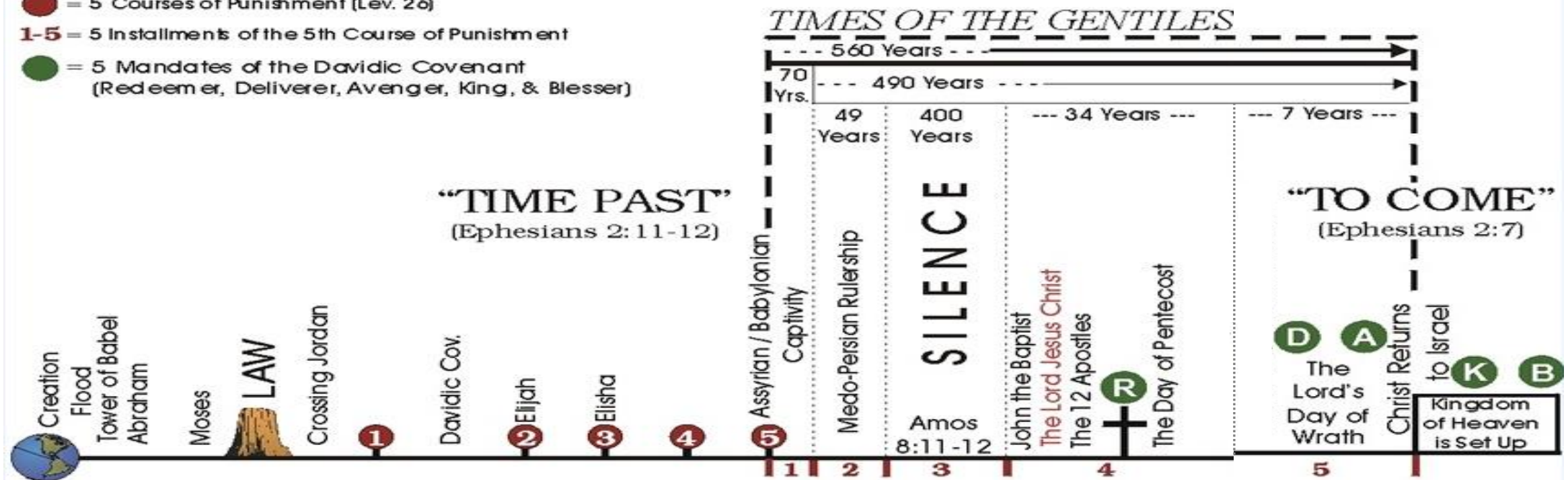


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

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 1 to 10:31	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				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					

What Is Early Acts All About?

Who Did Jesus Christ Come to Save?

Acts 3

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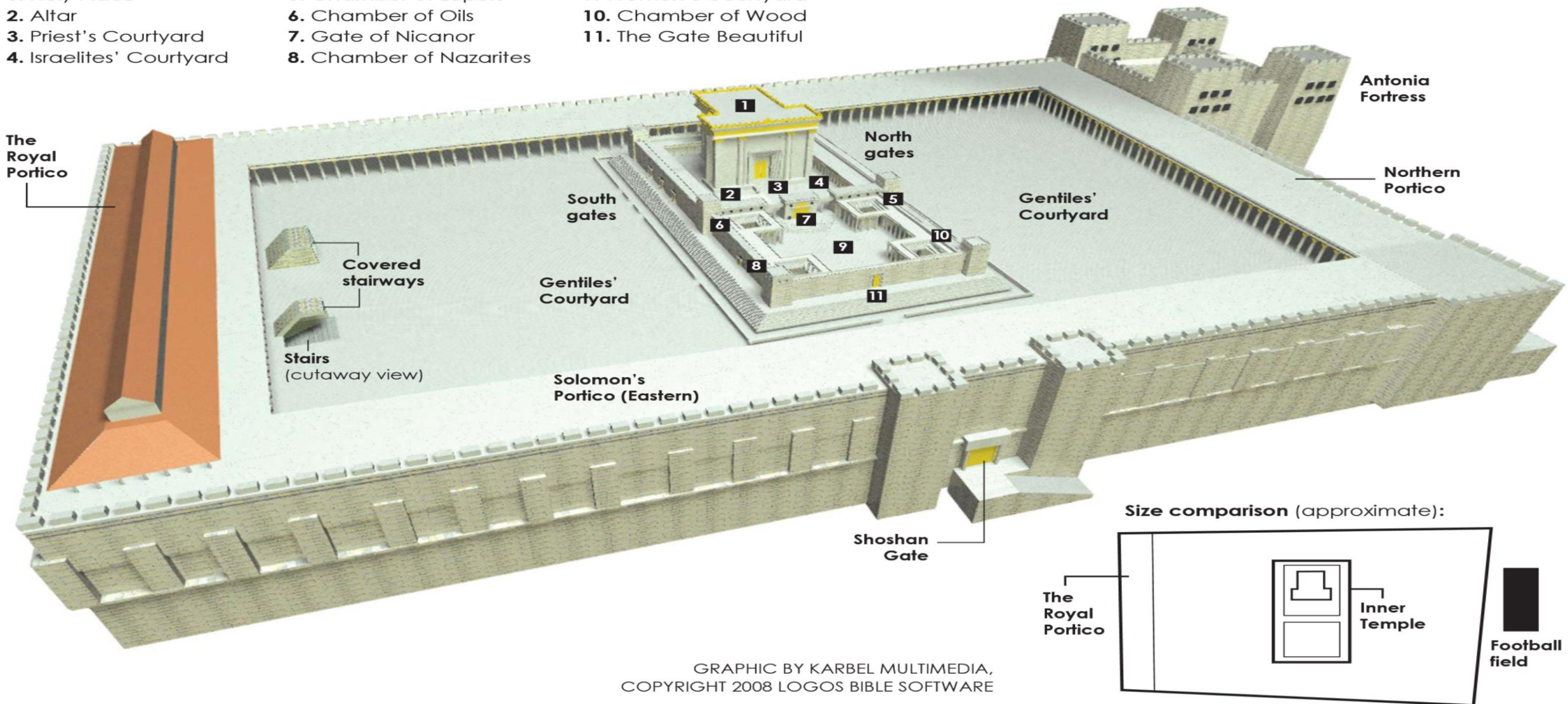
Herod's "Second" Temple on the Temple Mount

