

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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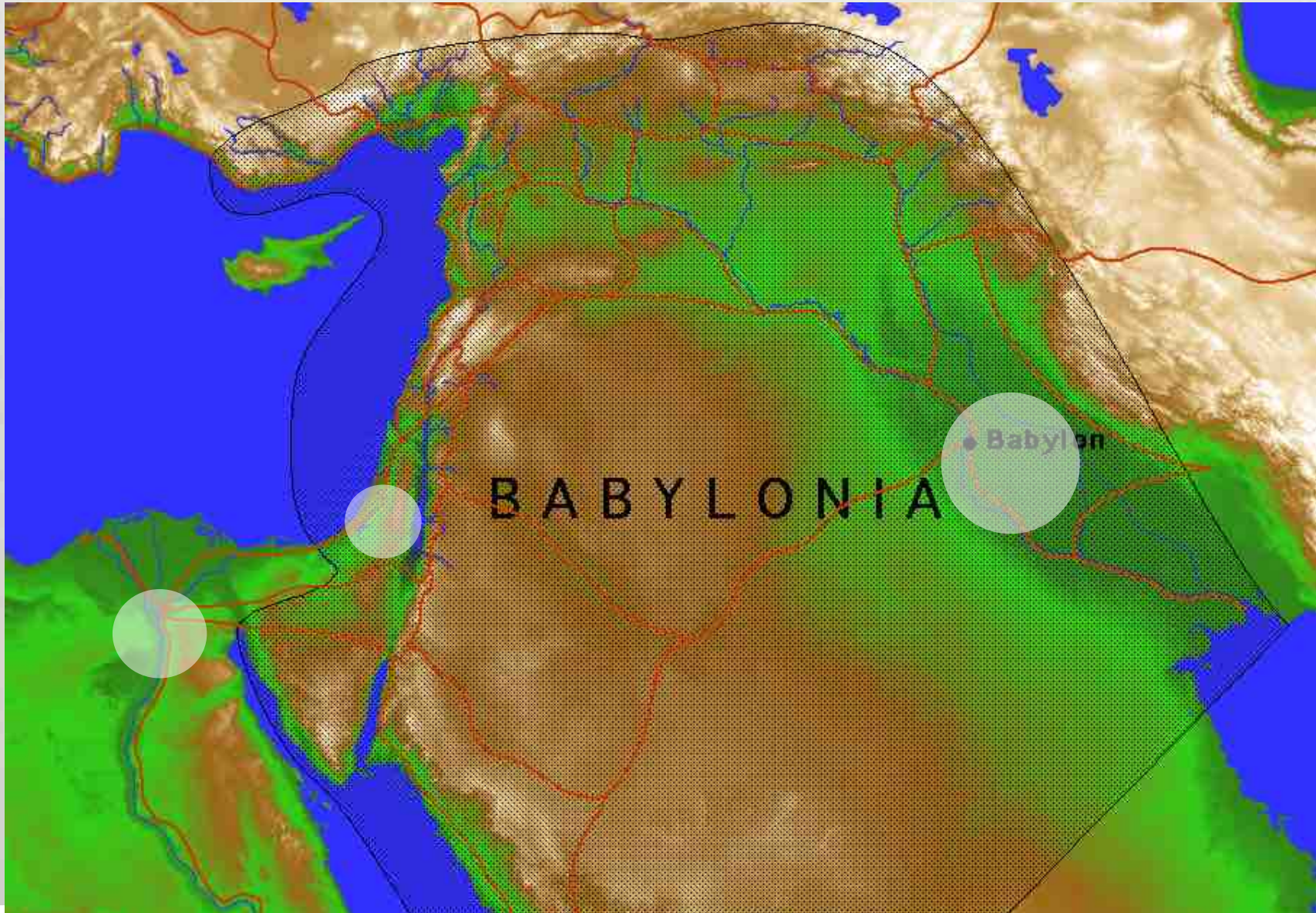
Ezekiel at a Glance

