



Thematic Sermon:
Worship, Commitment,
Obedience to God, Middle East,
The 3rd. Temple, and current news and future events according to
The Christian Bible and the Assemblies of God.

The Altar is Ready for the Burnt offering, Are you?

This message is to share the importance and
need of

Full Commitment (Complete Surrender) to GOD

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Burnt Offering:

In the burnt offering, the whole animal was presented to God on the altar. The fire consumed everything till turned to ashes, the smoke was received as pleasing aroma to the Lord, symbolizing complete surrender and providing purification.

Leviticus 1:4 NLT: “Lay your hand on the animal’s head, and the Lord will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with Him.[\[c\]](#)”



Abraham: The burnt offering In the land of Moriah

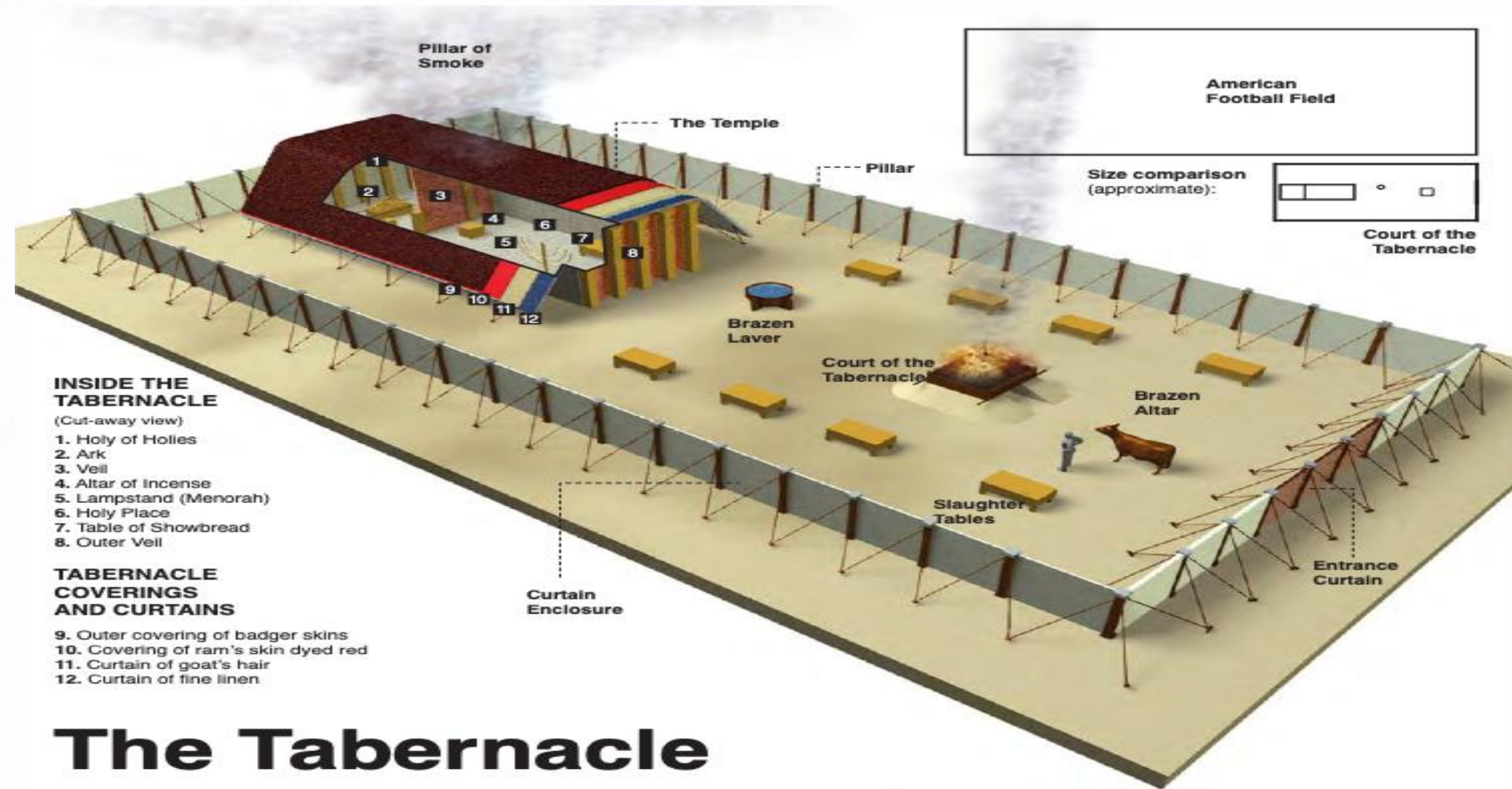
Genesis 22: Then Abraham said to his young men,
“Stay here with the donkey.

