

**Take a look at the world around you. Watch the news. Listen to what is being said or not said. What words come to mind when you think of cancel culture? Close the churches, but keep the abortion clinics opened? Isolate yourself? Keep your distance from other people? We have to accept those who choose to live immoral lifestyles, but they will not tolerate those who want to stand on God's Word? Churches have closed and many of those that have reopened are preaching a social, non-confrontational, non-judgmental gospel abandoning truth and propagating Satan's deceptive lies. God says, "I will bring their conduct upon their heads" (Ezekiel 9:10).**

**What will our conduct bring? What does our future hold?**

#### DAY 1

Ezekiel 6:10 says "Then they will know that I am the Lord; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them." God has told His people that He will judge them according to their ways and bring their abominations upon them. There will be no pity, just judgment so they will know that He is God and He keeps His word.

1. Read Ezekiel 8 marking all the words that are on your card. Pay close attention to parts of the *Lord's house*, *abominations*, and the *glory of the God of Israel*.
2. Find a theme for each paragraph and record it here and on your Observation Worksheets.
  - a. 8:1-4
  - b. 8:5-6
  - c. 8:7-13
  - d. 8:14-15
  - e. 8:16-18

3. We are going to look at each event in this chapter. Find out what is happening and when.
  - a. The second time that Nebuchadnezzar marched on Jerusalem, he took 10,000 people including Ezekiel in 597 BC. When do the events of Ezekiel 8:1 occur compared to Ezekiel 1:1-2. How do the two relate? You can record the dates these occur on the *At a Glance Chart* in the Segment Divisions column.
  
  - b. You looked at timing, now take a look at locations. Compare Ezekiel 1:1; 3:15, 22-23; and 8:1-3 and note the locations of these events. When does he see the vision and where does he go in his vision?
  
  - c. Read Ezekiel 8:2-4; 1:26-28; and 3:23. Record any connections that you see.
  
  - d. List the locations and abominations Ezekiel sees in Jerusalem. Ask the 5 “W’s” and “H” questions as you look at these verses. You can use the illustrations of “Solomon’s Temple” and Jerusalem and the Temple” at the end of this lesson.
    - 1) verses 5-6
  
    - 2) verses 7-13
  
    - 3) verses 14-15
  
    - 4) verses 16-17

4. Summarize the theme of Ezekiel 8 and record it on your Observation Worksheets and on your *At a Glance Chart*.
5. Let's end today with some applications.
  - a. What have you learned from this chapter that you can apply to your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What are we, as individuals as well as the churches, bowing to? What are we worshiping?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Would you/we change anything if we believe that Jesus was going to show up tomorrow?
6. One more piece of information for you to ponder as you wrap this up for the day. God has clearly stated what He considers abominations in His Word. Since God never changes, then what was an abomination 3,500 years ago is still an abomination today. How does this affect your life and the way you view the events of the world today? How will it affect our lives to live in a society that calls abominations good and good evil?

## DAY 2

Today you are going to be looking at a powerful chapter, Ezekiel 9. It speaks to our world today and how God expects us to react to the abominations in our midst.

1. Read Ezekiel 8 and 9 together and watch the flow of thought between the two chapters.
2. Now read Ezekiel 9. Look for answers to the 5 “W’s” and an “H” questions as you read. Watch the various people and activities that are taking place in this chapter.
3. Summarize the paragraphs and record your titles here and on your Observation Worksheets.
  - a. 9:1-2
  - b. 9:3-8
  - c. 9:9-10
  - d. 9:11
4. Draw the events of chapter 9. Make sure you include all the main characters and what they did. Remember that drawing causes us to visualize the events in a way that we can remember.

5. What do you learn about God in this chapter? When tragedy strikes as it is doing more and more today, how do people respond when God is brought up as part of the equation? How about when someone suggests that God was involved in some way?
  
6. According to this chapter, who is behind the judgment?
  
7. When does judgment come and why? Do people expect judgment from God today? Explain your answer.
  
8. What do you learn about yourself as you think through all that we have seen and the questions that we have pondered so far in this study?
  