Ezekiel's Vision and Call	Ezek 1–3
Judgment against Israel and Judah	Chs. 4–24
Judgment against the Nations	Chs. 25–32
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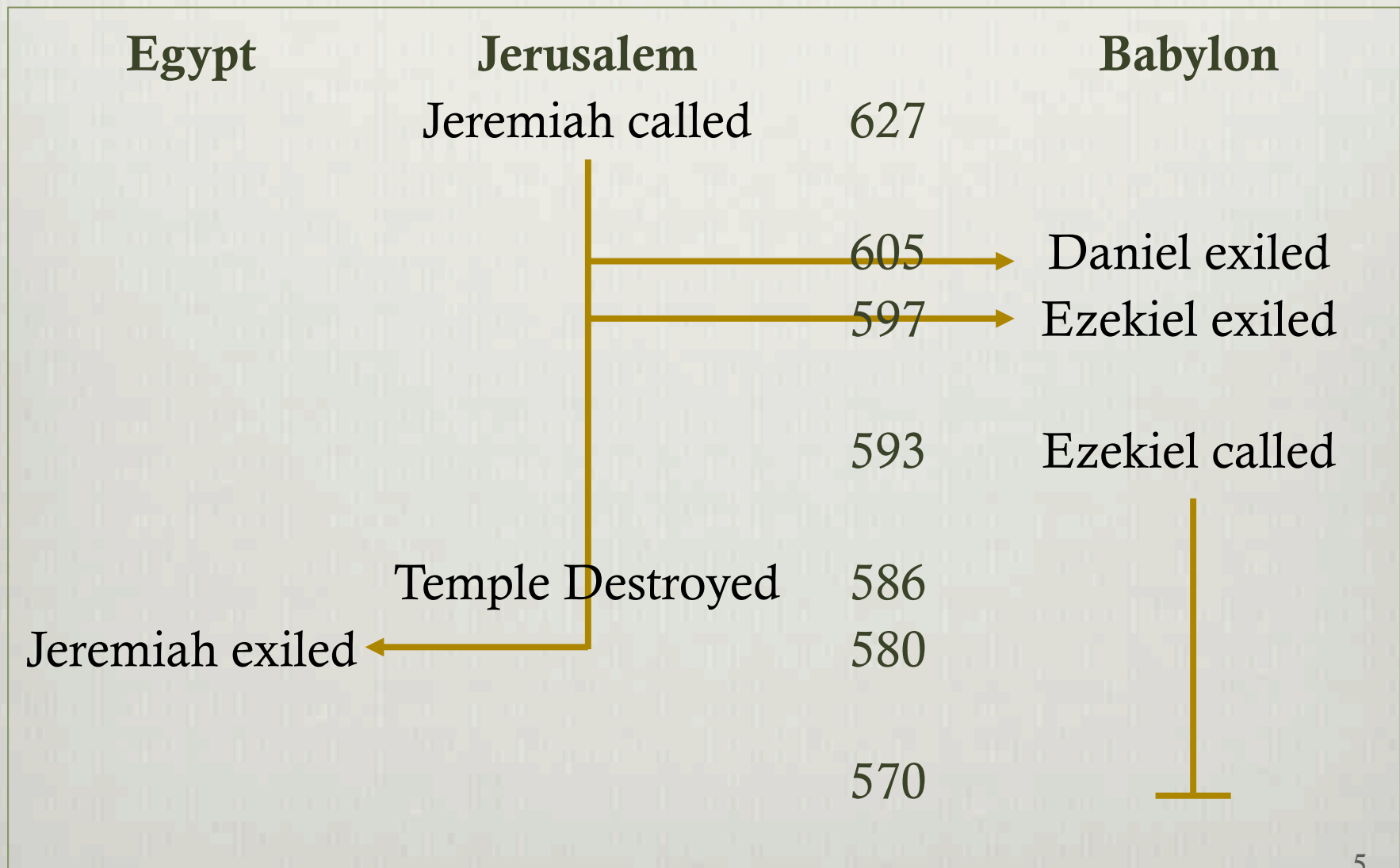
Jerusalem's Destruction & Initial Restoration

Date	Prophets	Key Events in Judah	Key Events in Persia
600	Daniel Ezekiel	Daniel exiled (605) Ezekiel exiled & called (597/93) Babylon destroys Jerusalem/ temple (586)	
550	Haggai Zechariah	Zerubbabel & Jeshua return & begin temple (Ezra 1-4) Temple completed (516) (Ezra 5-6)	Persia claims power (539) Cyrus' decree (538)
500			
450		Ezra returns (458) (Ezra 7-10) Nehemiah returns (445) (Neh 1-2)	Story of Esther (Esth 1-9) (486-464)
	Malachi		
400	Silence...		

Jewish Settlement in the Babylonian Empire



Time & Place Relationship of Jeremiah & Ezekiel



Ezekiel's Initial Vision & Call

❖ **An Overview of the Vision**

- ❖ **Stage 1 (Ezek 1:4–14): Composite winged figures with four faces (lion, bull, eagle, man) and human bodies. All are comparable to the images of Babylonian gods, but in Ezekiel 1 they serve the true God.**

