



**Admit His  
Glory  
Left**

***Ezekiel 4-24***

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**My friend John...**

# Matthew 18:15-17

If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, **just between the two** of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

<sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, **take one or two others** along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

<sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, **tell it to the church**; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a **pagan or a tax collector**.

**How to  
Restore  
15-17**



**Have you ever seen God  
discipline an errant believer?**



**How should we  
respond when  
God disciplines  
his own people?**



# The Exile



—Ezekiel—

"The Involuntary Expat"





# **Wheels of God's Glory** **—Ezekiel 1—**



# How can you share his glory?





# *Questions*

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1. Did God's covenant with His people guarantee that they would be blessed?
2. Was the LORD "bound" to the temple? Is He bound to protect the church building today?
3. Does God guarantee to be present with His church today despite what we've done?
4. Does the LORD delight in death and judgment?
5. Why must there be judgment?



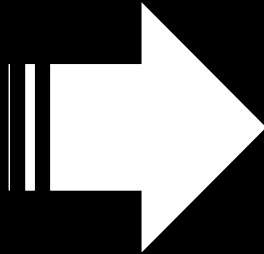
A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or expectation, set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The person is positioned in the lower-left foreground, with their arms reaching towards the upper right. The background shows a horizon line over a body of water or a distant landscape.

# Be Expectant

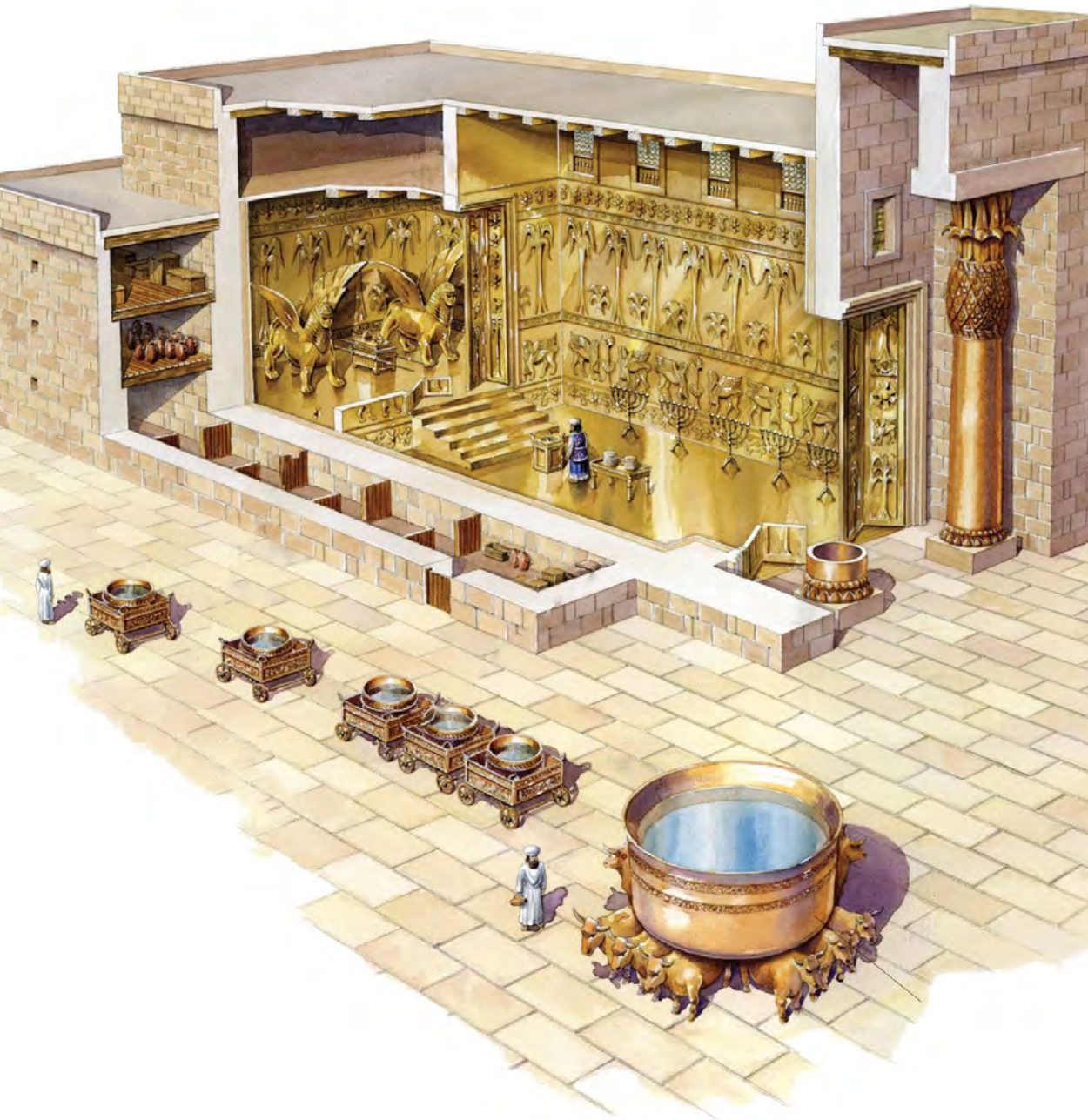
*Ezekiel*

**How should we  
respond when  
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his own people?**

**Israel**



**Us**



**Israel  
needed to  
admit that  
the Spirit  
left the  
temple  
before God  
destroyed it  
(Ezek 4–24).**



# Chart of Ezekiel

## Sovereign Departing and Return of Glory

<b>Glory Departs 1–24</b>		<b>Nations Judged (No Glory) 25–32</b>			<b>Glory Returns 33–48</b>	
<b>Exile</b>		<b>Sovereignty Vindicated</b>			<b>Restoration</b>	
<b>Judgment of Judah</b>		<b>Judgment of Nations</b>			<b>Blessing of Israel</b>	
<b>Judah's Fall</b>		<b>Judah's Foes</b>			<b>Judah's Future</b>	
<b>Before the Siege</b>		<b>During the Siege</b>			<b>After the Siege</b>	
<b>Call in glory 1–3</b>	<b>Pre-exile Hopeless- ness 4–24</b>	<b>Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia 25</b>	<b>Tyre and Sidon 26–28</b>	<b>Egypt 29–32</b>	<b>New Life 33–39</b>	<b>New Order 40–48</b>

**Babylon (592-570 BC)**

**Israel needed to admit  
that the Spirit left the  
temple for its rebellion  
(Ezekiel 4–11).**



# Ezekiel 4

# The Siege Signified (Ezekiel 4)



**"And now, son of man, take a large clay brick and set it down in front of you. Then draw a map of the city of Jerusalem on it" (Ezek. 4:1).**







**"Show the city under siege. Build a wall around it so no one can escape. Set up the enemy camp, and surround the city with siege ramps and battering rams."**



**"<sup>3</sup> Then take an iron griddle and place it between you and the city. Turn toward the city and demonstrate how harsh the siege will be against Jerusalem. This will be a warning to the people of Israel" (Ezek. 4:2-3).**

# **Ezekiel spent more than a year lying on his side to illustrate God's discipline of Israel**

## **Ezekiel 4:5-6**

### **Left Side**

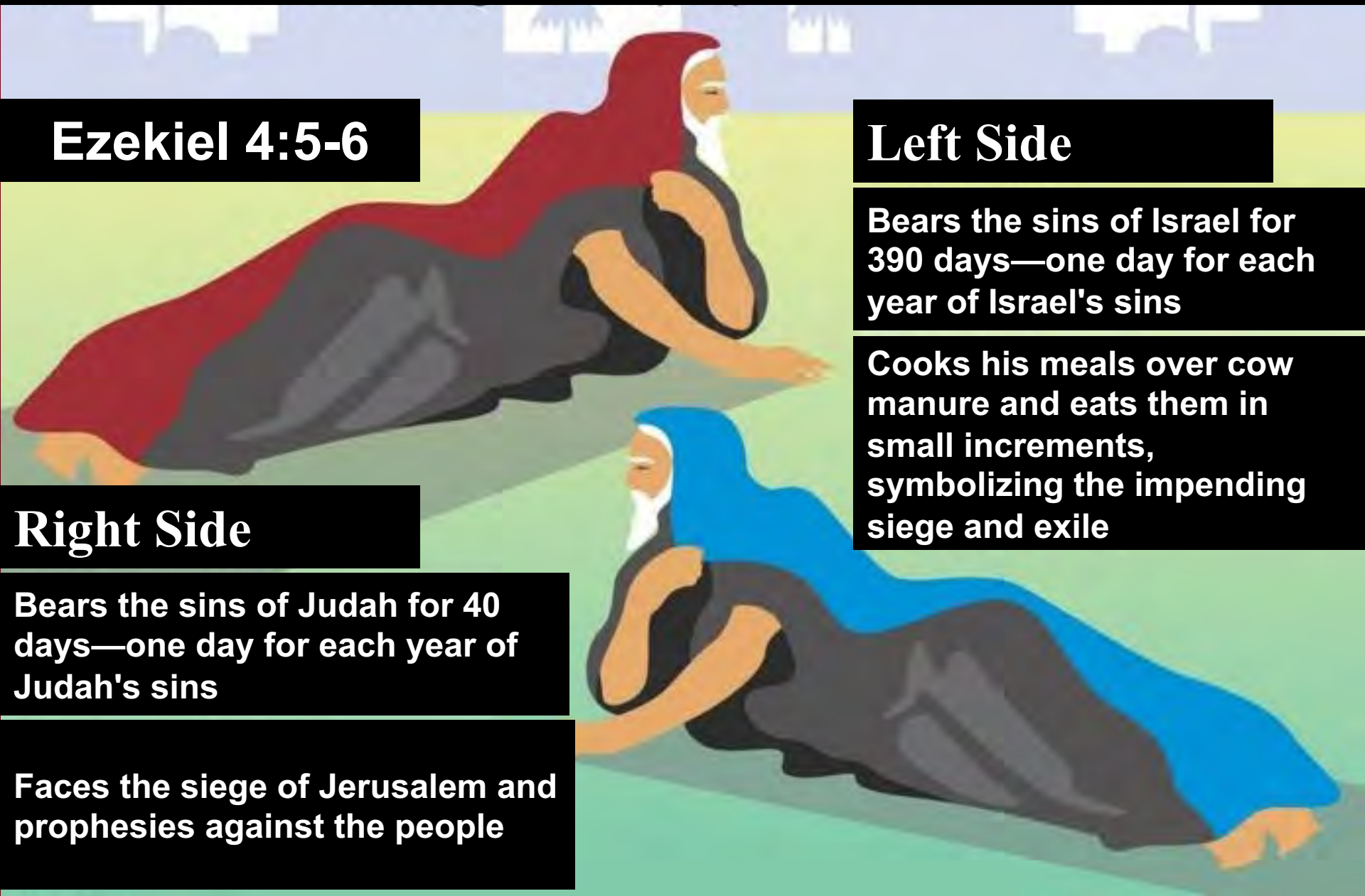
**Bears the sins of Israel for 390 days—one day for each year of Israel's sins**

**Cooks his meals over cow manure and eats them in small increments, symbolizing the impending siege and exile**

### **Right Side**

**Bears the sins of Judah for 40 days—one day for each year of Judah's sins**

**Faces the siege of Jerusalem and prophesies against the people**





# Ezekiel 5

**"Son of man, take a sharp sword and use it as a razor to shave your head and beard. Use a scale to weigh the hair into three equal parts."**

**"<sup>2</sup> Place a third of it at the center of your map of Jerusalem. After acting out the siege, burn it there."**



**"Scatter another third across your map and chop it with a sword."**

**"Scatter the last third to the wind, for I will scatter my people with the sword" (Ezekiel 5:1-2 NLT).**

**"<sup>3</sup>Keep just a bit of the hair  
and tie it up in your robe.  
<sup>4</sup>Then take some of these  
hairs out and throw them into  
the fire, burning them up. A  
fire will then spread from this  
remnant and destroy all of  
Israel"  
(Ezekiel 5:3-4 NLT).**



# Israel's Strategic Location

**Thought Question:**

How has God placed *you* in a strategic place for His purposes?

