

The Two Witnesses

11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. 3 And ***I will give power*** to my two witnesses, and they ***will prophesy*** for 1,260 days, ***clothed in sackcloth.***" 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies (*Elijah*). This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. 6 These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain (*Elijah*) during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want (*Moses*).

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 For three and a half days ***men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies*** and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

11 But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.



Matt 17:2-3

There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Zechariah 4:2-3, 4:14

2 "I see a solid gold lampstand with a bowl at the top and seven lights on it, with seven channels to the lights. 3 Also there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."

14 So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

The passage from Zechariah had its first application to two men in Zechariah's day: Joshua and Zerubbabel. "Just as these two witnesses were raised up to be lampstands or witnesses for God and were empowered by olive oil representing the power of the Holy Spirit, so the two witnesses of Revelation 11 will likewise execute their prophetic office." (Walvoord)

2 Kings 1:10

Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

Matt 27:54

4 When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying:

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. The nations were angry; and your wrath has come.

The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great- and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen **the ark of his covenant**. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

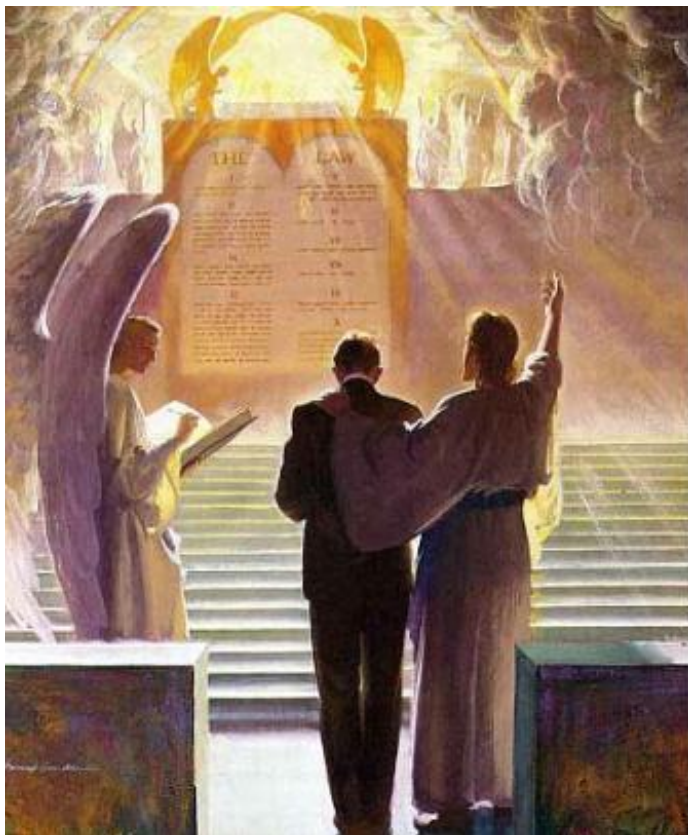


The Twenty Four Elders

The end is near, the bowls of wrath are about to be poured out- signifying final judgment of earth.

It is called the ark of His covenant - in the Old Testament, **this was the earthly representation of God's throne** - to emphasize God's faithfulness.

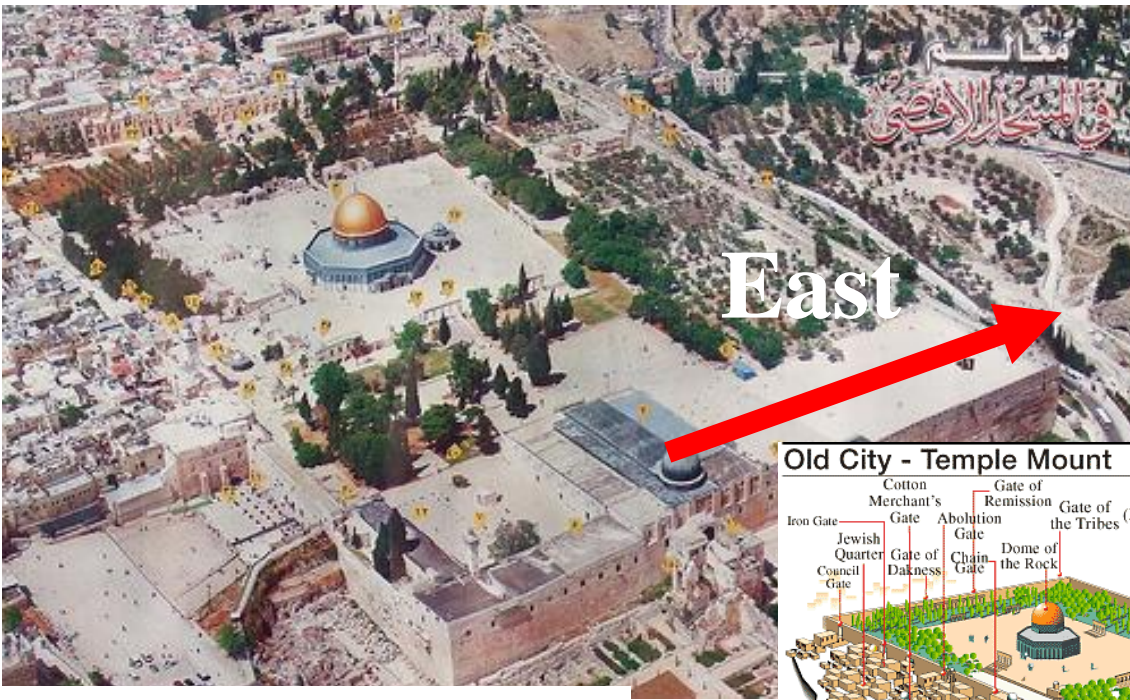
The ark of the covenant is "The symbol of God's faithfulness in bestowing grace on His people, and inflicting vengeance on His people's enemies." (Alford)



