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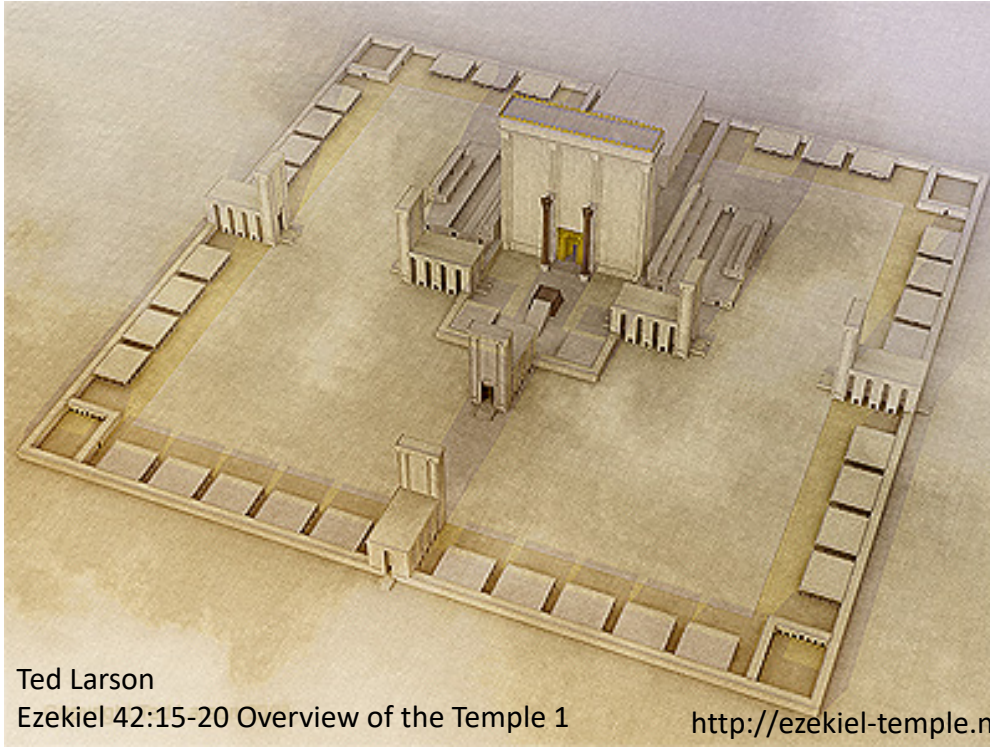
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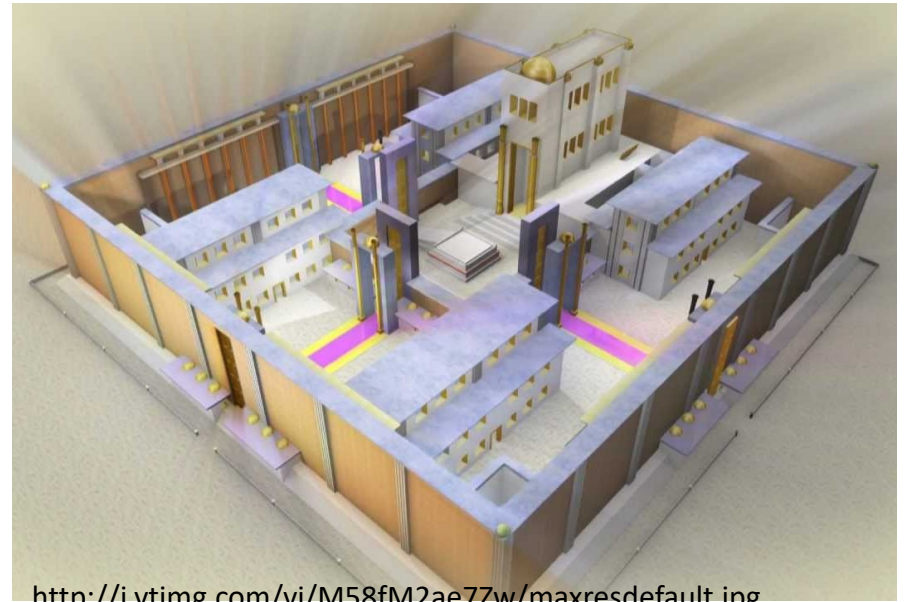
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“floorplan” / “blueprint”
--not a “3-D model”

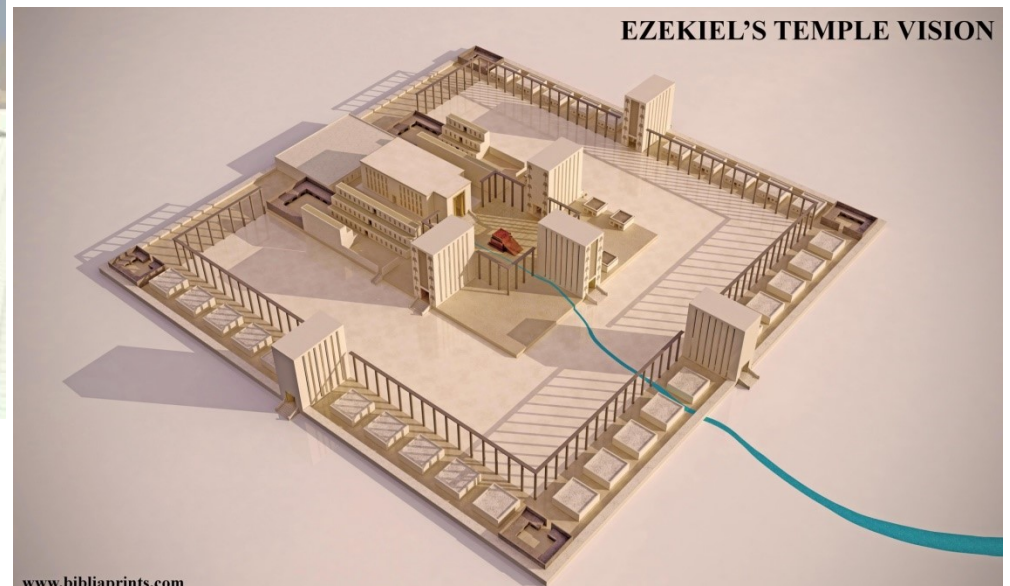


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Ezekiel 42:15-20 Overview of the Temple 1