9. Let's not forget to come up with a chapter theme and record it on your Observation Worksheets and on the *"At a Glance Chart"*.

## DAY 3

Ezekiel continues his narrative. He told of the judgment that came upon Jerusalem on account of her abominations. Now his attention turns to the temple.

1. Carefully read through Ezekiel 10. Mark the key words and phrases from your bookmark.
2. Summarize each paragraph below and in the margins of your Observation Worksheets.
  - a. 10:1-2
  - b. 10:3-5
  - c. 10:6-8
  - d. 10:9-14
  - e. 10:15-17
  - f. 10:18-19
  - g. 10:20-22
3. As you read through Ezekiel 10, did it remind you of something you have already studied? If so what? What did these have in common?
4. Read through Ezekiel 10 again. Notice that in verse 18 that the glory of the Lord departed the temple. The glory of the Lord departed! What a despondent thought. Is that applicable today? If so, explain the evidence you see. Is there anything we can do? Carefully evaluate these questions in light of all that we have learned so far in Ezekiel. Be thorough.

5. It's time to come up with a chapter theme and record it on your Observation Worksheets and on the *"At a Glance Chart"*.
6. Spend some time in prayer as you meditate on all you learned today.

#### DAY 4

These chapters are so rich. There is much for us to learn about Israel's future (and ours). They will bring a greater appreciation of the Gospels and the prophecies surrounding Christ. Savor these words and allow them to minister to you and fill you with hope and awe.

1. Observe Ezekiel 11. Carefully mark your key words.
2. Determine paragraph titles and record here and on your Observation Worksheets.
  - a. 11:1-4
  - b. 11:5-12
  - c. 11:13
  - d. 11:14-21
  - e. 11:22-25
3. Record a chapter theme on your Observation Worksheets and on the *"At a Glance Chart"*.
4. What had Israel done to deserve judgment and what will that judgment be? List what you learn from chapter 11.
5. Ezekiel makes a plea to the Lord. What was that plea?

6. How did God respond to Ezekiel's plea?
  
7. Jeremiah prophesied at the same time as Ezekiel. They were contemporaries, but Jeremiah prophesied from Jerusalem while Ezekiel wrote from Babylon. Both of these men had an important message concerning man's hearts. You have been marking this word in Ezekiel. Compare Ezekiel 11:14-20 with Jeremiah 31:31-34. What does God say to Israel?
  
8. Let's review a bit and then apply the truths to your life.
  - a. What has happened to Israel? Where were they and why?
  
  - b. Is there judgment for sin?
  
  - c. Even though there is judgment for sin, there is hope! What does that mean for you?
  
  - d. Is there something that you have learned that can help you in your daily walk and encourage you in your faith?



