

Prophets & Visions



Literary Reports of Prophetic Visions

Types:

1) Presence Vision

Sees God (Theophany)

- Literary account focuses on the description of God

2) Event Vision

Sees & Participates in an Event

- Literary accounts gives a description & interpretation of the “event” seen & participated in

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3) Object Vision

Sees an Inanimate Object / Thing,

which usually stands for something quite different
than the seen object itself

(that is the object symbolically points to
something else)

- the correspondence between the object & its referent (the reality for which it stands),
is made either through
 - (a) word play
 - (b) or figurative / symbolic meaning
- Literary Account gives a description & interpretation
of the “object” seen

Ezekiel chs. 8-11: Temple Vision

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A. 8:1-4 Commencement of the Vision

(a) Elders sitting before him (v. 1a-b)

8:1 And it was in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth (day),
I was sitting in my house,
and the elders of Judah were sitting before me there,



A. 8:1-4 Commencement of the Vision

(b) Commencement of Vision (v. 1c)

and the hand of the Lord Yahweh fell upon me there.

(c) Spirit brings him in visions of God to Jerusalem (vv. 2-3)

8:2

And I saw, and behold

the likeness as the appearance of {a man} (Heb: "fire")
from the appearance of his loins and downward (there was) fire
and from his loins and upward, like the appearance of a brightness,
looking like glowing metal (electrum).

8:3

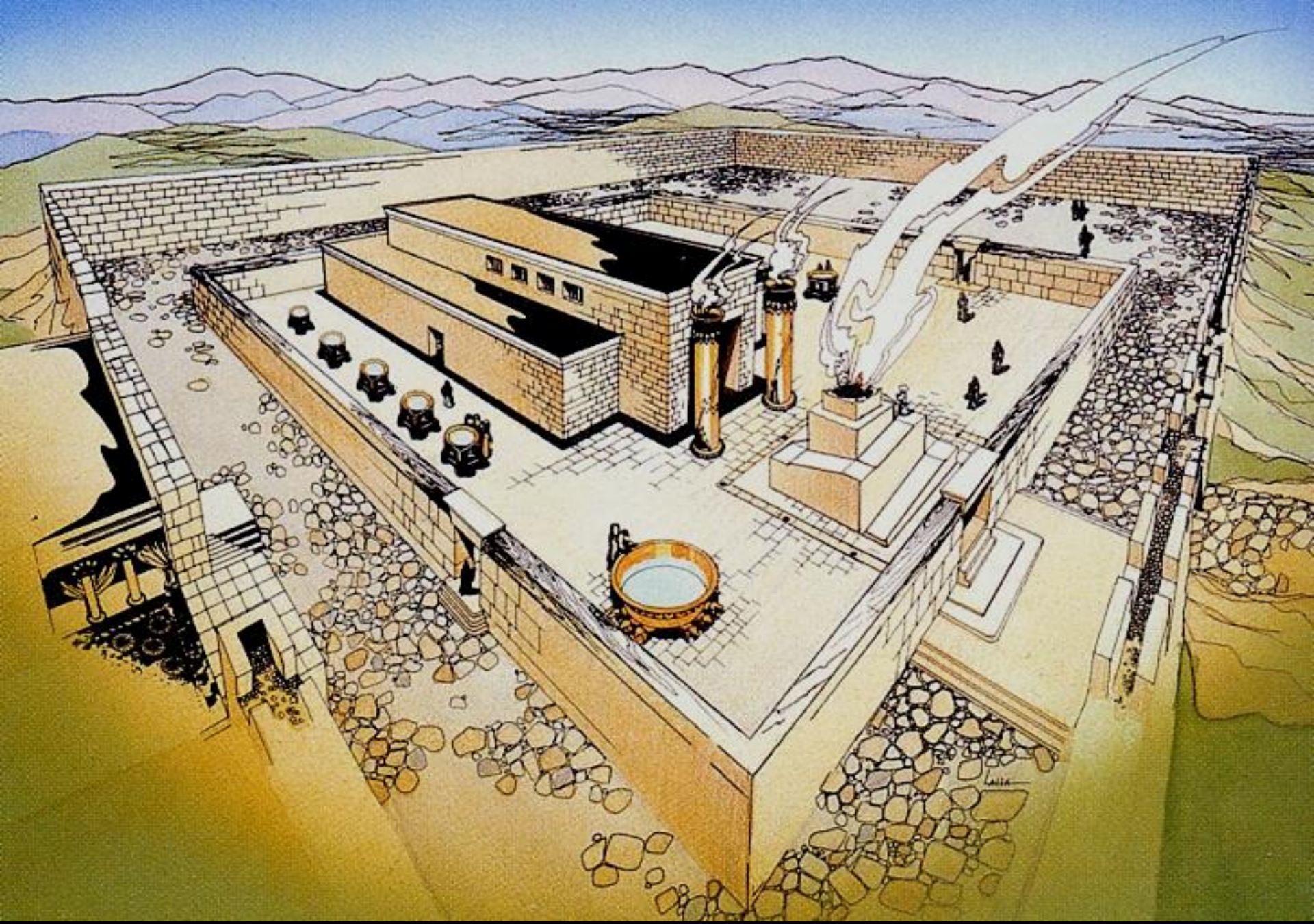
And he stretched out the form of a hand
and he took me by a lock of my head
and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the skies
and brought me to Jerusalem
in the visions of God
to the entrance of the gate, facing north, of the inner (court),
where was there the seat of the image of jealousy,
(that) provoked jealousy.

