

Why does man need salvation?

Why do you need salvation?

Was man originally without sin?

God

- Was there before creation
 - Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Created man
 - Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Man

- Was to rule over all creation; He is holy
 - Genesis 1:26 “rule over all creation”
 - Genesis 1:28 “God blessed them”
 - Genesis 1:31 “...it was very good”
- Was to live in Eden forever, if ...
 - Genesis 2:8 “Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.”
 - Genesis 2:17 “but you **must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, for when you eat from it you **will certainly die.**”

Can we see God?

- Exodus 33:20
 - ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”
- John 1:18
 - ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known
- 1John 4:12
 - No one has ever **seen God**; but if we love one another, **God lives** in us and his love is made complete in us

Is there any good in any one of us?

Man disobeyed → sinned → death

- Disobedience = mortal and death
 - Genesis 3:6-7 ... She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
 - Genesis 3:19 ... **to dust you will return.**
- Banished from the perfect world
 - Genesis 3:23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Human nature = evil

- First murder (eldest murders the younger)
 - Genesis 4:8 ...While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
- Man's heart is evil all the time
 - Genesis 6:5-6 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.** ⁶ The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled

God's justice and love

- God's judgment on man
 - Genesis 6:7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."
- Noah
 - Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.
 - Genesis 6:9 Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.

God's judgment

- The flood
 - Genesis 7:17-23 For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth ...¹⁸ The waters ... ¹⁹ rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. ²¹ Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind... ²³ Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; (*Earth was underwater for 150 days*)
 - Years after the fall = 1,656 years

Post-flood statistics

- Man alive = 8; rest of mankind dead
- Animals alive = those within the ark
- Birds alive = those within the ark
- Fish = those left by God's choice: what we see today
- Plants and trees: all destroyed, only the seeds were left
- The rest: gone and now seen as "dinosaurs" dug out from the earth



Noah's Thanks-offering (c.1803) by Joseph Anton Koch

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God's covenant

- The covenant (Genesis 8:20-22)
 - Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.
 - ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “**Never again will I curse the ground** because of humans, even though every inclination of the **human heart is evil from childhood**. And **never again will I destroy all living creatures**, as I have done.
 - ²² “**As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.**”

The repopulation of the earth

- Noah's sons - Genesis 10-11
 - Shem: from where the Jews will come (through Arphaxad)
 - Ham: from where the Canaanites will come
 - Japheth: from where the rest of the world's population will come (including us)
- The different races/tribes as we now know them
 - Genesis 11:9 ... it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Kingdoms, civilization timeline

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Is man always trying to reach God? Do they want to go to heaven?

Man's problem: he cannot reach God

- **All fall short:**
 - Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- **Man's way:**
 - Proverbs 14:12 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.
- **Satan owns man:**
 - Luke 4:5-6 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.
- **None qualified:**
 - Romans 3:10 "There is no one righteous, not even one;...
- **There is one way:**
 - Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"

Man is Separated

"For the wages of sin is death" (spiritual separation from God) (Romans 6:23).



This diagram illustrates that God is holy and man is sinful. A great gap separates the two. The arrows illustrate that man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy or religion.

Romans 1: 18-32 commentary on man's nature

- **18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,**
- **20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.**

Romans 1: 18-32 commentary on man's nature

- **21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him,**
- **23 ... exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles**
- **24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.**
- **25 worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.**

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- **26 ... God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.**
- **27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.**
- **29 ... filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.**

Romans 1: 18-32 commentary on man's nature

- ... full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.
- ... gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;
- ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.
- ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, **they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them**