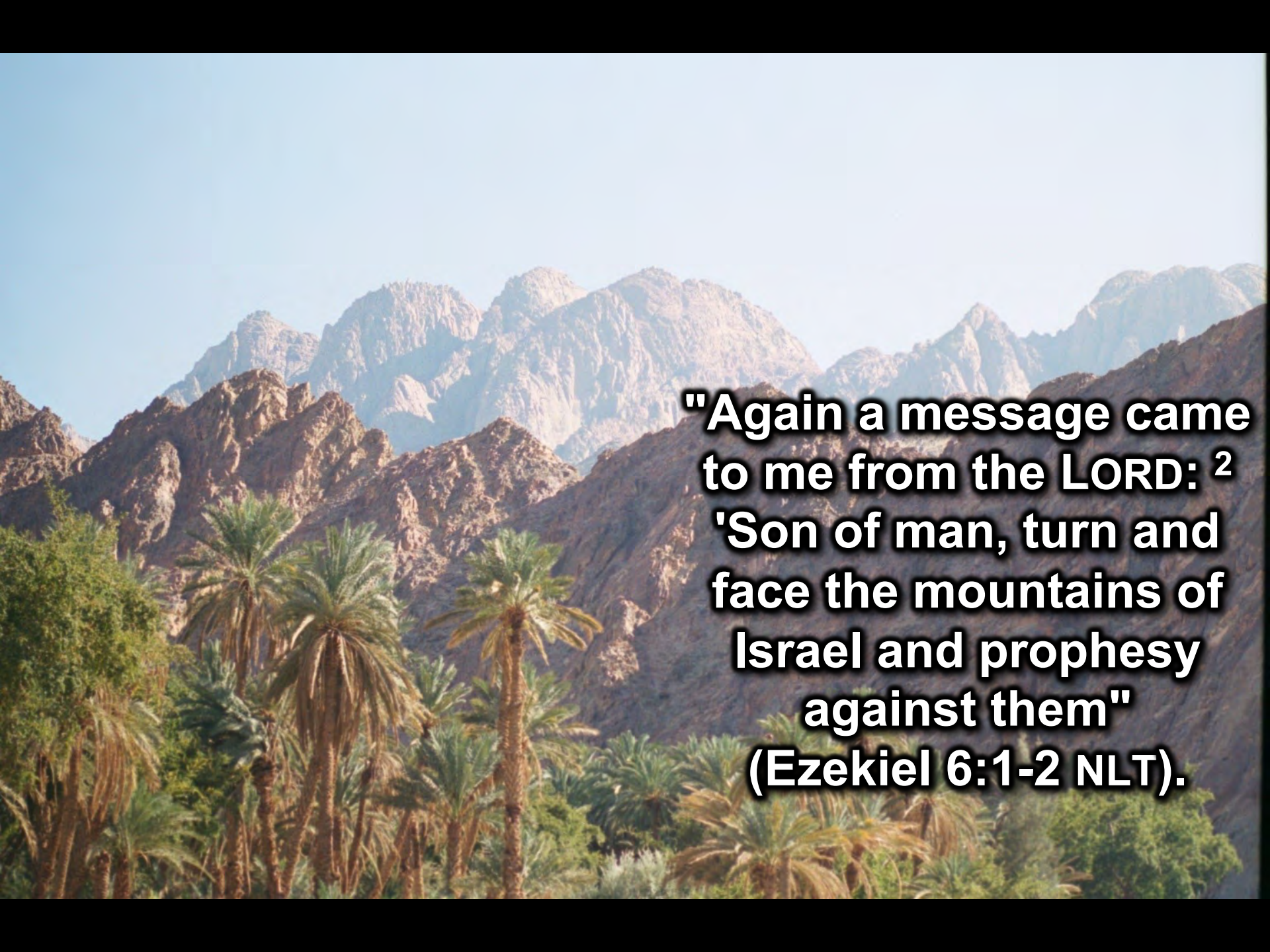


"Thus says the LORD God: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries round about her"

*Ezekiel 5:5*

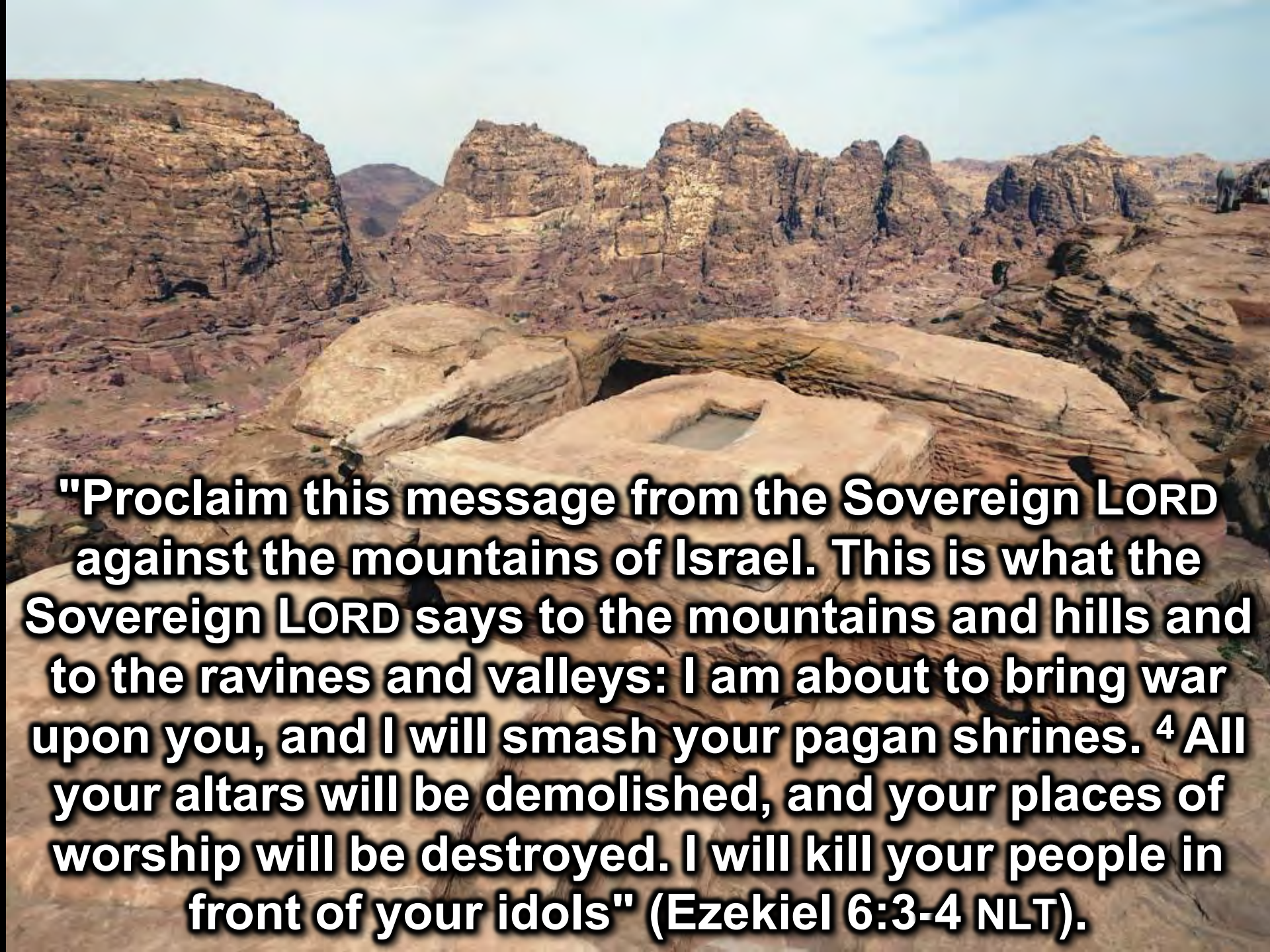
# Ezekiel 6





**"Again a message came  
to me from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>  
'Son of man, turn and  
face the mountains of  
Israel and prophesy  
against them"  
(Ezekiel 6:1-2 NLT).**





**"Proclaim this message from the Sovereign LORD against the mountains of Israel. This is what the Sovereign LORD says to the mountains and hills and to the ravines and valleys: I am about to bring war upon you, and I will smash your pagan shrines. <sup>4</sup> All your altars will be demolished, and your places of worship will be destroyed. I will kill your people in front of your idols" (Ezekiel 6:3-4 NLT).**

# Ezekiel 7



**"Then this message came to me from the LORD:  
2 'Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says  
to Israel:**

**"The end is here!  
Wherever you look—  
east, west, north, or south—  
your land is finished.**

**3 No hope remains,  
for I will unleash my anger against you.  
I will call you to account  
for all your detestable sins.**