Series of Composite Figures Lion Head



Bull Head



Eagle Head

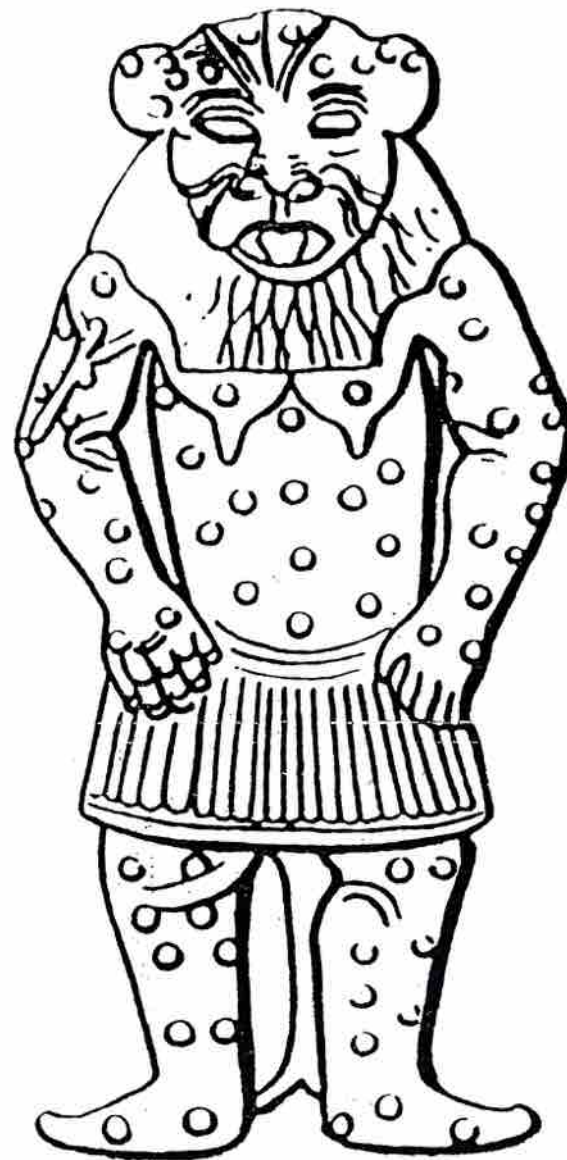
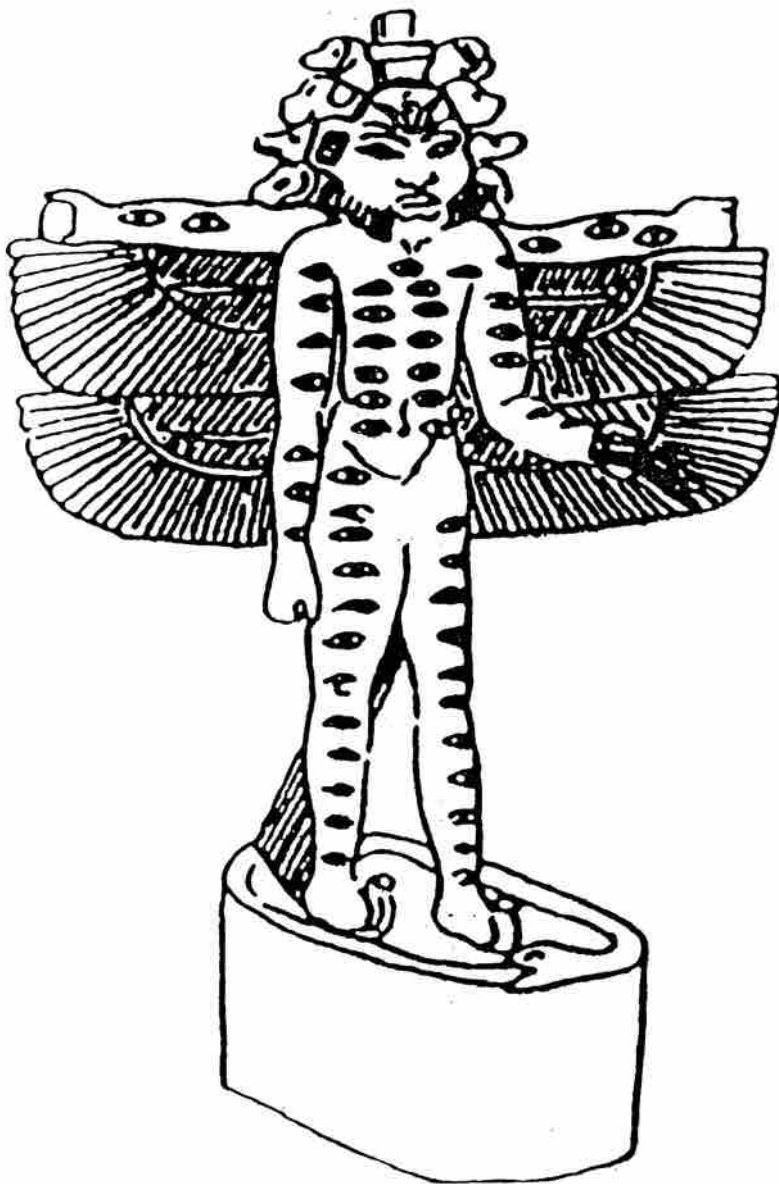


- ❖ **Stage 2 (Ezek 1:15–21):** In association with the image is a chariot-like image with wheels full of eyes. We find many images of gods riding chariots in the ancient world, and many composite figures full of eyes.

