

Future Events: The Tribulation Temple and the Antichrist

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The Temple Mount

JERUSALEM



God's Plan for the Temple

- God's plan first revealed at Mt Sinai: "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8).
- Context: God had descended Mt Sinai amidst smoke, fire, thunder, lightning, trumpet sounds and earthquake. Mt. Sinai burned with fire (Ex. 19: 16-24). The terrified Israelites begged Moses to keep God from even speaking to them so they would not die (Ex. 20:19). Instead, Moses told the people God's command in Exodus 25:8. "In effect, Moses was saying to them, 'God wants to move from the mountain into your camp...This God who destroyed the land of Egypt by plagues, drowned the mighty Egyptian army in the Red Sea, and appeared as a mountain-consuming fire...is coming right into your midst... and [He wants] a safeguard be set up in the form of a structure that would keep [you] Israel from being consumed.'"

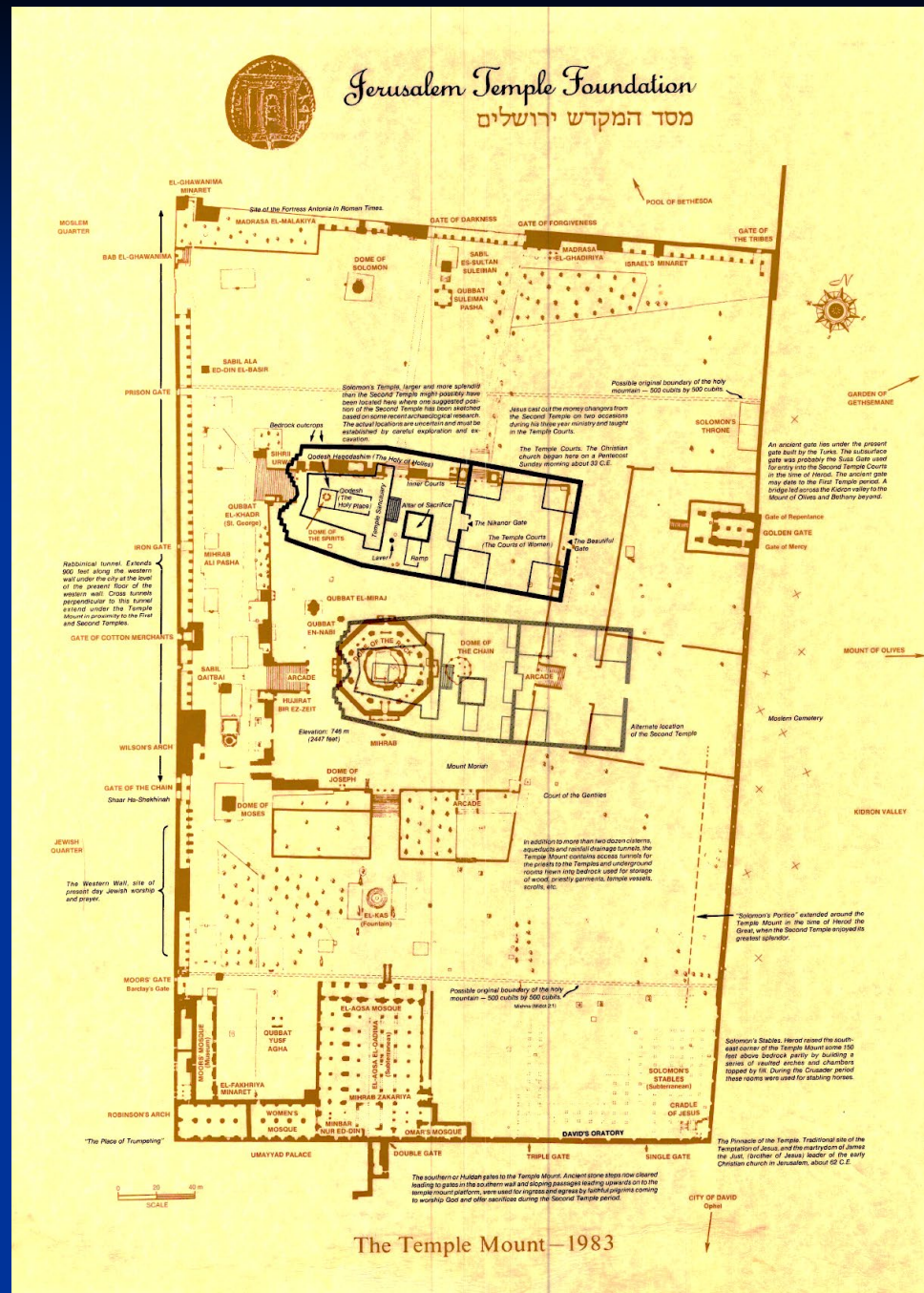
Tour of the Temple Mount



Two places where the bedrock appears thru the pavement. Each place could be where the Holy of Holies was located in the Second Temple.