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And behold, there was the glory of the God of Israel
like the appearance that I had seen in the plain.





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4 Different Events:

(a) God brought Ezekiel to . . . (location)

(b) Report of what Ezekiel saw there

(c) Divine Question: "Do you see what they are doing?"

(d) Divine Statement: "Yet you will see still greater abominations."

Sentence (v. 18)

8:18 Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath;
my eye will not pity, and will not spare.

And (if) they cry in my ears (with) a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them."

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8:3-6

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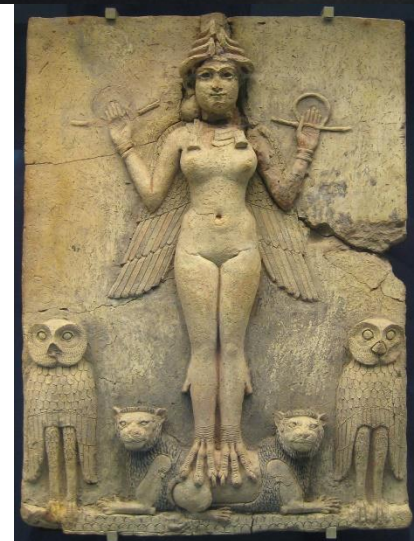
8:3b and the Spirit lifted me between the earth and the skies and brought me to Jerusalem in the visions of God to the entrance of the gate, facing north, of the inner (court), where was there the seat of the image of jealousy, (that) provoked jealousy..

(b) Report of what Ezekiel saw there

8:5 And he said to me "Human, lift up your eyes toward the way of the north." And I lifted up my eyes to the way of the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate (was) this image of jealousy at the entrance.



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C. 8:5 – 9:11

(a) 8:5-17 Accusation of Sin

	8:7-13
(a) God brought Ezekiel to ... (location)	8:7a And he brought me to the entrance of the court
(b) Report of what Ezekiel saw there	8:7b and I saw, and behold, a hole in the wall. 8:8 And he said to me, "Human, now dig in the wall." And I dug in the wall, and behold a single entrance. 8:9 And he said to me, "Come (in), and see the evil abominations that they are doing here." 8:10 And I went in and I saw, and behold all the forms of creeping animals and beasts —detestable things— and all the idols of the house of Israel (were) carved on the wall all around. 8:11 And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel --and Jaazaniah, son of Shaphan, was standing in the midst of them— (they were) standing before them (the idols), and each man (had) his censer in his hand and the fragrance of the cloud of incense was going up.