Divine Image Enthroned Above a Cherub

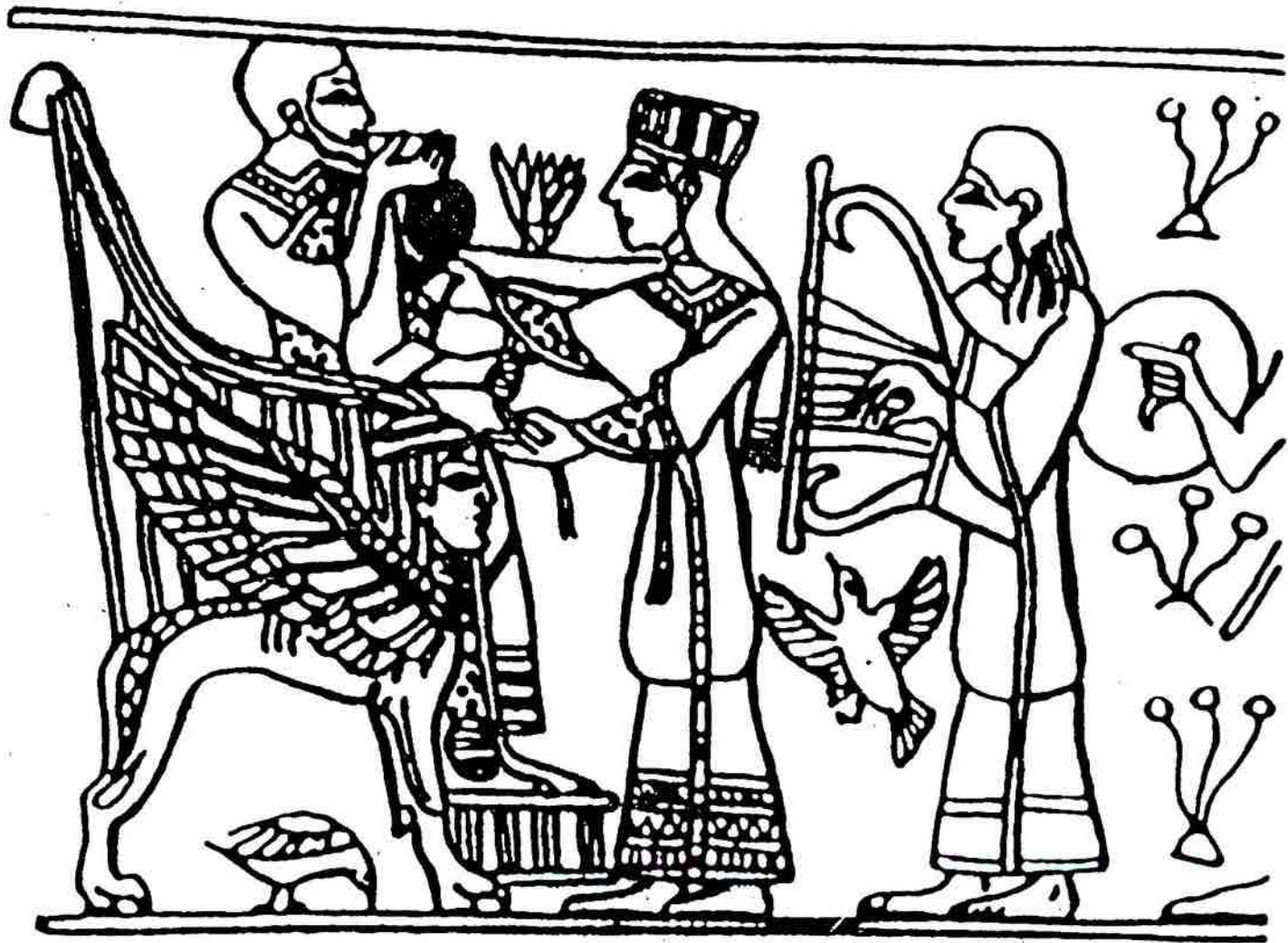


Images Covered with Eyes

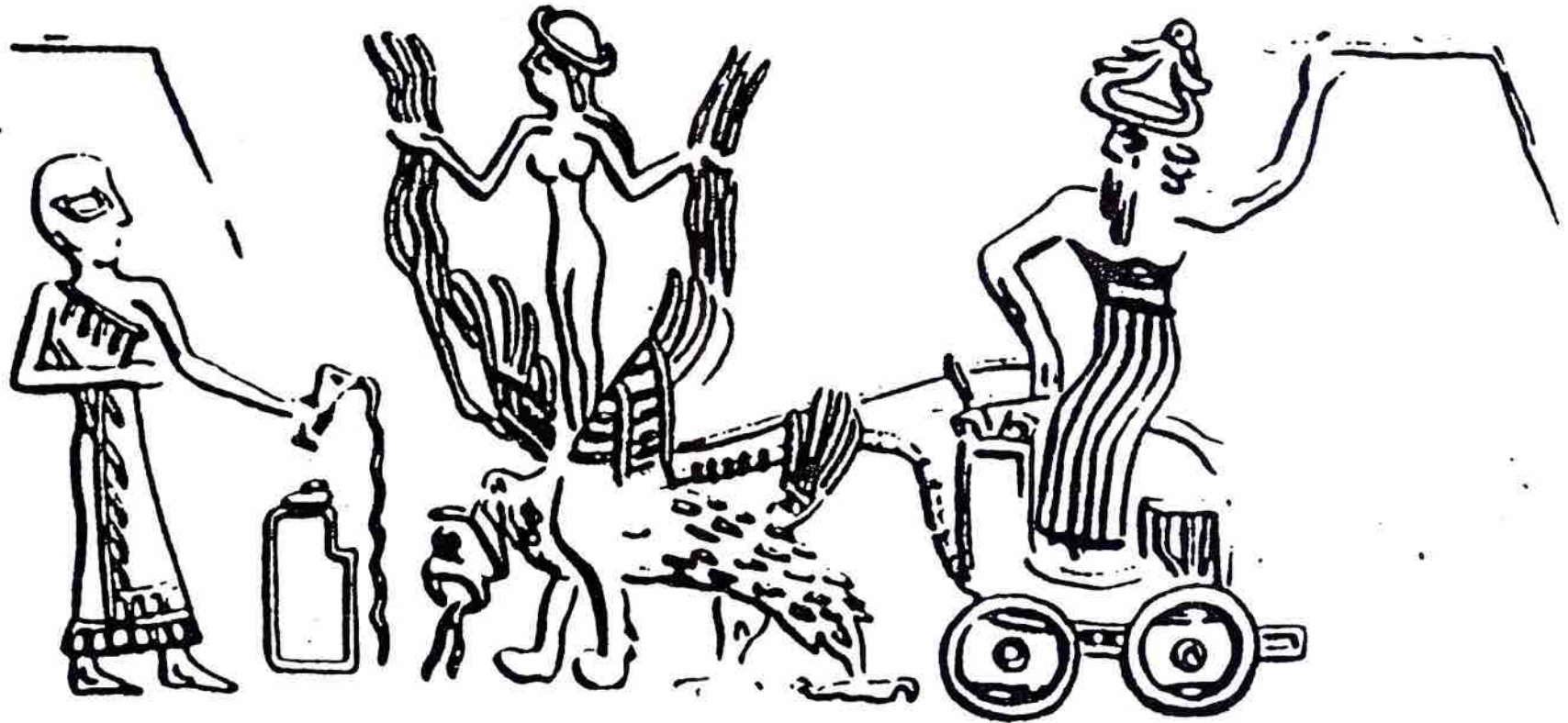


- ❖ **Stage 3 (Ezek 1:22–28): Above the chariot was a vast expanse (sky), and above the expanse a throne, and on the throne one “with a human appearance,” the great King of Glory!**

King on His Cherub Throne



Divine Figure in Chariot Drawn by a Composite Figure



- ❖ **Implications: Yahweh is sovereign over all creation, and all the powers of Babylon are merely his servants (Ezek 1:22–28)**
- ❖ **The call:**
 - ❖ **His audience (2:1–5)**
 - ❖ **His mission (3:1–7)**

Judgment against Israel & Judah

❖ Israel's Covenant Faithlessness: Israel the Idolater (chs. 8–11)

❖ Israel's abominations in the temple (ch. 8)

	Where?	Who?	What?
8:3–5	North entrance to inner court		Image of jealousy
8:10–12	Rooms of pictures around inner court	70 elders	Idols & engravings of creatures
8:14	Entrance to north gate	Weeping women	Image of Tammuz
8:16	Entrance to inner court	25 men facing east, back toward the Holy of Holies	Sun worship

❖ **Yahweh's response (chs. 9–11)**

❖ **Synthesis (8:18)**

❖ **Stage 1 (9:1–11)**

❖ **The preservation of the grieving (9:4) but the destruction of all who fail to grieve over sin (9:1–2, 5–8)**