“The importance of the Temple Mount” is its religious role as the physical locus of God’s manifestation on earth ‘the camp of the Shekinah’ (to dwell – ‘shakan’).”

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‘Beit Hamikdash’ is the modern Hebrew expression for “House of Holiness” or in other words “The Holy Temple.” The word ‘Mikdash’ [Holy place or Sanctuary] is used in the OT referring to the only legitimate Israelite temple in Jerusalem (Is. 63:18, Ez. 5:11, Ps. 74:7, Ps. 96:6)

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The Foundation Stone of the First and Second Temples

“The Bible indicates that prior to becoming the basis of the Temple, this stone was originally “the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite” (2 Samuel 24:18-23)...Many scholars think that the incisions in the stone [seen here in the lower center] were designed to hold the Ark of the Covenant in place when the Temples covered the rock.”



“The ark once rested on the ‘Even Shetiyah’ Foundation Stone, which is described in Jewish tradition to be ‘the rock from from which the world was woven’—the very center of creation.”

The Temple and Israel's Role as a Kingdom of Priests

- God caused His name to dwell in the temple (Jer.7:12; Matt. 23:21)
- The Temple served as a witness to God's covenants with Israel (house the Ark containing Mosaic Law; confirm Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 22:14); confirm Davidic covenant (1 Chron. 17:14))
- Rebuilding the Temple shows restoring of rest brought by exile--"rest in blessing" (Ezek. 44:30)
- Center of Jewish daily life (festivals, pilgrimages/ascents, sacrificial rites, reading and study of the Torah)
- Show national sovereignty (Ezra 4)
- Obtain national blessings (Hag. 2:15,19)
- Source of global/international blessing (1 Kings 8:41-43; Is. 56:6-7)
- Focal center of prayer towards the Shekinah glory (Zech. 14:16; Dan. 6:11)

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The Temple Across Time

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The Heavenly Temple	Exodus 25:43; Psalm 11:4		
Tabernacle	Divine command to build sanctuary according to heavenly temple pattern	~1446BC to 960BC Exodus from Egypt, Tabernacle constructed	Ark transferred to the tabernacle, Shekinah Glory fills Holy of Holies
First Temple	Built by Solomon (2 Samuel) destroyed by invasion (2 Chron.	~960BC to 586BC	Ark transferred to the temple, Shekinah Glory fills Holy of Holies, Idol defiles Sanctuary (2 Kings 21:7); Departure of the Shekinah (Ezek. 9:1)
70 years in exile			
Second Temple	Built by Zerubbabel (Ezra 6:13-15), enlarged by Herod; Romans destroy all structures on Temple Mount (Matt. 24)	~515BC to 70AD	Ark hidden? Roman insignia of eagle defiles sanctuary
Dome of the Rock	Built by Abd al-Malik ibn Marwan (Muslim ruler)	~691AD to present	Ark buried beneath site? Islamic shrine defiles site of the Holy of Holies; Israel reestablished as nation (1948); Temple Mount returns to Jewish control (1967); Jews begin preparations to rebuild Temple
Tribulation Temple	Orthodox Jews rebuild (2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)	At least seven years	Antichrist defiles Holy of Holies and sacrifices cease (Dan. 9:27, Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4)
Millennial Temple	Built by Messiah aided by Gentile nations (Is. 56:6; Ezek. 40-48; Hag. 2:6-9; Zech. 6:12-15)	1000 years	Divine presence returns (Ezek. 43:7); restoration of national Israel; resumption of animal sacrifices and festival worship schedule (Zec. 14:16)
New Jerusalem			Holy of Holies expands to infinite dimensions; the LORD is the temple (Rev. 21-22)

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Two Future Temples?

- Jesus commented on the Tribulation Temple in the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:15-16). “A despised figure would occupy and desecrate the Temple and when that horror occurred the Jews should seek refuge immediately”. A Tribulation Temple is never mentioned specifically in Scripture, however, several passages imply its existence.
- Ezekiel’s prophecy (Ezek. 40-48) shows a detailed “vision of a glorious future temple”. This temple will “serve as the center of Jesus’ government during the Millennium.”
- Why are these temples different structures?
 - Many geological/land surface changes at Second Coming of Jesus Christ (Zech. 14; Ezek. 47) which would destroy existing structures
 - When Jesus returns the second time he will personally direct the building of the Millennial Temple (Zech. 6:9-15). “Those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the Lord” (Zech. 6:15).
 - Zechariah’s prophecy was not fulfilled at the first coming of Jesus Christ because the King and His kingdom were rejected by Israel (Matthew 11-12).
 - Dimensions of Ezekiel’s vision of a temple were so massive that the more land will have to be cleared and leveled for it to be built (Ezek. 45:1).

