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Ezekiel's Second Vision



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Ezekiel received another vision

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The same figure seen in chapter 1

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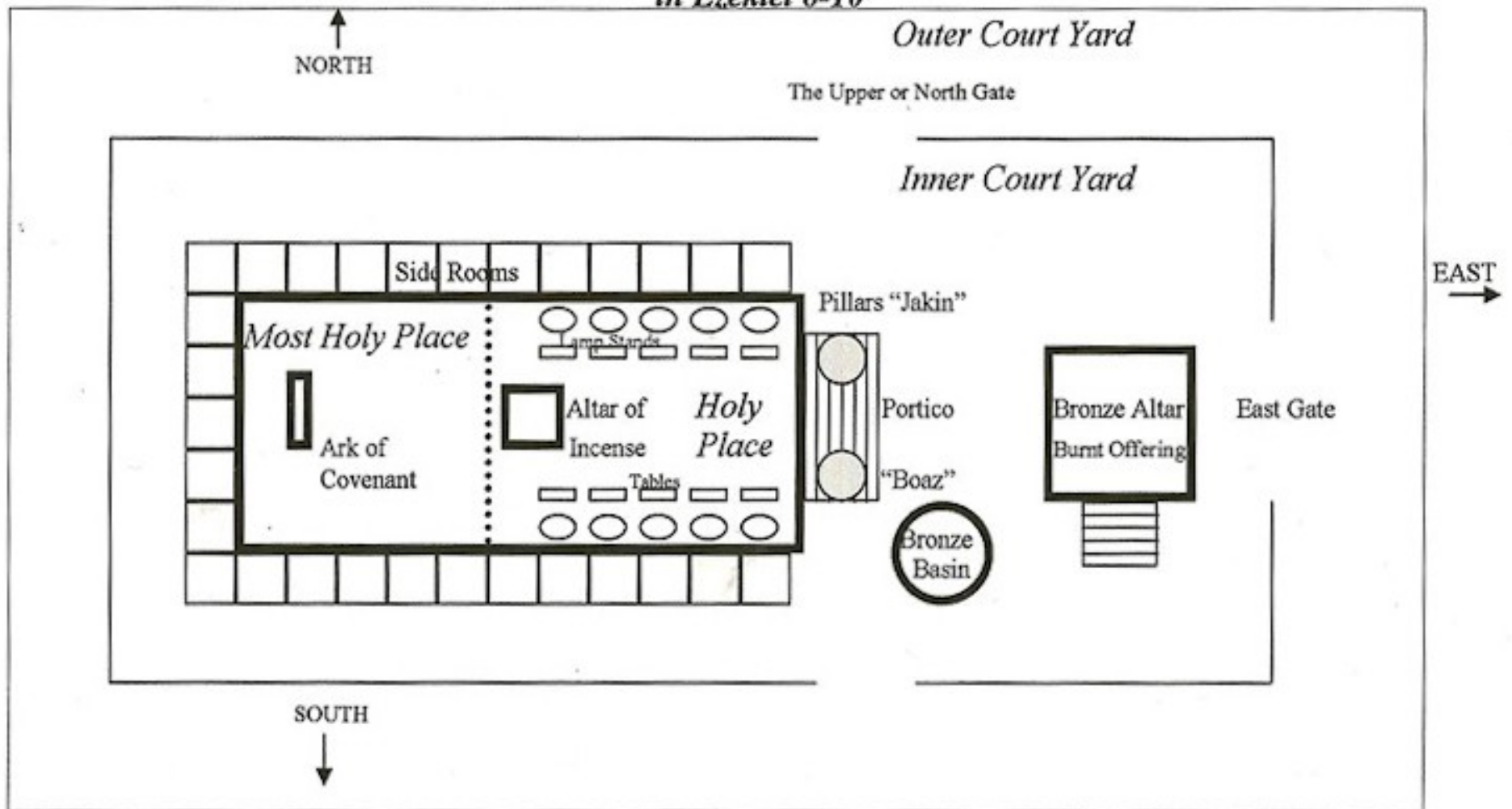
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Eze 8:3 He stretched out what looked like a hand and took me by the hair of my head. The Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and in visions of God he took me to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner court, where the idol that provokes to jealousy stood.