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C. 8:5 – 9:11

(a) 8:5-17 Accusation of Sin

8:14-15

(a) God brought Ezekiel to ... (location)

8:14a And he brought me in to the entrance of the gate of the house of Yahweh, which was toward the north,

(b) Report of what Ezekiel saw there

8:14b and behold, there (were) the women sitting, weeping for Tammuz.



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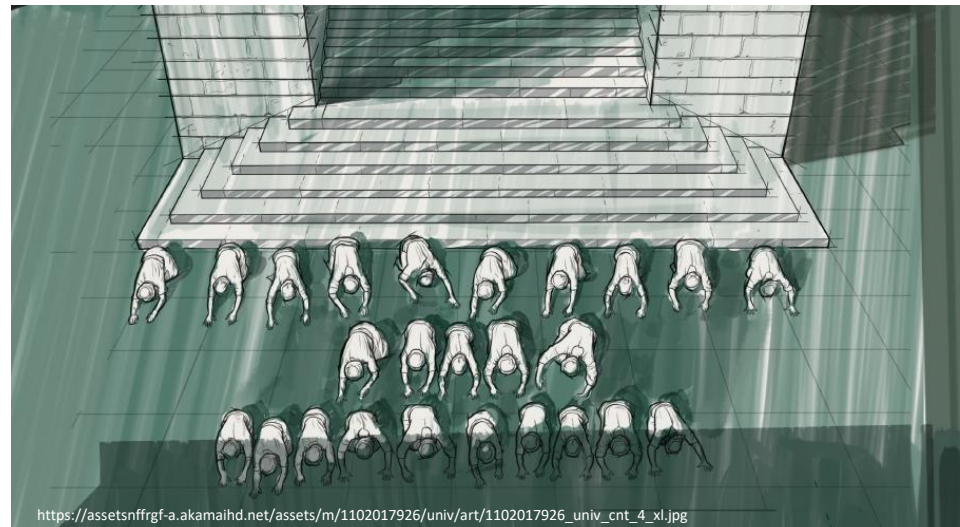


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C. 8:5 – 9:11

(a) 8:5-17 Accusation of Sin

	8:16-17
(a) God brought Ezekiel to ... (location)	8:16a And he brought me into the inner court of the house of Yahweh, and behold, (at) the entrance of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar,
(b) Report of what Ezekiel saw there	8:16b (there were) about twenty-five men, their backs to the temple of Yahweh and their faces toward the east. And they were prostrating themselves (in worship) eastward toward the sun.



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C. 8:5 – 9:11

(c) 9:1-7 Execution of Judgment

9:1 Then he cried in my hearing with a loud voice,
saying, "Draw near, you executioners of the city,
each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

9:2 And six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north,
each with his weapon for slaughter in his hand;
among them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his side.
They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

9:3a Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from
the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house.



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9:3b The LORD called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side;
9:4 and said to him, "Go through the city, through Jerusalem,
and put a mark on the foreheads of those
who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it."



9:5 To the others he said in my hearing,
"Pass through the city after him, and kill;
your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity.
9:6 Cut down old men, young men and young women, little children and women,
but touch no one who has the mark.
And begin at my sanctuary."

So they began with the elders who were in front of the house.

9:7 Then he said to them, "Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain.
Go!"

So they went out and killed in the city.

C. 8:5 – 9:11

(d) 9:8 Ezekiel's Intercession

(e) 9:9-10 Divine Response to Intercession

9:8 While they were killing, and I was left alone,
I fell prostrate on my face
and cried out,
"Ah Lord GOD! will you destroy all who remain of Israel
as you pour out your wrath upon Jerusalem?"



(e) 9:9-10 Divine Response to Intercession

9:9 He said to me,
"The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great;
the land is full of bloodshed
and the city full of perversity;
for they say, `The LORD has forsaken the land,
and the LORD does not see.'

9:10 As for me, my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity,
but I will bring down their deeds upon their heads."