Rebuilding the Temple?

React to the following statement: “We should probe the [rebuilding of the temple] not as an exercise in apocalyptic forecasting but with an eye toward those aspects of the Temple’s rebuilding that may contribute to the fear of God and the love of Him.”

Joshua Berman, *The Temple: Its Symbolism and Meaning Then and Now*, 2010.

- What does the author mean by “an exercise in apocalyptic forecasting”?
- How might such an “exercise” distract us from the fear of God and the love of Him?
- What aspects of the Temple’s rebuilding may contribute to a reverential awe of God? (See for example, Ex. 25:8; 34:10)

Prior to the Seventieth Week

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

Review:

- In what ways do these words about God's plans for the church bring comfort?
- State in your words what the Scripture says will happen.
- On what basis can we be sure of our part in such a wonderful hope?

(See also John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:50-52)

The Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming of Christ

The Rapture of the Church

Christ returns in the air
([1 Thessalonians 4:17](#)).

The Rapture brings comfort
([1 Thessalonians 4:18](#)).

The Rapture concerns the church – “In Christ” ([1 Thessalonians 4:14,16](#)).

The Rapture changes the bodies of believers
([1 Corinthians 15:51-53](#)).

The Second Coming of Christ

Christ returns to the earth
([Zechariah 14:4,5](#)).

The Second Coming brings judgment
([Revelation 19:15](#)).

The Second Coming concerns Israel and the nations
([Zechariah 12:2-9](#)).

The Second Coming changes the hearts of Jews
([Zechariah 12:10](#)).

*From <https://bible.org/article/rapture-debate>

“For they themselves report...how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:9,10).

Practical Applications and Exhortations

- Teaching about future events such as Tribulation Temple means we give attention to hearing and doing what God's word says. Jesus draws applications and implications in Mark 13:28-32 after telling the disciples about the coming tribulation period in Mark 13:5-14: "Now learn the parable from the fig tree...when you see the tender branch and its leaves you know that summer is around the corner, in the same way when you see the things in vv. 5-14, you know that Jesus' return is near, right at the door."
- In vv.5-6 deception will reign, the antichrist and false prophet deceive many people and many people will claim to be Christ similar to the opening of the first seal of Rev. 6 coming of antichrist and false deceptive peace. The second seal is war and killing, **third seal is scarcity of food (connection with plunder of Israel in Ezekiel War?)**, fourth seal is massive death. Beginning of sorrows or birth pains of a woman in labor. Sorrows and pains get intense when abomination of desolation appears. A time of severe tribulation.
- To which generation? Not the generation Jesus spoke to ("let the reader understand"). The generation alive when all these things happen. Jesus spoke of the branch of fig tree putting forth leaves. When you see the events beginning to take place, Jesus return is right at the door. That generation will see all these signs (vv. 4-15).
- v. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away but Jesus words will never pass away; they are more permanent than heaven and earth.
- So be ready.

The Seventieth Week and Beyond



Daniel's Prophecy of the 70 Weeks (dates approximate)

Daniel's Seventy Weeks (490 Hebrew years). ← →					Messianic Kingdom (Millennial) 1000 Hebrew years
Sixty-Nine Weeks (483 Hebrew years) (476 Gregorian years + 25 days) (Dan. 9:25c)		Church Age	Seventieth Week		
7 weeks = 49 Hebrew years	62 weeks = 434 Hebrew years		One week = 7 Hebrew years (1290 days – Dan. 12:11)		
<p style="text-align: center;">1 Nisan 3317 (27 February 444 BC) Decree of Artaxerxes I to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan. 9:25a, see also Nehemiah 2:1-8)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3365 396 BC Rebuilding of Jerusalem completed (Dan. 9:25b)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 Tishri 3758 (12 September 3BC) Birth of Messiah Jesus Day of Trumpets (Lev. 23:24; Num. 29:1-6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Nisan 3793 (24 March 33 AD) Messiah Jesus goes to Jerusalem ("Passover 6 days away"; John 12:1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Nisan 3793 27 March 33 AD Messiah Jesus' Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:36-44)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Nisan 3793 1 April 33 AD Messiah Jesus crucified (John 19:1-30, Dan. 9:26a)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Nisan 3793 3 April 33 AD Messiah Jesus body raised to life</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 Sivan 3793 (25 May 33 AD) Pentecost Feast of Weeks (Begins Church Age; Acts 2:1-41)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parenthetical period postponement of Israel's prophetic purpose (Dan.9:26-27)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"A partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in." (Rom. 11:25)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Adar I, 5784 (11 February 2024) Present desecration of temple mount</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">½ week = 3 ½ years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Prince to come" (Antichrist) makes covenant with Israel which begins the 70th week (Dan. 9:27a)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prophetic time clock resumes for Israel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">½ week = 3 ½ years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Antichrist sets up Abomination of Desolation" in Tribulation Temple (Dan. 9:27b; 11:40-43)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rule of Daniel's fourth beast suggested by Antiochus IV (Dan. 11:36-39)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complete destruction of Antichrist's armies (Dan. 9:27c)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1.335 days" (Dan. 12:12) +45 days</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seventy-weeks prophecy completed (Dan. 9:27b)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days" (Dan. 12:13b)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Messiah Second Coming to establish His kingdom.</p>
Second Temple rebuilt from 515BC (Zerubbabel)	Second Temple renovated from 19-27/28 BC (John 2:20), (Herod)		Third Temple (Tribulation)	Third Temple (Tribulation)	Fourth Temple (Messianic) Daniel 12:13b
605 BC Hebrew month names changed after Babylonian Invasion	70 AD Romans destroy "city and sanctuary" (Dan. 9:26a)	Prior to 70 th Week Church is raptured			