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Solomon's Temple as seen in Jerusalem
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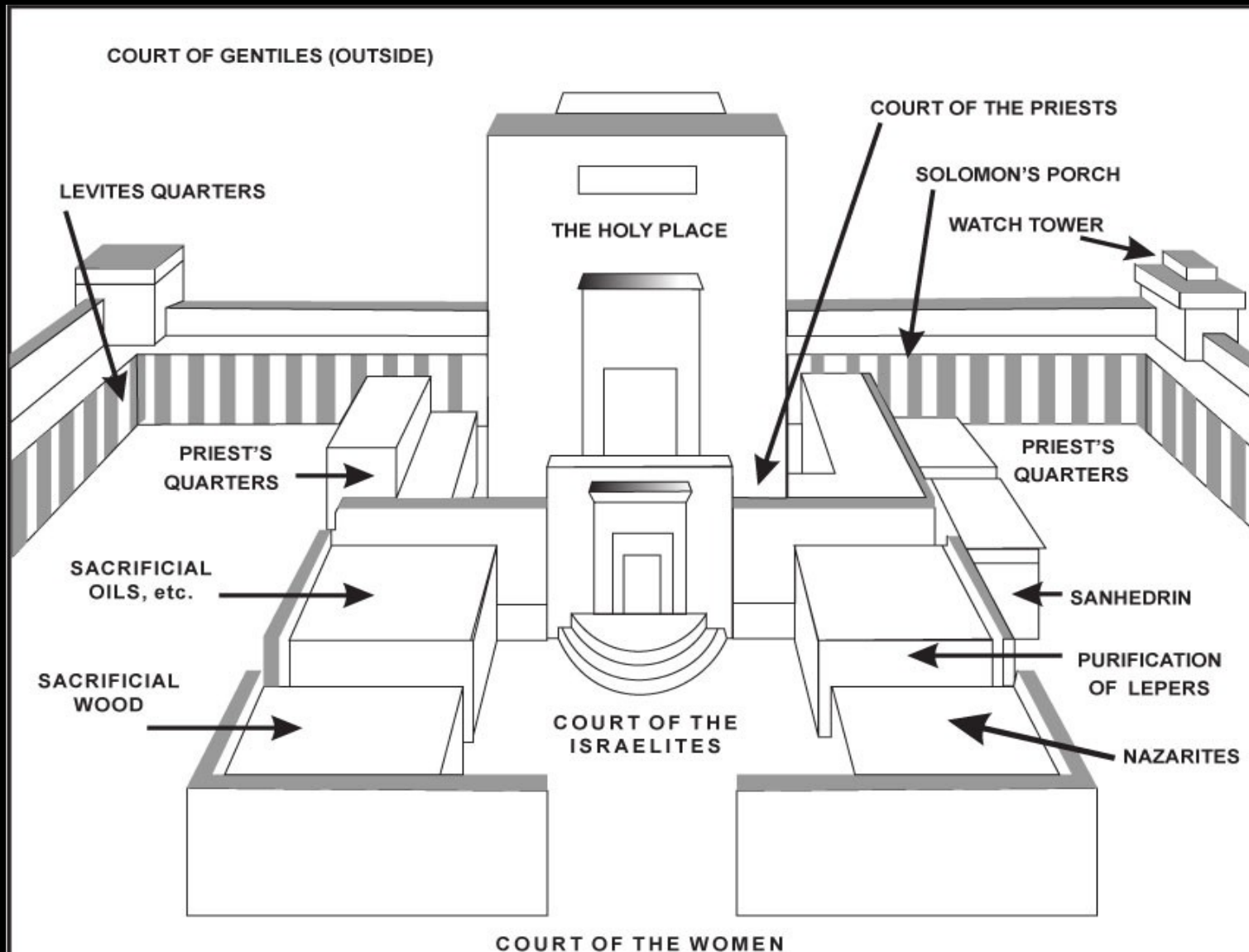
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SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

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Eze 8:4 And there before me was the glory of the God of Israel, as in the vision I had seen in the plain.