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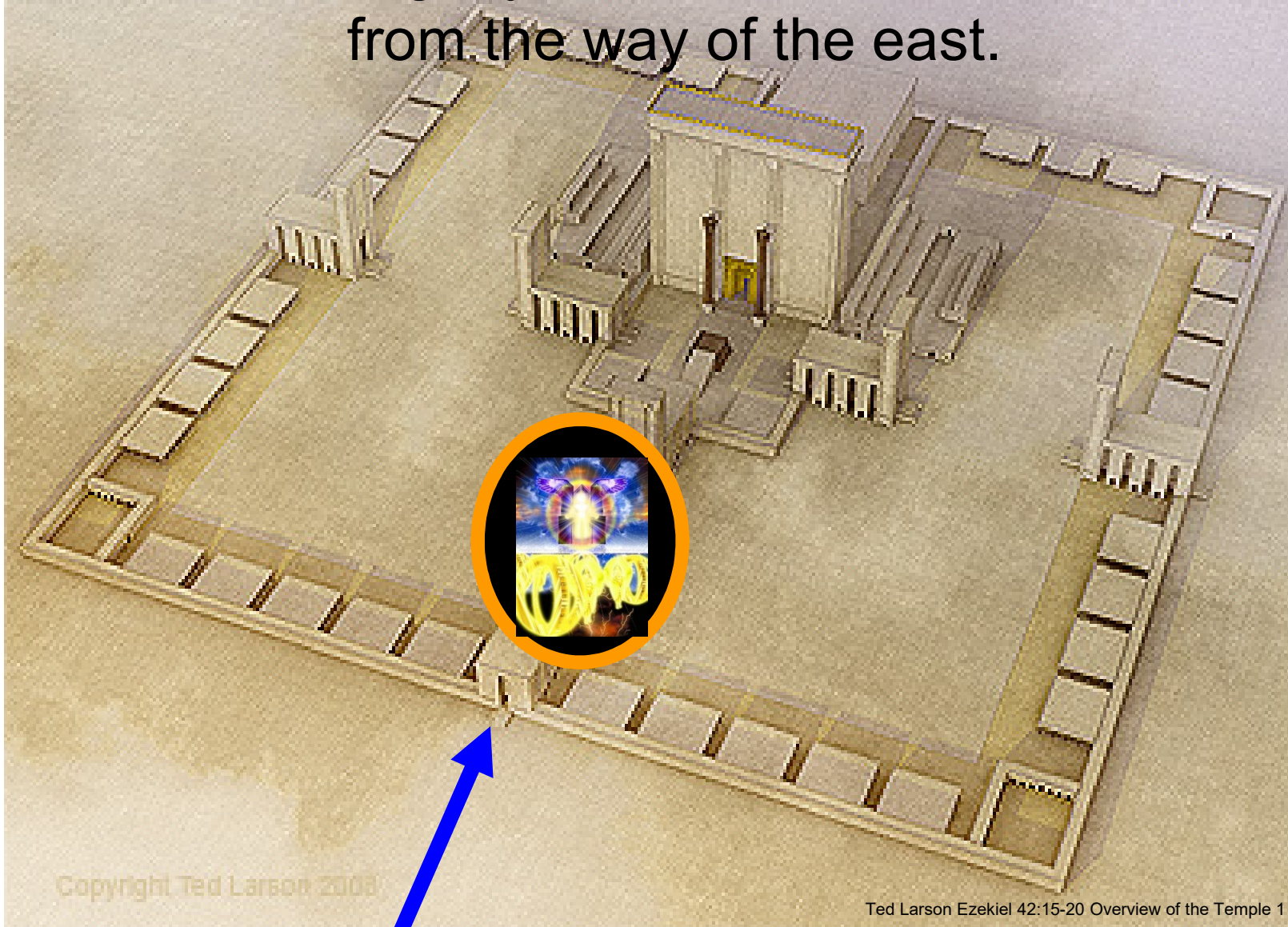
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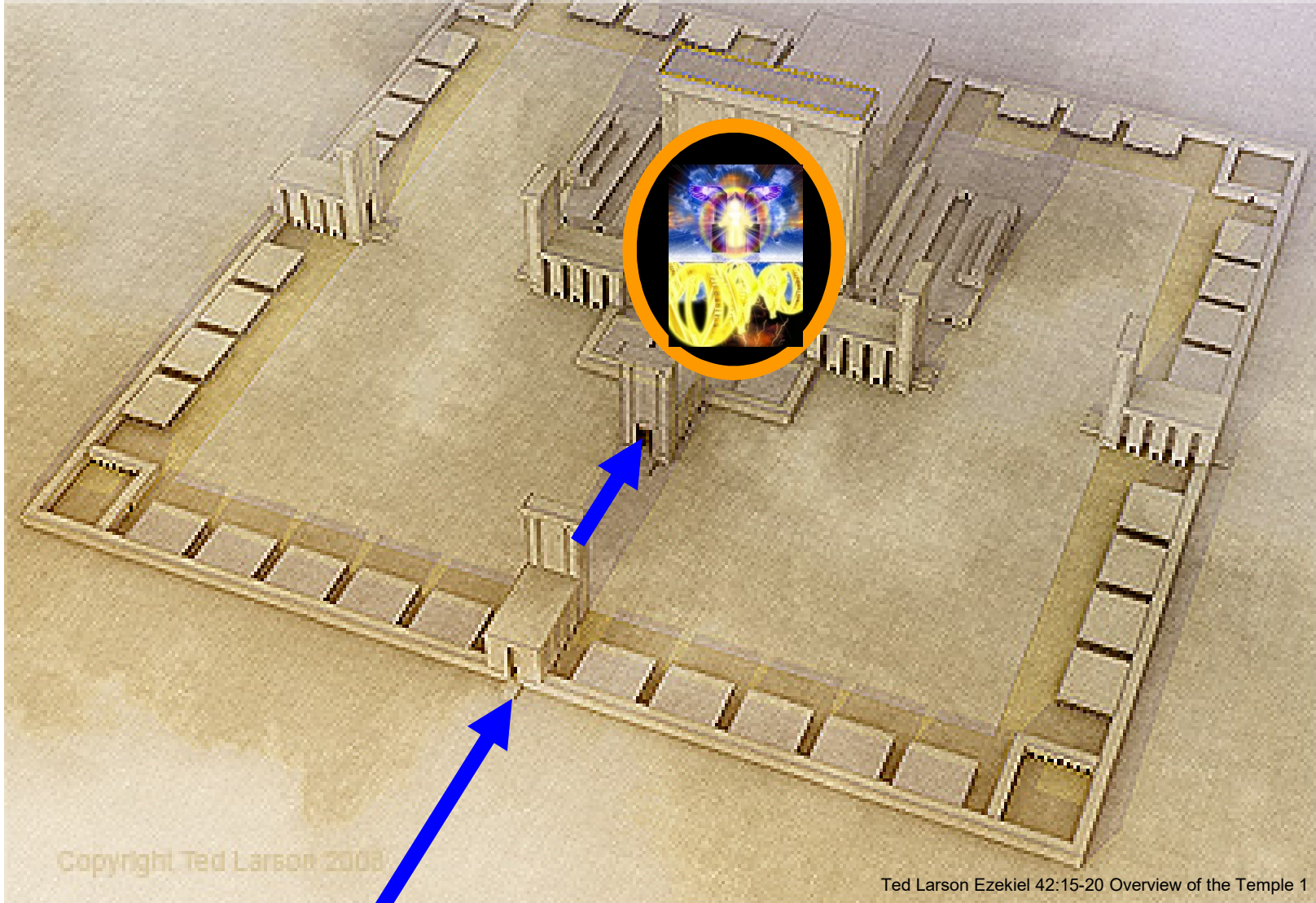
 *43:1-9: Glory Returns to the Temple*

