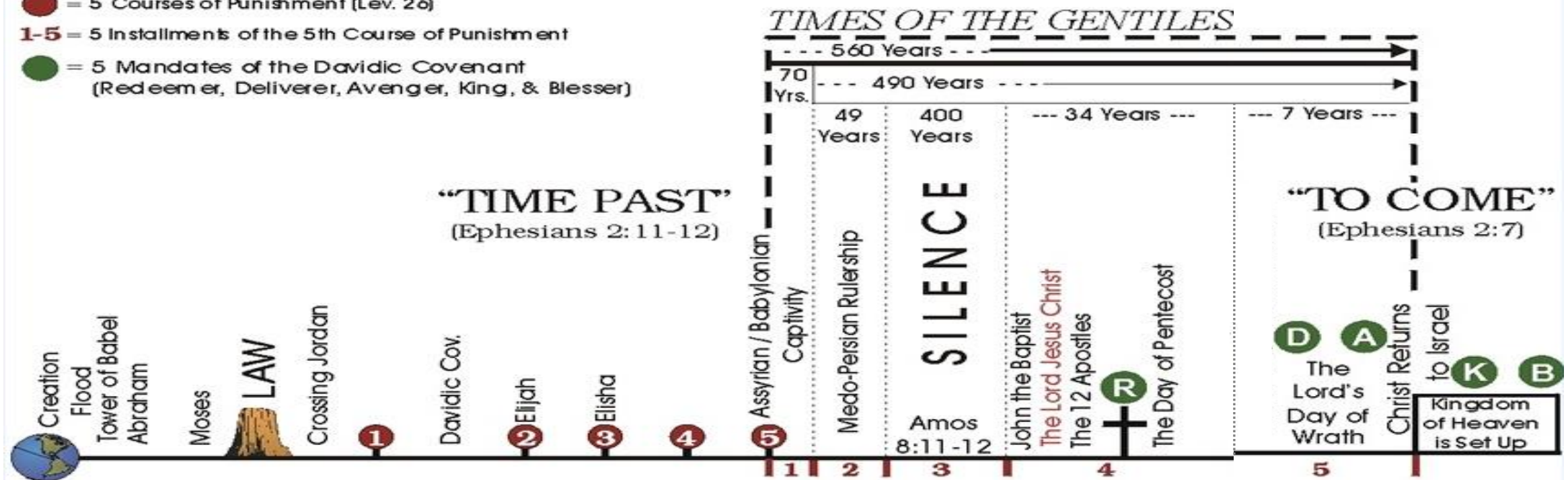


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Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon				

What Is Early Acts All About?

Who Did Jesus Christ Come to Save?

Acts 3

Pt. 6

## 1. The numbers:

If, based on Jn. 5:37-47 and 14:1, these were people who came to town already believers in God (were individually saved and forgiven personal sins), who then believed in Jesus Christ when Peter introduced them to Him (to participate in Israel's national salvation and forgiveness of sins), then the percentage of Jews who truly believed in God was very low indeed.

- In Jerusalem after Christ's 3 yr. earthly ministry--120 (Acts 1:15)
- In Jerusalem Jews (mostly diaspora) after Peter's first sermon —3,000 souls (2:41) and after his second sermon—5,000 men, perhaps 10,000 adults (4:4)?
- We saw that Malachi suggested in Mal. 1:11 that there were more believing Jews in the diaspora than there were in Jerusalem.

a. This shouldn't be shocking. What percentage of people who called themselves Christians in history have been true believers not just nominal Christians, born into a religious or theological system?

--Probably very low. Just as in Israel, the bulk of "Christian" are Christians in name only not in reality—just nominal Christians. To put it more bluntly, they are members of unbelieving apostate Christianity.

- b. In closing, it is important to remember that the Jn. 5 principle is a general law not an absolute law:
- If there were unbelievers in God, who were not individually and personally saved, and they believed God and His Word through Peter, they would have instantly and eternally individually saved before God unto eternal life.
  - This, then, qualified them to participate in another salvation, forgiveness of sins and justification: Israel's national salvation and forgiveness of their association to Israel's national sins for justification before Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming to live out their eternal live in the Israel's earthly Kingdom.