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The Tribulation Temple

- Four Scriptures tell about events related to the Tribulation Temple (Dan. 9:27, Matt. 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 11:1-2)
- This temple could be built: a) before the tribulation period begins or b) during the tribulation. Perhaps rebuilt at first as a tent similar to tabernacle of Moses
- The Six-Day War of 1973 opened the way for Jewish control of Jerusalem and possible rebuilding of the temple
- This temple not endorsed by God (Is. 66:1-6).
 - He will not rest in it (v.1)
 - Instead of a temple, God will require faith (v. 2)
 - He will not accept the Levitical sacrifices (v. 3)
 - God spoke but Israel did not listen (v. 4)
 - A remnant will want to obey God and be mocked by apostates (v. 5)
 - The third temple will end in uproar and judgment (v. 6)

God Allows His Restraining Order to End

- Paul writes to the Thessalonians not to be alarmed by the persecution they were experiencing as if the great tribulation had already begun and they had missed the rapture of the church.
- Paul explains, “That day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.... And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed...The coming of the lawless one will in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.” (2 Thess. 2:3b,6-8a, 9-10a).
- The church (God’s protected people) has been taken into heaven. On earth, God permits his restraints to be removed including: the preaching of the gospel, the providence of God, the Holy Spirit, the angel Michael among other possibilities. He who now restrains “steps aside” allowing Satan to fulfill his desire to indwell a man who will perform his will and establish his own religion.

The Seventieth Week

- And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator” (Daniel 9:27).
 - The “wing” refers to the pinnacle of the temple
 - The desolater is the person who causes desolations to fall upon the Jewish people
 - The covenant refers to an original agreement made by the Jewish leaders
 - The time period: one week (seven years),
 - “Put an end to sacrifice and offering” for half of the week (3.5 years)
 - The abomination is an image or idol set upon the pinnacle of the temple
 - The decreed end refers to the exact end or completion of the 70th week (seven years to the day)

The Antichrist appears

- “Let no one deceive you, for it (the day of the Lord) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship...” (2 Thess. 3-4a).
- Most people left on earth will reject God’s truth (1 Tim. 4:1)
- This man is impressive in appearance (Dan. 7:20) like Saul was (1 Sam. 9:2)
- He is a clever, cunning, smart man (Dan. 8:23,25). He takes power by intrigue (Dan. 11:21).
- He seems friendly to the Jews. He desires to make himself like God (see Is. 14:14) and he wants people to put their faith in him rather than in God. He is of Roman ancestry (Dan. 9:26)

The Counterfeit Christ

CHRIST	ANTICHRIST
Son of God (John 1:34)	Son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
Holy One (Mark 1:24)	Lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:8)
Came down from heaven (John 3:13)	Came up from the bottomless pit (Revelation 11:7)
Energized by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14)	Energized by Satan (Revelation 13:4)
Does the Father’s will (John 6:38)	Does his own will (Daniel 11:36)
Cleansed the Temple (John 2:14-16)	Defiles the Temple (Matthew 24)
Man of Sorrows (Isaiah 53:3)	Man of sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
Humbled Himself (Philippians 2:8)	Exalts himself (Daniel 11:37)
Called “the Lamb” (John 1:36)	Called “the Beast” (Revelation 11:7)
Received up to heaven (Luke 24:51)	Sent to the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20)

Who is This Man?