43:1-2a (NASB) ¹ Then he led me to the gate,
the gate facing toward the east;
² and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming
from the way of the east.

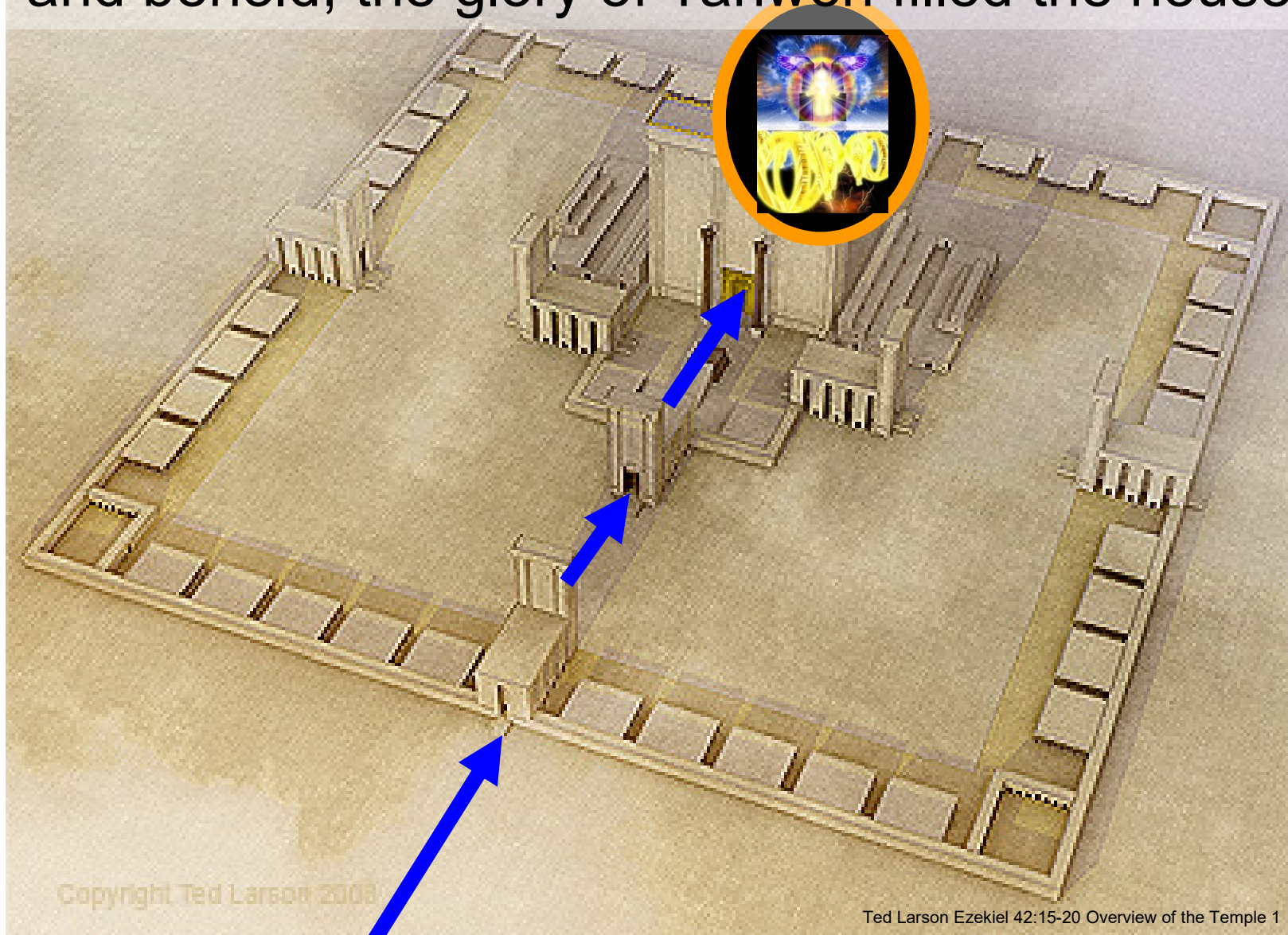


43:4 (NASB)

And the glory of Yahweh came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east.