9:11 Then the man clothed in linen, with the writing case at his side,
brought back word, saying, "I have done as you commanded me." Text: NRSV

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“GLORY OF THE LORD”

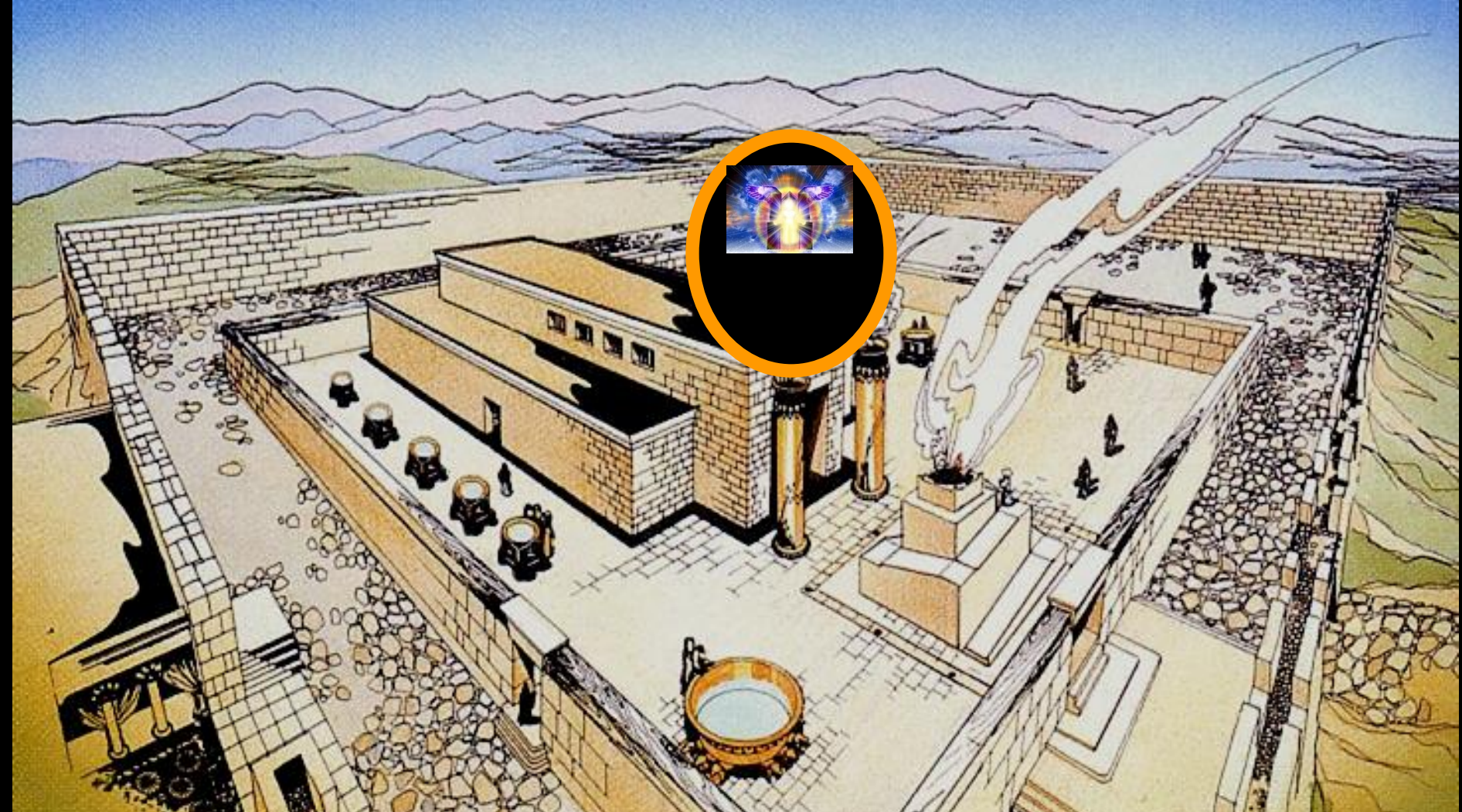
**Chs. 1-3
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**Chs. 8-11
Temple: Judgment**

