



JESUS IN THE TEMPLE, A PROFILE IN COURAGE



JOHN 8:2-11



JOHN 8:2-4

²“And early in the morning he (Jesus) came again to the temple, and all the people came unto him: and he sat down and taught them. ³And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, ⁴They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.””

JOHN 8:5-6

⁵“Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should stoned: but what sayest thou?” ⁶This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.”

JOHN 8: 7-9

⁷So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her.’

⁸And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. ⁹And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

JOHN 8: 10-11

¹⁰ “And when Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, ‘Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned you?’ ¹¹She said, “No man, **Lord**. And Jesus said unto her, ‘Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more.’”

DEUTERONOMY 16:16

¹⁶ “Three times in a year shall all males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty:”

HEROD'S TEMPLE

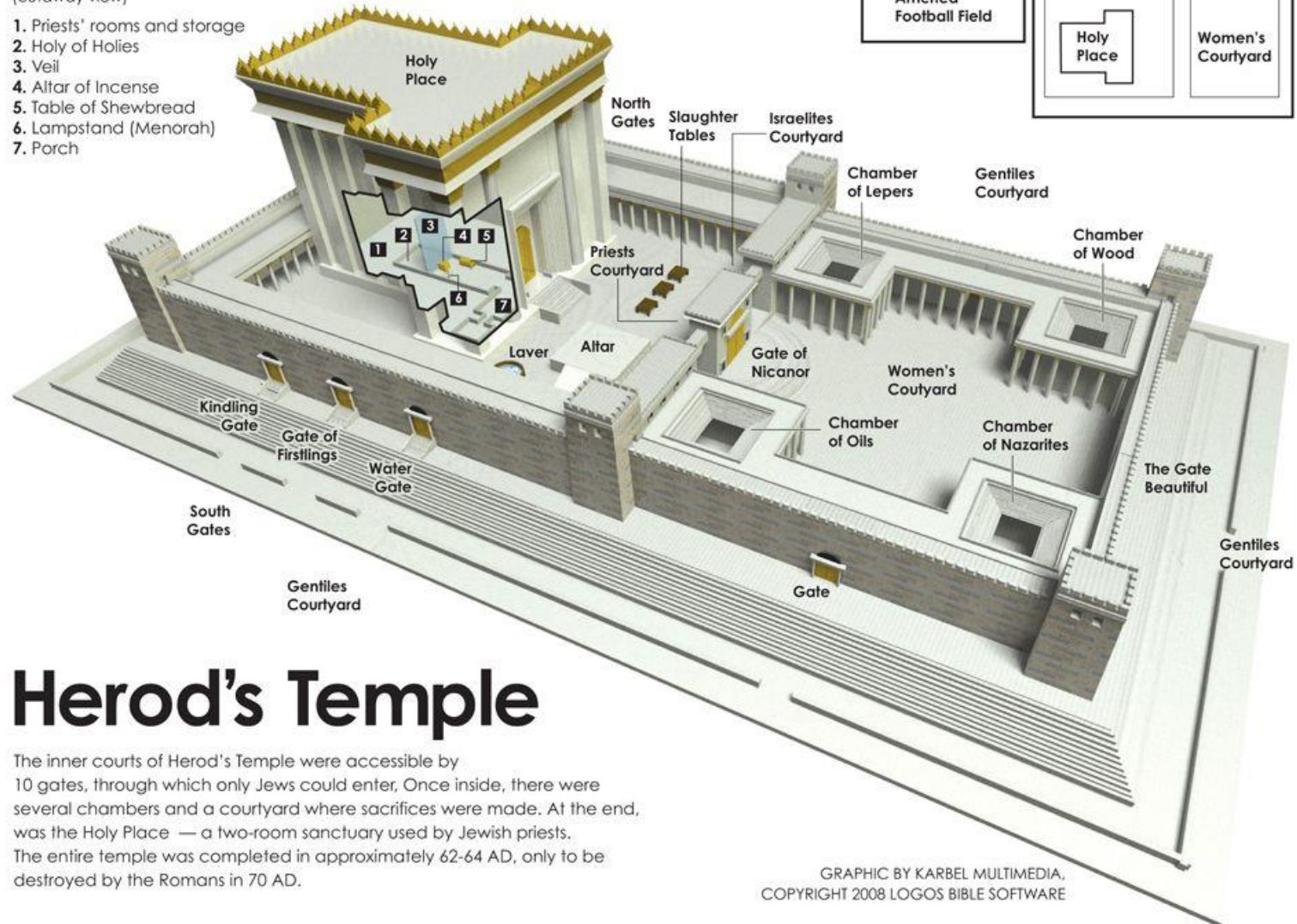


HEROD'S TEMPLE

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 (Menorah)
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 the end, was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. The entire temple was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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HEROD'S TEMPLE W/LIGHT TOWERS



JOHN 7:37-38

³⁷ “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”

JOHN 7:45-47

⁴⁵ “Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, ‘Why have ye not brought him?’. ⁴⁶ The officers answered, ‘Never man spake like this man.’ ⁴⁷ Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived?””

JOHN 8:2

²“And early in the morning he (Jesus) came again to the temple, and all the people came unto him: and he sat down and taught them.

JOHN 8:3-5

³ “And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, ⁴They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. ⁵Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should stoned: but what sayest thou?’ ”

DEUTERONOMY 22:22

²² “If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shall thou put away evil from Israel.”

JOHN 8: 7-8

⁷So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her.’
⁸And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

TAKE-AWAYS

1. He showed courage in interrupting the service and appearing again the very next day in the temple
2. He was always about his father's business even at peril to himself
3. Jesus was not afraid to confront the man-inspired norms of society
4. Jesus considered the heart and not manmade rules and restrictions
5. He confronted injustice
6. He showed love and compassion to the unlovable
7. Jesus came to save and not to destroy men's lives

APPLICATIONS

1. Confront urge to deny forgiveness to those who trespass against us
2. Mob rule has a life of its own – we must not follow the crowd to do wrong.
3. We must follow God when it conflicts with the rules of man.
4. Salvation of the individual is most important
5. The risk to us of following Jesus will get worse but even under the worst circumstances, He will give us a way of escape or what to say during persecution

LUKE 12: 11-12

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