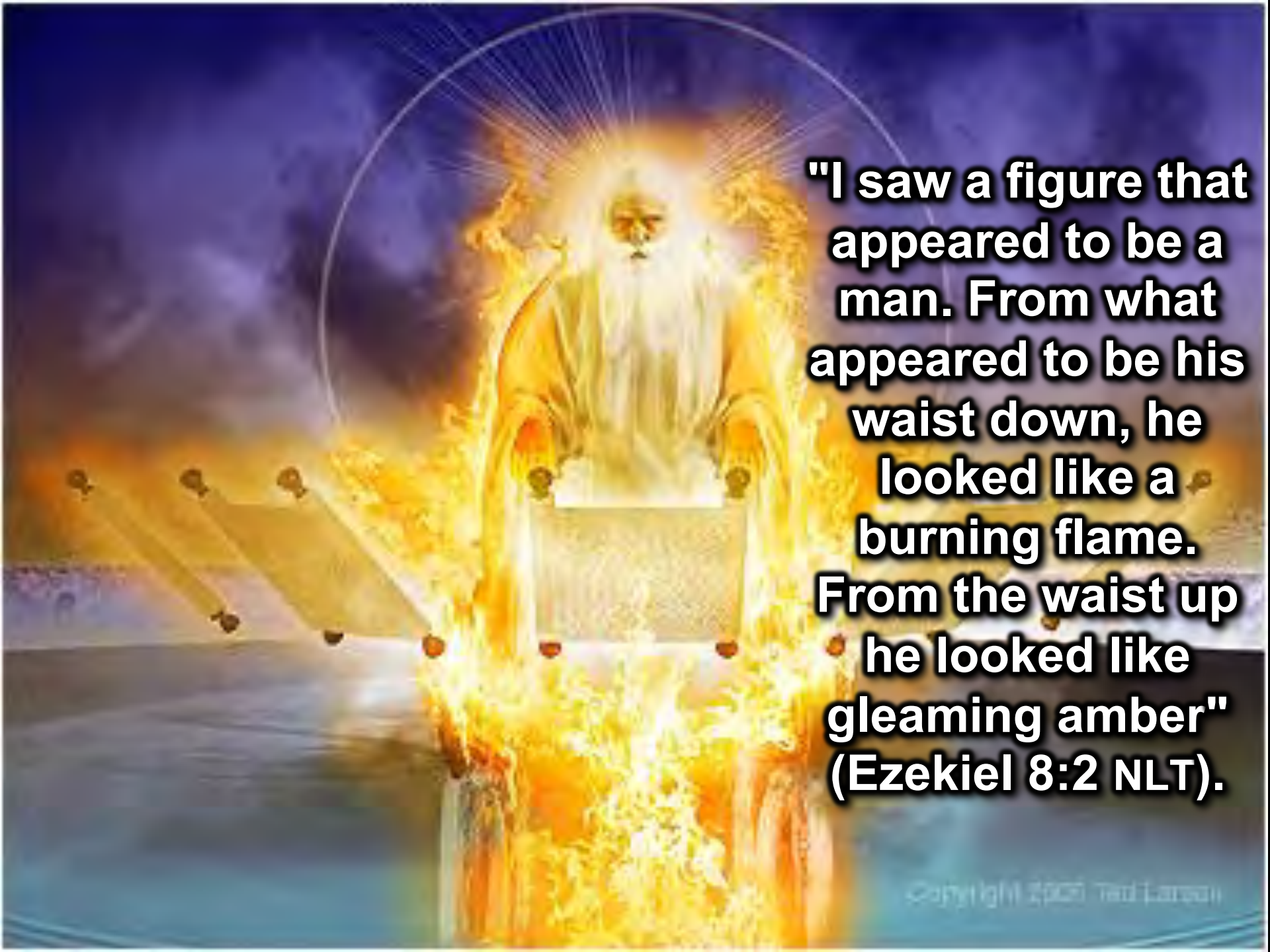
**4 I will turn my eyes away and show no pity.  
I will repay you for all your detestable sins.  
Then you will know that I am the LORD""  
(Ezekiel 7:1-4 NLT).**

# Ezekiel 8



**"Then on September 17, during the sixth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity [592 BC], while the leaders of Judah were in my home, the Sovereign LORD took hold of me" (Ezekiel 8:1 NLT).**



A glowing, seated figure with a halo, surrounded by flames, set against a dark, stormy sky. The figure is seated on a pedestal, and the flames are intense and bright, surrounding the lower half of the figure. The background is a dark, cloudy sky with a large, faint circular halo around the figure's head.

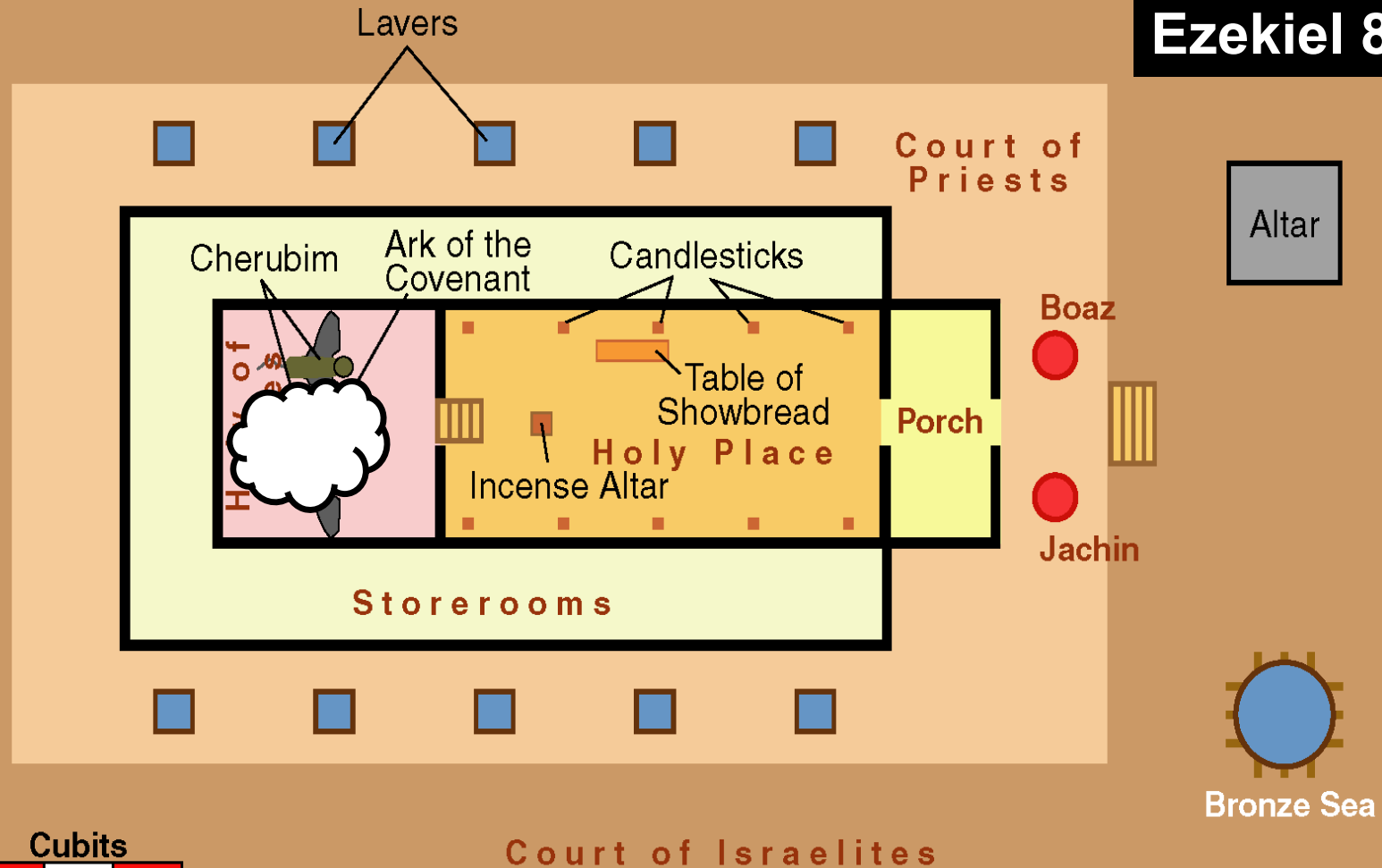
**"I saw a figure that appeared to be a man. From what appeared to be his waist down, he looked like a burning flame. From the waist up he looked like gleaming amber" (Ezekiel 8:2 NLT).**

**"He reached out what seemed to be a hand and took me by the hair. Then the Spirit lifted me up into the sky and transported me to Jerusalem in a vision from God. I was taken to the north gate of the inner courtyard of the Temple, where there is a large idol that has made the LORD very jealous. <sup>4</sup> Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel was there, just as I had seen it before in the valley"  
(Ezekiel 8:3-4 NLT).**