The boy and I will go over there to **worship**; then we’ll
come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the **burnt offering** and
gave it to his son Isaac. In his hand he took the fire and
the knife, and the two of them walked on together.

Moses and the burnt offering - The Tabernacle (~1445 B.C.)

The Command: God gave the law of the red heifer to Moses and Aaron while the Israelites were in the wilderness ([Numbers 19:1-2](#)).



Tabernacle Built (Moses)

1445 B.C.

Entrance into Promised Land

1406 B.C.

Ark Captured by Philistines

~1094 B.C.

Ark Brought to Jerusalem (David)

1000 B.C.

The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the ark of the covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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~445 Years till David Brought the Ark to Jerusalem

David and the Burnt Offering

King David was filled with pride and he sinned.

2 Samuel 24: 11 (NLT) ¹¹ The next morning the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, who was David's seer.

¹³ So Gad came to David and asked him, "Will you choose three^[d] years of famine throughout your land, three months of fleeing from your enemies, or three days of severe plague throughout your land? Think this over and decide what answer I should give the LORD who sent me."

¹⁴ "I'm in a desperate situation!" David replied to Gad. "But let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great. Do not let me fall into human hands." ¹⁵ So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel that morning, and it lasted for three days.^[e] A total of 70,000 people died throughout the nation, from Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south. ¹⁶ But as the angel was preparing to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD relented and said to the death angel, "Stop! That is enough!" At that moment the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. That day Gad came to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

¹⁹ So David went up to do what the LORD had commanded him. ²⁰ When Araunah saw the king and his men coming toward him, he came and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ "Why have you come, my lord the king?" Araunah asked.

David replied, "I have come to buy your threshing floor and to build an altar to the LORD there, so that he will stop the plague."

²² "Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish," Araunah said to David. "Here are oxen for the **burnt offering**, and you can use the threshing boards and ox yokes for wood to build a fire on the altar. ²³ I will give it all to you, Your Majesty, and may the LORD your God accept your sacrifice."

²⁴ But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the LORD my God that have cost me nothing." So David paid him fifty pieces of silver^[f] for the threshing floor and the oxen.

²⁵ David built an altar there to the LORD and sacrificed **burnt offerings** and peace offerings. And the LORD answered his prayer for the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

The burnt offering Solomon's Temple

Abraham's Altar

David's Purchase

Solomon's Temple

Land of Moriah

- Before the Temple was even finished, Solomon showed his devotion by traveling to Gibeon (where the Tabernacle of Moses was then located). There, he sacrificed **1,000 burnt offerings** on the bronze altar ([1 Kings 3:4](#)).
- It was immediately after this amazing act of worship that God appeared to him in a dream and offered to give him whatever he asked for—to which Solomon requested wisdom.

Solomon fulfilled his father David's dream by constructing the First Temple upon that threshing floor.

The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies upon the, the Foundation Stone, exactly where Abraham built the altar, the land of Moriah.

Rebellion, Exile, and the Writing on the Wall

586 B.C.

Nebuchadnezzar II destroys the First Temple. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are taken into 70 years of Babylonian captivity.

1

The Rebellion: Despite warnings from the prophet [Jeremiah](#), Zedekiah stopped paying the tribute and formed a secret alliance with Egypt, hoping they would help him break free from Babylonian rule.

539 B.C.

King Belshazzar desecrates the Temple's gold vessels at a feast. A supernatural finger writes *Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsing* on the wall.

2

Daniel 5: 26 “Here is what these words mean:

Mene^[e]: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

²⁷ *Tekel*^[f]: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

²⁸ *Peres*^[g]: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

That Very Night

“That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom.” — [Daniel 5:1-30,31](#)

3

538 B.C.
Cyrus issues his famous decree, recorded on the Cyrus Cylinder, permitting the Jewish exiles to return home and rebuild God's Temple in Jerusalem.