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Eze 8:5 Then he said to me, "Son of man, look toward the north." So I looked, and in the entrance north of the gate of the altar **I saw this idol of jealousy.**

Eze 8:6 And he said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing—the **utterly detestable** things the house of Israel is doing here, things that will drive me far from my sanctuary? But you will see things that are even more detestable."

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Provoking the Jealousy of the LORD

1Co 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

1Co 10:22 Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

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Eze 8:7 Then he brought me to the entrance to the court. I looked, and I saw a hole in the wall.

Eze 8:8 He said to me, "Son of man, now dig into the wall." So I dug into the wall and saw a doorway there.

Eze 8:9 And he said to me, "Go in and see the wicked and detestable things they are doing here."

Eze 8:10 So I went in and looked, and I saw portrayed all over the walls all kinds of crawling things and detestable animals and all the idols of the house of Israel.

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Eze 8:11 In front of them stood seventy elders of the house of Israel, and Jaazaniah son of Shaphan was standing among them. **Each had a censer in his hand**, and a fragrant cloud of incense was rising.

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Eze 8:12 He said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each at the shrine of his own idol? They say, 'The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the land.'"

Eze 8:13 Again, he said, "You will see them doing things that are even more detestable."

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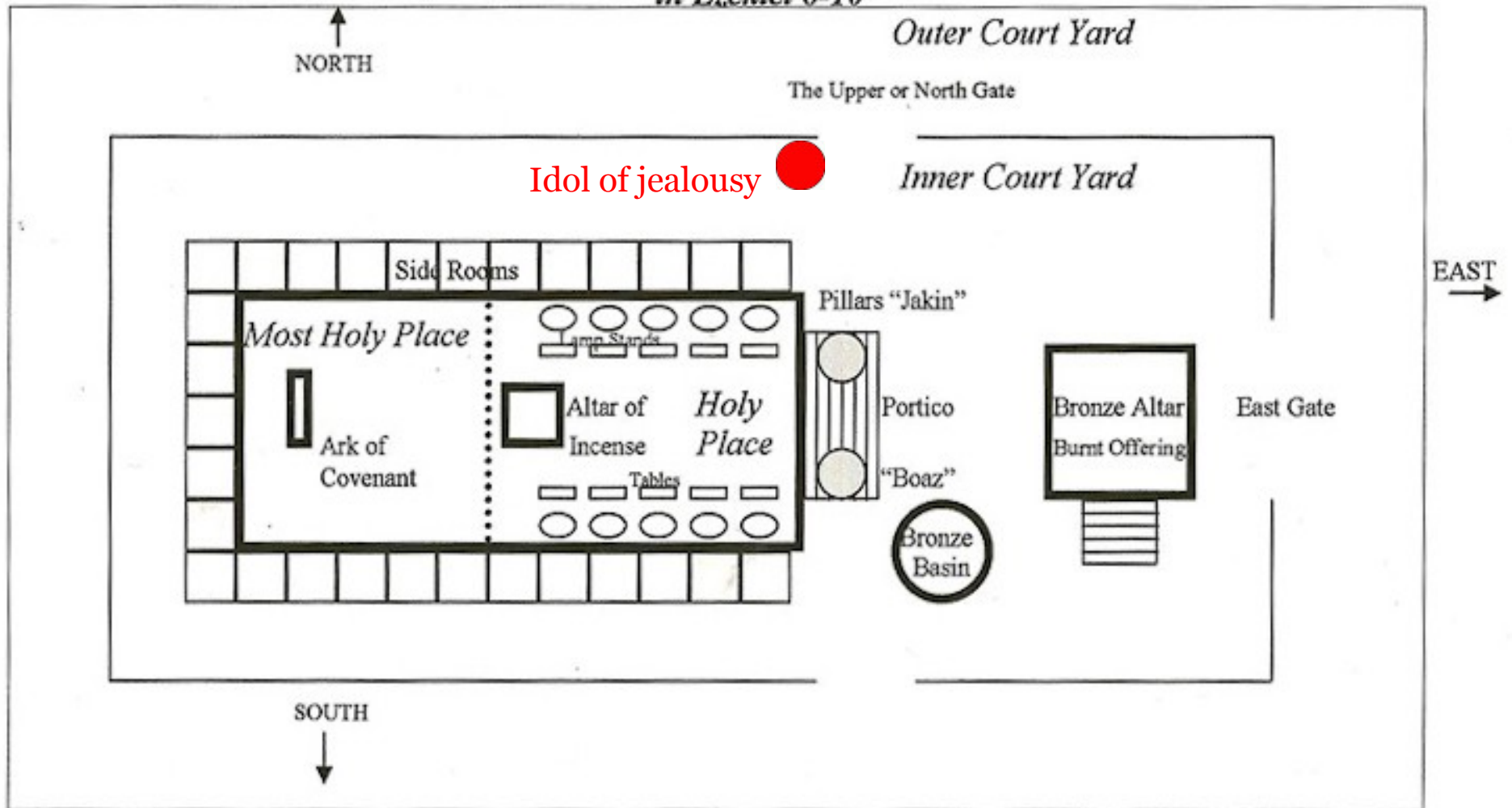
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Eze 8:16 He then brought me into the inner court of the house of the LORD, and there at the entrance to the temple, between the portico and the altar, were about twenty-five men. With their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, they were bowing down to the sun in the east.