# Solomon's Temple

**Ezekiel 8:3-4**







# Temple Idolatry (Ezekiel 8):

**1. Detestable  
images (9-13)**

**2. Weeping for  
Tammuz (14-  
15)**

**3. Worshipping  
the Sun (16-18)**

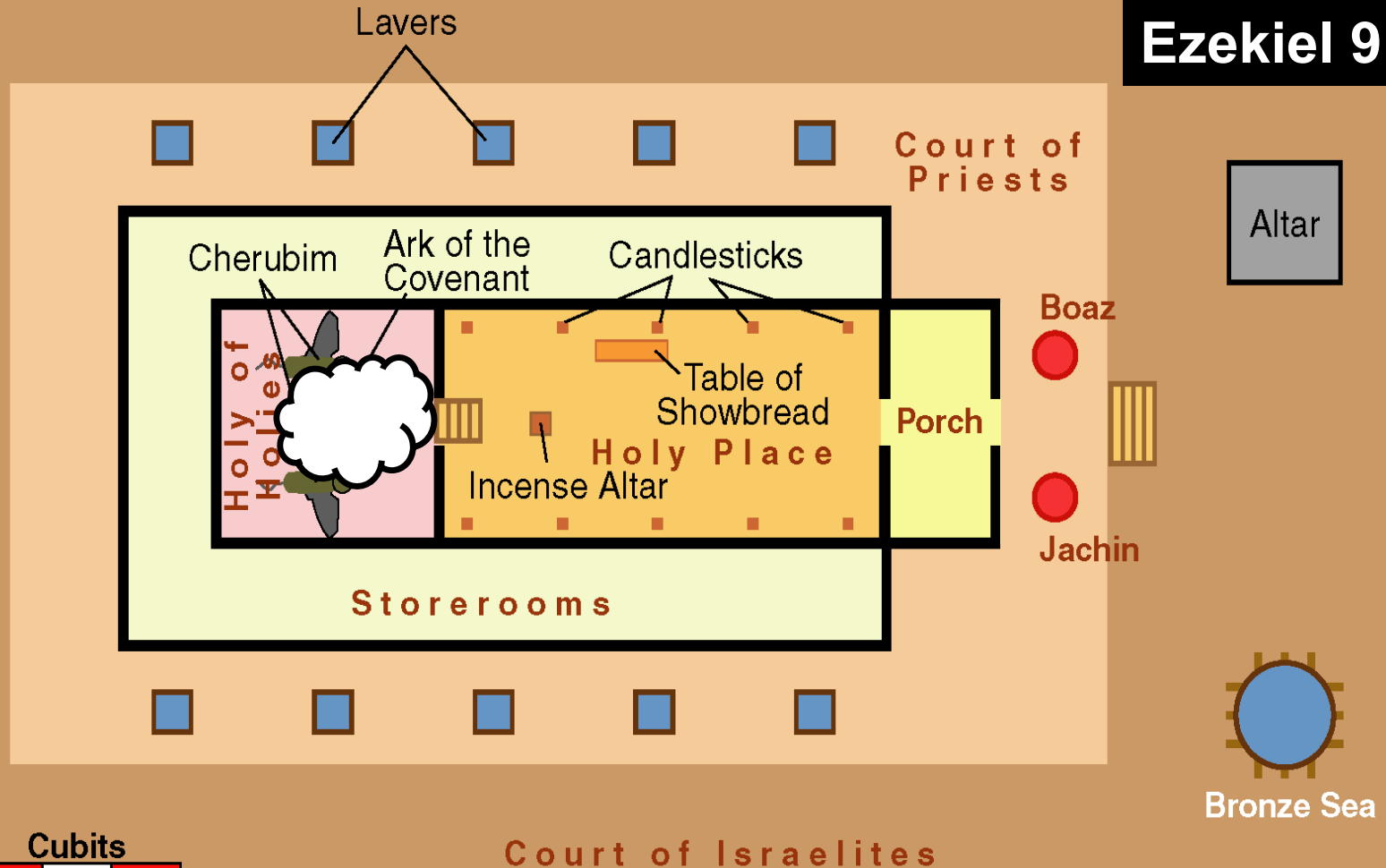


# Ezekiel 9



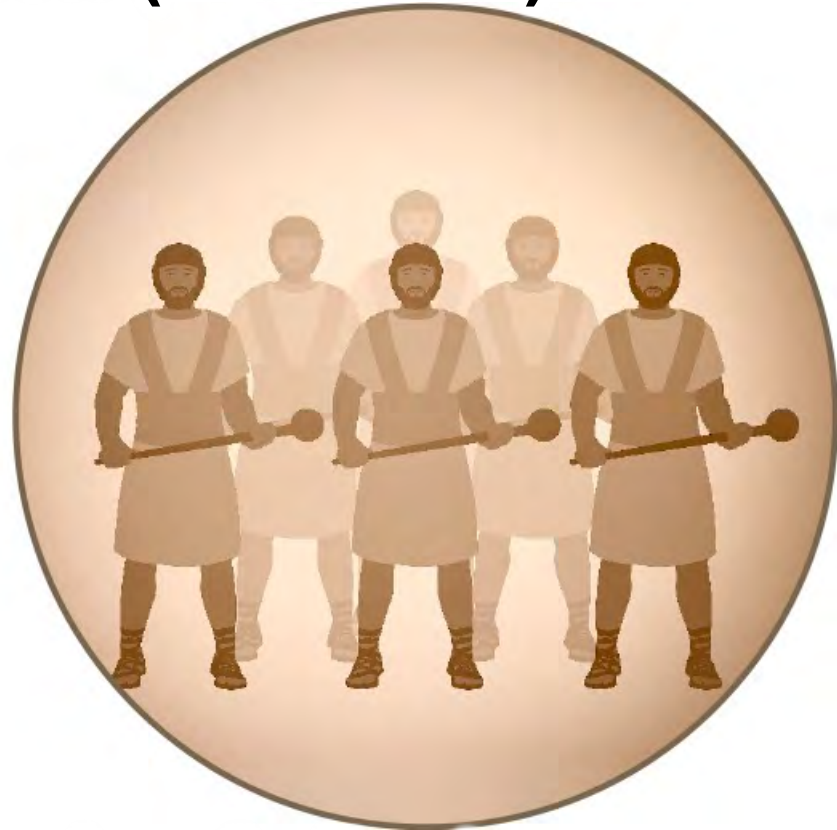
# Solomon's Temple

**Ezekiel 9:3**



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**The execution of the godless in Jerusalem while sparing the righteous showed that God will end open rebellion (Ezekiel 9).**



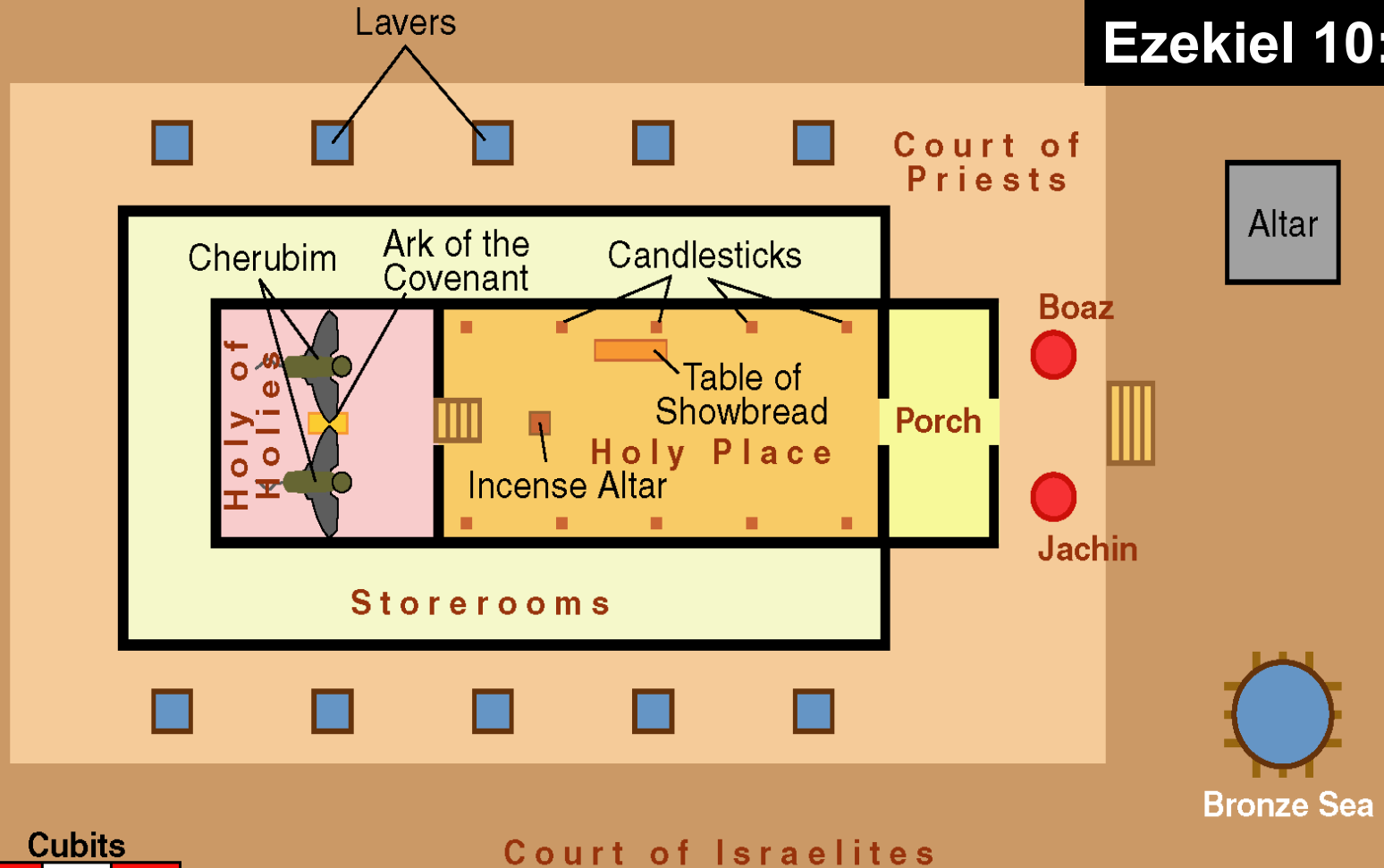
**"Put a mark on the foreheads of all who weep and sigh because of the detestable sins being committed in their city" (9:5).**

# Ezekiel 10



# Solomon's Temple

**Ezekiel 10:3**



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**"Then the glory of the LORD rose up from above the cherubim and went over to the door of the Temple. The Temple was filled with this cloud of glory, and the courtyard glowed brightly with the glory of the LORD."**



**Ezekiel 10:4 NLT**

# Creatures with Four Faces (Ezek. 10:12 NLT)

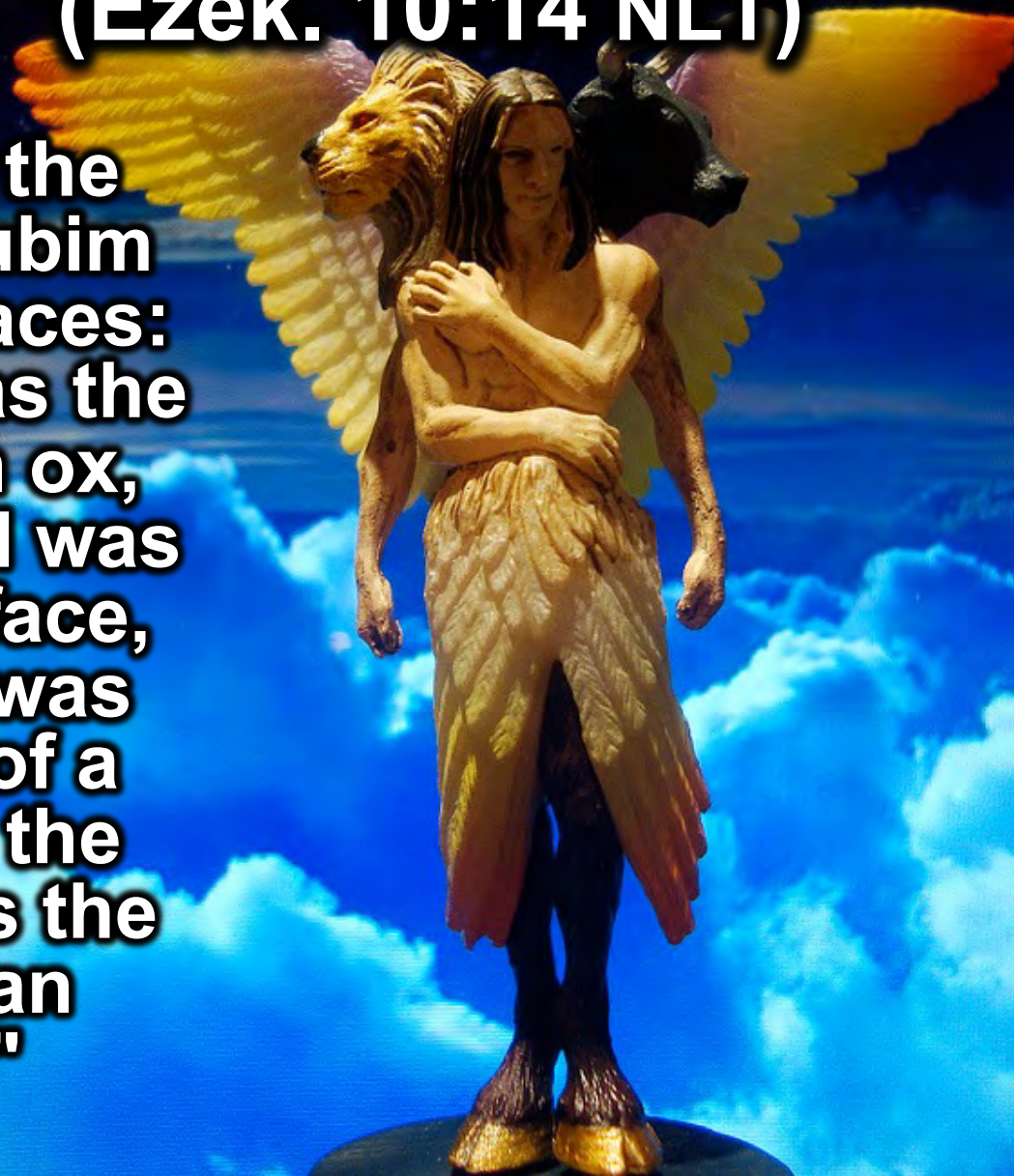
"Both the cherubim and the wheels were covered with eyes. The cherubim had eyes all over their bodies, including their hands, their backs, and their wings."