- The seed of Satan (Gen. 3:15)
- The little horn (Dan. 7:8)
- The king of fierce countenance (Dan. 8:23)
- The prince that shall come (Dan. 9:26)
- The desolator (Dan. 9:27)
- The willful king (Dan. 11:36)
- The man of sin (2 Thess. 2:3)
- The son of perdition (2 Thess. 2:3)
- The lawless one (2 Thess. 2:8)
- Denies that Jesus is the Christ (1 Jn. 2:22)
- The beast (Rev. 11:7)
- Given a mouth speaking blasphemies against God, God's name, God's temple, and God's people (Rev. 13:5-6)

The Seventieth Week Begins - Man's View

- “And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week (Daniel 9:27a). This leader is the “little horn” of Daniel 7.
- He confirms or causes to prevail a 7 year covenant—a pact with Israel. This agreement could permit the rebuilding of the temple and resuming sacrifices.



PEACE AGREEMENT:
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The Government of [REDACTED] and the Government of the State of Israel (hereinafter, the “Parties”)

Aspiring to realize the vision of a Middle East region that is stable, peaceful and prosperous, for the benefit of all States and peoples in the region;

Desiring to establish peace, diplomatic and friendly relations, co-operation and full normalization of ties between them and their peoples, in accordance with this Treaty, and to chart together a new path to unlock the vast potential of their countries and of the region;

Reaffirming the “Joint Statement of the United States, the State of Israel, and the United Arab Emirates” (the “Abraham Accords”), dated 13 August 2020;

Believing that the further development of friendly relations meets the interests of lasting peace in the Middle East and that challenges can only be effectively addressed by cooperation and not by conflict;

Determined to ensure lasting peace, stability, security and prosperity for both their States and to develop and enhance their dynamic and innovative economies;

Reaffirming their shared commitment to normalize relations and promote stability through diplomatic engagement, increased economic cooperation and other close coordination;

Seventieth Week Begins-God's View

14 Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem!

15 Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter";

16 therefore thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'

17 And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter."

18 Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through, you will be beaten down by it.

19 As often as it passes through it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.

20 For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in.

21 For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Perazim, as in the Valley of Gibeon he will be roused; to do his deed—strange is his deed! and to work his work—alien is his work!

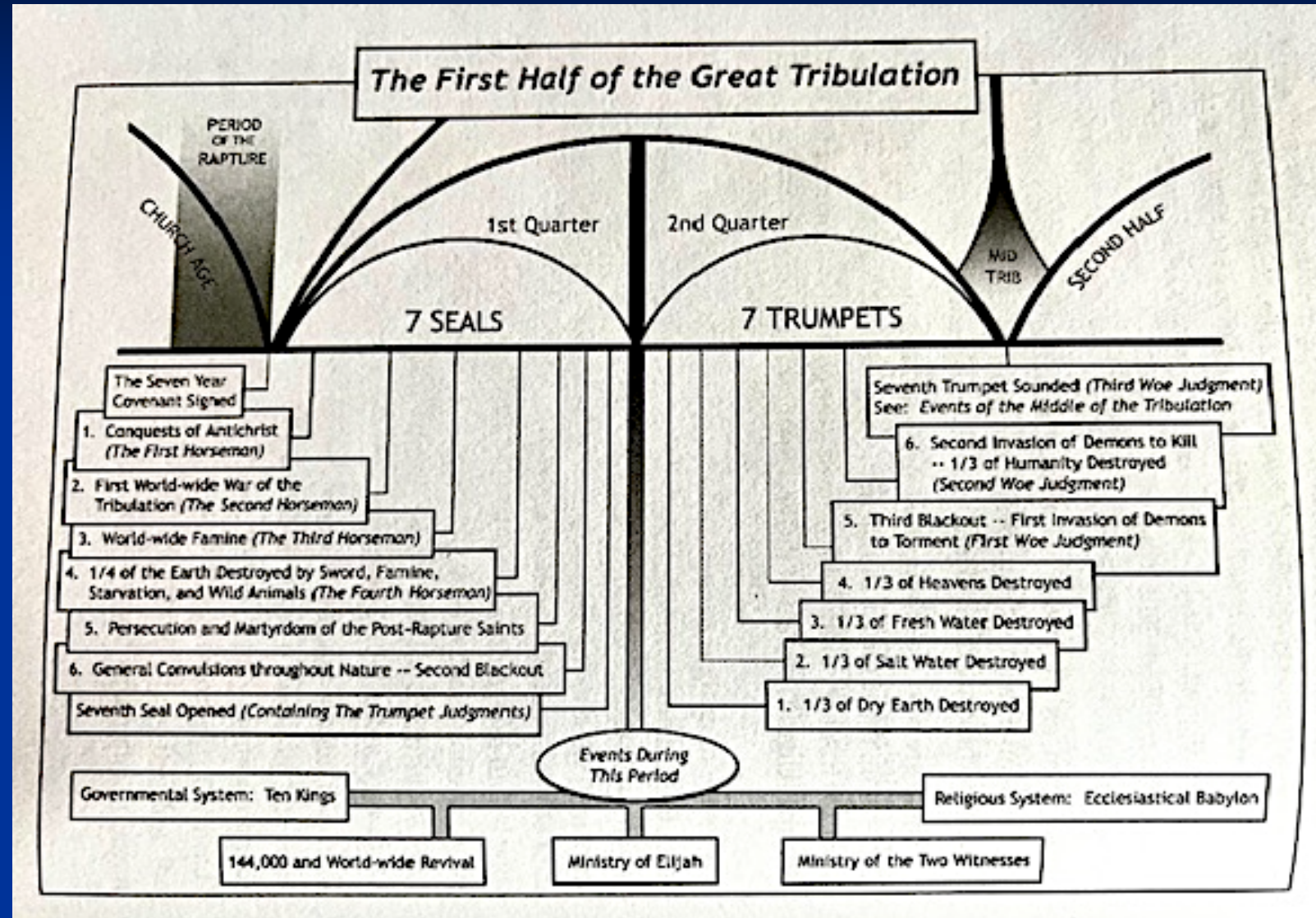
22 Now therefore do not scoff, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord God of hosts against the whole land. **(Isaiah 28:14-22)**