The Ark of the Covenant

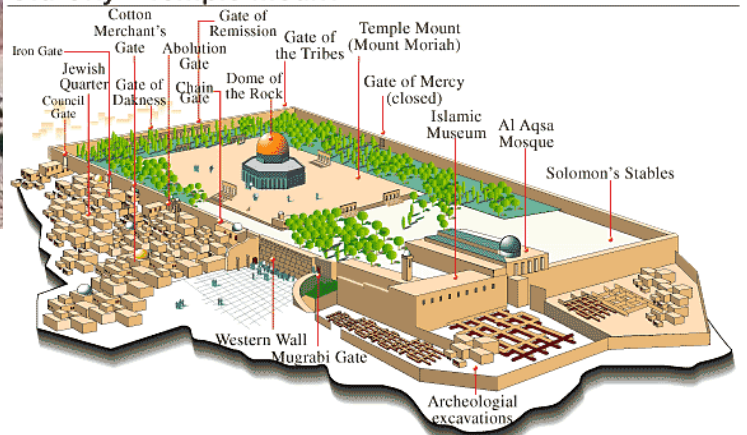


The Two Witnesses Ascend to Heaven

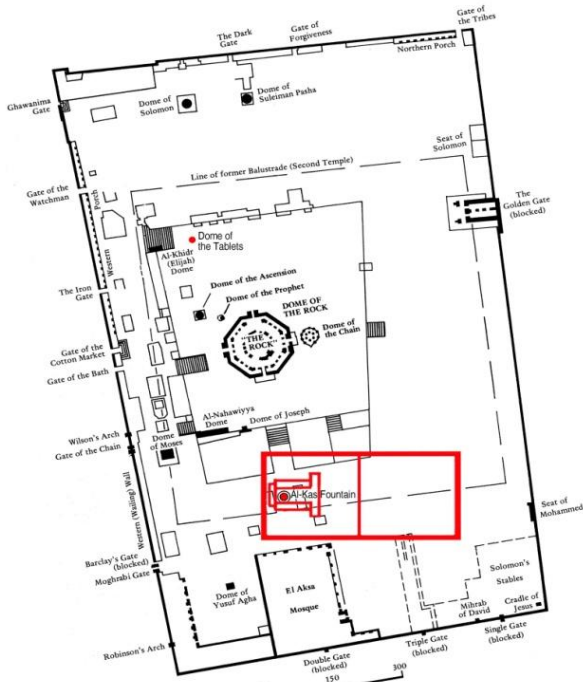


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Old City - Temple Mount



Herodian Temple: Holy of Holies over Threshing Floor (Tuvia Sagiv's view, 2004)



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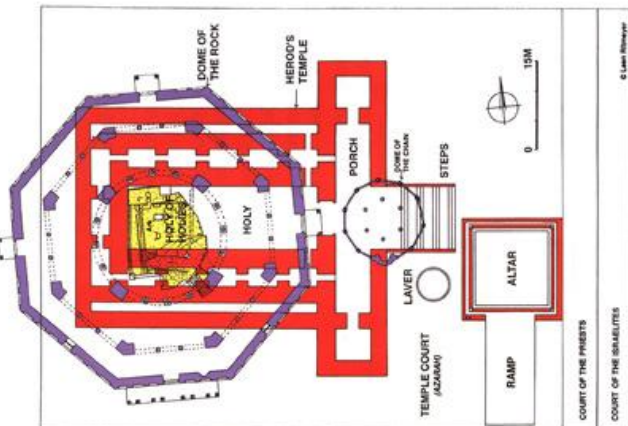


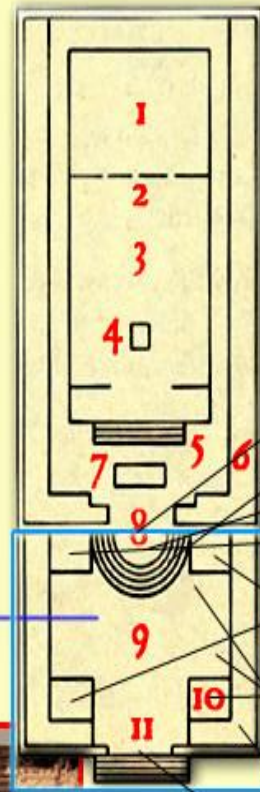
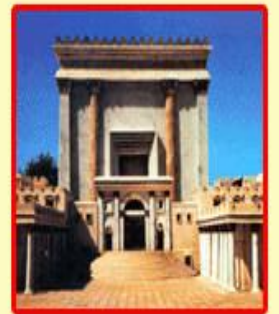
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Jerusalem Temple

Click Around the Women's Court

Sketch after plan of Avi-Yonah's model.

1. Holy of Holies
2. Vail (Curtain)
3. Holy Place
4. Altar of Incense
5. Court of Priests
6. Court of Israel
7. Altar of Sacrifice
8. Nicanor Gate
9. Court of Women
10. Temple Treasury
11. Gate Beautiful
12. Court of Gentiles
13. Solomon's Porch
14. Royal Porticos
15. Western Wall



14 Women's Court

- Nicanor Gate
- Circular Steps
- Levite Choirs
- Oil of Yah Court
- Nazarite Court
- Leper's Chamber Court
- Woodshed Court
- Colonnades
- Balconies
- Chel
- Beautiful Gate



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