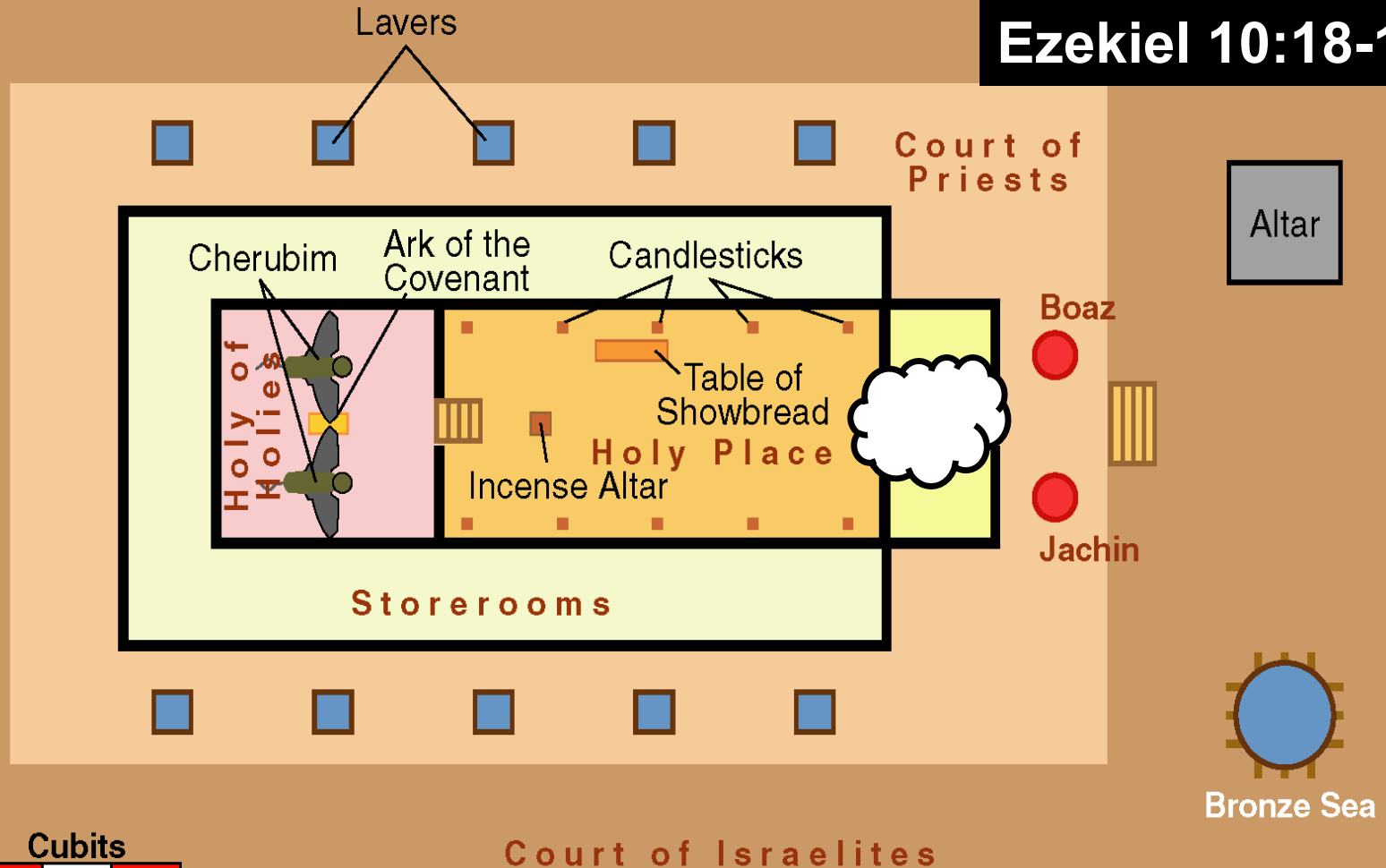
# **Creatures with Four Faces (Ezek. 10:14 NLT)**

**"Each of the four cherubim had four faces: the first was the face of an ox, the second was a human face, the third was the face of a lion, and the fourth was the face of an eagle."**



# Solomon's Temple

**Ezekiel 10:18-19**



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# Ezekiel 11



# The Glory Left

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## 4. Clearing of the temple MONDAY

Mt 21:10—17  
Mk 11:15—18  
Lk 19:45—48

The next day he returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

## 5. Day of controversy and parables

TUESDAY Mt 21:23—24:51;  
Mk 11:27—13:37; Lk 20:1—21:36

IN JERUSALEM

Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

# Ezekiel 11:23

He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

## 7. Passover Last Supper THURSDAY

Mt 26:17—30; Mk 14:12—26;  
Lk 22:7—23; Jn 13:1—30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

## 8. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1—66; Mk 15:1—47; Lk 22:66—23:56; Jn 18:28—19:37

Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to "The Place of the Skull," where he was crucified.

## 3. The Triumphal Entry

SUNDAY

Mt 21:1—11; Mk 11:1—11;  
Lk 19:28—44; Jn 12:12—19

On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy.