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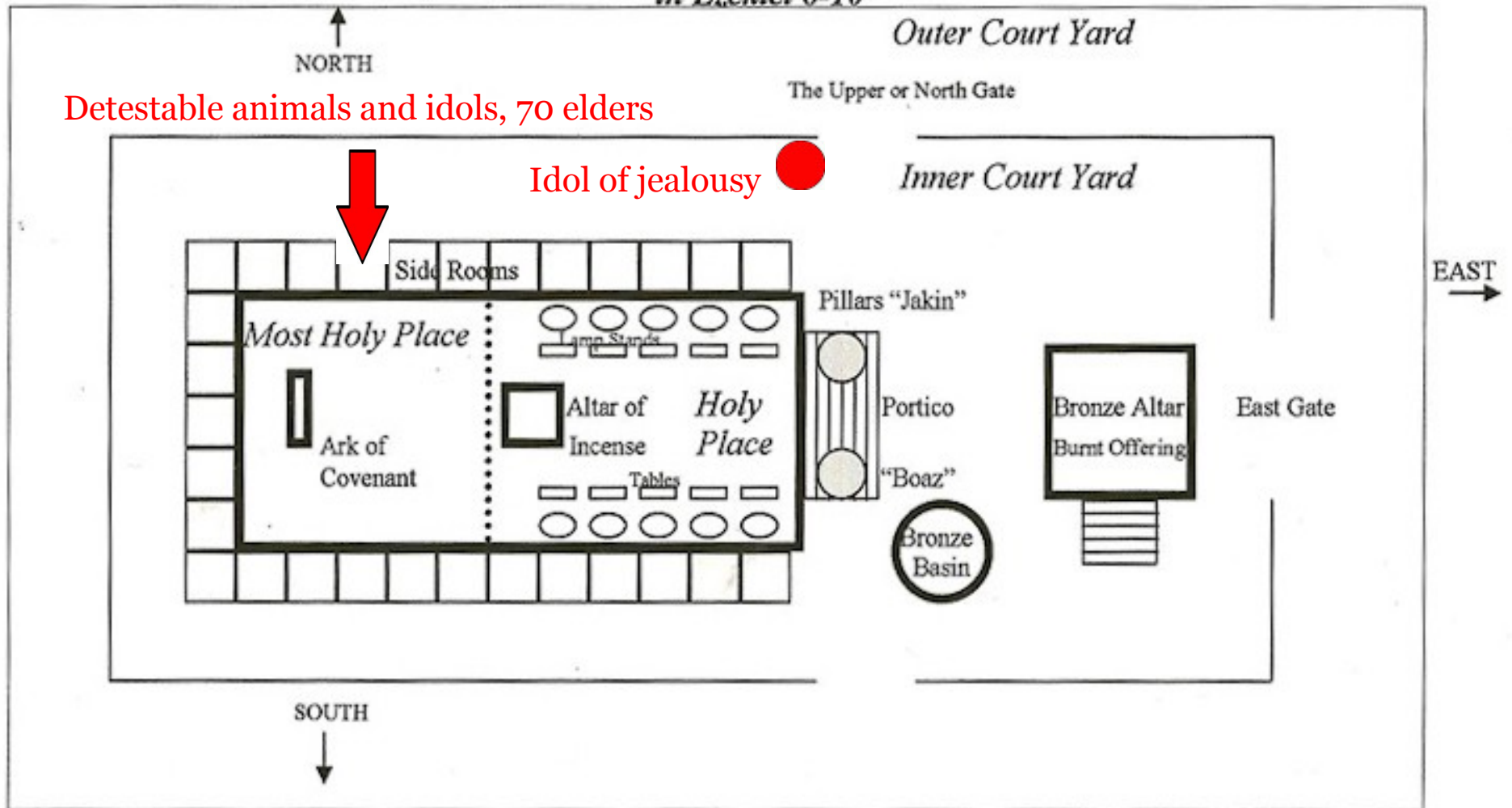