❖ **Innocent blood is shed by the powerful (22:3–4, 6)**

❖ **Idolatry (22:3–4)**

❖ **Contempt for parents (22:7)**

❖ **The sojourner, fatherless, and widow are wronged and exploited (22:7)**

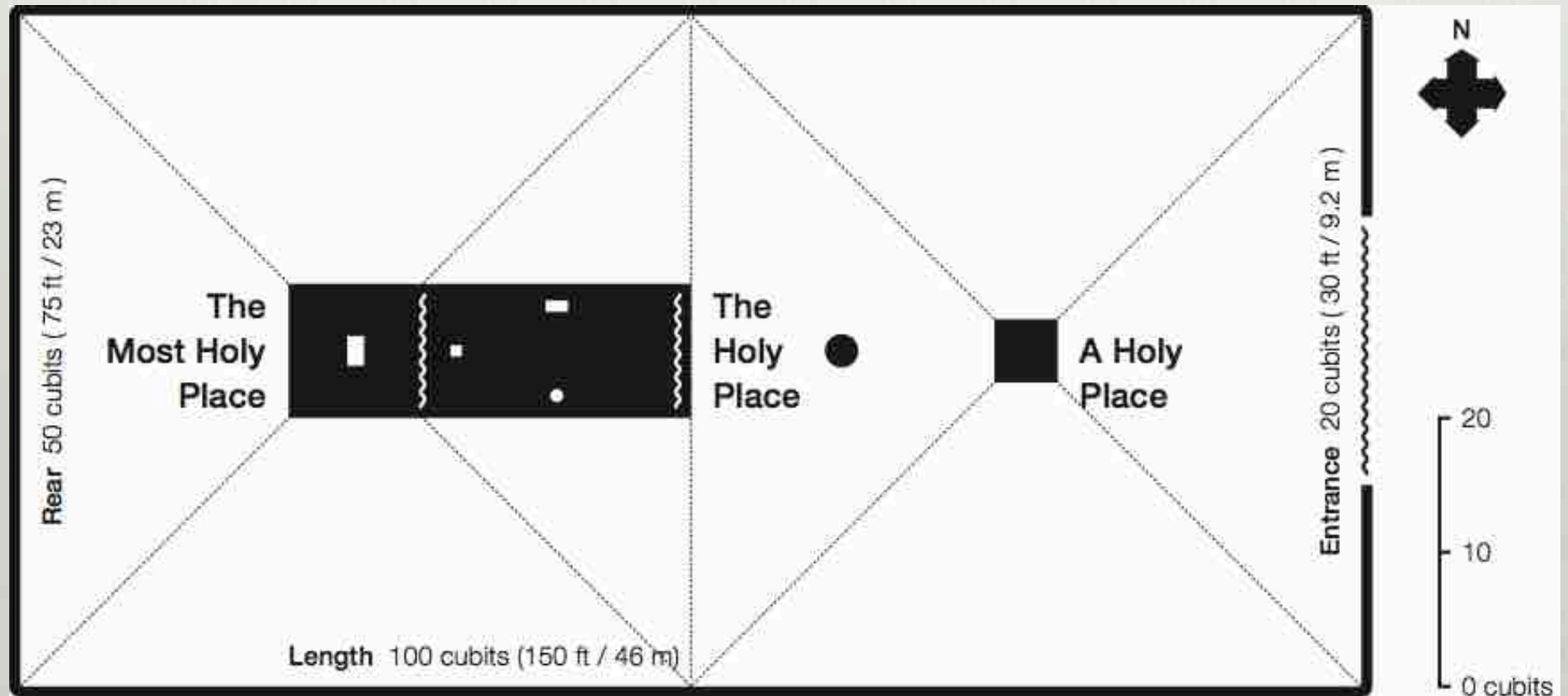
❖ **What is holy is despised (22:8)**

❖ **Sexual immorality (22:10–11)**

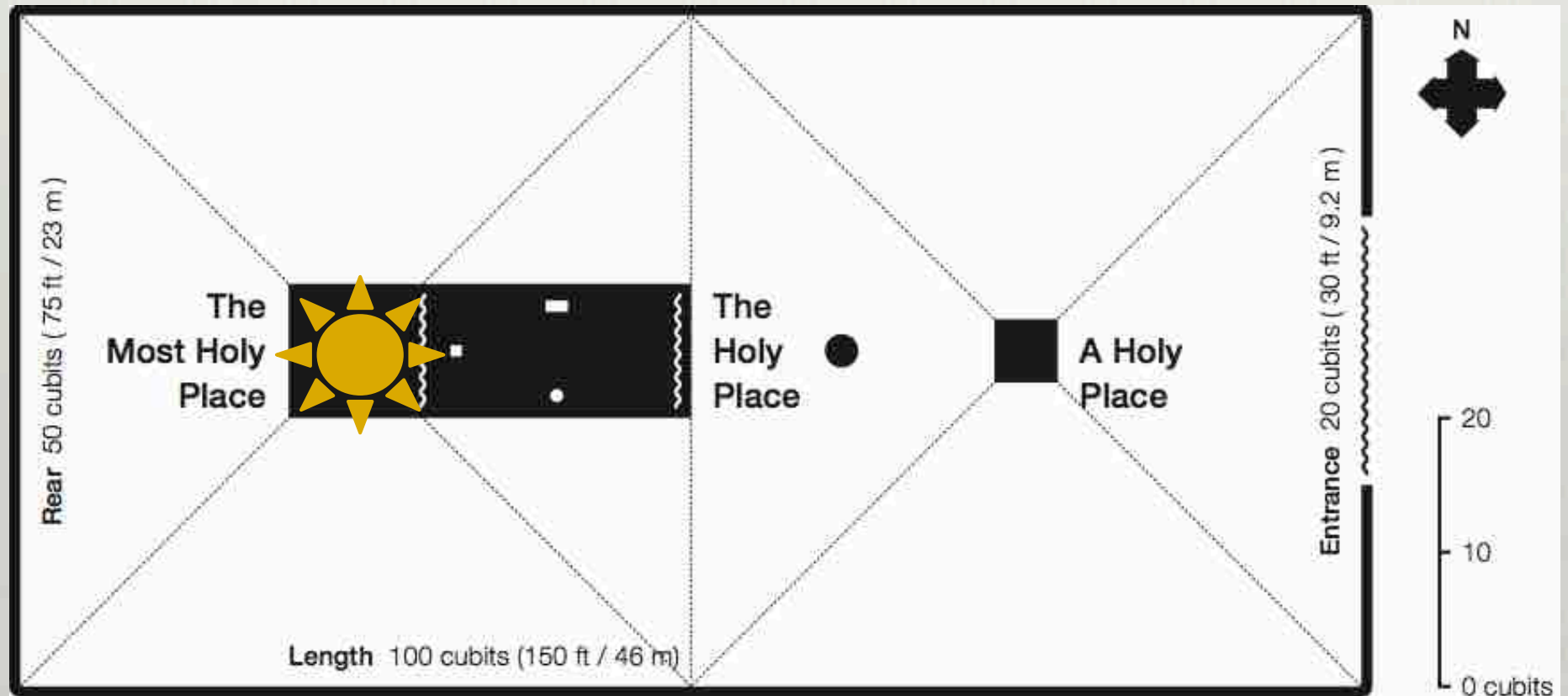
❖ **Extortion and dishonest gain (22:12–13)**

