



GOD'S HOUSE

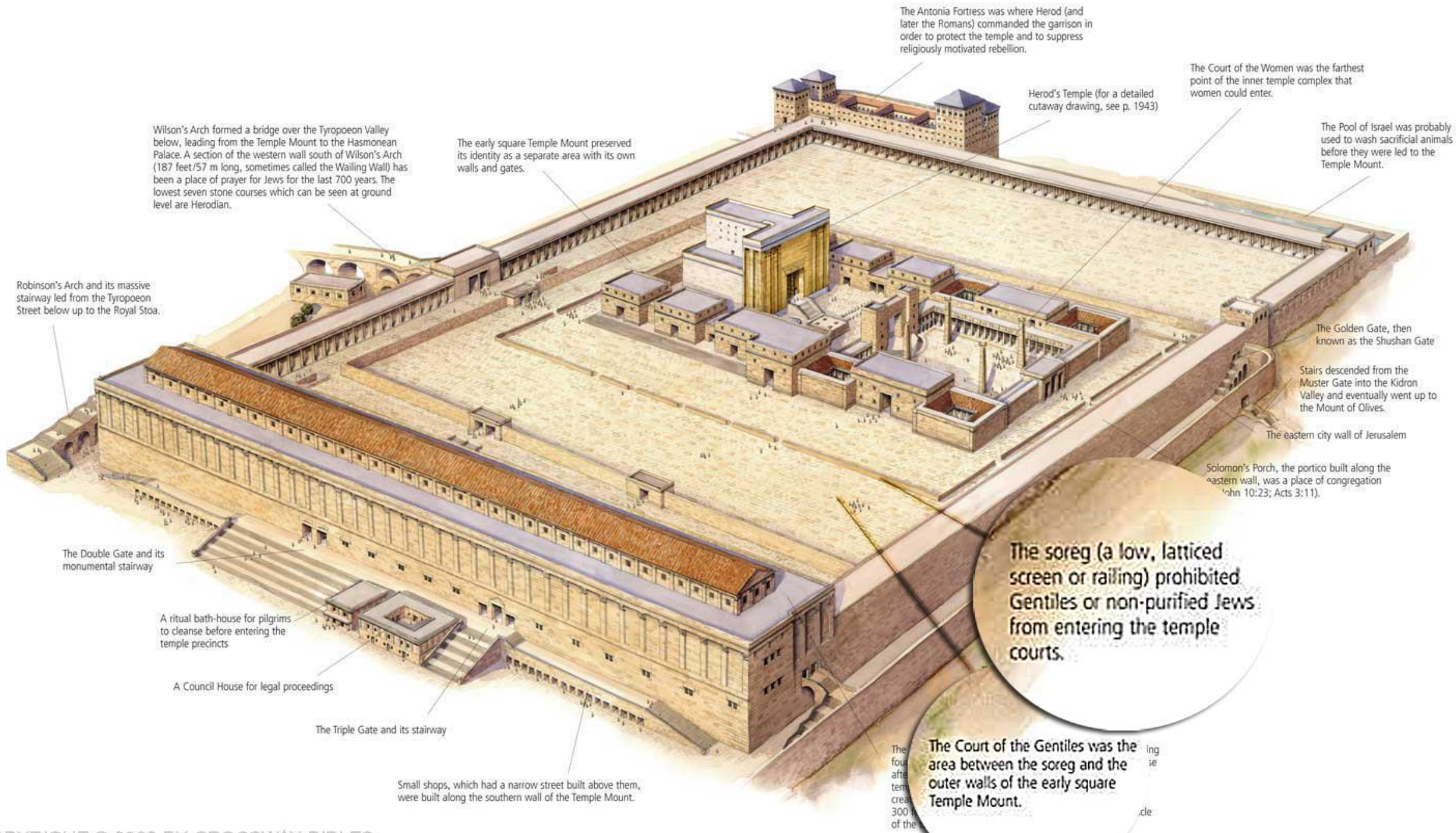
Ephesians 2:11-22



Remember! (11-12)

¹¹ Therefore **remember** that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² **remember** that you were at that time **separated** from Christ, **alienated** from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers** to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God in the world.**

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The Antonia Fortress was where Herod (and later the Romans) commanded the garrison in order to protect the temple and to suppress religiously motivated rebellion.

The Court of the Women was the farthest point of the inner temple complex that women could enter.

Herod's Temple (for a detailed cutaway drawing, see p. 1943)

The Pool of Israel was probably used to wash sacrificial animals before they were led to the Temple Mount.

Wilson's Arch formed a bridge over the Tyropoeon Valley below, leading from the Temple Mount to the Hasmonean Palace. A section of the western wall south of Wilson's Arch (187 feet/57 m long, sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has been a place of prayer for Jews for the last 700 years. The lowest seven stone courses which can be seen at ground level are Herodian.

The early square Temple Mount preserved its identity as a separate area with its own walls and gates.

Robinson's Arch and its massive stairway led from the Tyropoeon Street below up to the Royal Stoa.

The Golden Gate, then known as the Shushan Gate

Stairs descended from the Muster Gate into the Kidron Valley and eventually went up to the Mount of Olives.

The eastern city wall of Jerusalem

Solomon's Porch, the portico built along the eastern wall, was a place of congregation (John 10:23; Acts 3:11).

The Double Gate and its monumental stairway

The soleg (a low, latticed screen or railing) prohibited Gentiles or non-purified Jews from entering the temple courts.

A ritual bath-house for pilgrims to cleanse before entering the temple precincts

The Court of the Gentiles was the area between the soleg and the outer walls of the early square Temple Mount.

A Council House for legal proceedings

The Triple Gate and its stairway

Small shops, which had a narrow street built above them, were built along the southern wall of the Temple Mount.

God's Temple (19-22)

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Let us live as people of peace, who are built on Christ and anchored in the apostles' and prophets' teaching.





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