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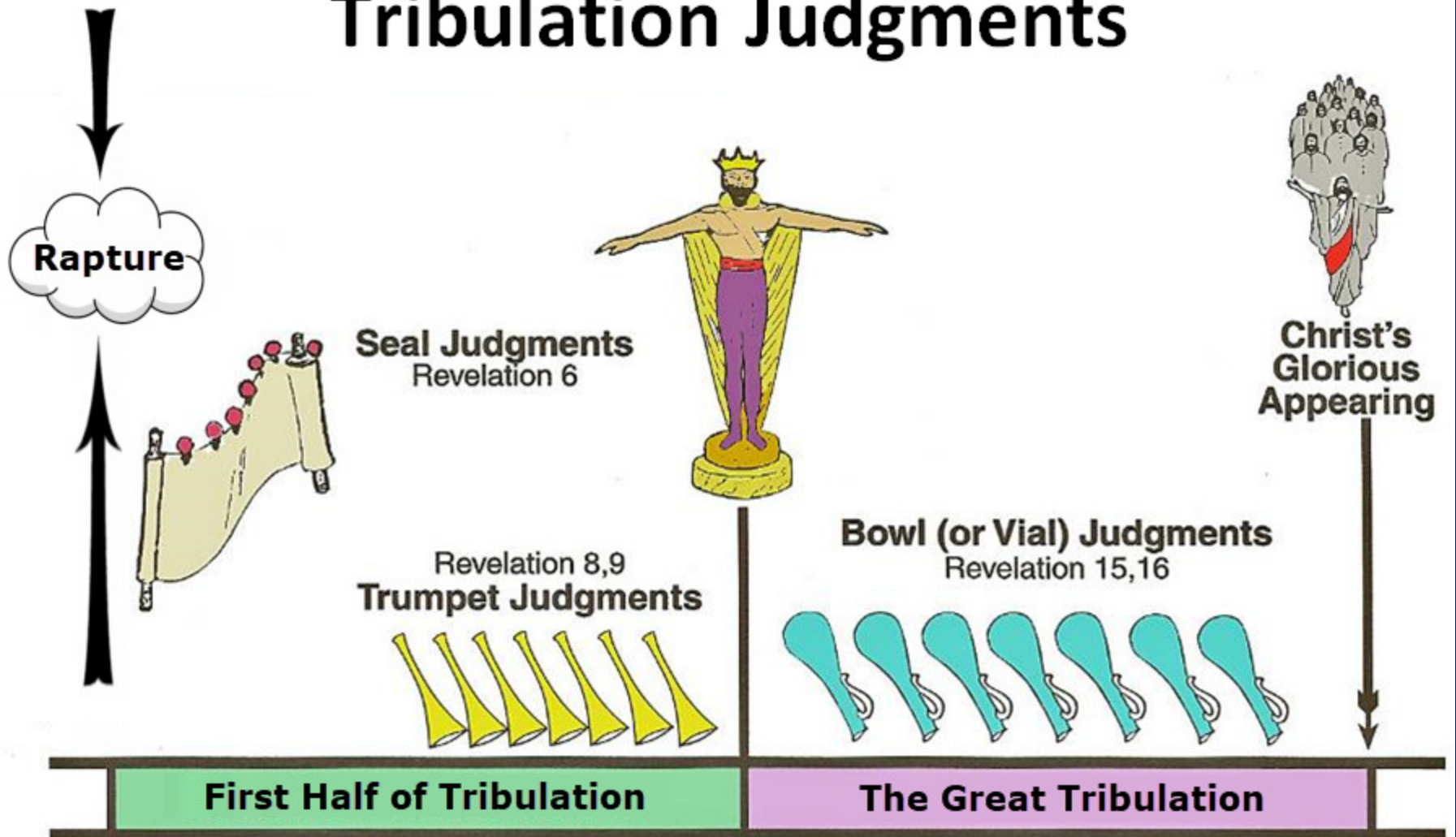


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II. The Martyrs

Revelation 15:2-4

A. Their identity (2)

B. Their praise (3-4)

1. Song of Moses (3a)

2. Song of the Lamb (3b)

3. Doxology (3c-4)



3. Their Doxology

Revelation 15:3c-4

- a) His works (3c)
- b) His might (3d)
- c) His ways (3e)
- d) His regal authority (3f)
- e) His doxological purpose (4a)
- f) His holiness (4b)
- g) His regal destiny (4c)
- h) His righteous acts (4d)