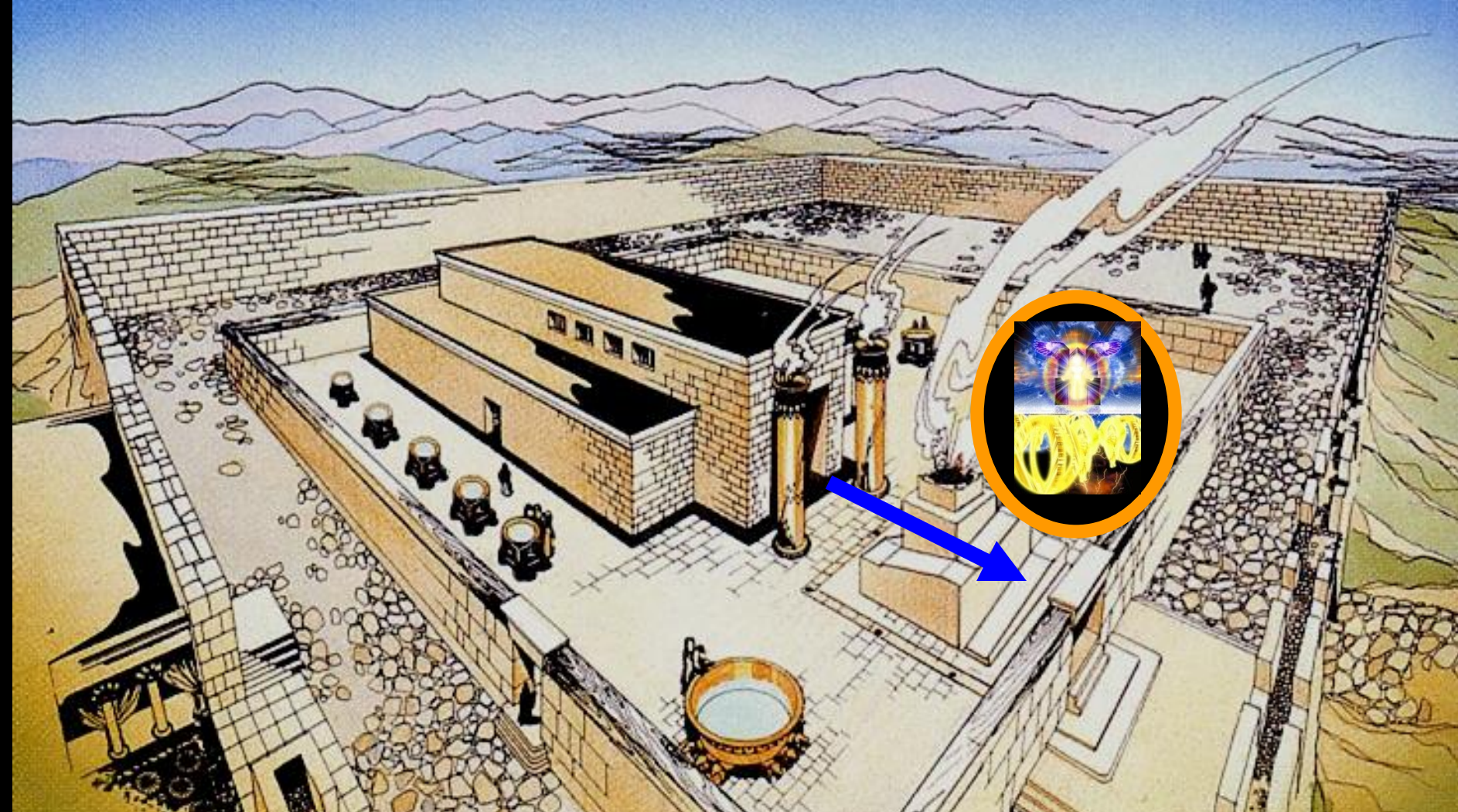
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beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar;
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