- ❖ **The glory cloud begins to leave the earthly temple, moving from the ark of the covenant to the threshold of the Holy of Holies, filling the temple with glory (9:3; 10:4)**

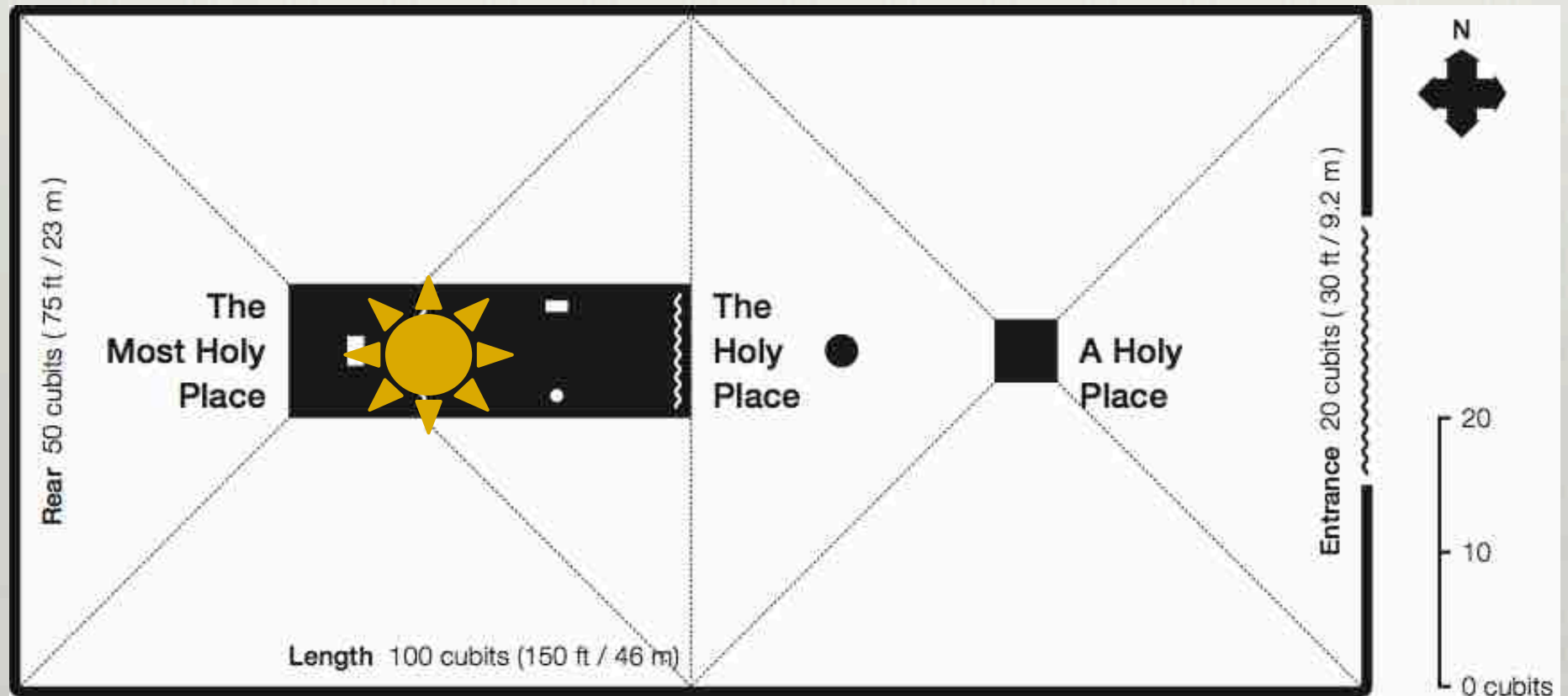
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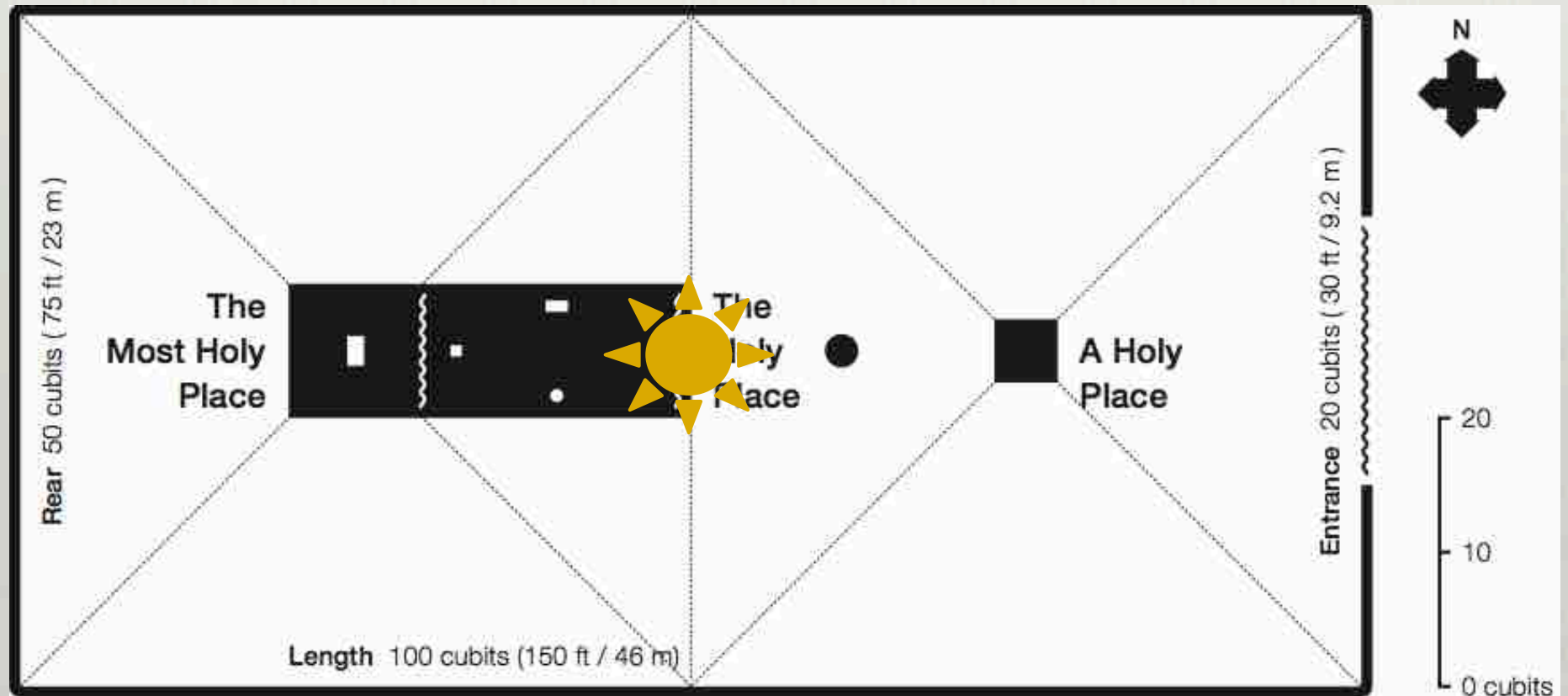
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❖ **Stage 2 (10:1–22)**

- ❖ **Yahweh commissions that burning coals be taken and scattered over the city to fuel the satisfaction of God's wrath (10:2, 6–7; cf. Isa 6:6).**
- ❖ **The glory of God's presence moves from the threshold to the temple's east gate (10:18–19)**

The Tabernacle



❖ **Stage 3 (11:1–25)**

- ❖ **Ezekiel is commissioned to rebuke the idolaters of Jerusalem, declaring the coming exile as divine judgment (11:1–12).**
- ❖ **Yahweh promises to preserve a remnant from his people:**
 - ❖ **Being a sanctuary to the exiles (11:16)**
 - ❖ **Restoring them to the land (11:17)**
 - ❖ **Transforming their hearts for obedience (11:19–20)**
- ❖ **The glory of Yahweh completely departs from the temple and Jerusalem and hovers over the Mount of Olives, east of the city (11:23)**

- ❖ **Stage 4—The Future: God will return to his temple and dwell in the midst of his people forever.**
- ❖ **Ezek. 43:2–5. And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. And the sound of his coming was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ³And the vision I saw was just like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and just like the vision that I had seen by the Chebar canal. And I fell on my face. ⁴As the glory of Yahweh entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the temple.**
- ❖ **Ezek. 48:35. And the name of the city from that time on shall be, Yahweh Is There.**