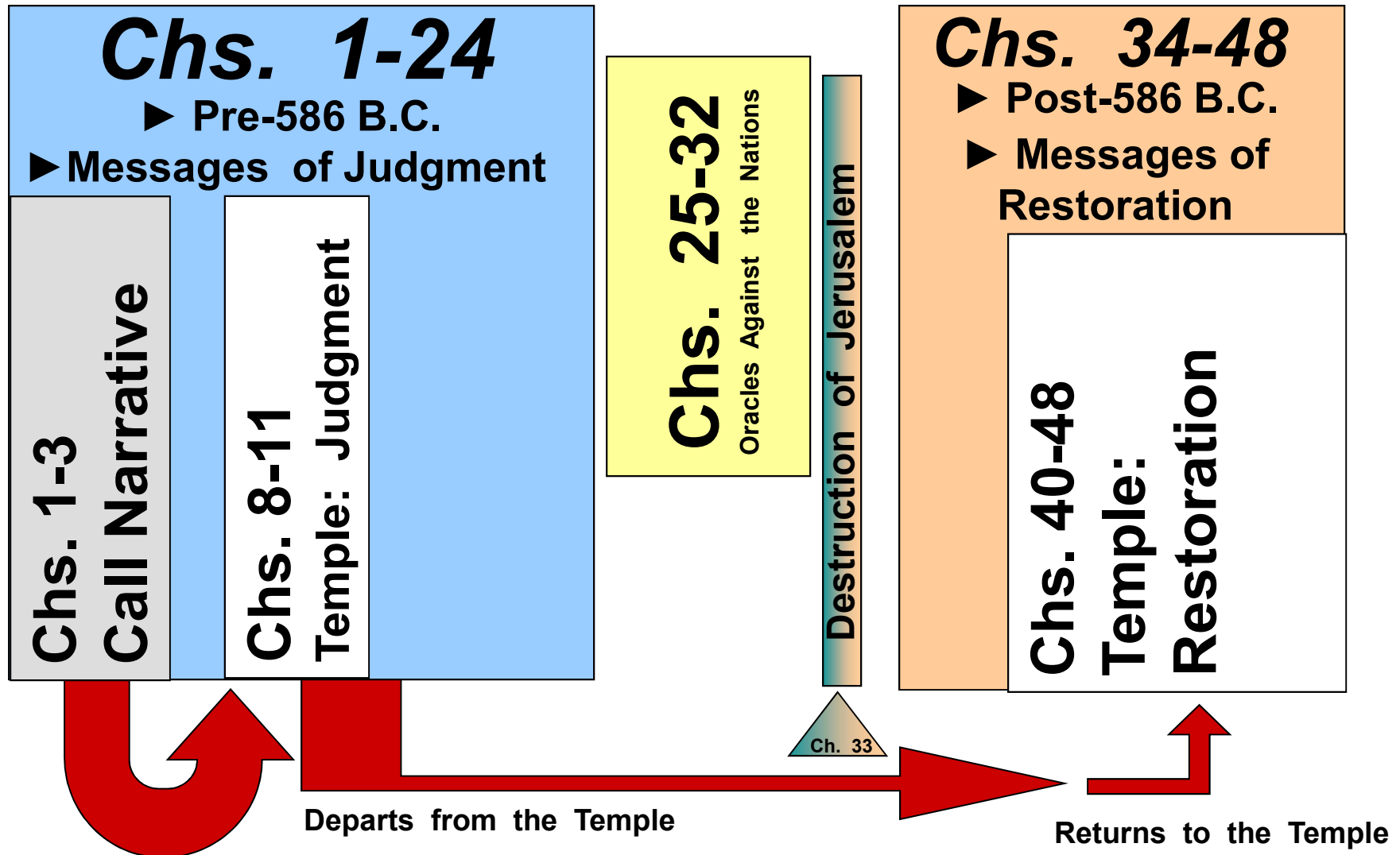


43:5 (NASB) And the Spirit lifted me up
and brought me into the inner court;
and behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the house.



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“GLORY OF THE LORD”

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 ***47:1-12: River flowing out of Temple***



Ezekiel 47 (NASB)

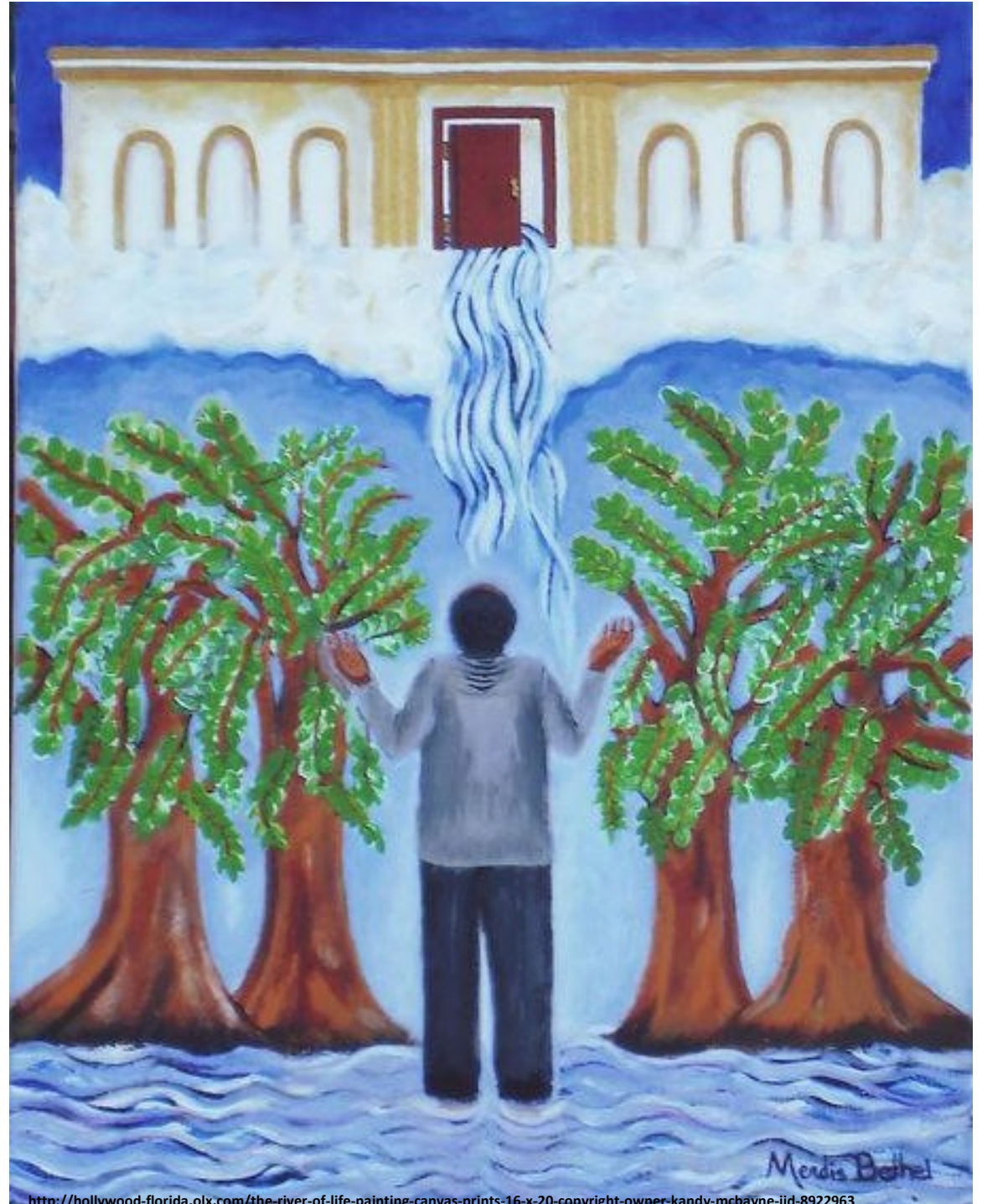
**¹ Then he brought me back to the door of the house;
and behold, water was flowing
from under the threshold of the house
toward the east,
for the house faced east.**

