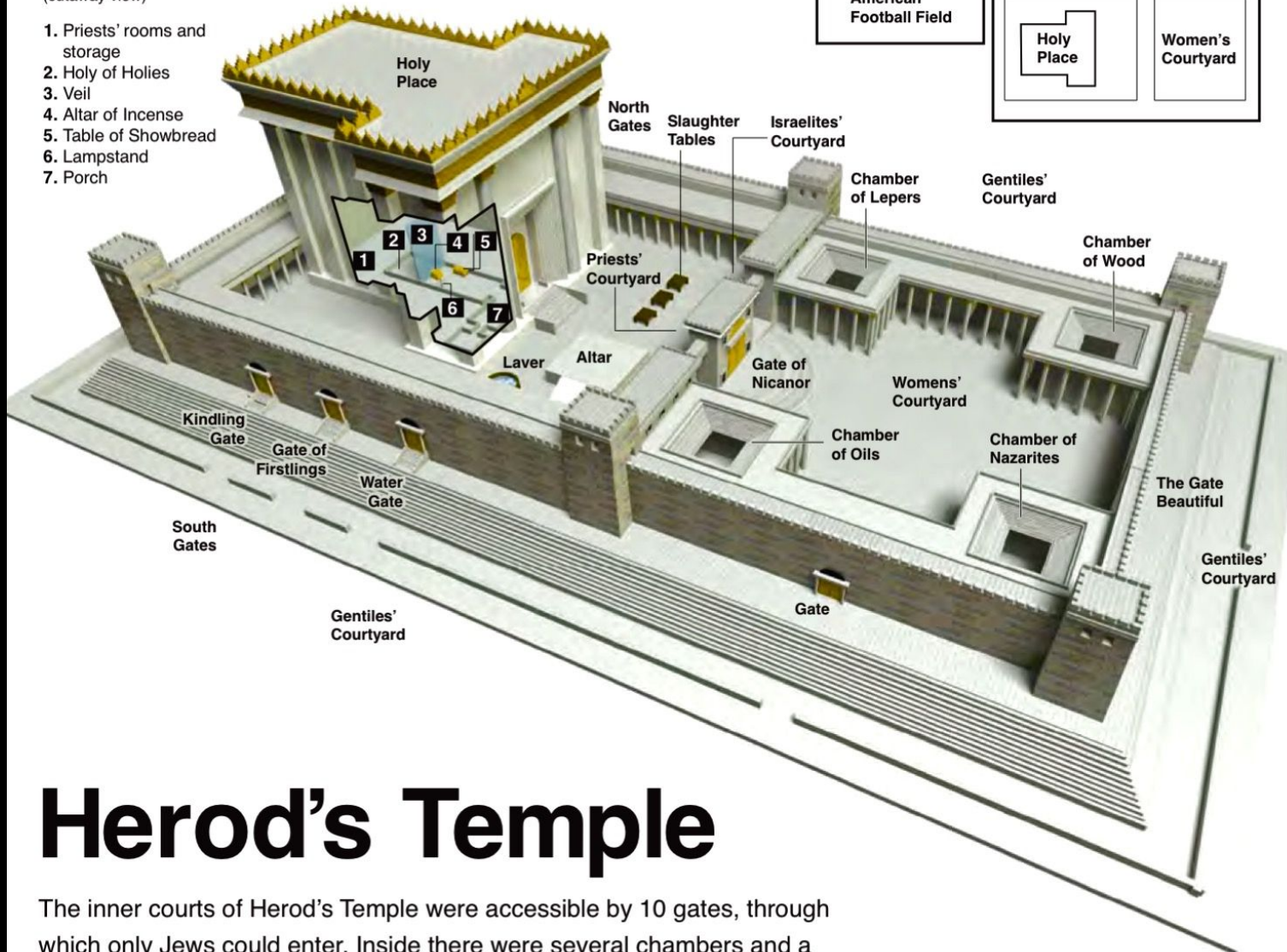
1. Priests' rooms and storage
2. Holy of Holies
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Showbread
6. Lampstand
7. Porch

Size comparison (approximate):