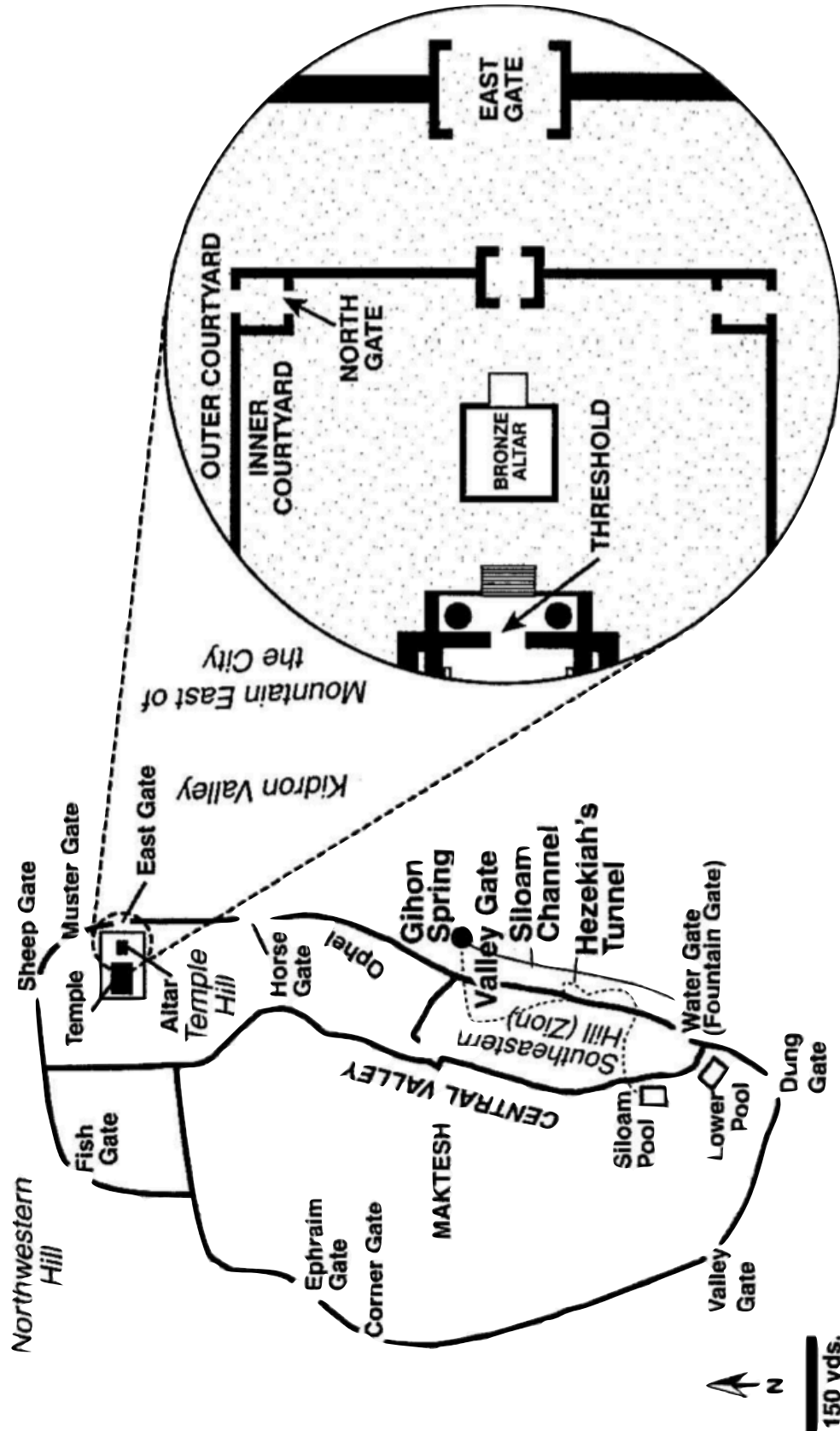
## DAY 5

We are going to look at the glory of the Lord today. You have been marking it, now let's see what we can glean.

1. How do Ezekiel 8:4 and 10:20 clarify Ezekiel 1:26-28?
  
2. Read Ezekiel 10:3-4. You are going to compare it with some cross references. Observe what happened to the glory of the Lord (the cloud of the Lord) and the tabernacle or the temple on each occasion.
  - a. Exodus 40:17, 34-35
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. II Chronicles 6:1-2; 7:1-3
  
3. Look at each place that you marked the glory the Lord. Using the diagrams at the end of this lesson - "Jerusalem and the Temple" and "Solomon's Temple" - follow the movement of the glory of the Lord. You can number these.
  
4. What is the significance of the departure of the glory of the Lord from the temple and from Jerusalem. Watch the timing. Is there a connection to the judgment about to come on Jerusalem?