**And the water was flowing down from under,
from the right side of the house,
from south of the altar.**

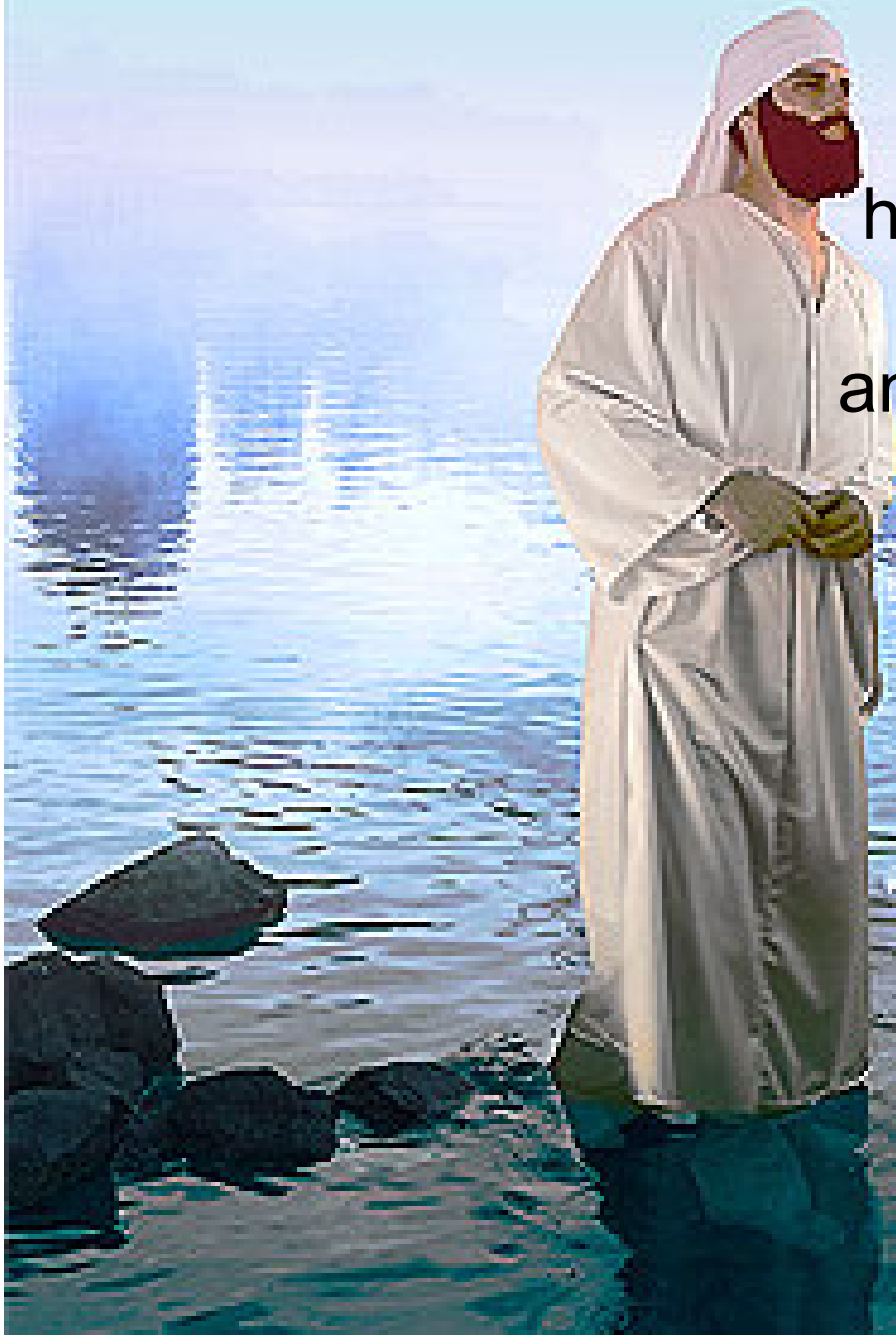
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Ted Larson Ezekiel 47:1 The Temple Fountain Stream

2 He brought me out
by way of
the north gate
and led me around
on the outside
to the outer gate
by way of the gate
that faces east.
And behold,
water was trickling
from the south side.



3 When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits (~460 meters / 1500 feet), and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles.