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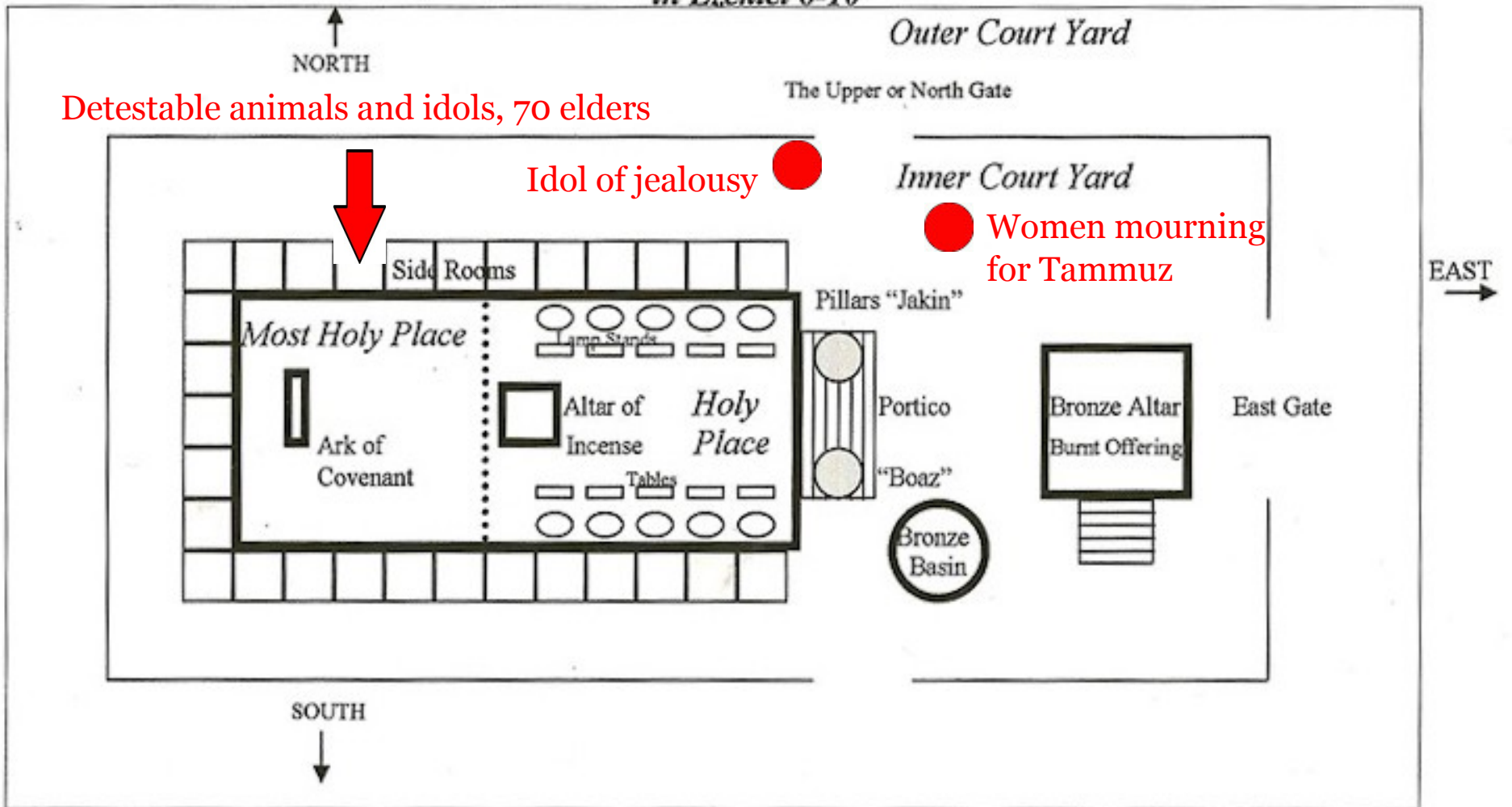
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