4

Babylon falls to Cyrus the Great of Persia, exactly as the prophet Isaiah had foretold — by name — **more than 200 years earlier.**

[Isaiah 44:28](#): This is the first mention by name. God says of Cyrus: *“he will say of Jerusalem, 'Let it be rebuilt,' and of the temple, 'Let its foundations be laid.*

**The Cyrus cylinder:
clay cylinder; a Babylonian
account of the
conquest of Babylon by
Cyrus in 539 BC.**

**This Cylinder can be seen at
the British Museum**

**This is considered the First
Humanitarian Document:**

- 1-Religious Freedom**
- 2-Repatriation**
- 3-Abolition of forced labor**
- 4- Racial Equality**



The Second Temple: Humble Beginnings

Under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Jeshua, the exiles returned and laid the foundation of the Second Temple.

The reaction was profound and divided: **the youth shouted for joy**, but the elders who had seen Solomon's Temple **wept aloud**.

The new structure lacked the splendor — and more significantly, it lacked the visible Shekinah Cloud of Glory. Yet the prophet said:

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts." ([Haggai 2:3](#)).

Most painfully, the Ark of the Covenant was missing.

The 2nd temple

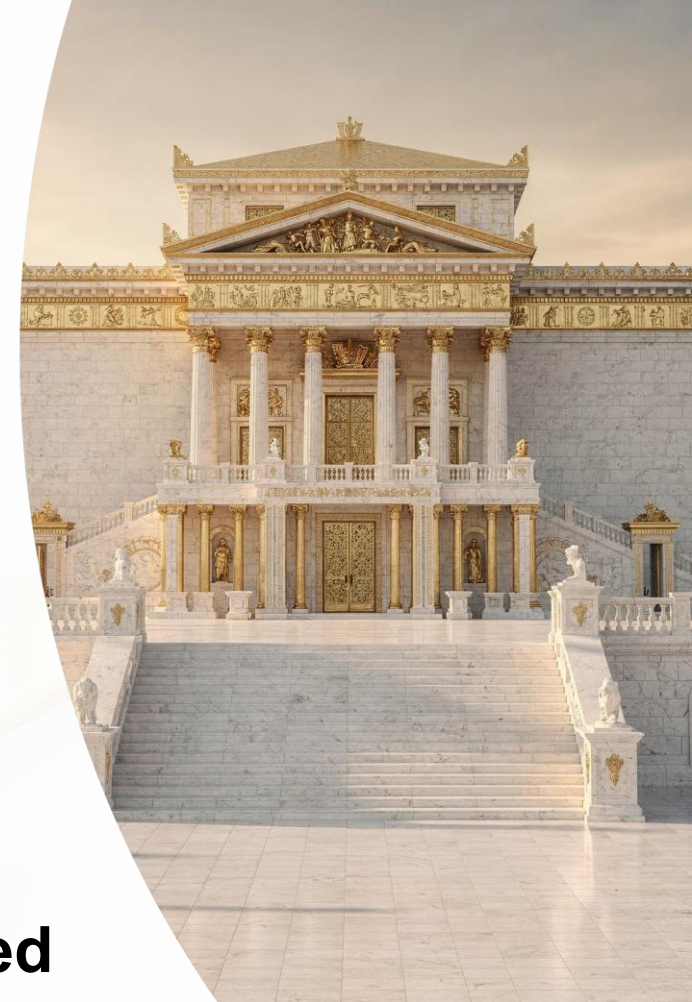
The 2nd temple took about 200 to fully complete and

Around 20 Before Christ, Herod the Great embarked on one of the most ambitious construction expanding the temple.