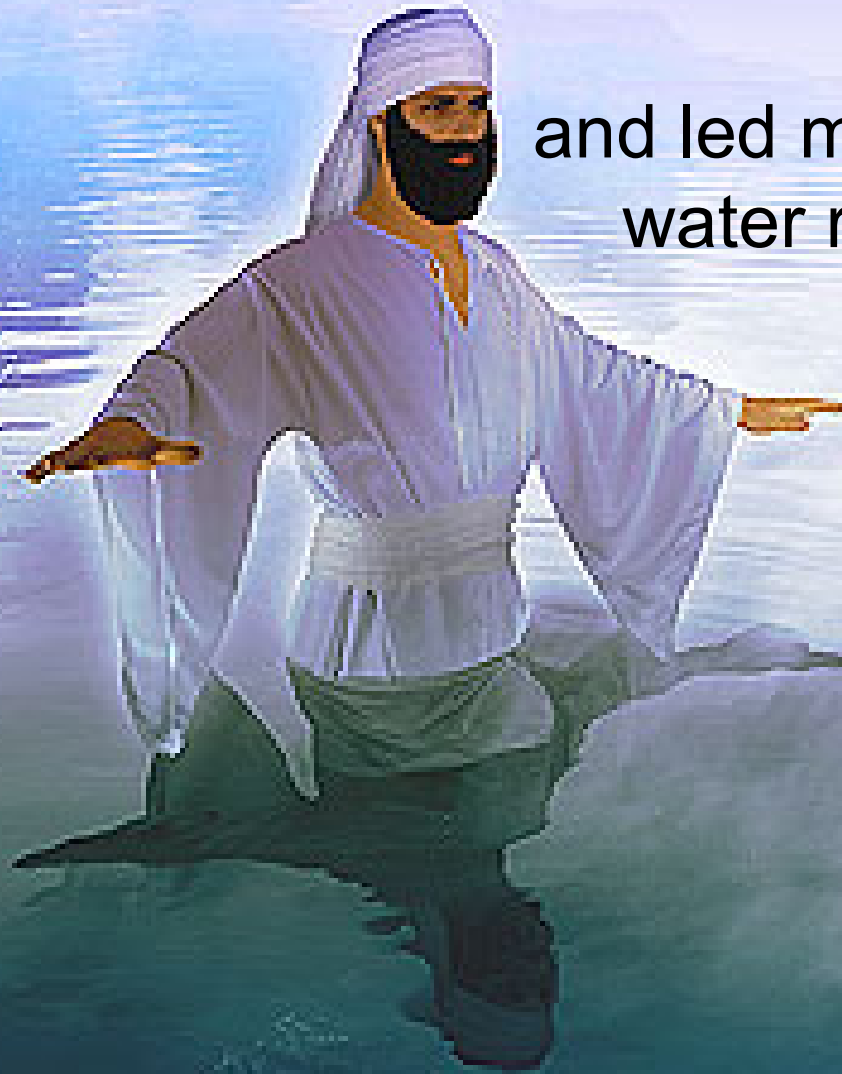


4a Again he measured
a thousand
and led me through the water,
water reaching the knees.



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4b Again he measured
a thousand
and led me through the water,
water reaching the loins.



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Ted Larson Ezekiel 47:2 Journey Down the River 3

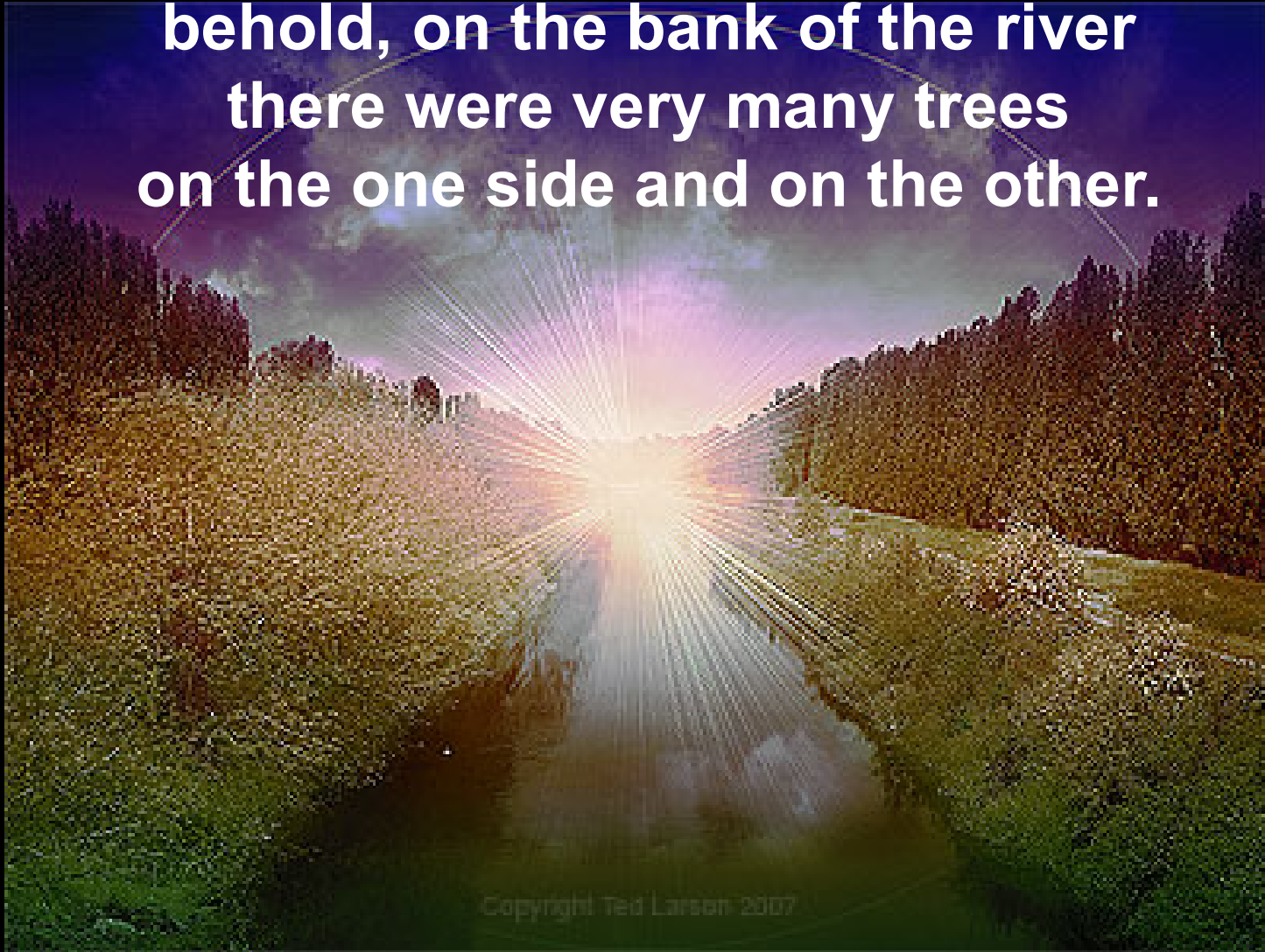
5 Again he measured a thousand;
and it was a river that I could not ford,
for the water had risen,
enough water to swim in,
a river that could not be forded.