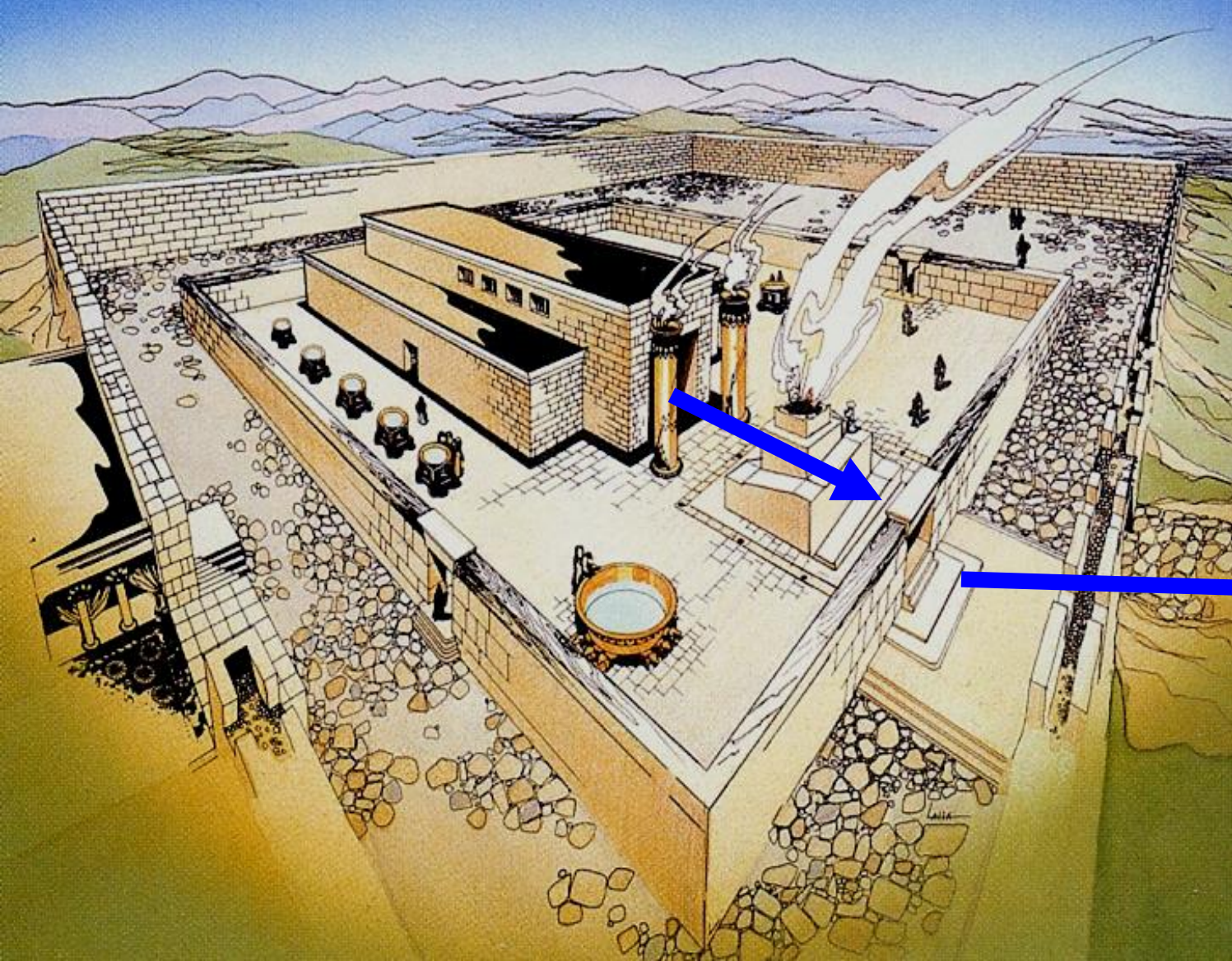
10:22 As for the likeness of their faces;
they were the same faces whose appearance
I had seen by the river Chebar. (NASB)