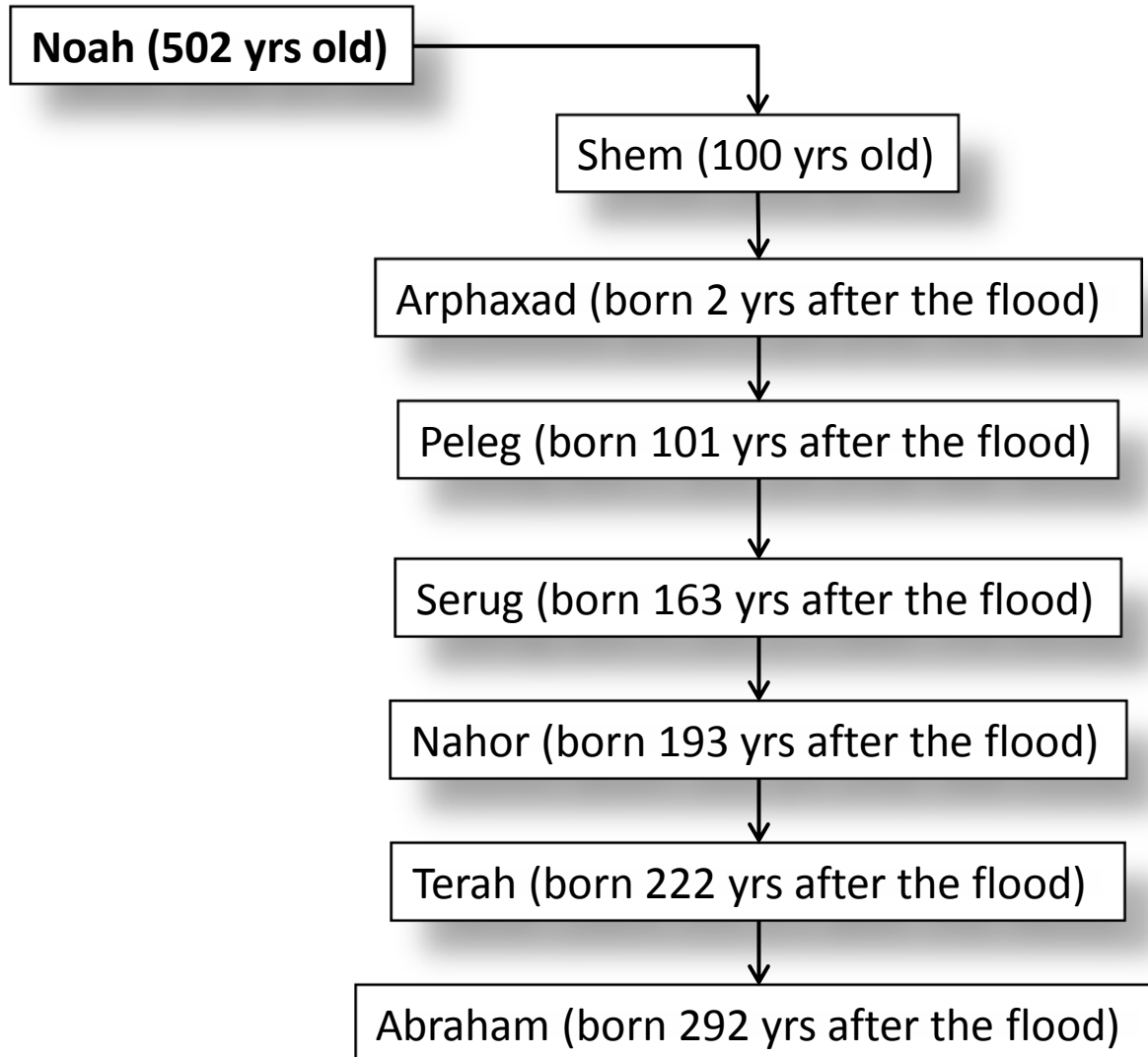
What awaits these people?

The final destination

- Revelation 20:11-15
 - ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it ... ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is **the book of life.**
 - The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ each person was judged according to what they had done.
 - ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **The lake of fire is the second death.** ¹⁵ **Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Who offered the solution?

God: through Abraham



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- Abraham's call and charge
 - Genesis 12:2-3 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
- Abraham's descendants = the future “Israelites”
 - Genesis 12-50/15:13 Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own ...”