God's View of the Covenant—Isaiah 28:14-22

- v.14 God views those in Israel who agree to the covenant as scoffers not serious leaders
- v. 15 The leaders are scoffers because they enter this agreement in order to obtain security and escape the “overflowing scourge”. In the OT the scourge or flood is always a symbol of a military invasion. So the leaders of Israel believe that agreeing to this peace treaty will prevent future military invasion (Ezekiel War?). However, God declares that this is a covenant of death—a covenant with hell rather than a covenant with life.
- v. 16 There will be a group of Jews who will refuse to accept this covenant.
- vv. 17-22 describe the same three outcomes as found in Daniel 9:27:
 - vv. 17-18 the covenant is broken and the military invasion occurs
 - vv. 19-20 the desolations affect the Jewish people through illustrations of the too short bed and the too small blanket
 - vv. 21-22 God does his strange work and brings to pass his strange act. The latter part of v. 22 mentions God's decree issued from heaven because of the covenant that the Jews have signed on earth. God's decree is described as 'strange' because it “calls for the destruction of the whole earth”. This decree of destruction is the seven-sealed scroll of Revelation 5.” The breaking of the seals brings massive destruction upon the earth. Seal one is the Antichrist conquering, seal two is war, seal three is famine...

The 70th Week—First Half

- Purposes of the great tribulation: to make an end of wickedness and wicked ones (Is. 13:9), to bring about a global revival (Matt. 24:14, Rev.7:1-17), to break the power of the holy people (Dan. 12:5-7)
- A time of darkness, torment, anguish, turmoil, confusion, death, massive destruction



From: Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *The Footsteps of the Messiah*, 2022, 234.