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**6b Then he brought me back
to the bank of the river.**

**7 Now when I had returned,
behold, on the bank of the river
there were very many trees
on the one side and on the other.**



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8 Then he said to me,
“These waters go out toward the eastern region
and go down into the Arabah;
then they go toward the sea [the Dead Sea],
being made to flow into the sea,
and the waters of the sea become fresh.



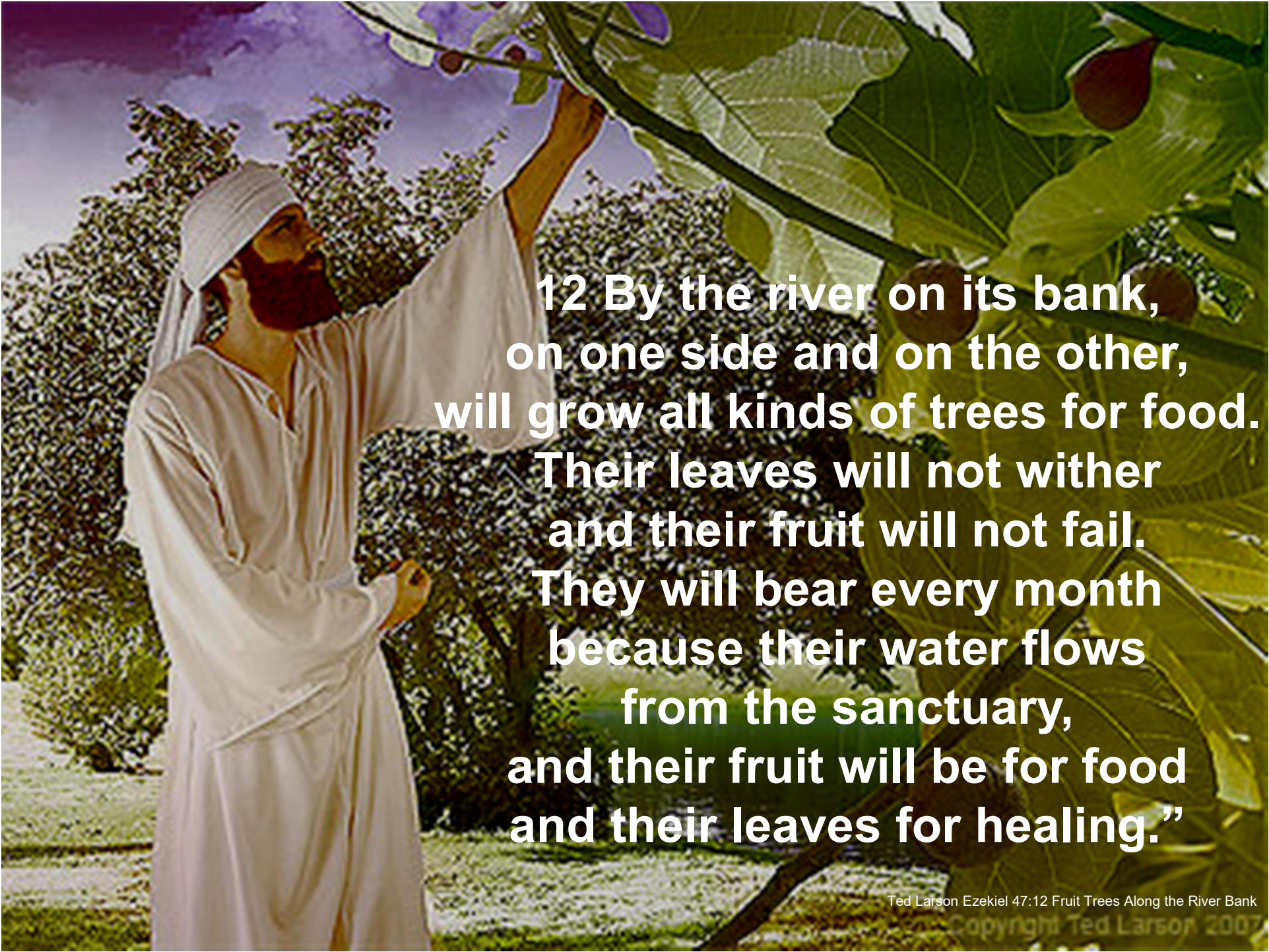
9 It will come about that every living creature
which swarms in every place where the river goes,
will live.

And there will be very many fish,
for these waters go there and the others become fresh;
so everything will live where the river goes.

10 And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it;
from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets.
Their fish will be according to their kinds,
like the fish of the Great Sea,
very many.

11 But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh;
they will be left for salt.



A man with a beard, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, stands in a lush, green landscape. He is reaching up with his right hand to touch a branch of a tree that bears large, dark, round fruits. The background shows more trees and a bright sky. The overall scene is vibrant and depicts a paradisaical setting.

**12 By the river on its bank,
on one side and on the other,
will grow all kinds of trees for food.
Their leaves will not wither
and their fruit will not fail.
They will bear every month
because their water flows
from the sanctuary,
and their fruit will be for food
and their leaves for healing.”**

Interpreting the “Fulfillment” of OT Prophecy

1) How does the inaugurating of the New Covenant in Jesus relate to the OT Covenants?

--How many covenants are functioning since the 1st Coming of Jesus?

Single Covenant → Church

Dual Covenant → Church & → Jewish people

2) What type of fulfillment will occur?