American  
Football Field

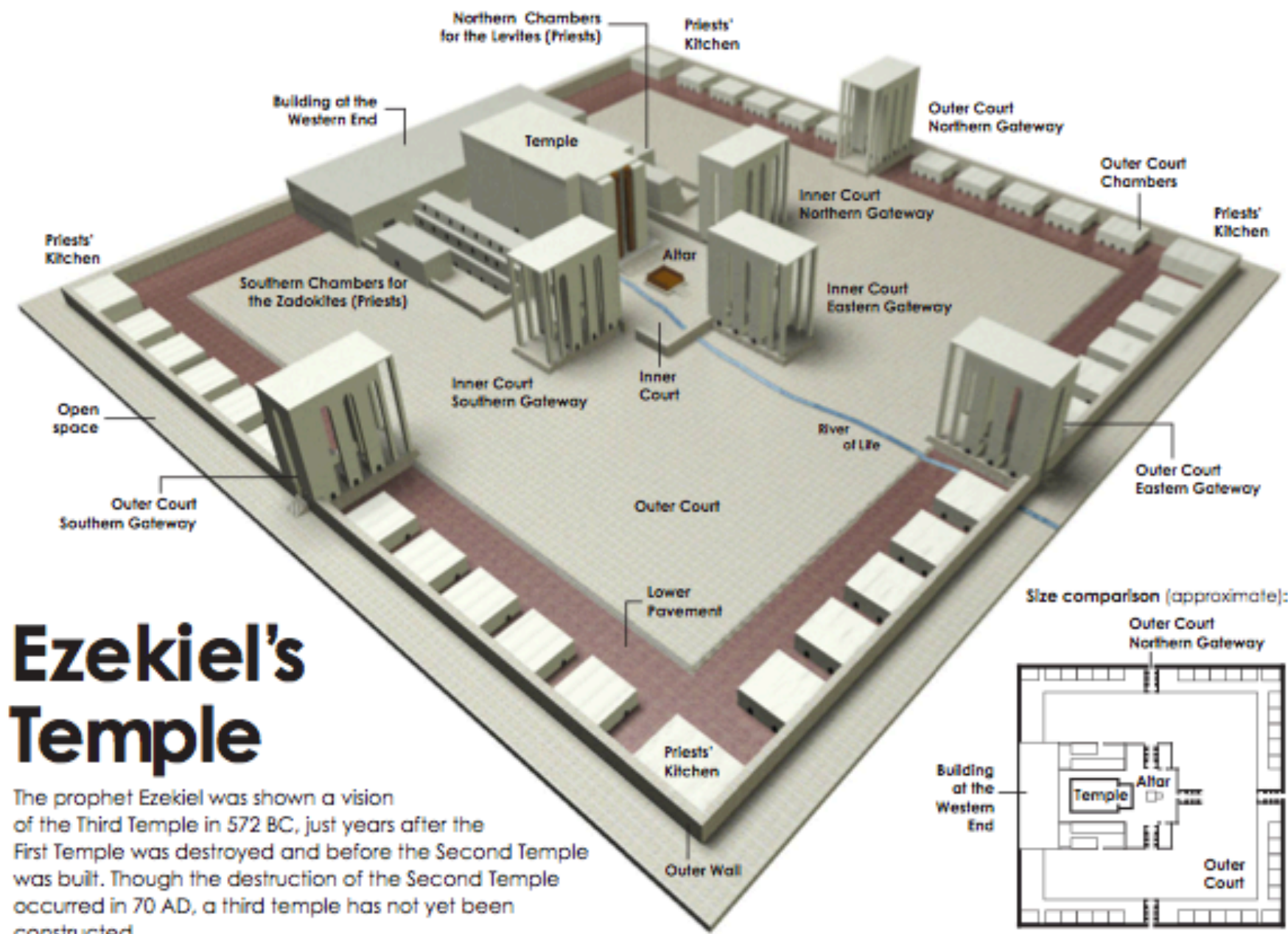
Holy  
Place

Women's  
Courtyard



# Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Inside there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At one end was the holy place—a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. The expansive building project of Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount was completed in approximately AD 62–64, only to be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

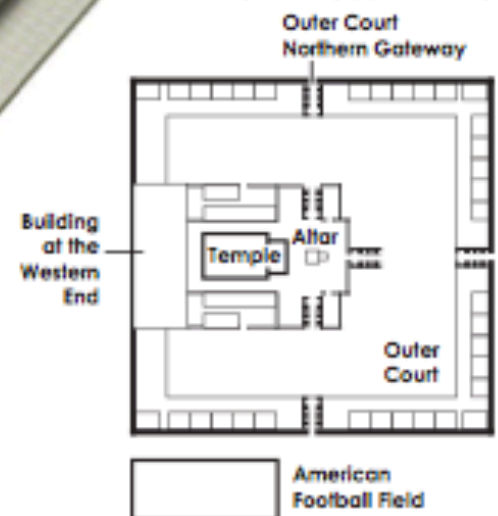


# Ezekiel's Temple

The prophet Ezekiel was shown a vision of the Third Temple in 572 BC, just years after the First Temple was destroyed and before the Second Temple was built. Though the destruction of the Second Temple occurred in 70 AD, a third temple has not yet been constructed.