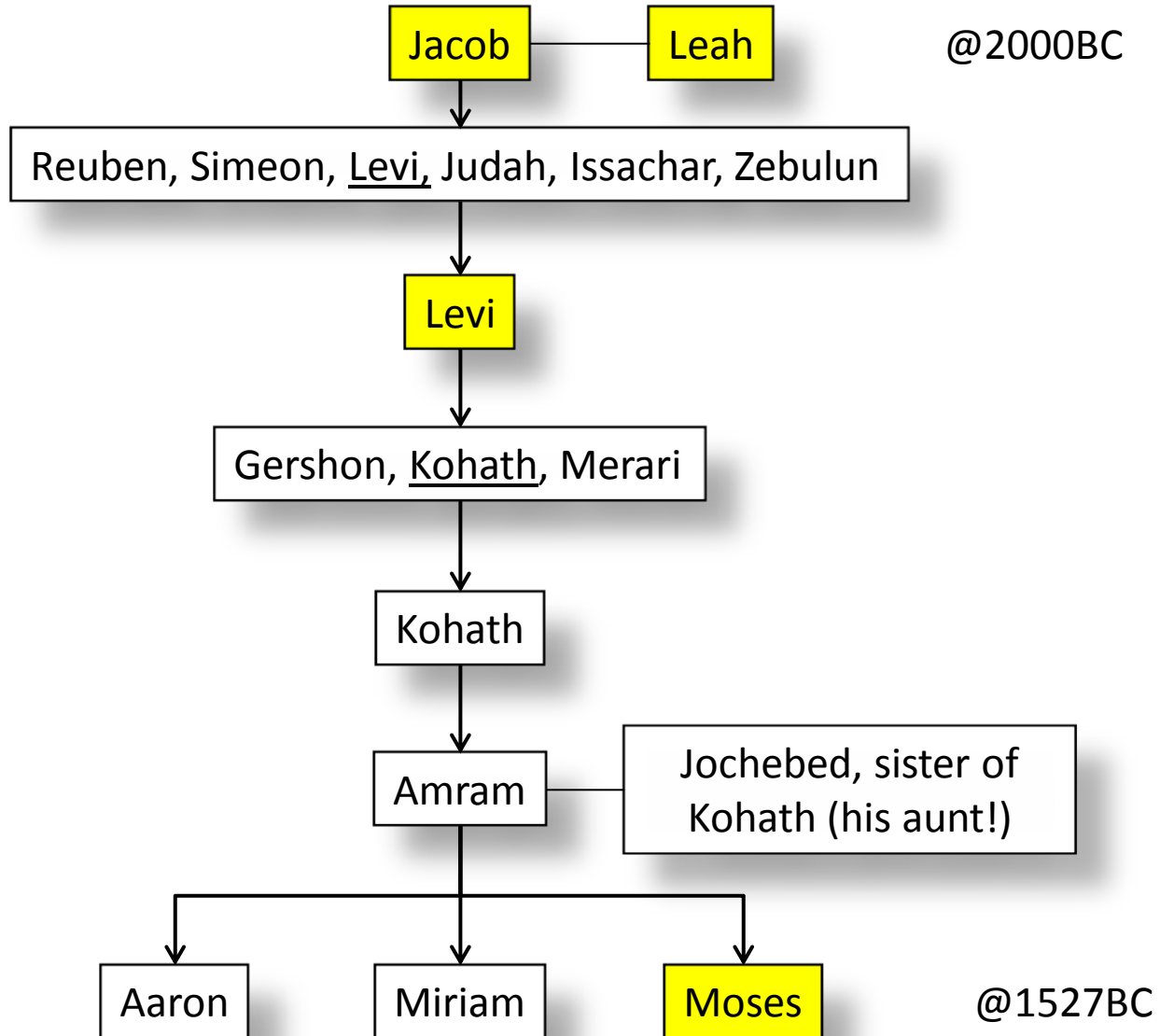
After Abraham: the chosen people

- Genesis 15: God's covenant with Abraham
- Genesis 17: The covenant of circumcision
 - Abraham, Isaac, Ishmael, his male people and later Keturah's sons
- Genesis 21: Isaac
- Genesis 27: Jacob and the birthright
- Genesis 32: Jacob is renamed Israel
- Genesis 37: Joseph
- Genesis 47: Jacob and the family live in Egypt (=582 years after the flood)