5. Look up these New Testament verses and see what you can learn about Jesus, the glory of the Lord, and the temple.
  - a. Hebrews 1:1, 3
  - b. John 1:1, 14
  - c. Revelation 1:12-18
  - d. Luke 2:21-32
  - e. Matthew 23:37-39
  
6. You can check and see what your commentaries have to say about Ezekiel 8-11.

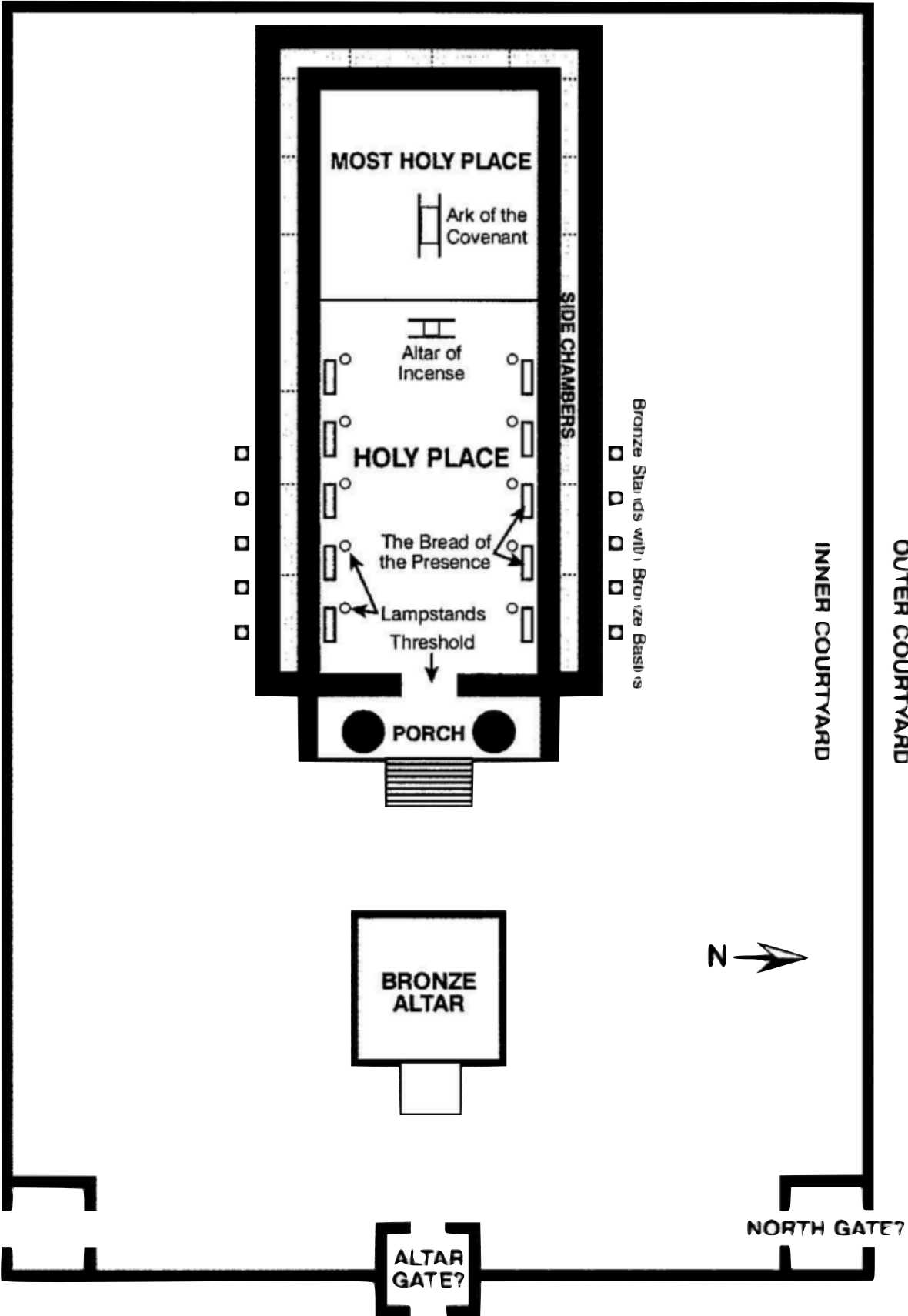
Jerusalem and the Temple



# Ezekiel

Lesson 3, Chapters 8-11

Solomon's Temple



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