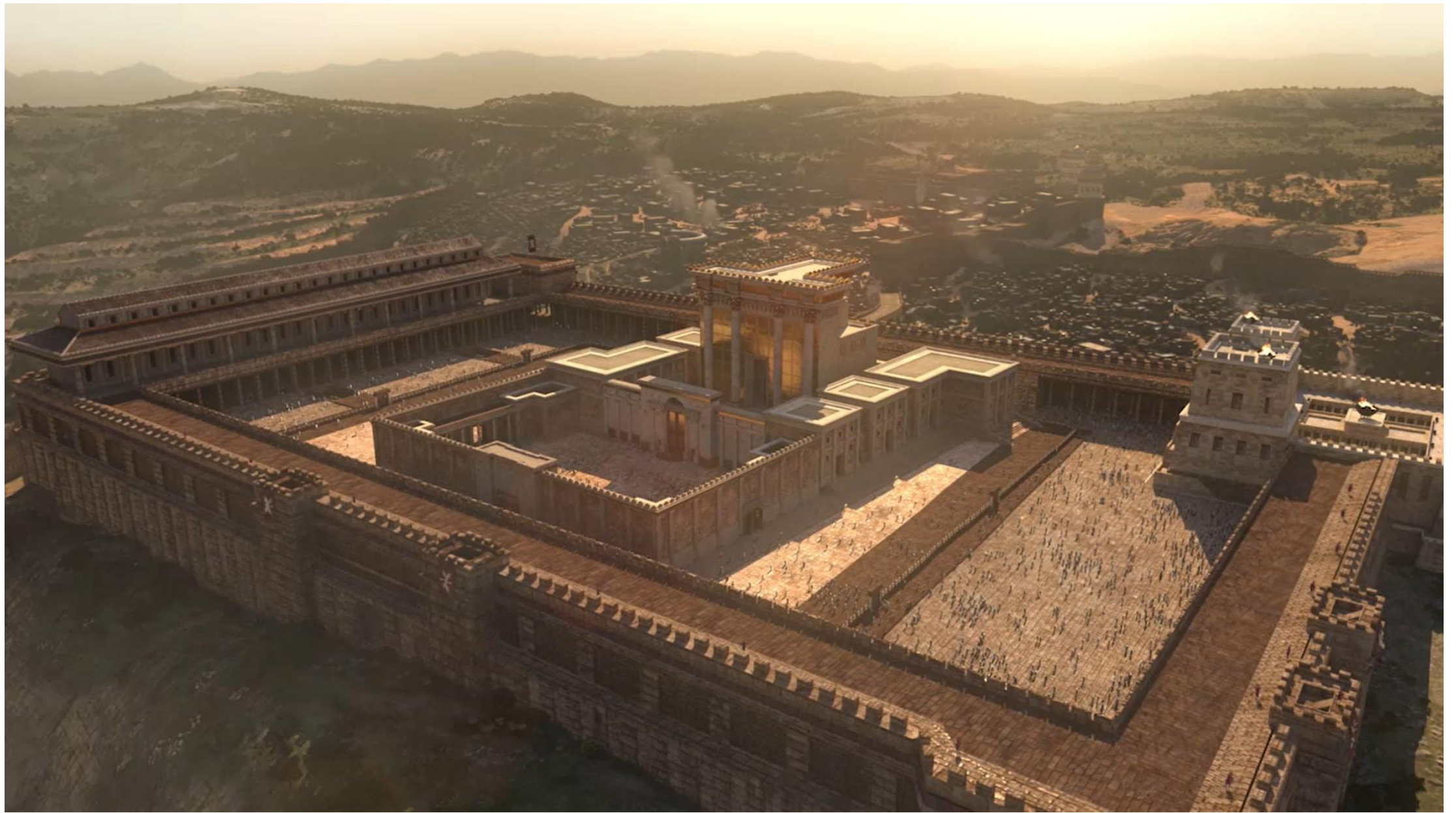


Luke 1:5-25

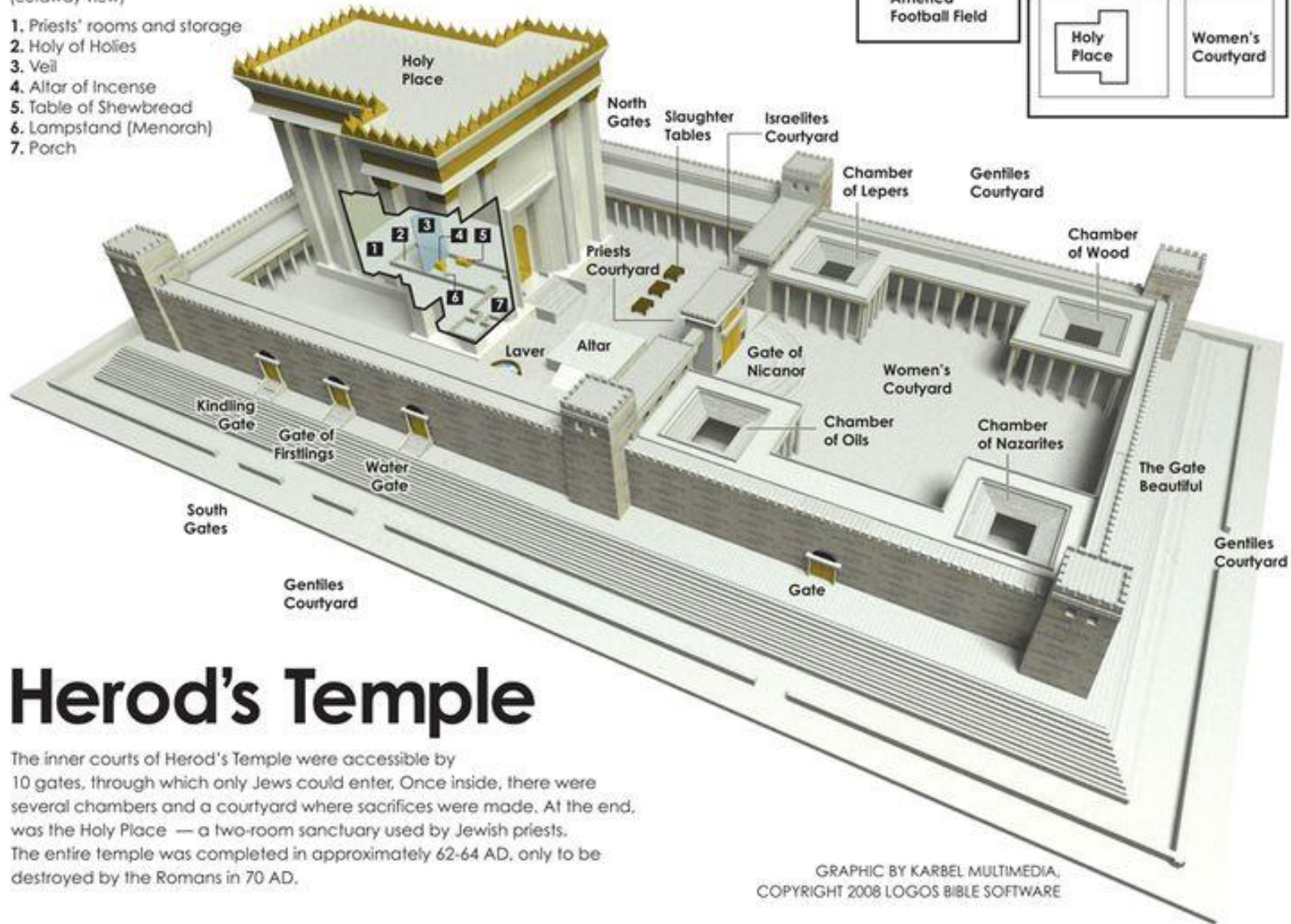




INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE (cutaway view)

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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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The Golden Censer

Leviticus 16:12,13

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:



Gabriel “mighty one of God”

- Angels are not created in the image of God – they cannot be redeemed
- The angels that did not follow Satan are called “elect” (1 Timothy 5:21)
- There’s no reason to believe more angels would sin, any more than we could lose our salvation
- 1 of only 2 holy angels named in the Bible (Michael)
- Gabriel appears to be a special and important messenger God who has permanent access to God’s presence
- He reveals and interprets God’s revelation, particularly concerning the Messiah and Israel
- Daniel 8:16
- Daniel 9:20-23
- Luke 1:19
- Luke 1:26-33

What was Zechariah's prayer?

- 1.) Praying for a child
- 2.) Praying for the nation
- 3.) Both?

Thoughts of Zechariah – excited and scared at the same time

- Exodus 28:1
- Exodus 30:7-9
- Leviticus 9:22-10:3

Why did Gabriel choose to make Zechariah mute?

Isaiah 6:1-7

Luke 6:43-45 - “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, **for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**

- How people speak, most clearly reveals what’s in their heart.

Matthew 15:18 - But what comes out of the **mouth** proceeds from the **heart**, and this defiles a person.

How did Zechariah respond

Luke 1:57-80