The chosen people

- Exodus: Moses
- God's plan for the Israelites
 - Exodus 19:5-6 ⁵ Now **if you obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Moses' lineage



Old Testament Sacrificial System (as instructed by God to Moses)

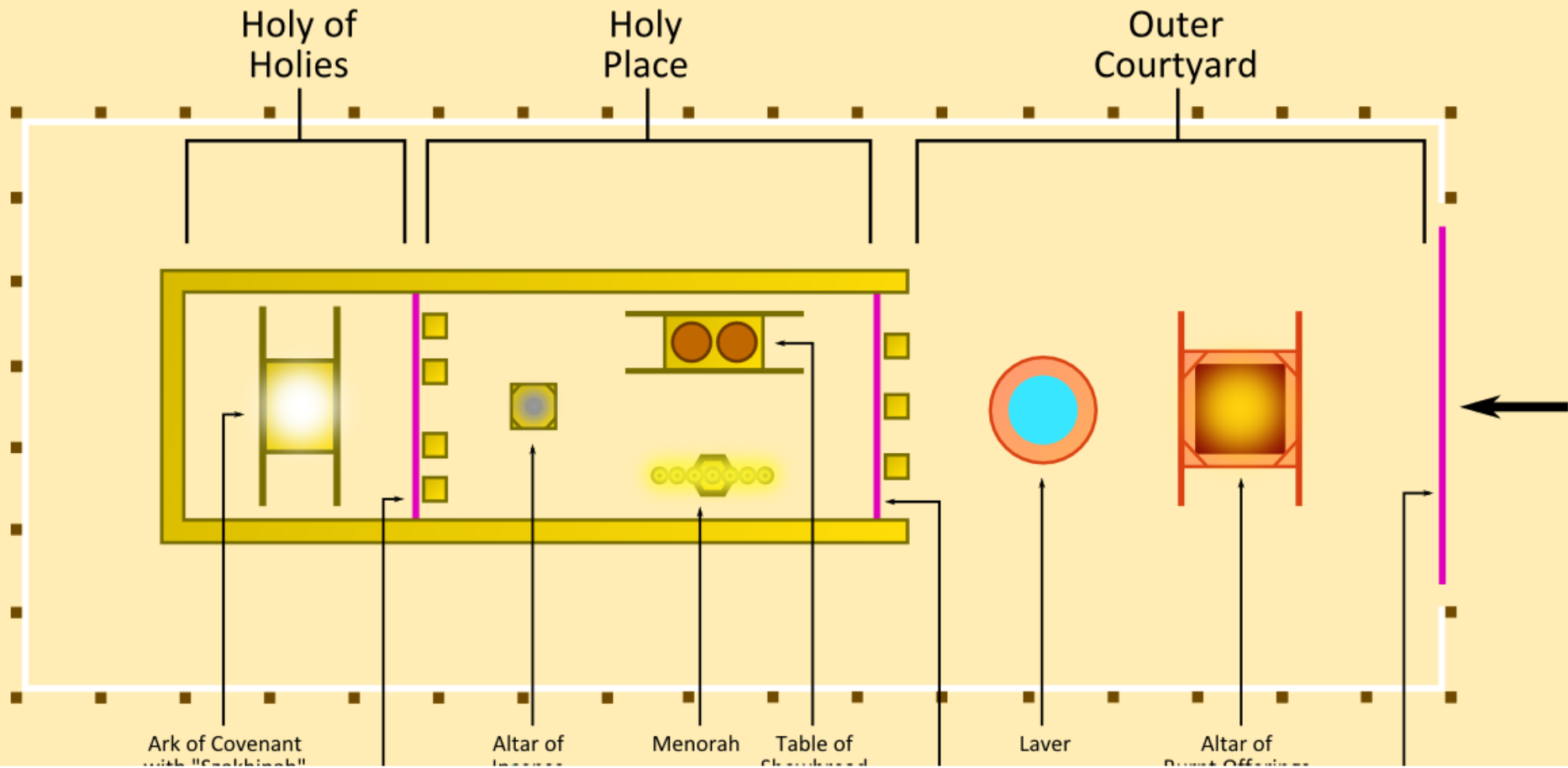
The Hebrew Sacrificial System			
Type of offering	Animal	Sex	On behalf of
Burnt offering	Bull	Male	For a priest
	Lamb or goat	Male	For the community
	Dove or pigeon	Any	For a leader
Sin offering	Bull	Male	For an individual
	Goat	Male	Status/affordability:
	Lamb or goat	Female	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priest=bull • Can afford=bull, lamb, or goat • Poor=dove or pigeon
Guilt offering	Lamb	Male (=ram)	
Fellowship offering (=thanksgiving)	Bull/cow	Male or female	
	Lamb or goat	Male or female	
Reference: (1) Leviticus (2) http://healing2thenations.net/papers/sacrifices.htm			