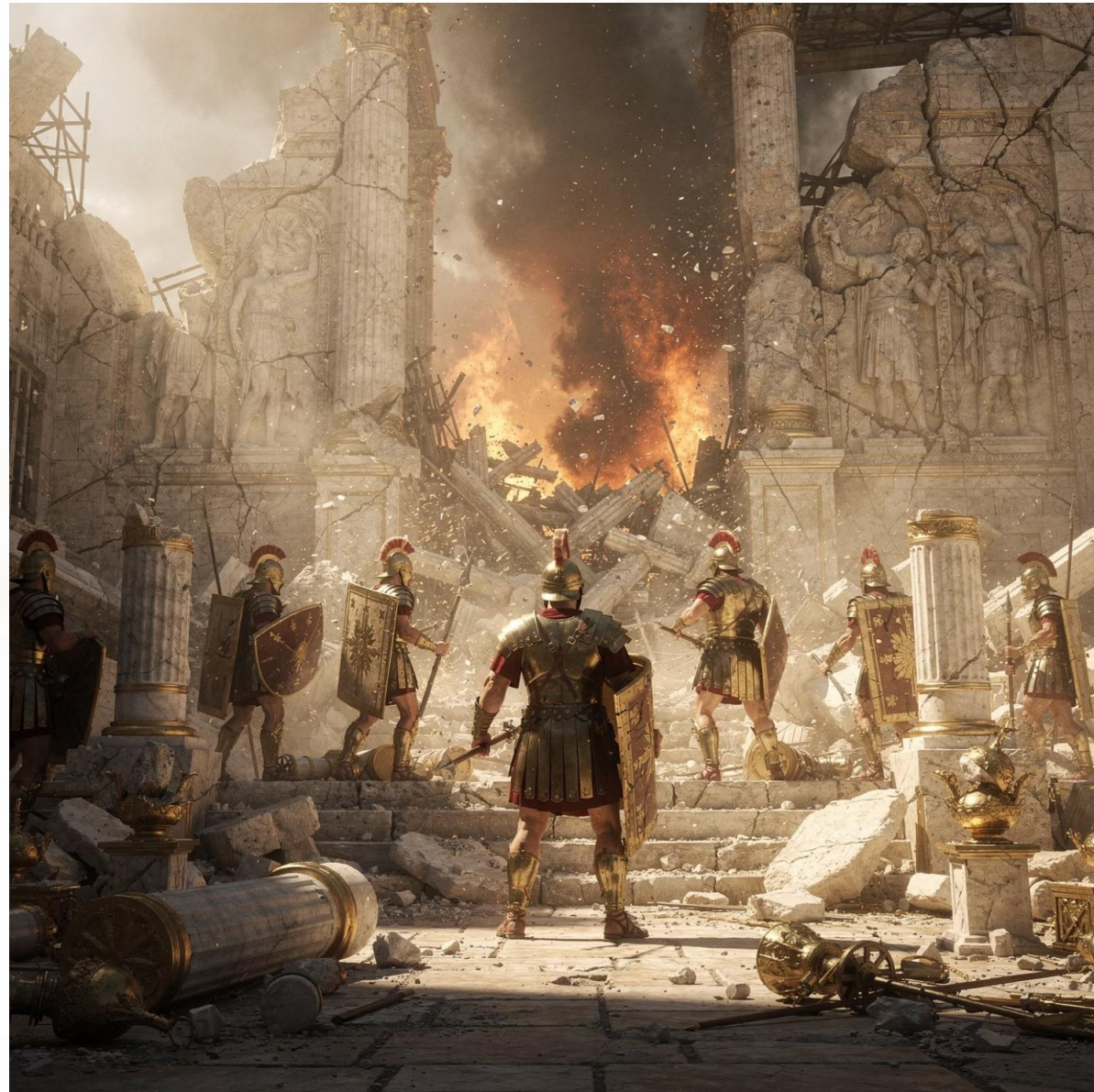
This was the Temple where Jesus Christ walked, taught, wept, and turned over the tables of money-changers.

The "greater glory" Haggai prophesied was never the building

**— it was the One who walked within it.
Jesus our Lord and Savior!**



Prophecy Fulfilled: 70 A.C.



Standing on the Mount of Olives, Jesus looked out over Herod's magnificent Temple and said:

"There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down"
(Matthew 24:2).

70 years after Jesus was ascended to heaven, Roman General Titus surround Jerusalem during a Jewish revolt and order the temple destruction.

The Temple was set ablaze. The gold from the Temple superstructure melted between the stones.

Roman soldiers, driven by greed, pried apart every single stone to retrieve the molten gold. The prophecy was fulfilled with forensic precision.

Following the Bar Kokhba Revolt
(132–136 A.D.),

Emperor Hadrian banned Jews
from Jerusalem entirely and
renamed the region

Palaestina —
initiating the Great Diaspora.

Why the Islam fights for the

Based on the Night Journey: the **Isra and Mi'raj**, Muhammad spoke with Alah, and was transported by Gabriel in a winged creature from Mecca to Jerusalem ascending to heaven to be with Abraham, Moses and Isa from the Foundation Stone

The same stone upon which Abraham, David, Salomon offered the burnt offering, and the same exactly place where the Ark rested in Solomon's temple.

Period	Ruler/Empire	Status of Temple Mount
135–324 AD	Roman Empire	Site of the Temple of Jupiter.
324–614 AD	Byzantine Empire	Left desolate; used as a symbol of the "Old Law" LANDFILL
614–629 AD	Sassanid Persians	Brief Jewish-Persian cooperation; later Byzantine return.
638 AD+	Rashidun Caliphate	Cleared and converted into an Islamic holy site (<i>Haram esh-Sharif</i>).