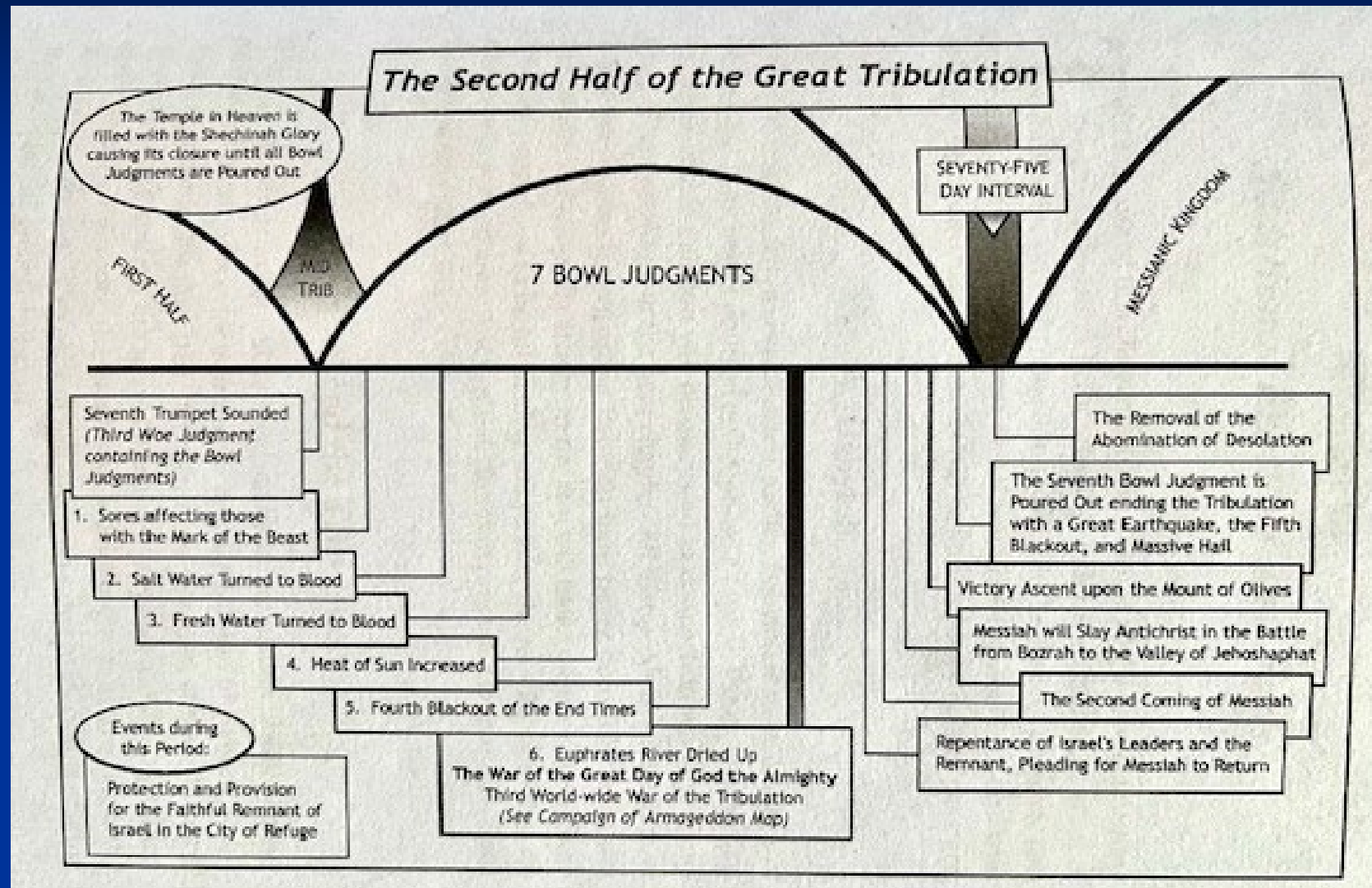
The Great Tribulation Begins

- “And for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator” (Daniel 9:27).
- “**So when** you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains... Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. **For then** there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be” (Matthew 24:15-16, 20-21).
- The ‘wing’ of the temple in Hebrew refers to ‘overspreading influence’ or the pinnacle of the temple.
- Jesus was the first to refer to ‘Great Tribulation’ (Matt. 24:15)
- ‘Great Tribulation’ used in Rev. 2:22 and 7:14. Usually refers to last 3.5 years of the 7 year period of Daniel’s 70th week (Daniel 9:27), although both ‘Tribulation’ and ‘Great Tribulation’ can refer to the 70th week.
- “For then” in context clearly links to the obvious sign of the abomination of desolation in v. 15

Abomination of Desolation

- Antiochus IV soldiers profaned God's temple by spreading pig's broth upon the altar and banning daily sacrifices and setting up statue of a Greek god in the Holy of Holies (Dan. 11:31).
- The Antichrist moves into the temple, declares himself to be God, demands the worship of the world (2 Thess. 2:4). He defies God and brings great distress upon the Jews for 3.5 years until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
- "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1290 days..." (Dan. 12:11).
 - Occurs in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem (Dan. 11:31, 2 Thess. 2:4)
 - Involves erecting a statue in the Holy of Holies (Rev. 13:14)
 - Remains in the temple for 3.5 years (second half of Tribulation period) (Dan. 12:11)
 - Setting up image of the lawless one so he is worshipped as God (2 Thess. 2:4)
 - The image comes to life (Rev. 13:14)
 - At the end of 3.5 years, this person will be cut off (Dan. 9:27)

