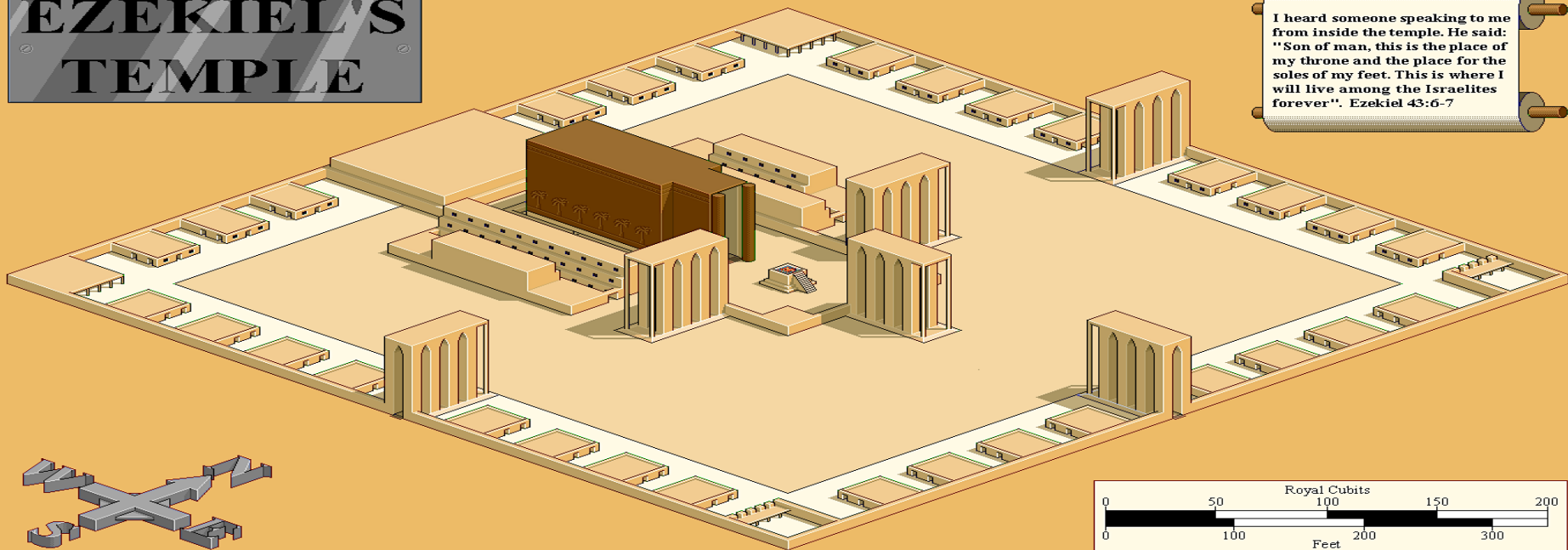


EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE

I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever". Ezekiel 43:6-7



- A sentinel brought the good news to Judah of victory
- Only later did this good news refer to a spiritual Savior
- Assyria's defeat meant the resumption of Shabbat, the appointed times, and sacrificing for the Judeans
- This will happen again in the End Times
- Nations who are brutal, and especially those brutal to Israel, will be destroyed by God

Nahum

**Nineveh: a filthy, vile,
spectacle without
a comforter**

CHAPTER 3

- The longest chapter in Nahum's book
- **Hoy** = woe
- Nineveh... their identity is as the city of bloodshed
- Nineveh was full of lies (thou shall not lie), robbery (thou shall not steal), bloodshed (thou shall not murder)
- **Kullah kahas** = all of her is a lie all vs. full