**When God spoke to Abraham in the lad of Moriah,
Islam concludes “God chose Ishmael, not Isaac.”**

وَمِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ مَنْ يَغْوُ صُوتَ لَهُ وَيَعْمَلُوتَ عَمَلًا دُونَ
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Further scrutiny requires that we quote the full passage in surah 37:

The Modern "Status Quo" of the land.

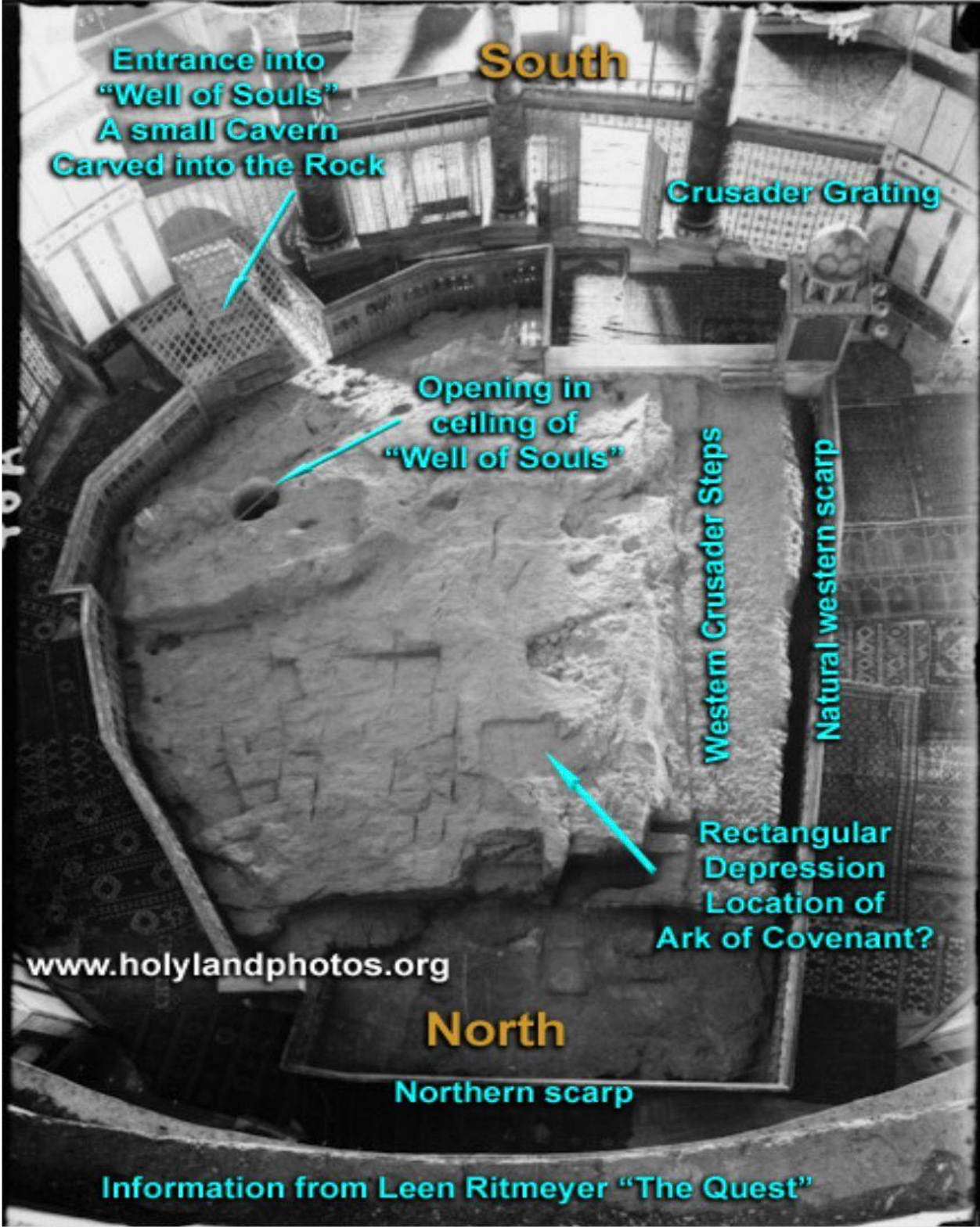
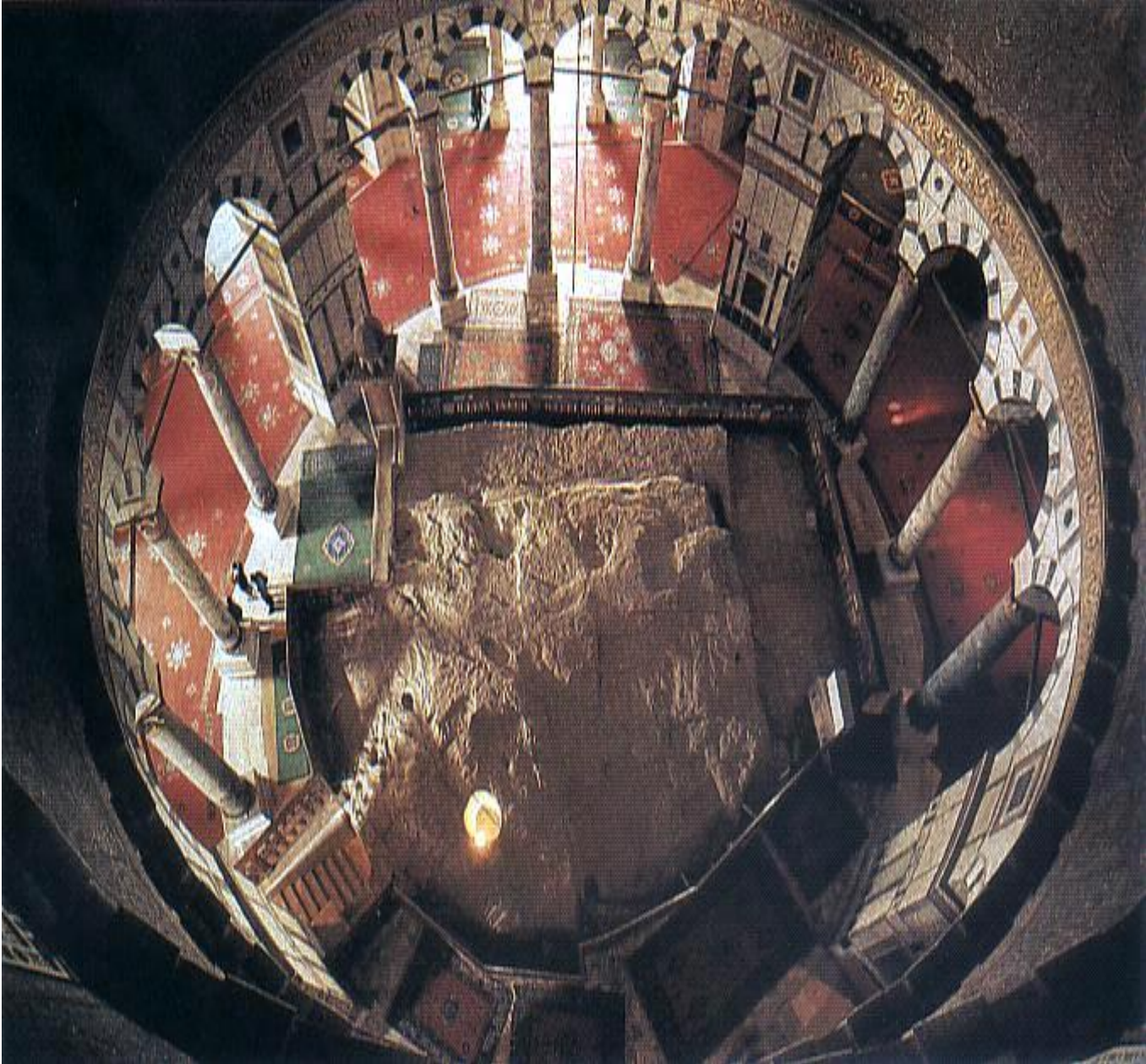
Today, the land of Moriah remains the most contested
35 acres on the face of the earth.