Tabernacle (Moses)



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Tabernacle layout (Moses)



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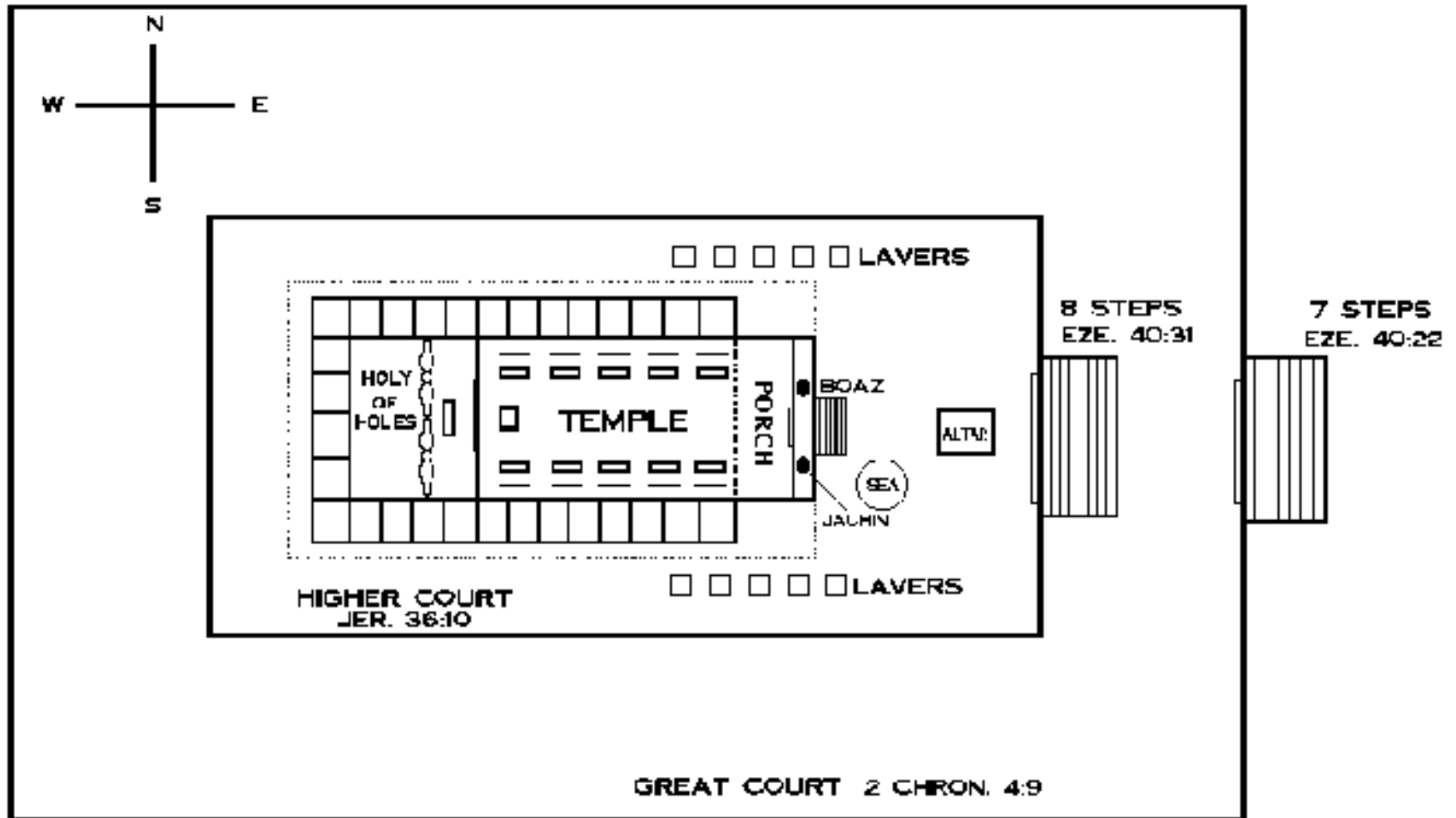
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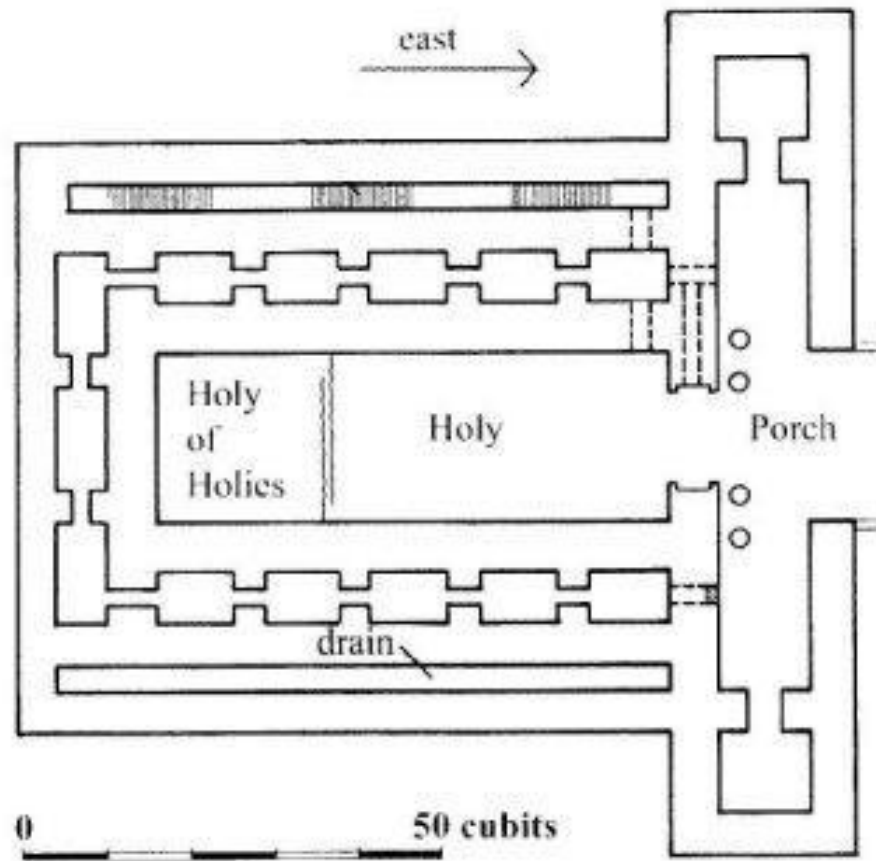


Temple (Herod, Jesus' time)



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From Solomon to Jesus: 1,000 years



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God's solution came

God's way to heaven: the preparation

- **The Savior will come**
- **The perfect sacrifice for sin for all men**
- **Fulfilled all requirements for the salvation of His own creation**
- **The prophecies:**
 - Crush Satan's head (=Gen 3:15) the Fall @2,000 yrs before flood
 - Virgin birth (=Isaiah 7:14) @730BC
 - Born in Bethlehem (=Micah 5:2) @700BC
 - From the tribe of Judah (=Gen 49:10) @1400BC
 - Descendant of King David (=Jeremiah 23:5) @617BC
 - When he will come (=Daniel 9:24-26) @600BC
 - The Lamb as the perfect sacrifice (=Exodus to Leviticus) @1530BC

