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John 2:13–17 (NKJV) — Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. **15** When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. **16** And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" **17** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

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- By His actions, Jesus judged both the money-changers and the temple priests

Malachi 3:1–3 (NKJV) — 1 “Behold, I send My messenger,
And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord,
whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even
the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight.
Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts. **2** “But who
can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand
when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like
launderers’ soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of
silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as
gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An
offering in righteousness.

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John 2:18–22 (NKJV) — 18 So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” **19** Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” **20** Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” **21** But He was speaking of the temple of His body. **22** Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

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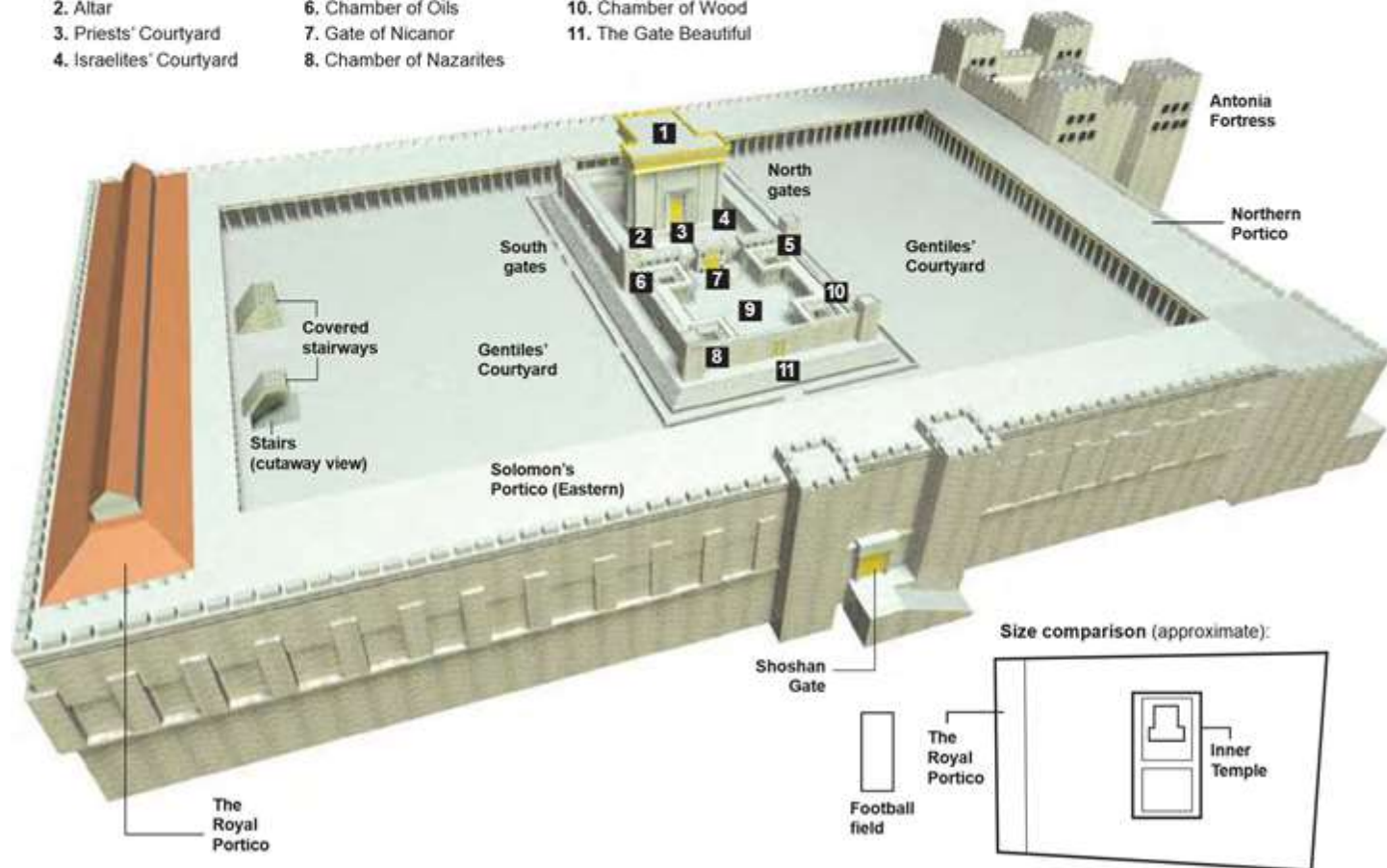
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Herod's Temple on the Temple Mount

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Temple in approximately 20–19 BC. The entire temple expansion, including the massive Temple Mount, was not complete until approximately AD 62–64, only to be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