Under the fragile "Status Quo" agreement, Israel maintains security control while the Islamic Waqf administers the interior.

Currently, **only Muslims are permitted to perform vocal prayer** on the Temple Mount.

Jews and Christians may visit during restricted hours but are forbidden from open worship at the holiest site in their own Scriptures.

The Foundation Stone



Israel and Middle East

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, characterized by multiple wars, lacks a single initiator.

The 1948 war followed Israel's declaration of independence and the subsequent Arab states' invasion, while the 2023–2024 Gaza war began with Hamas's surprise attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

Hamas and other affiliated terrorist groups took the lives of at least 1,219 people and led to the taking of 251 hostages, most of them Israeli civilians. Iran supports them with over 100

Hezbollah – Is the Iran-backed Shiite militia was considered the most powerful non-state armed group in the Middle East.

Military and Financial Support: Iran provides Hezbollah with an estimated \$700 million to \$1 billion annually. This funding covers weapons, training, and social services, making Hezbollah's military force more powerful than the Lebanese national army.

Strategic Deterrence: Iran views Hezbollah as its "A-team" and a critical deterrence asset against Israel and the United States.

[Info and images courtesy of Council on Foreign Relations](#)



Nation against Nation

As of March 2026, Iran has launched retaliatory missile and drone attacks against at least 9–12 countries and territories in the Middle East, including Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Israel, and Turkey.

Attacks have focused on U.S. bases and energy infrastructure.

- Key Targets:** The attacks have extensively targeted U.S. military installations and civilian infrastructure in Gulf countries.

- Targeted Countries:** Known locations struck include Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Iraq (Kurdistan Region), Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, and the UAE.

- Regional Scope:** An Iranian drone also struck a UK military base in Cyprus.

- Scale:** The attacks, intended as retaliation for U.S.-Israel strikes, aim to disrupt the regional oil supply and target U.S. alliances

Meanwhile..The "Temple Institute" works on Preparations



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UPDATE AND CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE RED HEIFER



The Burnt Offering and The Red Heifer:



According to Numbers 19 (Hebrew Bible)

a Temple cannot be dedicated without the ashes of a **Red Heifer** —

a perfectly unblemished, never-yoked red cow — whose ashes, mixed with water, are used for ritual purification. Without this purification, the priests cannot enter the sanctuary and Temple service cannot begin.

RED HEIFERS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL!

On Thursday, September 15, 2022, 5 PM, 5 perfect, unblemished red heifers arrived in Israel from the USA.

A modest ceremony was held at the unloading bay of the cargo terminal at Ben Gurion airport, where the new arrivals were greeted and speeches were made by the incredible people who have put their hearts and souls and means into making this historic/prophetic day become a reality.

Quick Eschatological Comparison

Judaism

A human leader, a descendent of David, who has not yet revealed, will oversee and rebuild the Temple and bring peace.

The Temple is the centerpiece of Messianic hope.

Islam

The Dajjal (Antichrist figure) will appear near Al-Aqsa (The Nobel Temple)

Isa will return as a Muslim prophet to break the cross, (defeat all other religions) slay the *Dajjal* (Antichrist), and rule with the guided leader, the *Mahdi*. The Temple Mount is seen as central to Islamic end-times expectation as well.

ISLAM: The most direct interpretation relates to the Islamic view of Jesus' death. The Quran states that Jesus was neither killed nor crucified. Quran (4:157)

Islam: Period of Peace

The breaking of the cross marks the beginning of a golden age. Following the defeat of the **Dajjal** (the Antichrist), the world is said to enter a period of absolute justice and abundance where.

AG 13th Fundamental Truth

The Assemblies of God holds a **Pre-Tribulation** view of end-times events.

We believe the "**Blessed Hope**" — the Rapture of the Church — will occur before the seven-year Tribulation.

The Scriptural Basis: This is primarily drawn from **1 Thessalonians 4:17:**
"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

The Timing: In this framework, this event happens **before** the Antichrist is revealed and before the divine judgments of the Tribulation begin.

Key Scriptures

Luke 21:28

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Jesus called His people not to fear the signs, but to **look up** — expectantly, joyfully, confidently.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God..."

This is **the Blessed Hope**.

The Rapture

- a) Lord will descend with a shout and a trumpet call.
- b) **The Resurrection:** First, the "dead in Christ" will rise from their graves.
- c) Immediately after, we living believers will be "Rapture" to meet Jesus in the clouds.

7 Years Celebrating

Visibility: We believe the Rapture is a **private event**—meaning the world will notice people have disappeared, but they won't necessarily see Jesus himself in this moment.

The Church, as the Bride of Christ, will be spared from the Tribulation.

Can you see the urgency to surrender to God!

Romans 12: A Living Sacrifice (Christian Standard Bible)

12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.^[a]

The burnt offering was unique because it was given **entirely** to God.

The altar is ready for your living “burnt offering!”

**The King is Coming, let us together present ourselves
as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God;**

The Altar is Ready!

"Lord, we thank You that You are the God of mercy. We thank You that every stone in Jerusalem cries out that Your Word is true.