God's way to heaven: the preparation

- Prophecies: perfect sacrifice and future glory
 - Guilt offering (Isaiah 53:10) @740BC
 - Lamb led to slaughter (Jeremiah 11:19/Isaiah 53:7) @740BC, 670BC
 - Hanged on a tree; crucifixion scenes (Deuteronomy; Psalms 2, 22, 34) @1530BC/@1000BC
 - Redeemer (Ruth) @1200BC
 - Resurrection (Isaiah 25,26) @740BC
 - The only Savior (Isaiah 43,45) @740BC
 - Blessing to all nations (Psalm 72, 88) @1000BC
 - He is God (Genesis 1, Micah 5:2, Psalm 90:2) @1530BC/ 1000BC/ 750BC
 - Will establish an everlasting kingdom (Isaiah 9:7) @730BC

God's solution came: Jesus the Savior

- Jesus is born (@2,460 yrs after the flood)
 - Conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
 - Virgin birth
 - Announced by the angels (Luke 8:10-11)
 - Good News: the Savior is born!
 - Great joy to the people
 - Angels are ecstatic
 - Seen by:
 - Shepherds
 - Magi
 - Chosen people



Map of Israel during Jesus' time

(Including the roads)

- Born in Bethlehem
- Grew up in Nazareth (30 yrs)
- **Baptized in the Jordan river (=Bethany in Perea; Bethabara)**
- Started ministry in the Galilee area
- Passed through Samaria
- Finished ministry in Jerusalem

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Jesus' Ministry

- Baptism in the Jordan river by John the baptizer:
 - God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit were there (Mark 1:10-11; Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:29-34)
- Mark 1: 10-11
 - ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: **“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

Jesus' words on His ministry

- Luke 4: 18-21 (in Nazareth)
 - ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:
 - ¹⁸ **“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**
 - ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus' words on His ministry

- Matthew 5:17
 - “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them
- Mark 2:10
 - But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”
- John 5:24
 - “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life

Jesus' words on His ministry

- John 11:25-26
 - ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
- John 14:6
 - Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me

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- John 1:18
 - No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, ...
- John 5:37
 - “And the Father himself, who sent me, has borne witness of me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.”

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- John 8:23-24
 - And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.” Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for **if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins.**”
- John 12:44-45:
 - “Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. “And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.”
- John 14:9
 - **“He who has seen Me has seen the Father”**

Is Jesus God?

God the Father's affirmation

- Matthew 17:2-3,
 - ² There he was **transfigured** before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.
 - ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, **“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”**

God's love

- **John 3: 16-18**

- ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
- ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

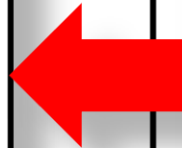
Jesus' sacrifice

- Betrayed
- Abandoned by His friends
- Unjustly judged
- Flogged
- Crowned with thorns
- Spat at, sneered, mocked
- Via Dolorosa
- Nailed to the cross
- The ultimate humiliation
- Died a most difficult death

God's love for the world



(Jesus had no sin yet He suffered the full penalty of sin)