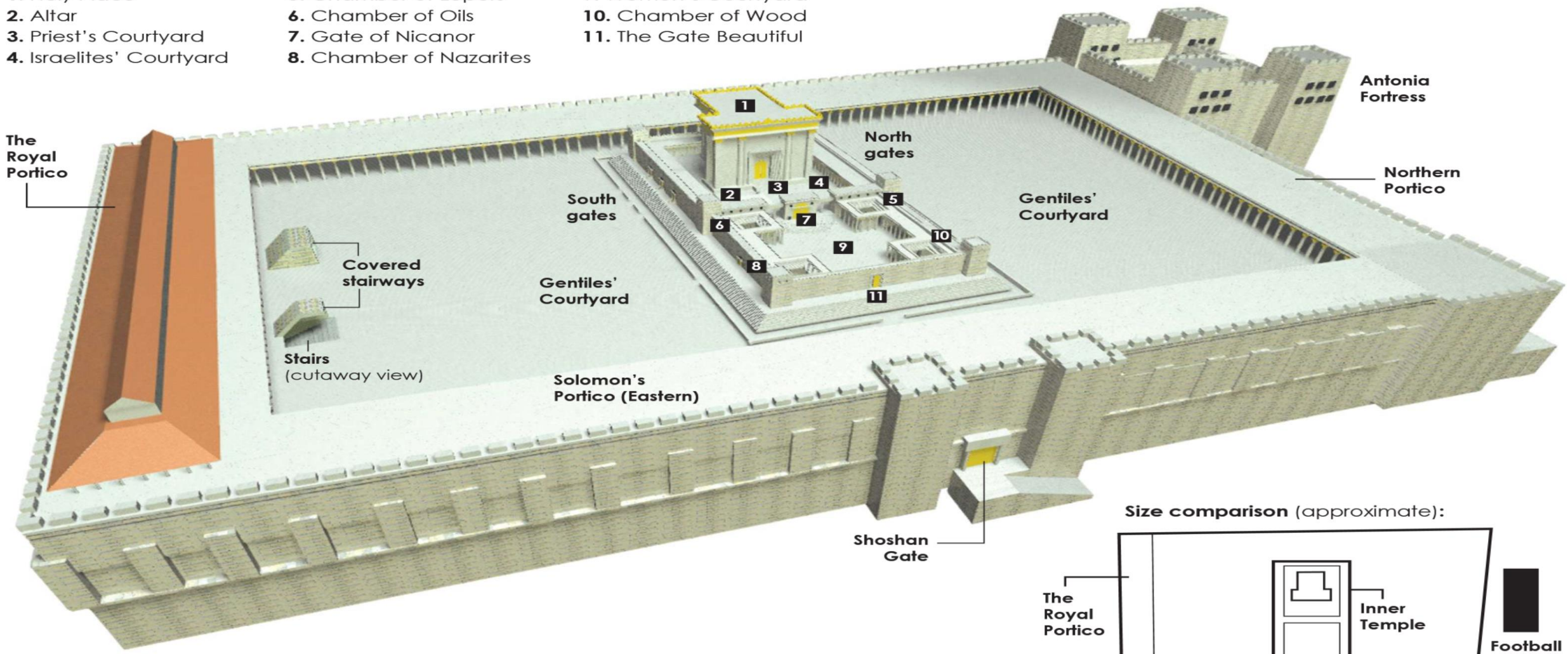
# Herod's "Second" Temple on the Temple Mount

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Second Temple approximately 20-19 BC. The entire temple expansion, including the massive Temple Mount, was not completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

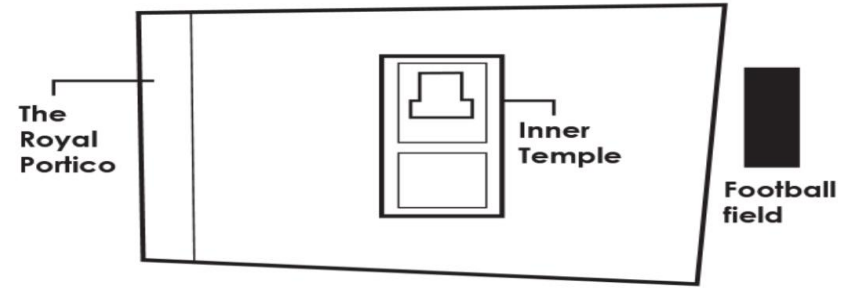
- 1. Holy Place
- 2. Altar
- 3. Priest's Courtyard
- 4. Israelites' Courtyard

- 5. Chamber of Lepers
- 6. Chamber of Oils
- 7. Gate of Nicanor
- 8. Chamber of Nazarites