We commit ourselves to you as a living sacrifices, forgive our sins, as we pray for our loved ones. We forgive, we surrender, we confess that you are our Lord.

Let us live with the urgency of a people who know the King is coming. Amen."

Additional information:

In the biblical context, a **burnt offering** (translated from the Hebrew word *olah*, which literally means "to go up") refers to a specific type of sacrifice where the entire animal was consumed by fire on the altar.

Unlike other types of offerings where a portion of the meat was kept for the priests or the person making the sacrifice to eat, the burnt offering was unique because it was given **entirely** to God.

Key Symbolic Meanings

The ritual carried several layers of meaning throughout the Old Testament:

- **Total Surrender:** Because the entire animal was consumed, it symbolized the person's complete devotion and the "going up" of their heart and life to God.
- **Atonement:** It was often performed to seek forgiveness for general sinfulness, serving as a way to mend the relationship between the individual and the Divine.
- **A "Pleasing Aroma":** The smoke rising from the altar was described as a "soothing aroma" to the Lord, representing God's acceptance of the worshiper's gift and commitment.
- **Gratitude:** As seen with Noah in Genesis 8, it was a profound way to say "thank you" after surviving a major crisis or beginning a new chapter of life.

How it Differed from Other Offerings

To give you a better sense of where this fits, here is how it compares to other common biblical sacrifices: Levitics 19 v1

Type of Offering	Distribution of the Sacrifice	Primary Purpose
Burnt Offering	Entirely burned; nothing eaten.	Total dedication and atonement.
Grain Offering	Part burned; part eaten by priests.	Gift of thanks for the harvest.
Peace/Fellowship	Part burned; part eaten by the person.	Celebration of a shared meal with God.
Sin/Guilt Offering	Specific parts burned; strict rules.	To address specific, unintended sins.

•**The First Tabernacle Sacrifice (Leviticus 9:24):** After the Tabernacle was completed, fire came down from heaven to consume the burnt offering on the new bronze altar, signifying divine approval.

•**Balaam (Numbers 23):** Though a non-Israelite prophet, Balaam offered seven bulls and seven rams on seven altars in an attempt to seek a word from God regarding Israel.

3. The Era of Judges and Early Kingdom

•**Gideon (Judges 6:26):** Gideon built an altar and offered a bull to signify the tearing down of a pagan altar to Baal.

•**David at Araunah's Threshing Floor (2 Samuel 24:25):** To stop a plague in Jerusalem, David purchased the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite (on Mount Moriah) and offered burnt offerings. **This location became the site of Solomon's Temple.**

4. The First Temple (Solomon's Temple)

•**Solomon's Dedication (1 Kings 8:63–64):** Solomon offered so many burnt offerings that the bronze altar was too small to hold them all, and he had to consecrate the middle of the courtyard to handle the volume.

•**Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:38):** A public contest against the prophets of Baal where God sent fire to consume Elijah's water-soaked burnt offering.

•**The Final First Temple Offerings (2 Kings 25):** The daily burnt offerings ceased in **586 BCE** when the Babylonians breached Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple.

5. The Second Temple (Ezra/Herod's Temple)

•**The Return from Exile (Ezra 3:2):** Before the Second Temple was even rebuilt, the returning exiles set up the altar on its original foundation to resume the daily burnt offerings.

•**The Tamid (The Daily Offering):** For centuries, two lambs were offered every single day—one in the morning and one at twilight.

•**The Last Sacrifice (70 CE):** During the Roman Siege of Jerusalem, the daily burnt offering (*The Tamid*) finally stopped on the **17th of Tammuz** because the city was starving and there were no more lambs. Shortly after, the Temple was destroyed by the Romans.

Here is a chronological list of significant burnt offerings in the biblical narrative, leading up to the final sacrifices before the Temple's destruction.

1. The Patriarchal Era (Individual Altars)

Before the Tabernacle was built, the heads of families acted as priests, building stone altars wherever they encountered God.

- **Noah (Genesis 8:20):** The first explicitly mentioned burnt offering. After exiting the Ark, Noah sacrificed clean animals and birds as a gesture of gratitude and a fresh start for humanity.

- **Abraham (Genesis 22:13):** On **Mount Moriah**, a ram was provided by God as a burnt offering in place of Isaac.

- **Job (Job 1:5, 42:8):** Considered one of the earliest biblical figures, Job offered burnt offerings for his children and his friends to seek atonement and intercession.

2. The Mosaic & Tabernacle Era (Established by God)

With the Exodus, the burnt offering became a daily national requirement.

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