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



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1. 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 SELF-INFLICTED spiritual blindness, deafness, impotency associated with unbelieving Israel (Is. 6; Mat. 13:14),

--But the literal sufferings--physical blindness, deafness, impotency of BELIEVING Israel--righteous Israel—who are suffering under the Curses of the Law—poverty, sickness, enemies (Deut. 28)—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 2nd Coming when He will usher them into the Land and heal them for entrance into the Millennial Kingdom of Israel: These are people who will be healed spiritually via New Cov., and healed physically to be His "without blemish" priests in the Kingdom via the Blessings of the Law (Lev. 21:18).

--Blessings to believing remnant: Micah 4:6-8; Zeph. 3:17-20:

--Curses to unbelieving Israel: Malachi 2:2-4.

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 suffered and held captive.

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

2. 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 (Ex. 33-34) and David after Bathsheba Incident (Ps. 51)). 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 2nd 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).
- God will save the Nation of Israel by destroying unbelieving Israel (and unbelieving Gentile enemies) and delivering believing Israel.

3. 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. 1:71-74; 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).

4. Other reasons for the Lame Man representing believing Israel.
 - Luke places great emphasis on the fact that Peter was preaching DAILY in the Temple (Acts 2:46), and that the lame man was placed DAILY at the Gate of the Temple (Acts 3:2). Their paths intersected and no doubt he had heard Peter's preaching.

 - In fact, in Peter's summary statement, the faith of Peter and the faith of the lame man that comes from Peter's preaching about Jesus Christ and gives access to the grace resident in His I AM Jehovah Name is so inseparable it cannot be distinguished (Acts 3:16).

--The lame man being outside the Temple not because he rejects God and is apart from Him, but because the VRS forbids him entry. While the Law did exclude them from being priests, it did not exclude them from entrance into the Temple (Lev. 21:18);

VRS used what David said in 2 Sam. 5:6-8 to keep the lame and blind out of Temple but David was referring to the lame and blind Jebusites.

In addition, God is not in that Temple, His presence left some 400+ years before (Ezek. 10:3-4, 18-19, 11:22-23; Hag. 2:3-9) and hasn't returned (except briefly in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ who cleansed the Temple, opening it to the lame and blind (Mat. 21:14-15)!

The presence of the Lord won't return until Ezekiel's Temple in the Kingdom.

--The man had been lame for 40 years like Israel in the wilderness. This is a picture of believing Joshua and Caleb who waited 40 years to enter the blessings of the Promised Land, leaving behind the bulk of the Nation of Israel (even Moses) for unfaithfulness.

So too, this man had been waiting 40 years to attain blessings of the Kingdom (Acts 4:22)—He receives it in foretaste manner representing as a the Believing Remnant, he will likewise leave behind the bulk of the nation in unbelief.

--Finally, this man positively responds in the same way as the believers at the end of Acts 2: Praising God (Acts 2:44-47; 3:8). Based on Jn. 5:37-47 and 14:1 principle:

He was one who already believed in God (had already participated in individual salvation and forgiveness of personal sins—for justification before God and His Tribunal), who received and believed also in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, when Peter introduced him to Him (making him a participant in Israel's national salvation and separation from Israel's national sins—for justification before Christ at His 2nd Coming for reception of Kingdom blessings like healing).