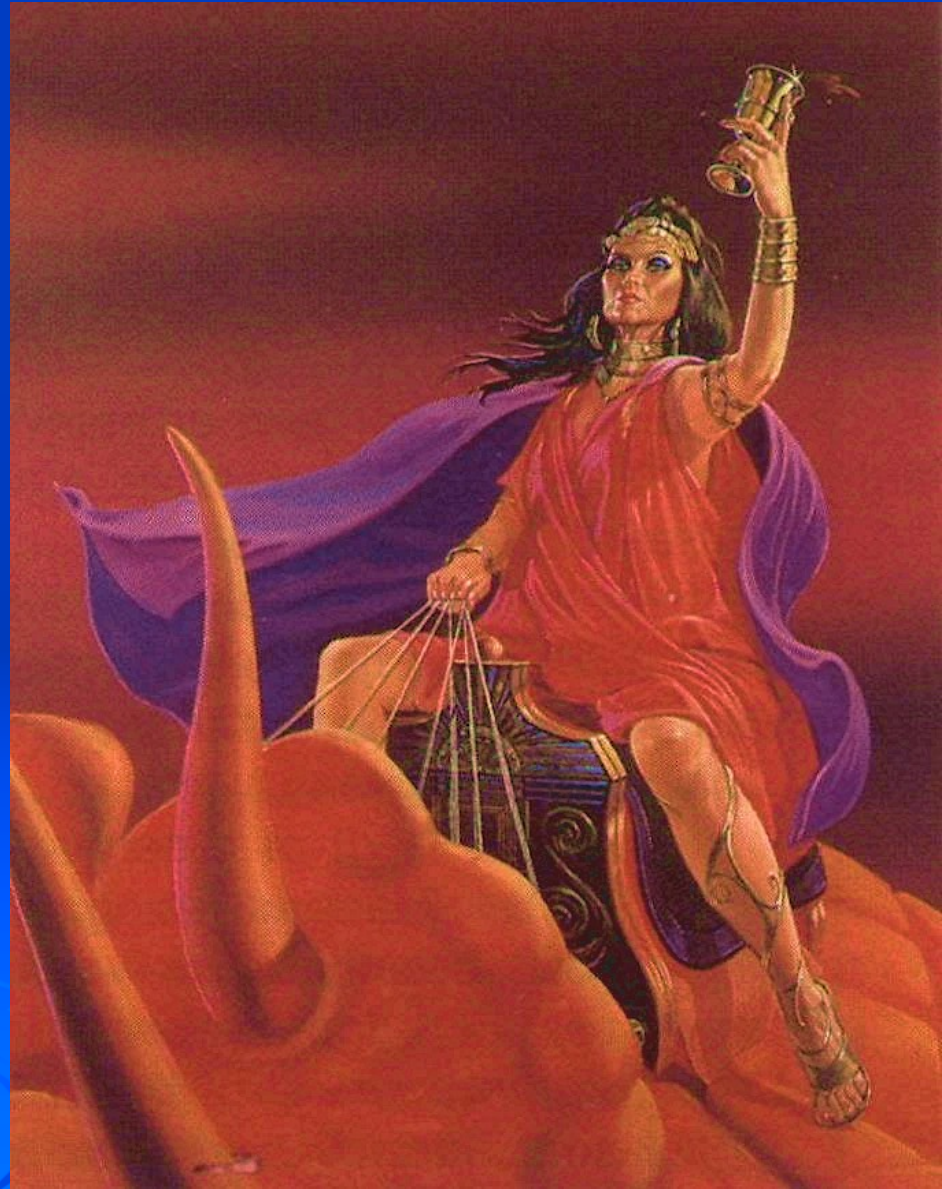
SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF WAR



- Nahum 3:2 & 3 need to be read together
- A series of abrupt, staccato descriptions
- Judges 5:27
The Song of Deborah
- The sounds of battle in Nahum's era, with Nahum as eyewitness
- The enemy is inside of Nineveh's walls
- God was exercising His wrath using Babylon
- Revelation 9:20 - 21

SEDUCTIONS OF THE ZONAH

- Nahum 3:4 & 5, another pairing that should not be separated
- **Zonah** = prostitute
- A characterization of evil that happens again in the End Times Rev. 17:1 – 5
- Nineveh the personification of evil, later that would be Babylon
- **Kasapim** = sorcery, secret wiles
- Evil/ sin can be beautiful to look at, win battles, bring riches and pleasure. If it didn't, people wouldn't sin!



SHAME



- Prosperity Doctrine is the Whore of Babylon
- Matthew 6:24
- *Tzva'ot* is in reference to Heavenly Holy War
- Joshua 5:13 – 15
- Uncover skirts is about exposing private parts
- This is the sense of the term “nakedness” in the Bible
- The subject is shame as a social status, not an emotion (ashamed)



SHAME AND FILTH



ISAIAH 47:1

- Guilt plays no role in shame
- Arab/Muslim nations live in a condition of shame because they have been unable to defeat Israel
- Since God is a God of patterns, then this will happen again
- Isaiah 47:1 – 3
- Nahum 3:6 – 7
- *S(h)isqqus(h)im*
- “S” can sound like “s” or “sh”. In Hebrew it is a “seen” or a “sheen”

FILTH IS AN ABOMINATION

- *Siqqusim* is associated with paganism
- This involves an element of ritual uncleanness
- The world will recoil from Assyria no longer from fear, but from disgust at their shame
- Biblically, Assyria, Nineveh, Babylon all became inherently negative terms
- They all represent *belial*, the personification of evil



No-Amon >>> Thebes >>> Luxor



Karnak Temple in Luxor



WHO WILL MOURN FOR NINEVEH?

- A somewhat rhetorical question, to be answered “NO ONE!”
- John Calvin’s prayer is aimed at leadership of all kinds and types
- Nahum 3:8 Is Assyria better than No-Amon?
- No-Amon is an ancient pattern of what happened to Nineveh

MORE POETIC STRUCTURE

Nahum 3:8 - 13

- Vs. 8 A To Nineveh: are you better than No-Amon?
- Vs. 9 B No-Amon had a strong ally in Cush....
- Vs. 10a C She went into captivity...
- Vs. 10b X (center point) Leaders carried away...
- Vs. 11 C' Nineveh: You will become drunk...
- Vs. 12 B' Your fortresses will fall...
- Vs. 13 A' To Nineveh: ... Your people like women...
- A Menorah pattern changes the emphasis and highlights that Israel is the benefactor



FOR THE SAKE OF ISRAEL

- Romans 11:25 – 27
“... it is in this way that all Israel will be saved...”
- Syntactical Accent Stress (SAS units) counts accents in syllables and words for Hebrew poetry
- No-Amon means
“city of the god Amon”
- Assyria means
“people of the god Asshur”
- Both thought water protected them
- Those who don’t learn the lessons of history destined to repeat them