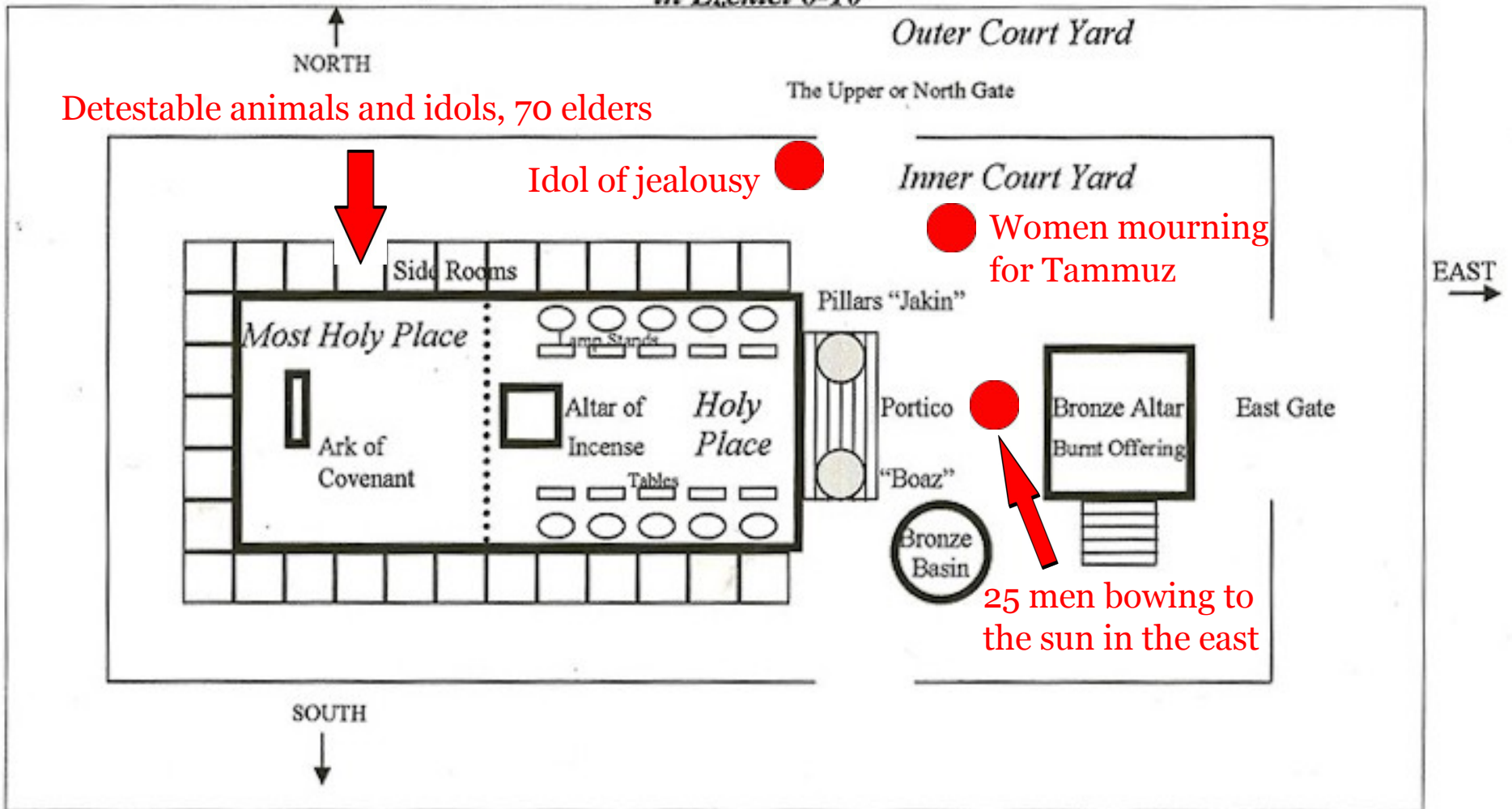
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Septuagint translates:

muktērizō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to turn up the nose or sneer at
- 2) to mock, deride

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Eze 8:18 Therefore I will deal with them in anger; I will not look on them with pity or spare them. **Although they shout in my ears, I will not listen to them.**

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Executioners sent out!



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Eze 9:1 Then I heard him call out in a loud voice, "Bring near those who are appointed **to execute judgment** on the city, each with a weapon in his hand."

Eze 9:2 And I saw six men coming from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with a deadly weapon in his hand. With them was a man clothed in linen who had a writing kit at his side. They came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

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Protecting the righteous

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Eze 9:7 Then he said to them, "Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go!" So they went out and began killing throughout the city.

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Eze 9:8 While they were killing and I was left alone, I fell facedown, crying out, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! Are you going to destroy the entire remnant of Israel in this outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?"

Eze 9:9 He answered me, "The sin of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great; the land is full of bloodshed and the city is full of injustice. They say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.'

Eze 9:10 So I will not look on them with pity or spare them, but I will bring down on their own heads what they have done."

The LORD's judgment was just!

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The righteous have been marked

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The original vision reappears



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Eze 10:2 The LORD said to the man clothed in linen, "Go in among the wheels beneath the cherubim. Fill your hands with burning coals from among the cherubim and scatter them over the city." And as I watched, he went in.



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Eze 10:3 Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner court.

Eze 10:4 Then the glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the LORD.

Eze 10:5 The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

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Second description of the original vision



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The glory of the LORD departs from the temple!

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Eze 11:2 The LORD said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who are plotting evil and giving wicked advice in this city.