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Activities of the Angels

■ Past

- ◆ Witnessed creation (Job 38:7)
- ◆ **Brought judgment (Gen 19:22; Acts 12:22-23)**
- ◆ Accompanied the Law (Gal 3:19)
- ◆ Announced births of John and Christ (Luke 1:11-13, 26-27)
- ◆ Strengthened Christ (Matt 4:11)
- ◆ Announced resurrection (Matt 28:1-7)
- ◆ Observed Ascension (Acts 1:11)
- ◆ Brought messages (Luke 1:13)

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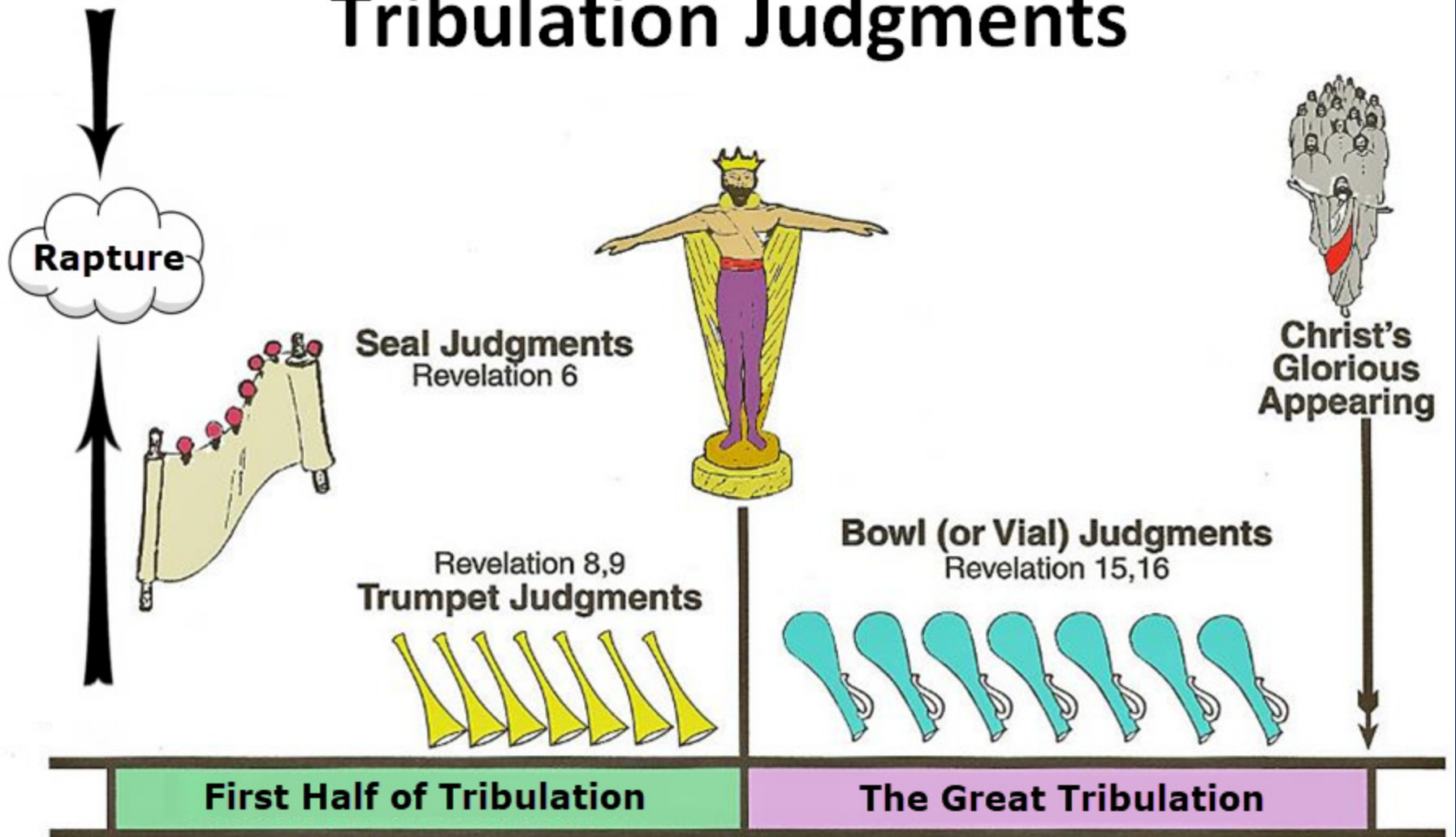
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Rev. 6:16-17

Robert L. Thomas, Revelation 1–7: An Exegetical Commentary,
ed. Kenneth Barker (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 457-58.