The Seventieth Week—Second Half

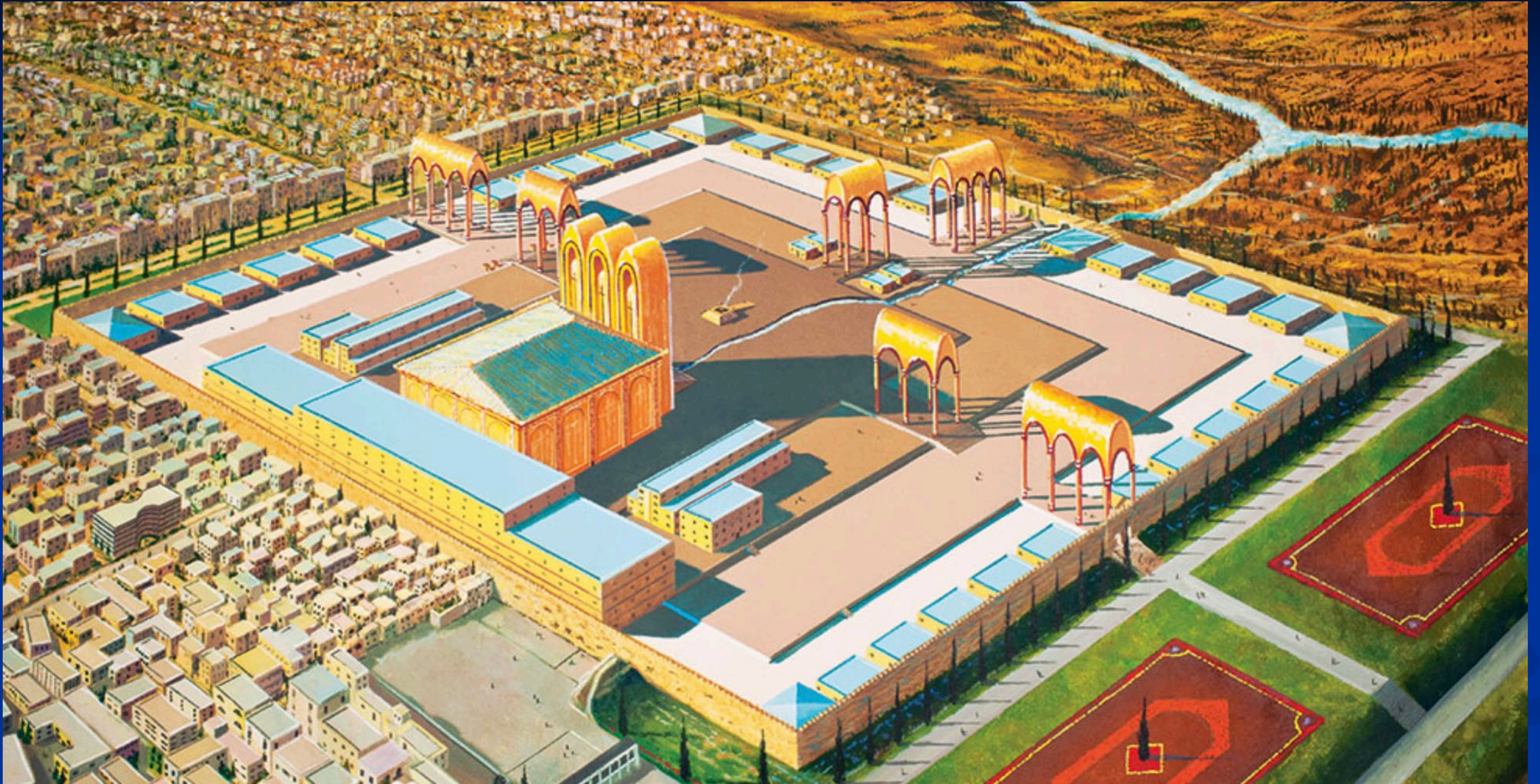


The Second Coming of Jesus Christ— 1 and 2 Thessalonians

- Comforts the bereaved
- Encourages endurance in following Christ Jesus
- Inspires hope in Christ
- Safeguards followers of Christ in temptation, sexual purity
- Challenges followers of Christ to watch and be alert
- Encourages followers of Christ to rejoice
- Separates them from the world/sanctifies them

The Millennial Kingdom Temple

- “In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.” Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. “He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” (Is. 2:2-3)
- “Not only will Jerusalem be raised up as a high mountain, but it will be greatly enlarged as well. Ezekiel 45:1 states that the holy portion of the land will be immense, measuring 25,000 by 25,000 reeds. This is an area about 50 by 50 miles, or about 2,500 square miles. It will be the center of the worship of God. The northern section will be 50 by 20 miles. In the center of that section will stand the Temple, which will be one mile square, and a group of priests will reside in the remainder of the area. The central portion, also 50 by 20 miles, will be reserved for the Levites, with the southern section of 50 by 10 miles reserved for building Millennial Jerusalem (10 by 10 miles) and for growing food.
- “Ezekiel 43:1-12 gives a breathtaking account of the glory of God returning through the Eastern Gate. The description corresponds to John’s account of the return of Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation (Ezek. 43:2; cp. Rev. 1:15). He will return to this new Temple and dwell in the inner court (Ezek. 43:4-5).



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2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Review: What advice and warnings does Paul give here to encourage a healthy attitude towards the Lord's return? Consider the methods, motives, power and end of Satan and his human agents—what do we learn about the subtlety and nature of sin? Who are deceived and for what reasons?