- 9. Women's Courtyard
- 10. Chamber of Wood
- 11. The Gate Beautiful



Size comparison (approximate):



2. Whereas Acts 2 focused on Jesus Christ being the fulfiller of the Davidic and New Covenants, Acts 3 focuses on Him being the fulfiller of the Abrahamic Covenant.
  - a. Acts 2: Jesus is the Son of the Father/Son team who will fulfill the Davidic Covenant (Acts 2:25-36; 2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chron. 17:11-14). He is the one who in accord with the New Covenant will cleanse them from Israel's national sins and give them the Spirit who brings them into perfect unity and full understanding of the apostles teachings (Acts 2:38-47; Ezek. 36:24-29; Jer. 31:31-34).
  - b. Acts 3: Jesus is the fulfiller of the Abrahamic Covenant, beginning in Jerusalem, which produces the salvation of Israel, who will then take salvation out to the Gentile nations.



### 3. Acts 3 in a nutshell:

a. 3:1-11: Traditionally the lame man is taught to represent the lame and blind, ruined and impotent, rebellious Nation of Israel in her unbelief and apostasy. But the context goes beyond this:

- It does not represent the figurative spiritual blindness, deafness, impotency associated with unbelieving Israel (Is. 6; Mat. 13:14),
- But the literal physical blindness, deafness, impotency of BELIEVING Israel--righteous Israel—who are suffering under the Curses of the Law—poverty, sickness, enemies (Lev. 26)—brought on them by unbelieving Israel.

- This healing refers to Is. 35:6 where those who are healed and leap around praising God are re-gathered BELIEVING Israel, who are brought into the Land and healed for entrance into the Kingdom, reversing the Curses of the Law, giving them its blessings instead. Unbelieving Israel will be destroyed!
- This passage refers to when the believing remnant of Israel is gathered at the Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming when He will usher them into the Land and heal them for entrance into the Millennial Kingdom of Israel: These are people that already been healed spiritually, now they must be healed physically to be His "without blemish" priests in the Kingdom (Lev. 21:18).

Is. 35:6; Acts 3:8; Is. 61:1-2a with Lk. 4:18-19—Jesus’s preaching Gospel of the Kingdom is primarily aimed at BELIEVING Israel, not unbelieving Israel. In fact, Jesus ends His public ministry in Mat.12!

Ps. 109:16-31 (Acts 2:37, 47; 3:7-9), 21-22, 31; Mat. 5:1-12—the broken-hearted, poor, impotent (lame) is BELIEVING Israel, persecuted by unbelieving Israel (which of the prophets have you not persecuted and even put to death (Mat. 23:30-37)) and suffering under the Curses of the Law that the VRS has brought upon the nation.

--The VRS lives fat off the hog.

--It is believing Israel that suffers and held captive.

Ezek. 37:1-14 with Acts 3:7—They needed to be figuratively raised from the dead, suffering under their enemies, and be made into the people God created them to be (Acts 3:19-26).

4. In short, the Lord Jesus Christ came AT THAT TIME primarily not to save unbelieving Israel, but to save believing Israel. Those who believed God and His Word, recognized they were sinners (the true purpose of the Law) and that their only hope was falling on the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name (like Moses at the Golden Calf Incident and David after Bathsheba Incident). Their heart is broken because of the ruin of their nation. They are looking for its Consolation/Salvation, which would begin with Redemption in Jerusalem (Lk. 2).

--The Lord Jesus Christ came AT THAT TIME to call believing Israel out of unbelieving Israel so that He could instruct and prepare them for the coming Tribulation Period, equipping them to endure, waiting and watching for His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming when He will gather them and make them into His own great and holy Nation of Israel, the source of priests to the Gentiles in the Kingdom (Mat. 21:43; Ex. 19:6).

5. Believing Israel (those who already participated in a right standing before God unto eternal life by faith without works) needed to also be saved:
  - a. From their enemies—enemy Gentile nations and apostate unbelieving Israel—unto being the friends of God, dwelling in His presence (Ps. 109; Lk. 4:18-19; Acts 3:19-26).
  - b. From this evil generation—the vain religious system of Israel—unto the Holy Spirit and His righteous generation (Acts 2:41-47).
  - c. From the coming wrath and unto deliverance out of the Tribulation and entrance into the Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace (Acts 2:17-21, 30-35).
  - d. From the curses of the Law and unto its blessings (Acts 3:1-11).