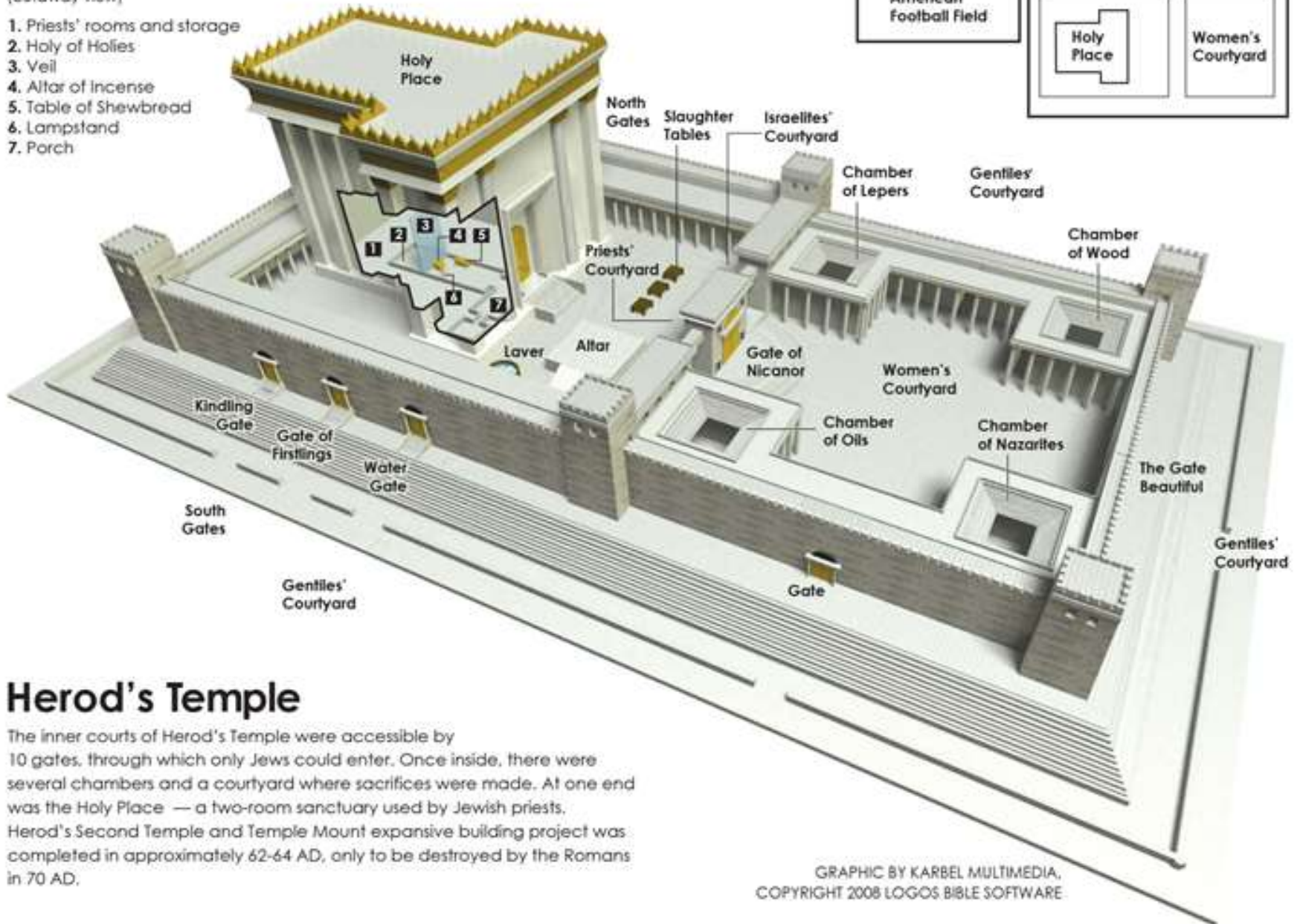
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| 1. Holy Place | 5. Chamber of Lepers | 9. Womens' Courtyard |
| 2. Altar | 6. Chamber of Oils | 10. Chamber of Wood |
| 3. Priests' Courtyard | 7. Gate of Nicanor | 11. The Gate Beautiful |
| 4. Israelites' Courtyard | 8. Chamber of Nazarites | |



INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

(cutaway view)

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



Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Once 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. Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount expansive building project was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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Matthew 12:38–40 (NKJV) — 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” **39** But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

It Proved all His Claims

- That He was the Son of God and the temple was His Father's house
- That He was greater than the priests, greater than the temple, and Lord of the Sabbath
- That He and His Father were One
- That He was the Light of the World, the Bread from Heaven, the Resurrection and the Life, the True and Living Way, the Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd
- That He was the Christ

Resurrection Proves our Claims as Well

- That Christ lives in us

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) — 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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- That we are part of a royal priesthood

1 Peter 2:4–10 (NKJV) — 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... **9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; **10** who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Our Spiritual Resurrection

- Accomplished in baptism

Romans 6:3–6 (NKJV) — 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, **6** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

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Galatians 5:22–25 (NKJV) — 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Our Spiritual Resurrection

- Accomplished in baptism
- Demonstrated by being spiritually alive
- Consummated by our final resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NKJV) — 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. **51** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—**52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NKJV) —54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” **55** “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” **56** The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.