# Mt. of Olives



Ezek. 8:4; 9:3; 10:4; 10:18-19; 11:23

Luke 19:37; 24:50; Acts 1:10

Acts 1:11; Zech. 14:4; Ezek. 43:1-5



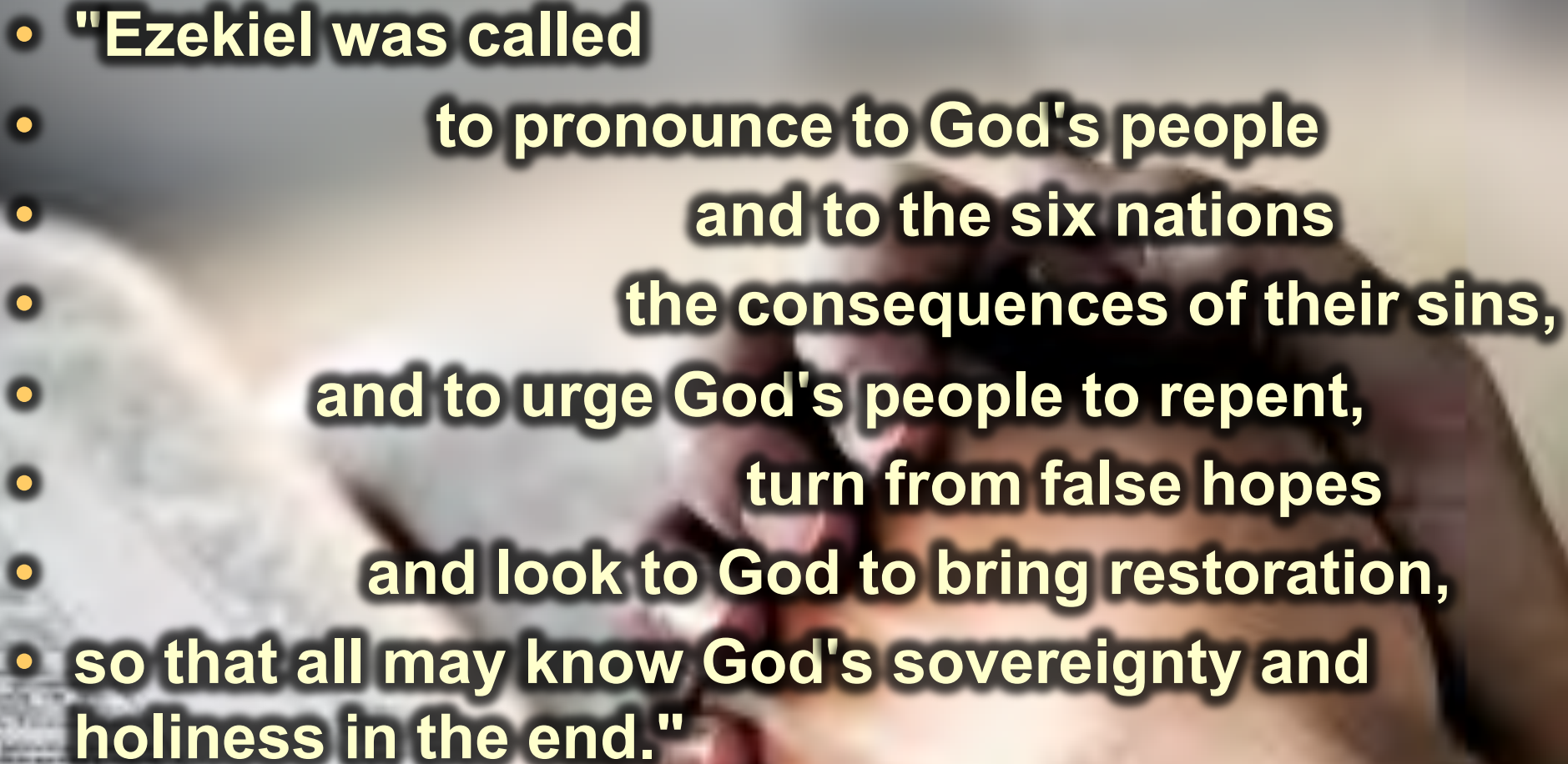
## The Spirit Leaves & Returns

**Jerusalem's fate was  
sealed so optimism  
was futile  
(Ezekiel 12–19).**



# Ezekiel 12

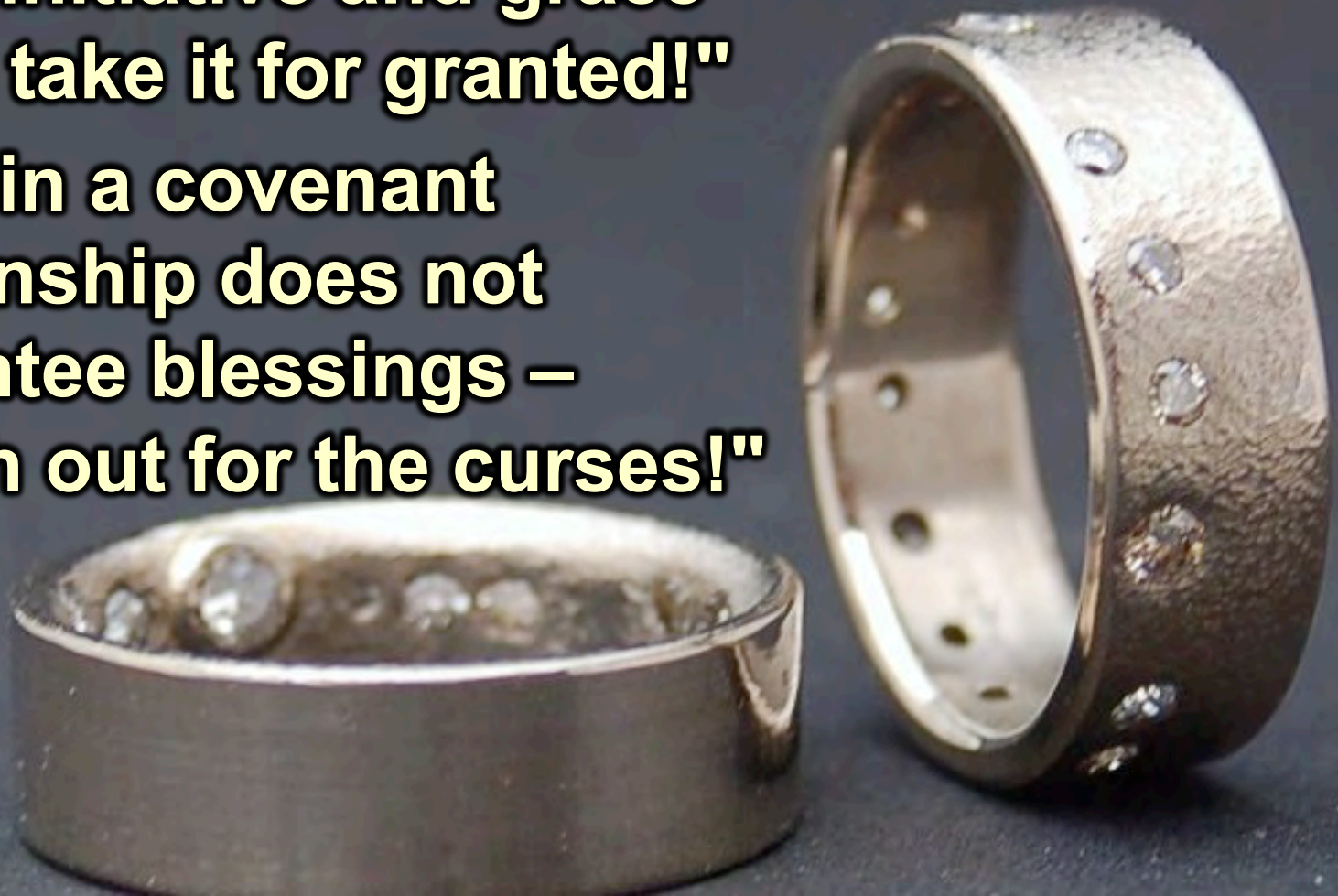
# ***Summary Statement of Ezekiel 1–32***

- **"Ezekiel was called**
  - **to pronounce to God's people**
  - **and to the six nations**
  - **the consequences of their sins,**
  - **and to urge God's people to repent,**
  - **turn from false hopes**
  - **and look to God to bring restoration,**
  - **so that all may know God's sovereignty and holiness in the end."**
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# ***Theological Themes in Ezekiel***

**God's covenant relationship with His people**

- 1. God's initiative and grace –  
"Don't take it for granted!"**
- 2. Being in a covenant  
relationship does not  
guarantee blessings –  
"Watch out for the curses!"**





# Ezekiel 13

**"Then this message came to me from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> 'Son of man, prophesy against the false prophets of Israel who are inventing their own prophecies. Say to them...'**

**"Listen to the word of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says: What sorrow awaits the false prophets who are following their own imaginations and have seen nothing at all!"**



**Ezekiel 13:1-3 NLT**

# Ezekiel 14



How can you **be faithful**  
to God in a world of idols?

IDOLS  
of the  
HEART

Ezekiel 14:3-6

# Ezekiel 15



**"Then this message came to me from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> 'Son of man, how does a grapevine compare to a tree? Is a vine's wood as useful as the wood of a tree? <sup>3</sup> Can its wood be used for making things, like pegs to hang up pots and pans? <sup>4</sup> No, it can only be used for fuel, and even as fuel, it burns too quickly. <sup>5</sup> Vines are useless both before and after being put into the fire!" (Ezekiel 15:1-5 NLT).**



# Ezekiel 16

# Jerusalem—an Unfaithful Wife (Ezekiel 16)



**"But you thought your fame and beauty were your own. So you gave yourself as a prostitute to every man who came along. Your beauty was theirs for the asking" (16:15 NLT).**

# Ezekiel 17



# The Eagles and Vine Parable (Ezekiel 17)





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# Ezekiel 18

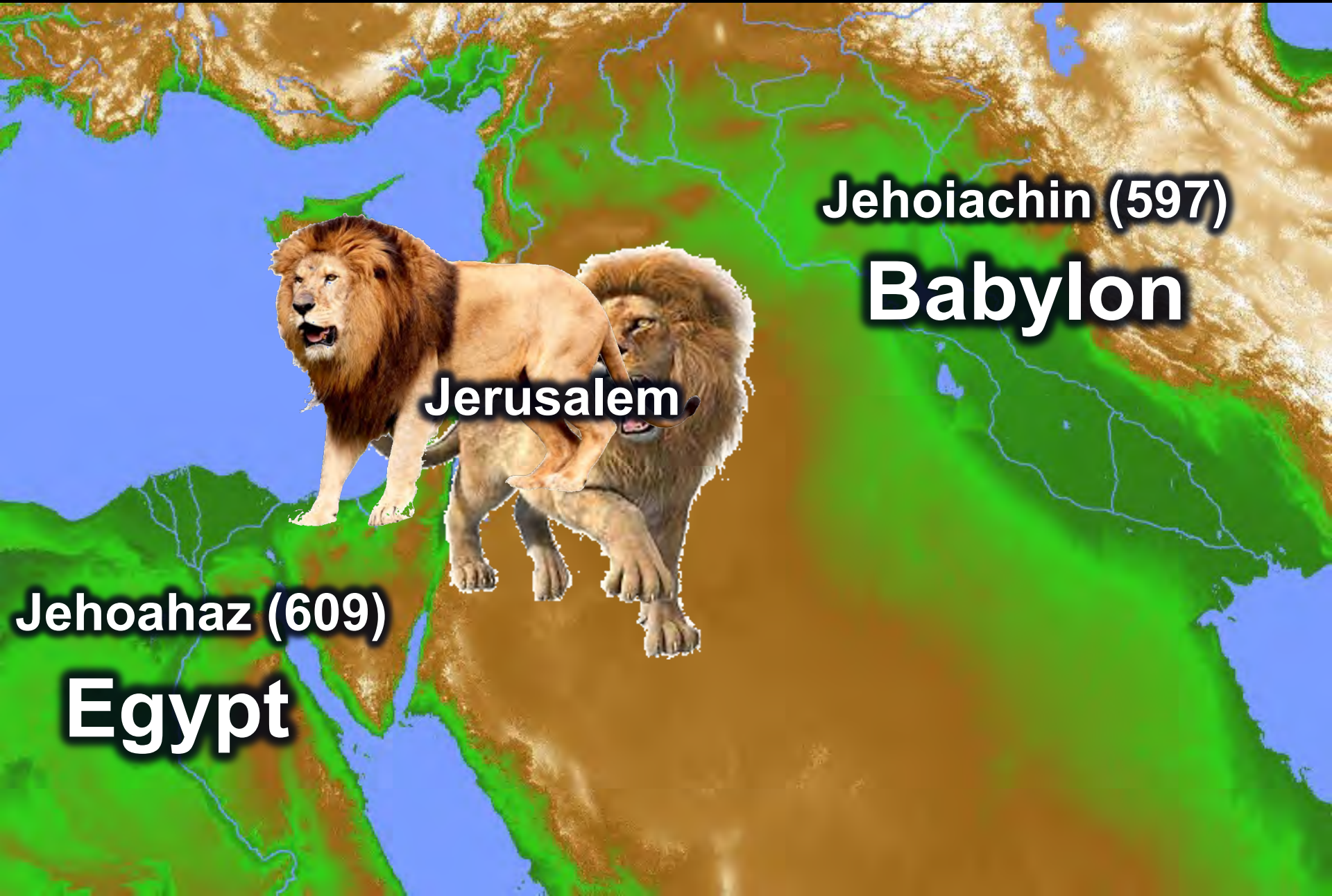




**"The person who sins is the one who will die. The child will not be punished for the parent's sins, and the parent will not be punished for the child's sins. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness" (Ezekiel 18:20 NLT).**

# Ezekiel 19

# A Funeral Song for Israel's Kings (Ezekiel 19)



**Jehoiachin (597)**

**Babylon**

**Jerusalem**

**Jehoahaz (609)**

**Egypt**



**Nebuchadnezzar laid  
siege because  
Jerusalem deserved  
judgment  
(Ezekiel 20–24).**

# Ezekiel 20

## Judgment of Nation of Israel

**"You say, 'We want to be like the nations all around us, who serve idols of wood and stone.' But what you have in mind will never happen... <sup>34</sup>And in anger I will reach out with my strong hand and powerful arm, and I will bring you back from the lands where you are scattered" (Ezekiel 20:32, 34).**



## Judgment of Nation of Israel

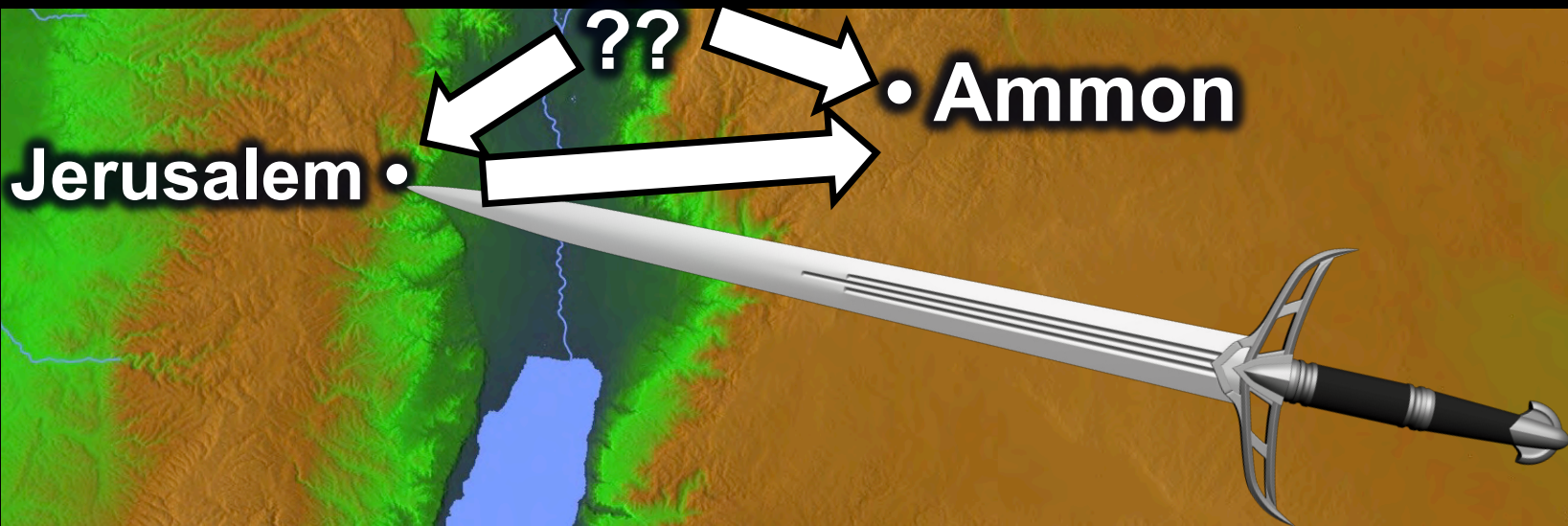
**"I will bring you into the wilderness of the nations, and there I will judge you face to face.**