Singular (at one point in history)

Composite (“telescoping” / Interwovenly describes several events)

Multiple (Speaks of several distinct events)

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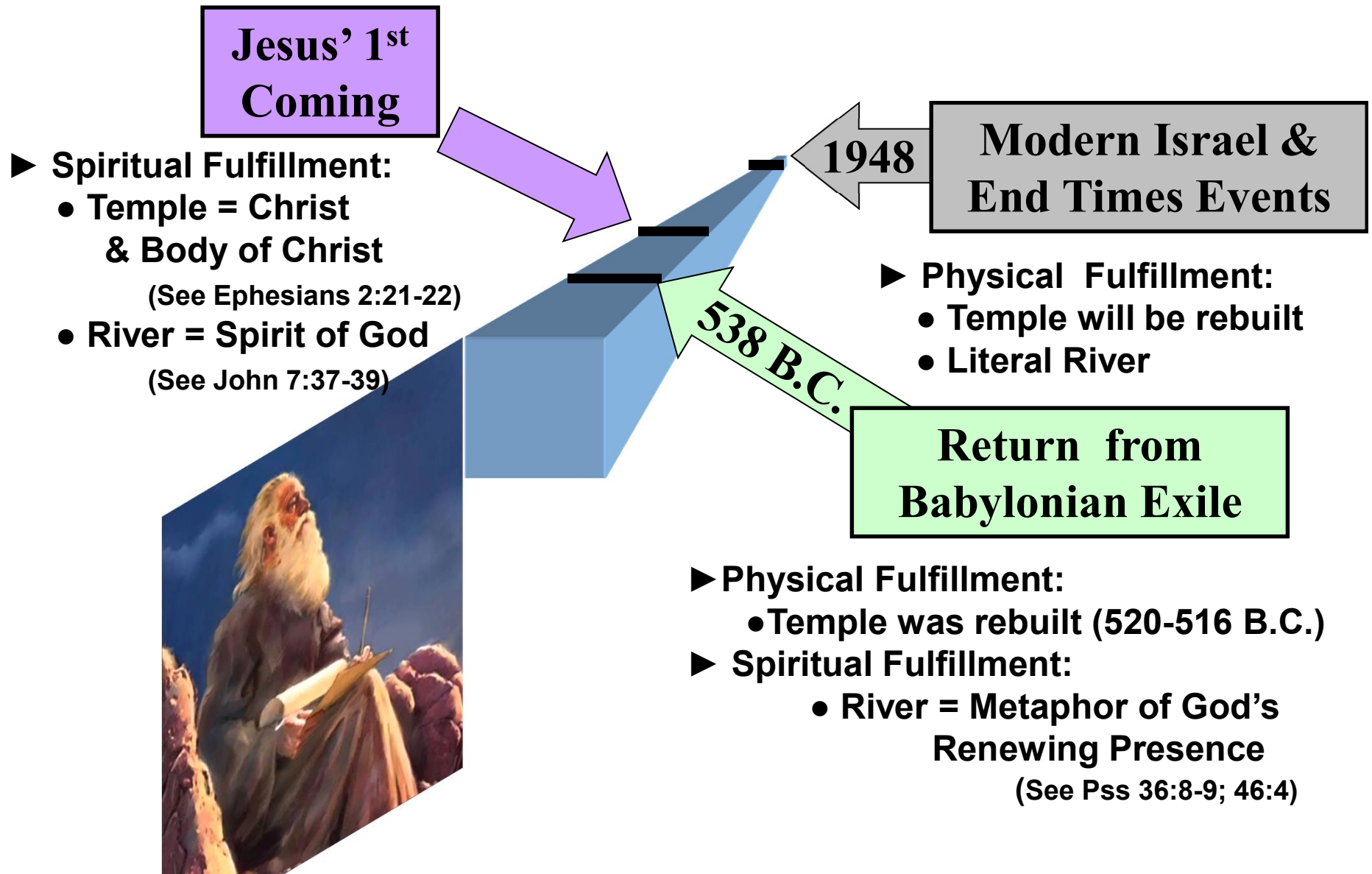
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To What Historical Events are these “Restoration Prophecies” referring?



Earthly Physical Fulfilment

- ▶ the OT prophetic language is understood as describing something that will be literally fulfilled in a concrete and physical way
e.g., Temple = literal Temple
river = real river
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Spiritual (non-Physical) Fulfillment

- OT prophecy uses *concrete, physically descriptive* language to metaphorically describe a reality that is fulfilled in a spiritual / theological way
e.g., Temple = Christ / Church
river = outflowing of Spirit from Christ / Church

Physical or Spiritual Fulfillment

- Issue is NOT that of
ACTUAL (Real) Fulfillment
vs. Lack of Fulfillment
- Fulfillment in a **Spiritual way**
is just as *real* (just as much a fulfillment)
as a fulfillment in the **Physical realm**

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e.g., Does the NT speak about a “physical” fulfillment to the Jewish people of those prophecies?

Is the physical “land” of theological importance in the NT?

Is the physical “Temple” of theological importance in the NT?

Which is more important in the NT, the Body of Christ or the ethnic Jewish people as a nation?

2 Corinthians 6 (NASB)

16b For we are the temple of the living God.

As God has said:

“I will live with them and walk among them,
and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

Paraphrasing **Ezekiel 37** (KGF)

26b and I will place my sanctuary in their midst forever.

27 And my dwelling place will be with them.

And I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Ephesians 2 (NASB)

19b So then you . . . are of God's household,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together,

is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together

into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.



37 . . . Jesus stood and cried out, saying,
“If anyone is thirsty,
let them come to me and drink.

38 The one who believes in me,
as the Scripture said,
‘From their innermost being
will flow rivers of living water.’”

39 But this he spoke of the Spirit,
whom those who believed in Him were to receive; . . .

<h2>Covenant with Abraham</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Focus is on those who are the “spiritual” Descendants of Abraham, that is, Believers in Christ (e.g., Romans 2:17-29; 4:16-25; 9:1-9; ch. 11)
<h2>Land (Abrahamic Promise)</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There is no significance given to the geographical land of Israel, but the focus is on the Kingdom of God that will include the whole earth ▶ There is no reference to the Jewish people returning to the land ▶ The land is interpreted as a “spiritual” reality in Hebrew 11:10-16
<h2>Covenant (Sinai)</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ OT Prophecies of the “new” Covenant are seen as being fulfilled through Christ, with the “Old Covenant” being rendered obsolete (e.g., Hebrews 8:13) ▶ NT does not speak of any other “covenant” through which one can be saved, except the “New” Covenant ▶ OT Covenant Language (“I am your God, you are my people”) is applied to NT Believers
<h2>Promise to David</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Viewed as being entirely fulfilled in the Messiahship of Jesus

Temple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ No reference /significance (in the Epistles) to an earthly Temple▶ Church is repeated spoken of as the Temple (e.g., 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:20-22)
Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ OT Prophecies of the Outpouring & Outflowing of the Spirit are all seen as being fulfilled in Believers, beginning at Pentecost

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