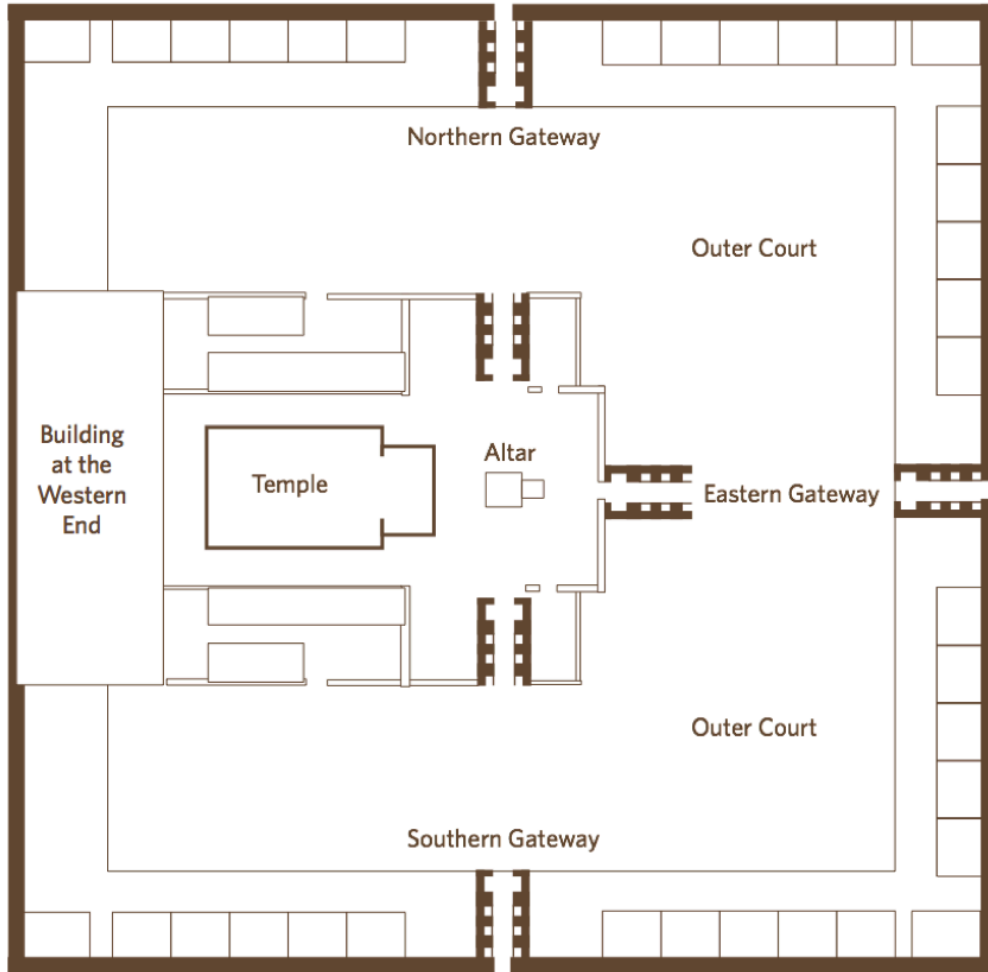
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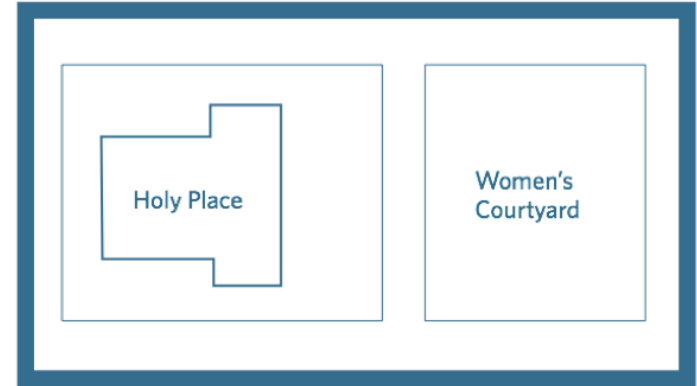


# Temple Size Comparisons

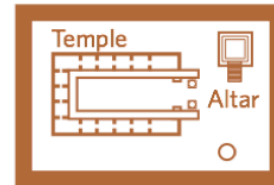
500 x 500 cubits | 750 x 750 ft **EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE**



**HEROD'S TEMPLE**



**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**

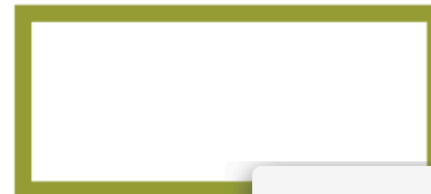


**COURT OF THE TABERNACLE**



100 x 50 cubits | 150 x 75 ft

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL FIELD**



100 x 50

**Temple Size Comparisons**

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Mark 15:37-38 (NIV)

**37** With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last.

**38** The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

## Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)

**19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.



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