"Mankind in his rebellion correctly analyzes the cosmic and terrestrial disturbances as a part of the great end-time day of wrath from the one sitting on the throne and from the Lamb. The verb *ēlethen* ('has come') is aorist indicative, referring to a previous arrival of wrath, not something that is about to take place. Men see the arrival of this day at least as early as the cosmic upheavals that characterize the sixth seal (6:12-14), but upon reflection they probably recognize that it was already in effect with the death of one-fourth of the population (6:7-8), the worldwide famine (6:5-6), and the global warfare (6:3-4). The rapid sequence of all of these events could not escape notice, but the light of their true explanation does not dawn upon human consciousness until the severe phenomena of the sixth seal arrive."

Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)



Revelation 15:7

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~~WRATH~~



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Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
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Romans 16:26

“but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal (aiōnios) God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith



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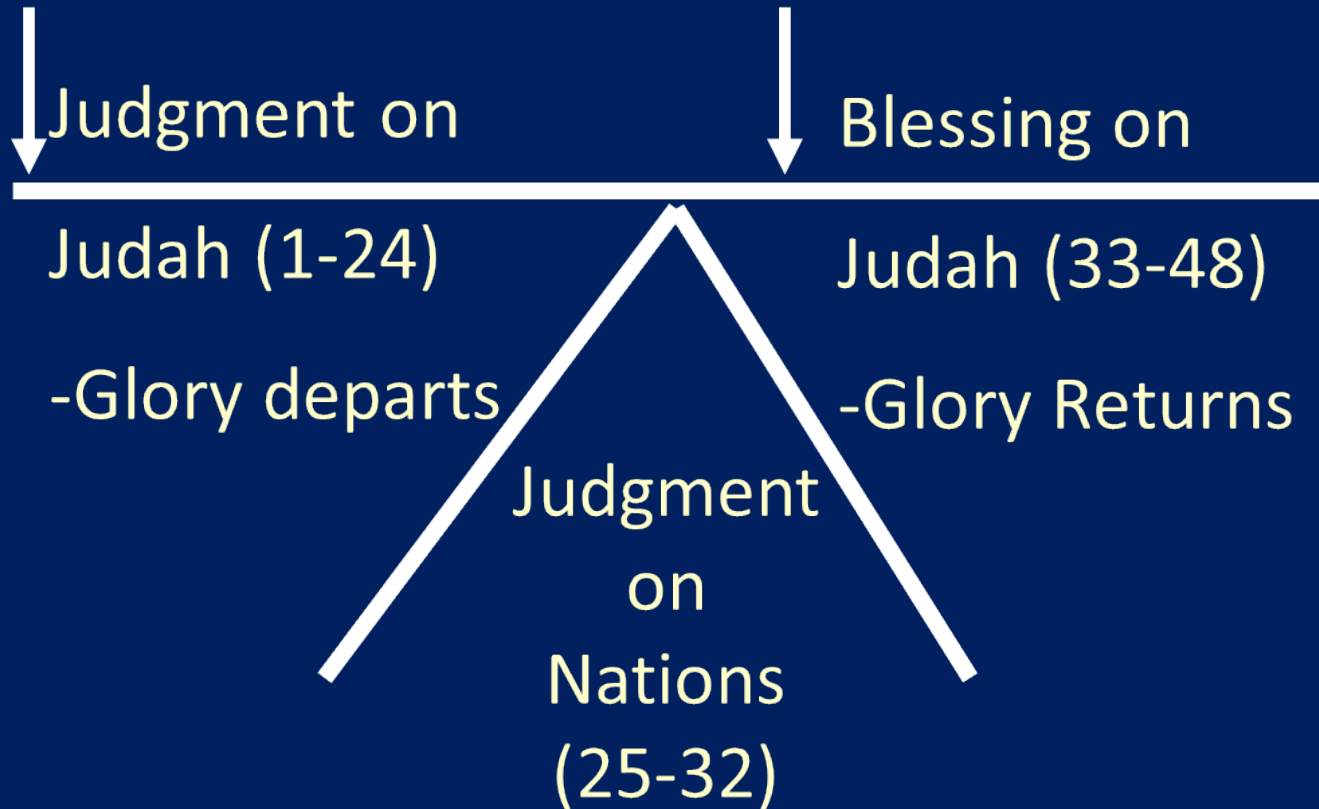
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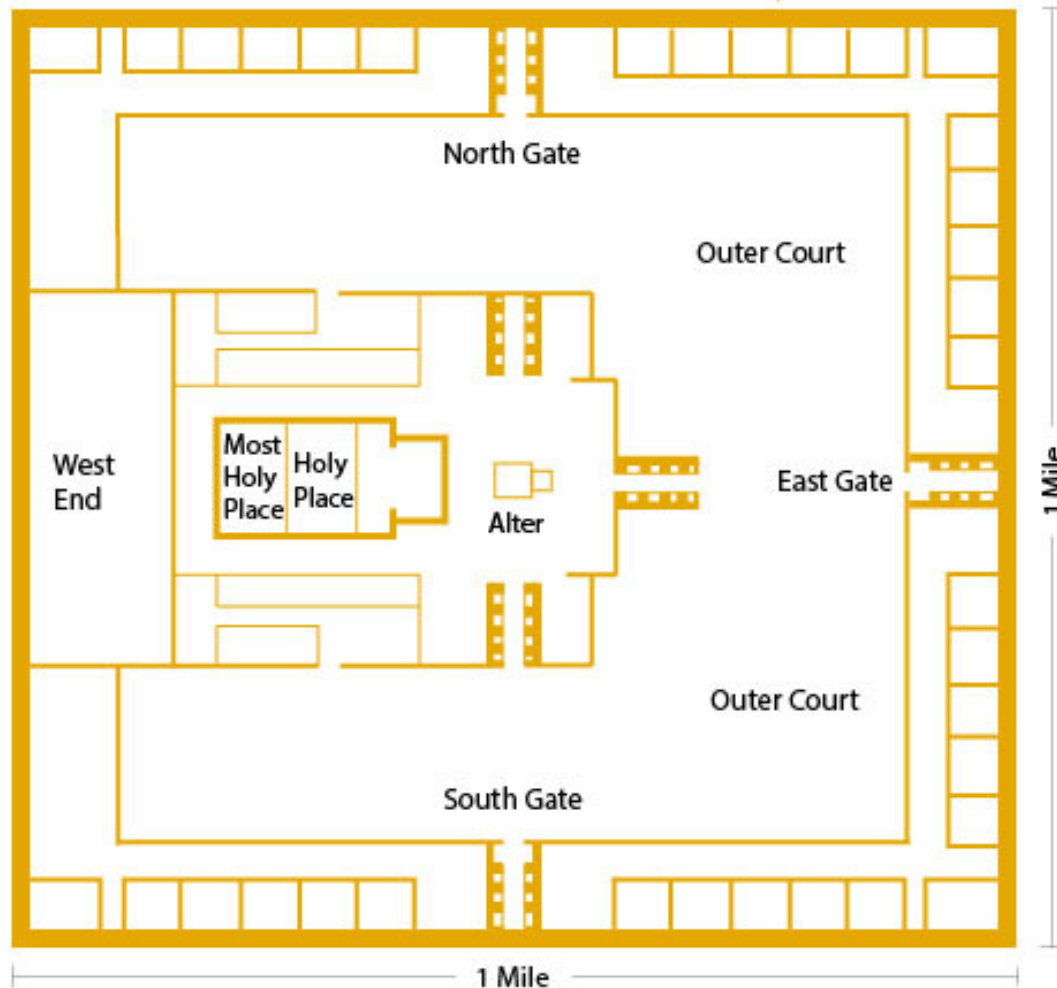
Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened



Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

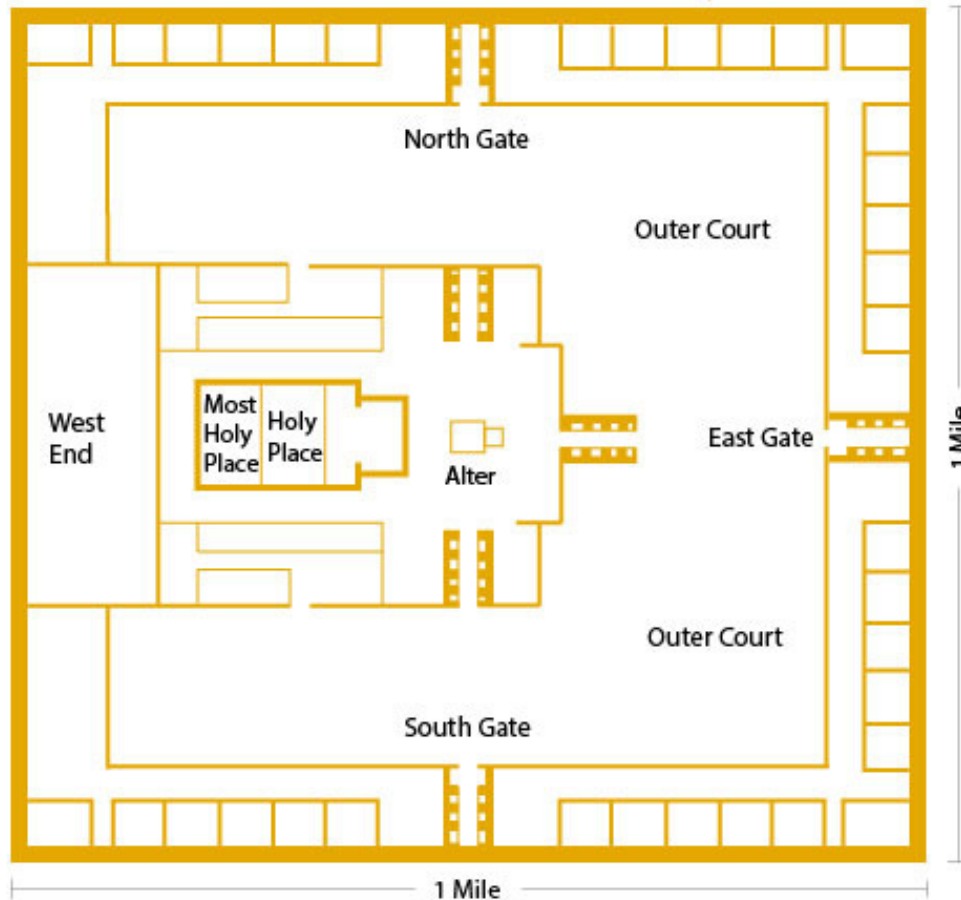
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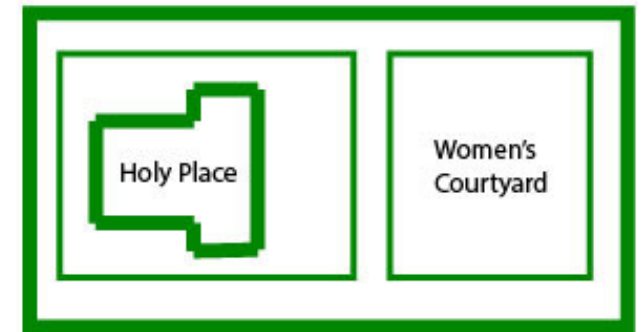


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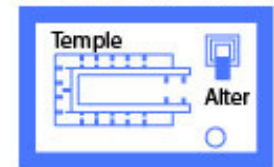


TABERNACLE



100x50 CUBITS | 150x75 FT

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



FOOTBALL FIELD



100x50 YARDS | 300x150 FT

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David Hocking

David Hocking, *The Book of Revelation: Understanding the Future* (Tustin, CA: Hope For Today Publications, 2014), 459.

“God's plan includes the coming of God's wrath, and it will be *‘fulfilled’* (completed). Until it is finished, no one could enter the temple in heaven, dramatically emphasizing the importance of these seven last plagues in the overall plan of God.”





John F. Walvoord

John F. Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary* (Chicago: Moody, 1966), 230.

“As the angels emerge from the sanctuary, it is filled with smoke proceeding from the glory of God and His power, a pointed reminder of the ineffable holiness of God. The scene can be compared to that when the cloud filled the Tabernacle in Exodus 40:34–35. Access into the sanctuary is made impossible by the smoke until the judgments contained in the seven plagues are fulfilled. It is an ominous sign of impending doom for those who persist in their blasphemous disregard of the sovereignty and holiness of God.”



Seven Bowls

(Revelation 16)



1. 1st Bowl (16:1-2) – Boils
2. 2nd Bowl (16:3) – Sea becomes blood
3. 3rd Bowl (16:4-7) – Freshwater destroyed
4. 4th Bowl (16:8-9) – Sun scorches man
5. 5th Bowl (16:10-11) – Darkness
6. 6th Bowl (16:13-16) – Euphrates dried
7. 7th Bowl (16:17-21) – Greatest earthquake

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