10:4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD. (NASB)

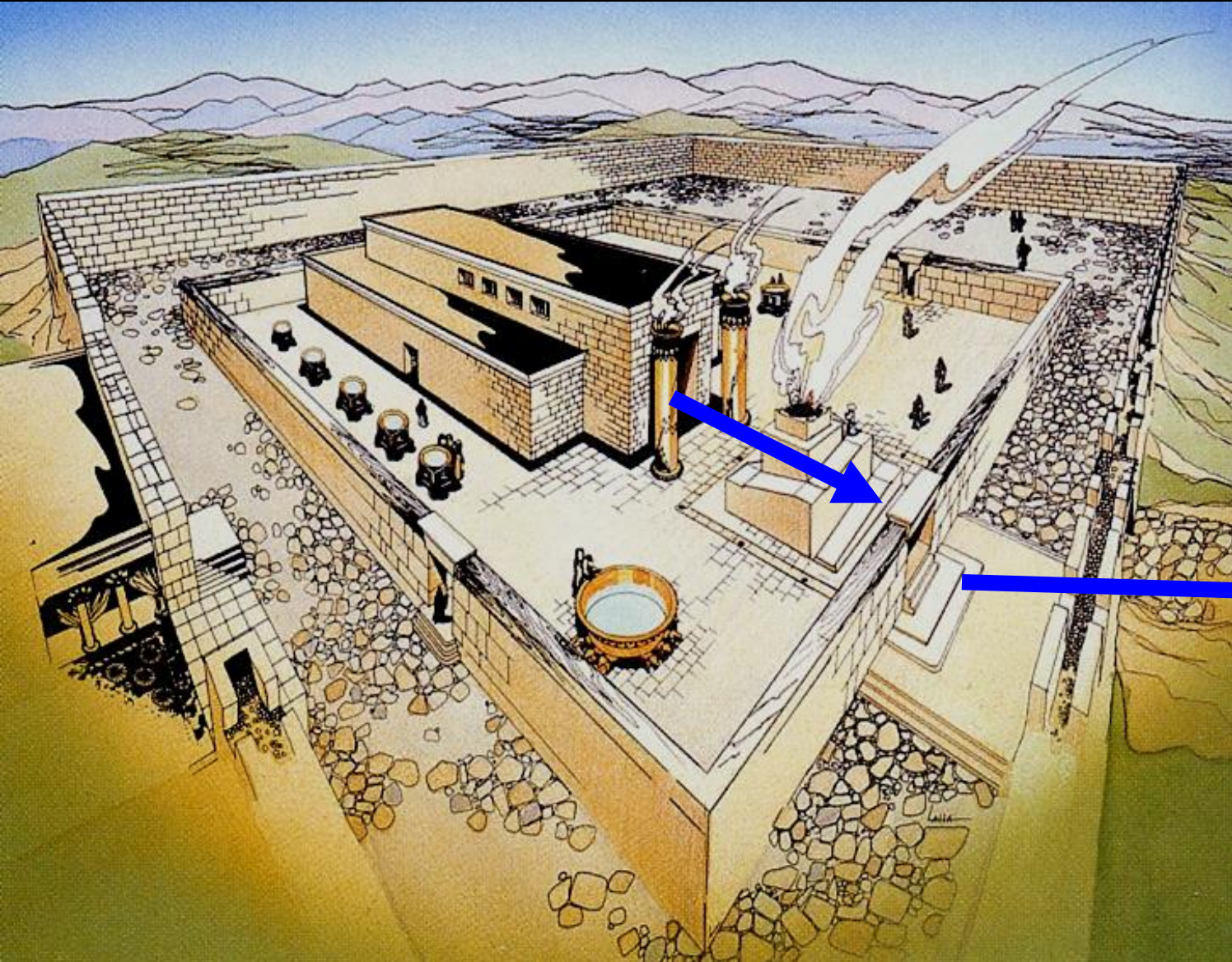


10:18-19 Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. When the cherubim departed . . . they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. (NASB)



11:22-23 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings . . . The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city. (NASB)

What is the Theological Implication of the “Glory of the LORD” departing from the Temple?



*Does God's Glory Depart from the Church today
when they are doing things that are
an abomination to God?*



= "No Glory" [1 Samuel 4:21: "the Glory has departed"]

Apostasy = breaking the first two of the 10 Commandments (Deut 5:7-9a)

Deut 6:13–15 (NRSV)

¹³The LORD your God you shall fear;
him you shall serve,
and by his name alone you shall swear.