**<sup>36</sup>I will judge you there just as I did your ancestors in the wilderness after bringing them out of Egypt, says the Sovereign Lord.  
<sup>37</sup>I will examine you carefully and hold you to the terms of the covenant" (Ezekiel 20:35-37).**

# Ezekiel 21



# God's Sword—Ezekiel 21



**"One road [goes] to Ammon and its capital, Rabbah, and the other to Judah and fortified Jerusalem.**

**<sup>21</sup>The king of Babylon now stands at the fork, uncertain whether to attack Jerusalem or Rabbah. He calls his magicians to look for omens. They cast lots by shaking arrows from the quiver. They inspect the livers of animal sacrifices"  
(Ezekiel 21:20-21 NLT).**



# Ezekiel 22

# ***The consequence of sin is judgment***

- 1. The city had many sins of murder, oppression, idolatry, slander, adultery, and greed (22:1-16).**
- 2. Nebuchadnezzar would be God's refining furnace (22:17-22).**
- 3. The leaders were among the worst of the people (22:23-31).**



# Ezekiel 23



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## OHOLAH & OHOLIBAH

### GOD'S JUDGMENT ON APOSTASY



Assyria

Samaria

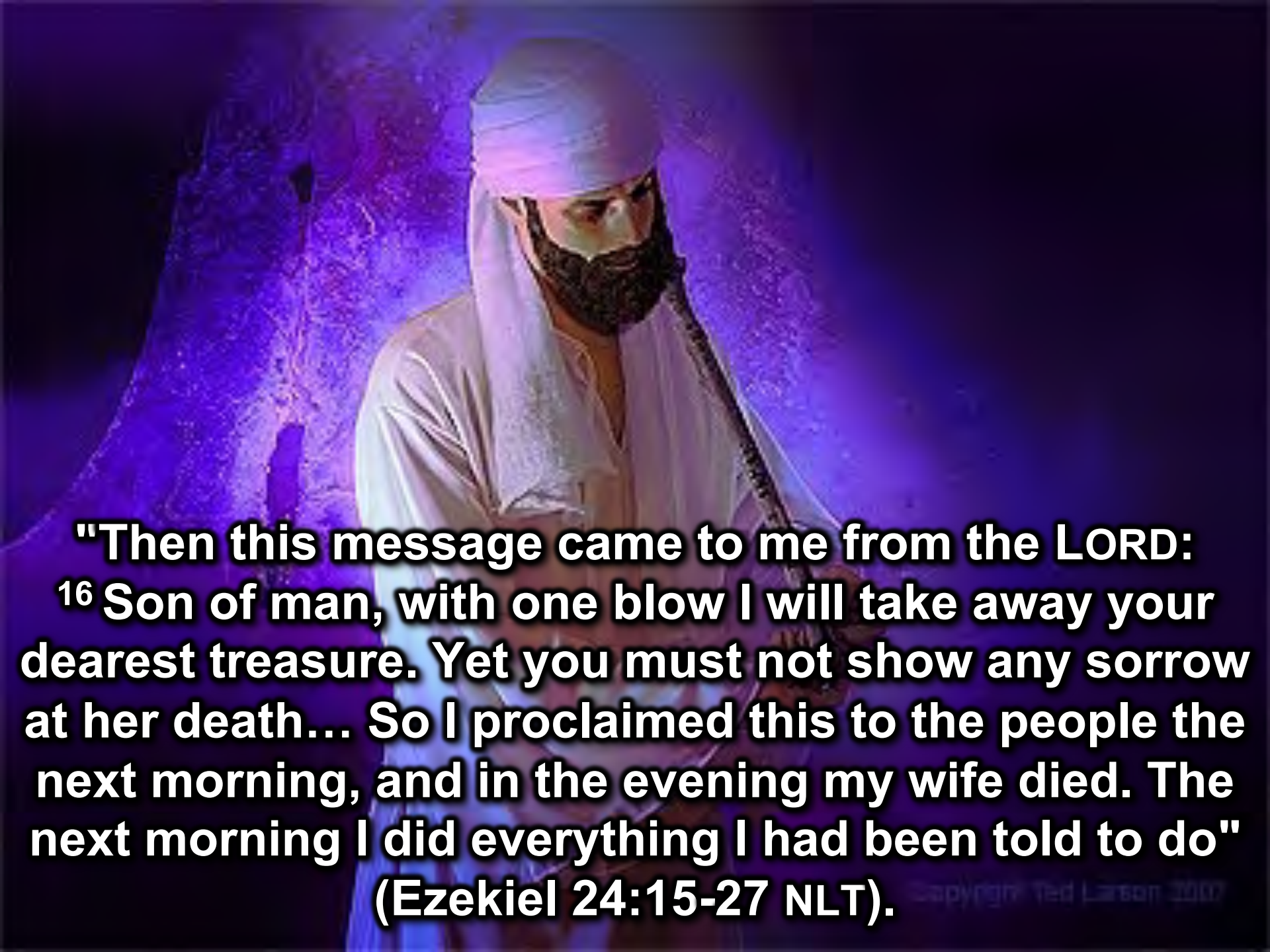


Babylon

Jerusalem

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# Ezekiel 24



**"Then this message came to me from the LORD:  
16 Son of man, with one blow I will take away your  
dearest treasure. Yet you must not show any sorrow  
at her death... So I proclaimed this to the people the  
next morning, and in the evening my wife died. The  
next morning I did everything I had been told to do"  
(Ezekiel 24:15-27 NLT).**



**"Son of man, write down today's date,  
because on this very day the king of  
Babylon is beginning his attack against  
Jerusalem" (Ezekiel 24:2 NLT).**





# Babylonian Deportations of Judah

## Summary of the Exiles

Sequence and Size	Date	King of Judah	Key Captives
1: Minor	605 BC	Jehoiakim	Daniel, 3 friends and other nobility and royalty (Dan 1:3)
2: Moderate	598 BC	Jehoiakim	3023 people (Jer 52:28)
3: Major	597 BC	Jehoiachin	10,000 (Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, Mordecai) (2 Kings 24:12b, Ezek. 1:2, Esther 2:6)
4: Minor	587 BC	Zedekiah	832 people (Jer 52:29)
5: Major (Temple Ruin)	586 BC	Zedekiah	ca. 10,400 people (2 Kings 25:11)
6: Minor	582 BC	-	745 people (Jer. 52:30)

Before the Exile (pre 605 BC)

During the Exile (605-538 BC)

After the Exile (post 538 BC)



**Admit that his glory left.**



**Main Idea of Ezekiel 4–24**



**God prioritizes holiness  
so he sent his Son to  
become sin so we can  
become holy.**

# ***Key Themes***



**God's Sovereignty**  
**God's Holiness (Holy Name)**

# The Name Jehovah

יהוה

YHWH or Yahweh  
"the LORD"  
(what was written)

אֲדֹנָי

Adonai  
"the Lord"  
(what was spoken)

consonants

vowels

יהוה

"Jehovah" or "Yehovah"

This combines the consonants and vowels by later scribes to remind readers of the tension between what was written and what was spoken. The actual pronunciation of YHWH is unknown as Jews feared uttering the name of God at all, lest they use it improperly.



**Be honest that  
while the Spirit  
is present, you  
may have  
quenched him.**



**DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT (1 THESS 5:19)**

A lit candle with smoke rising from it, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The candle is white and is melting slightly. The smoke is white and wispy, rising from the flame. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some wooden surfaces.

**DO NOT  
QUENCH THE  
SPIRIT**

# Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

**Romans 8:9**

***"You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."***





# John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will obey what I command. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Counselor to be with you forever** — <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

**God makes things difficult  
to bring us back to him.**

# ***Key Themes***



**God's Sovereignty**  
**God's Holiness (Holy Name)**  
**The Glory of the LORD**



**"For we know the one who said,  
'I will take revenge.  
I will pay them back.'**

**He also said,  
'The LORD will judge his own people.'**

**<sup>31</sup>It is a terrible thing to fall into the  
hands of the living God"  
(Hebrews 10:30-31 NLT).**

# 1 Corinthians 11:30-32 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> **That is why many among you are weak and sick,** and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

<sup>32</sup> When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.