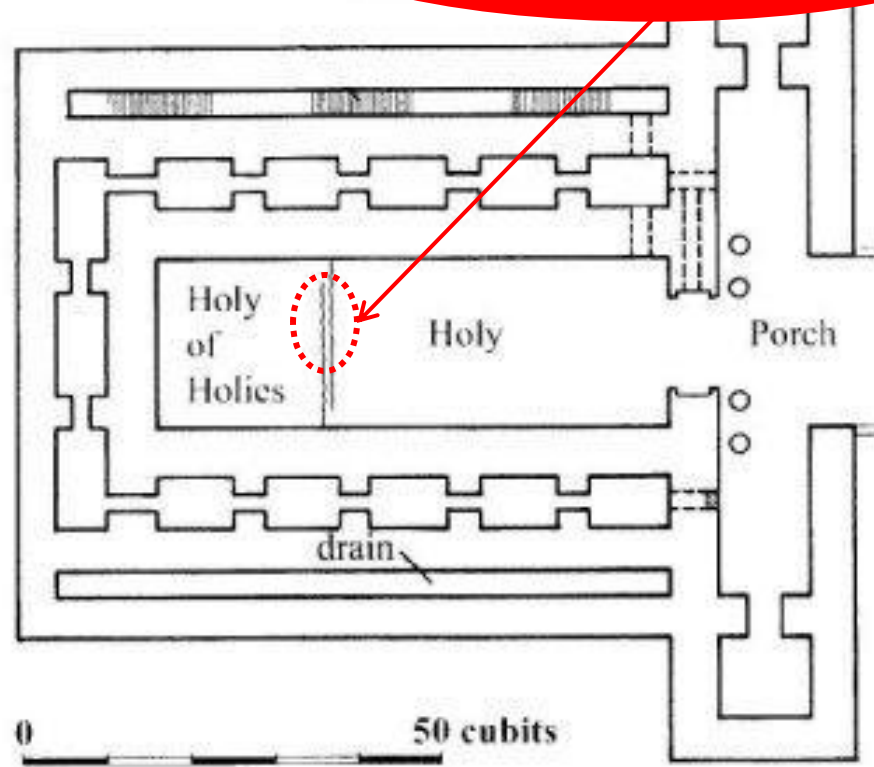
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Temple (Herod, Jesus' time)

Veil of the temple was
torn from top to bottom



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Why “It is finished!”?

- **Jesus, the man without sin, made the perfect sacrifice**
 - Hebrews 9:22 ... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness
 - Hebrews 10:12-14 ¹² But **when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,** ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ **For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**
 - 1Peter 1: 18-19 ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.**

Parallels in the Old Testament and Jesus' sacrifice

Guilt offering: ram, unblemished



Offering: Jesus without sin

Passover process

1. Unblemished lamb (ram)
2. Blood placed on the doorframes with hyssop plant



Sacrifice for sin once for all:

1. Jesus (without sin)
2. Sin of man placed on Jesus
3. Blood shed for the forgiveness of all sin (debt is paid in full)
4. Drank from hyssop pole
5. **"It is finished"**

God passed over Israelites – sparing them from death



Veil of temple rent – man can now access God directly because of Jesus' sacrifice

Sabbath: God rested from His work of creation



Sabbath: Jesus, God, rested from His work of salvation

The perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 9)

Elements	Old Testament	New Testament
High priest	Imperfect people	Jesus, the sinless man
Tabernacle	Man-made	Perfect, not man made – It is heaven itself
The sacrifice	Bulls, calves, lamb, goats	Jesus himself
Entry; # of sacrifices	Several times	Only once
Means of entry	Blood of bulls and calves	Blood of Jesus
Redemption	Temporary	Eternal

Why do we need Jesus?



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Jesus has already done the work of salvation

- The meaning of the cross
 - Colossians 2:13-14 ¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having **canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness**, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, **nailing it to the cross.**
- Only Jesus can save
 - Acts 4:12 **Salvation is found in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

All we need to do is to place our faith in Him

- Acts 2:38
 - Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Acts 16:30-31
 - ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
- Romans 10:13
 - “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How can we be saved?

- Ephesians 2:8-9
 - ⁸ For it is **by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ **not by works, so that no one can boast.**
- Romans 10:9-10
 - ⁹ **If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.** ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved

The process of salvation

What will we do?

1. Recognize our sins and be sorry
2. Confess these to the Lord (1John 1:9)
3. Believe in the Lord Jesus as the only way to heaven and He is Lord of all
4. Make Him the Lord of your life from now on

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness

A suggested prayer of faith

- Lord Jesus, I need you.
- Thank you for dying on the cross and saving me from the fires of hell and painful torment forever. Thank you for giving me eternal life.
- I am sorry for my sins and confess them to you.
- I ACCEPT YOU AS my LORD AND SAVIOR.
- Do with me according to what your plan for my life.
- Amen.

Jesus' warning

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- Matthew 10:32-33
 - ³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.
- Mark 8:38
 - “If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

God bless you indeed!