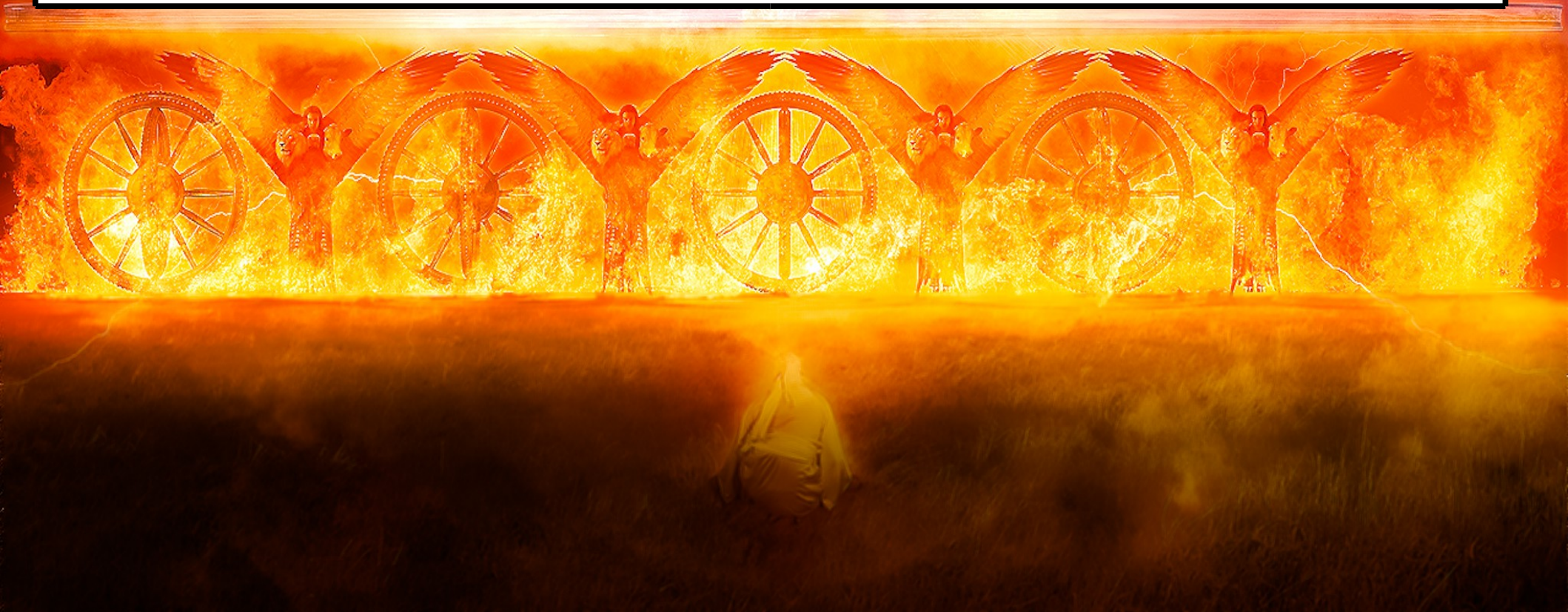
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Leaders were contradicting a prophecy of Jeremiah



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Jer 1:13 The word of the LORD came to me again: "What do you see?" "I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north," I answered.

Jer 1:14 The LORD said to me, "From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land.

Jer 1:15 I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms," declares the LORD. "Their kings will come and set up their thrones in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem; they will come against all her surrounding walls and against all the towns of Judah.

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“The city is a cooking pot, and we are the meat.”

Israel's leaders claimed the pot would protect them from the fire.

- City walls would protect them from invasion

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Eze 11:6 You have killed many people in this city and filled its streets with the dead.

Eze 11:7 "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: The bodies you have thrown there are the meat and this city is the pot, but I will drive you out of it.

Eze 11:8 You fear the sword, and the sword is what I will bring against you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

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Eze 11:11 This city will not be a pot for you, nor will you be the meat in it; I will execute judgment on you at the borders of Israel.

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Eze 11:13 Now as I was prophesying, Pelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell facedown and cried out in a loud voice, "Ah, Sovereign LORD! Will you completely destroy the remnant of Israel?"



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Eze 11:14 The word of the LORD came to me:

Eze 11:15 "Son of man, your brothers—your brothers who are your blood relatives and the whole house of Israel—are those of whom the people of Jerusalem have said, 'They are far away from the LORD; this land was given to us as our possession.'

Eze 11:16 "Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.'

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Eze 11:17 "Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'

Eze 11:18 "They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols.

Eze 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Eze 11:20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

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Eze 11:21 But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."

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Eze 11:24 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the exiles in Babylonia in the vision given by the Spirit of God. Then the vision I had seen went up from me,
Eze 11:25 and I told the exiles everything the LORD had shown me.

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Next class: Chapters 12-15

- Prophecy of exile
- Prophecy of famine
- Woe to false prophets
- Woe to idolatrous elders



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