# Rewards can be lost!

**"Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward" (2 John 8 NLT).**





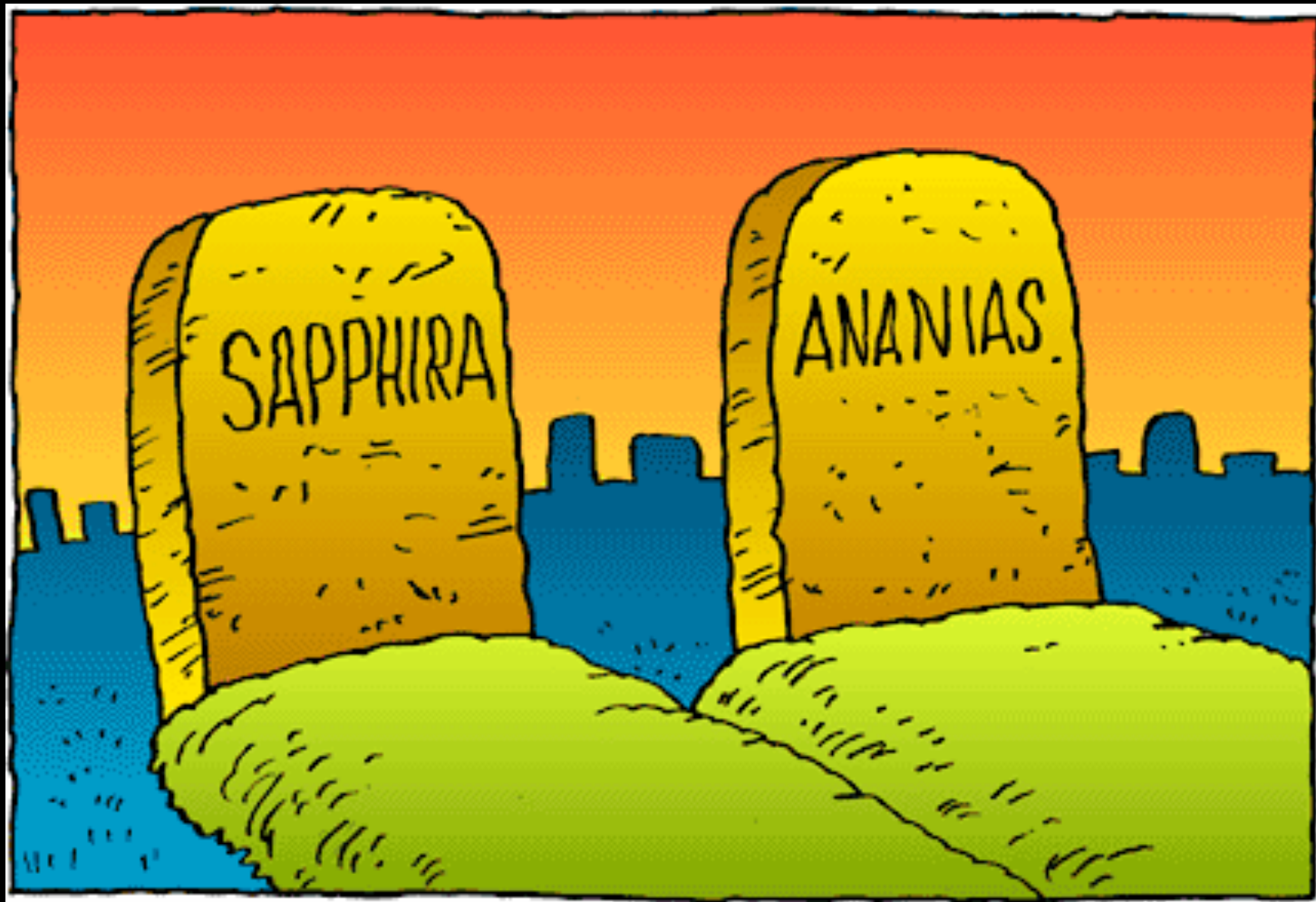
**God will take the  
physical lives of some  
Christians who do more  
harm than good.**

# Ananias & Sapphira



**Acts 5**

**Grace, yes, but there is still  
divine discipline...**





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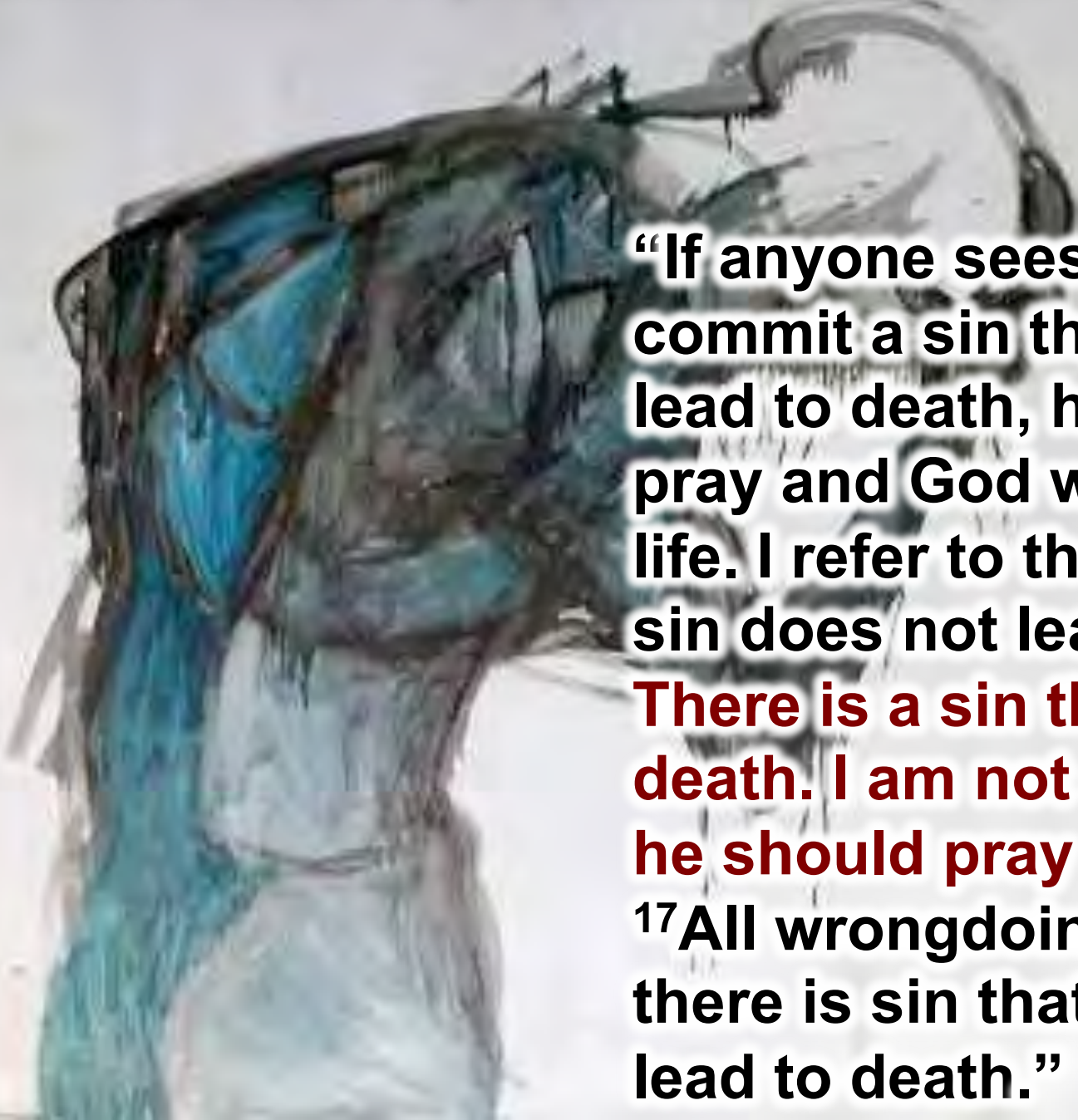
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## **Some sin leads to premature death (1 John 5:16-17 NIV)**

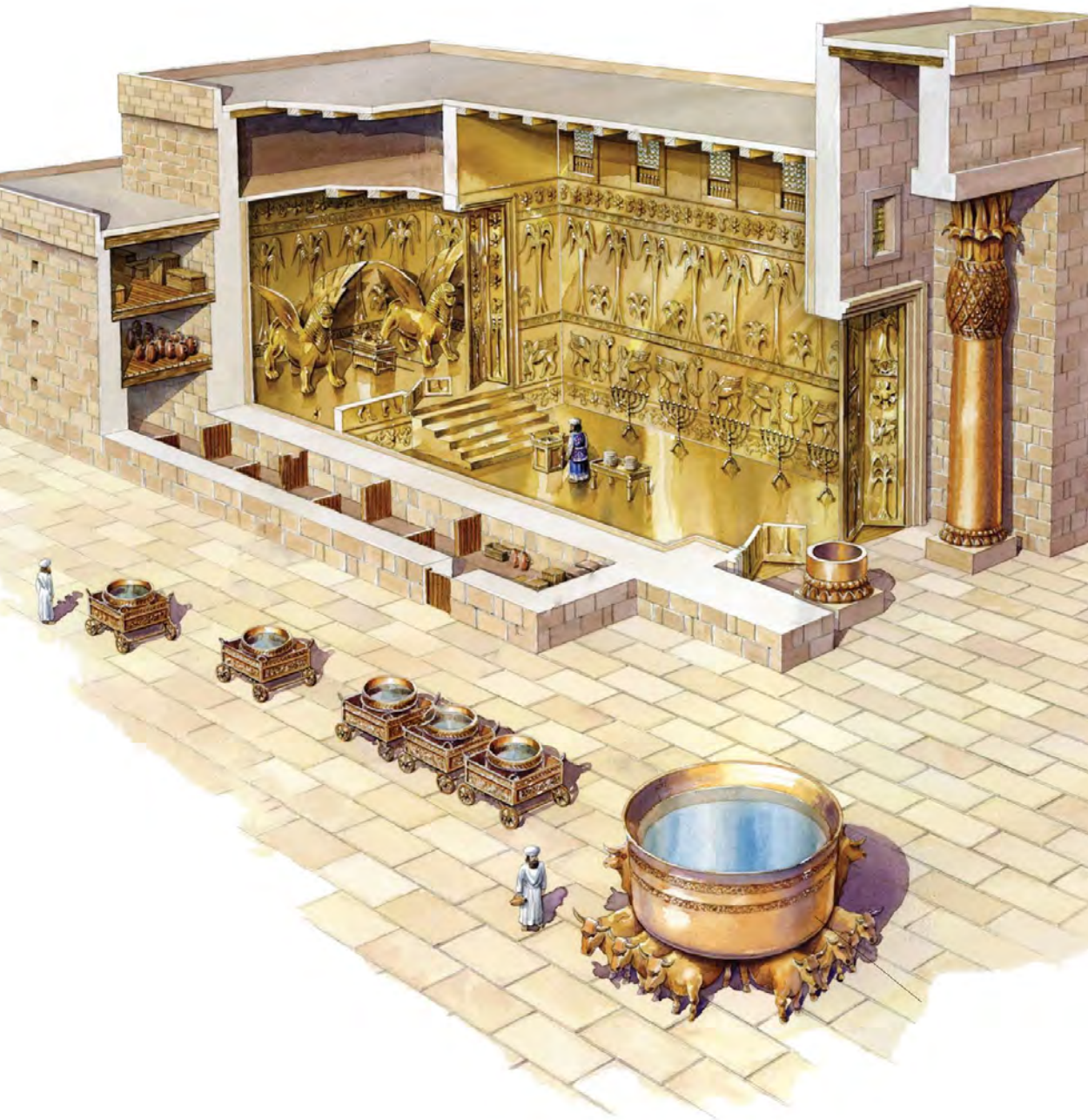


**“If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.”**

**How should we  
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his own people?**







**Israel  
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destroyed it  
(Ezek 4–24).**



**Admit His  
Glory  
Left**

**Main Idea of Ezekiel 4–24**

# **What to do?**

**Admit the glory left in your  
own life by declaring that  
you need Jesus.**



How can you be **expectant**  
of God's glory once again  
in your life?



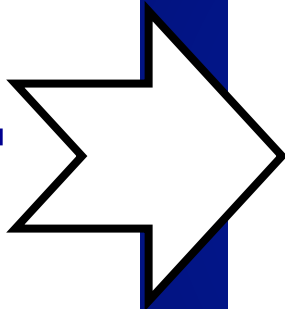
**1—*Admit* that God's glory left  
(Ezek 1–24).**

**ADMIT**

***STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY***

**2—*Allow* God to handle all rivals  
to his glory (Ezek 25–32).**

**ADMIT**



**ALLOW**

***STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY***





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