¹⁴ Do not follow other gods,
any of the gods of the peoples
who are all around you.

¹⁵ because the LORD your God,
who is present with you,
is a jealous God.
The anger of the LORD your God
would be kindled against you
and he would destroy you
from the face of the earth.

Deuteronomy 29 (NRSV)

17 You have seen their [the nations'] detestable things,
the filthy idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold,
that were among them.

18 It may be that there is among you a man or woman,
or a family or tribe,
**whose heart is already turning away from the LORD our God
to serve the gods of those nations.**

It may be that there is among you
a root sprouting poisonous and bitter growth.

19 All who hear the words of this oath and bless themselves,
thinking in their hearts,

"We are safe even though we go our own stubborn ways" ...

20 **the LORD will be unwilling to pardon them,
for the LORD's anger and passion will smoke against them.
All the curses written in this book will descend on them,
and the LORD will blot out their names from under heaven.**

C'. 11:1-21

(a) 11:1-6 Accusation of Sin

- 11:1 The spirit lifted me up
and brought me to the east gate of the house of the LORD, which faces east.
There, at the entrance of the gateway, were twenty-five men;
among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur, and Pelatiah son of Benaiah,
officials of the people.
- 11:2 He said to me, "Mortal, these are the men who devise iniquity
and who give wicked counsel in this city;
- 11:3 they say, `The time is not near to build houses;
this city is the pot, and we are the meat.'
- 11:4 Therefore prophesy against them;
prophesy, O mortal."
- 11:5 Then the spirit of the LORD fell upon me,
and he said to me, "Say, Thus says the LORD:
This is what you think, O house of Israel;
I know the things that come into your mind.
- 11:6 You have killed many in this city,
and have filled its streets with the slain.

C'. 11:1-21

(b) 11:7-12 Sentence

11:7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

The slain whom you have placed within it are the meat,
and this city is the pot;
but you shall be taken out of it.

11:8 You have feared the sword;
and I will bring the sword upon you, says the Lord GOD.

11:9 I will take you out of it
and give you over to the hands of foreigners,
and execute judgments upon you.

11:10 You shall fall by the sword;
I will judge you at the border of Israel.
And you shall know that I am the LORD.

11:11 This city shall not be your pot,
and you shall not be the meat inside it;
I will judge you at the border of Israel.

11:12 Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
whose statutes you have not followed,
and whose ordinances you have not kept,
but you have acted according to the ordinances of the nations
that are around you."

C'. 11:1-21

(c) 11:13a Execution of Judgment

11:13a Now, while I was prophesying, Pelatiah son of Benaiah died.

(d) 11:13b Ezekiel's Intercession

11:13b Then I fell down on my face, cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah Lord GOD!
will you make a full end of the remnant of Israel?"

(e) 11:14-21 Divine Response to Intercession

11:14 Then the word of the LORD came to me: . . .

11:15 Mortal, your kinsfolk, your own kin, your fellow exiles* (Gk, Syr; Heb: `people of your kindred'),
the whole house of Israel, all of them,
are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said,
"They have gone far from the LORD;
to us this land is given for a possession."

11:16 Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD:
Though I removed them far away among the nations,
and though I scattered them among the countries,
yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while* (or `to some extent')
in the countries where they have gone.

11:17 Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD:
I will gather you from the peoples,
and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered,
and I will give you the land of Israel.

11:18 When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things
and all its abominations.

11:19 I will give them one* (another reading is `a new') heart,
and put a new spirit within them;
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh
and give them a heart of flesh,

11:20 so that they may follow my statutes
and keep my ordinances and obey them.
Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

11:21 But as for those whose heart goes after their
detestable things and their abominations*
(Correction; Heb: `And to the heart of their detestable things and their abominations their heart goes'),
I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD.

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43:3 And {it was} like the
appearance of the vision
which I saw,
like the vision which I saw
when He came to destroy the
city.
And the visions {were} like the
vision which I saw by the river
Chebar. (NASB)