

REVELATION 10

- Mighty Angel is likely The Angel of the Lord in the OT
- Vows towards Heaven that there be no more delay in carrying out God's plan
- All 7 Seal Judgments have now occurred
- 6 of the 7 Trumpet Judgments have occurred
- Chapter 10 is an interlude similar to chapter 7



WHICH SCROLL ?

- Is the “little scroll” the same as the one with the 7 seals?
- Majority view is that it is the same scroll that the Lamb received
- Reason: Mighty Angel identified as Christ
- Church doctrine says all physical divine apparitions are Christ
- **Biblion** = scroll, book
- **Bibliaridion** = VERY small book or scroll





THE COMPLEXITY OF PROPHECY

- Prophecy can be both literal and symbolic, can be now and be later
- Can be studied on multiple levels
- **P'shat** (plain, literal)
- **Sod** (mysterious, hidden)
- Far, middle, near views
- 'ot = dramatic enactment to make a point, illustration
- Ezekiel 4, 5, and 12
- Ezekiel 2:8 – 3:3
- Job 20:12 - 15



THE PLEASURE OF SIN

- We sin because we enjoy it
- After becoming a Believer we may sin, but it no longer tastes sweet
- Oecumenius 10th century
- The middle view of this prophecy of John and the eating of the little scroll
- John was a Torah observant Galilean Jew
- Visions of Revelation given in a Jewish cultural context

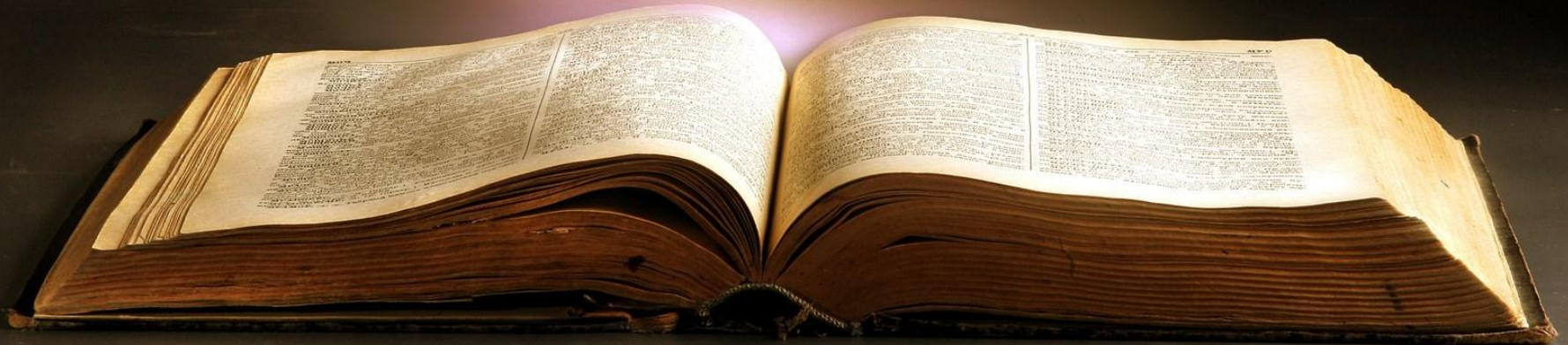


ORDEAL OF BITTER WATER



- Much symmetry between Rev. 10 and Numbers 5
- At the bottom of God's wrath is Israel's infidelity
- Woman drinks concoction of bitter water and swears an oath
- Final words of chapter 10 connect directly to first words of chapter 11
- Chapter 11 has concern with gentiles

SEPARATING LITERAL FROM SYMBOLIC



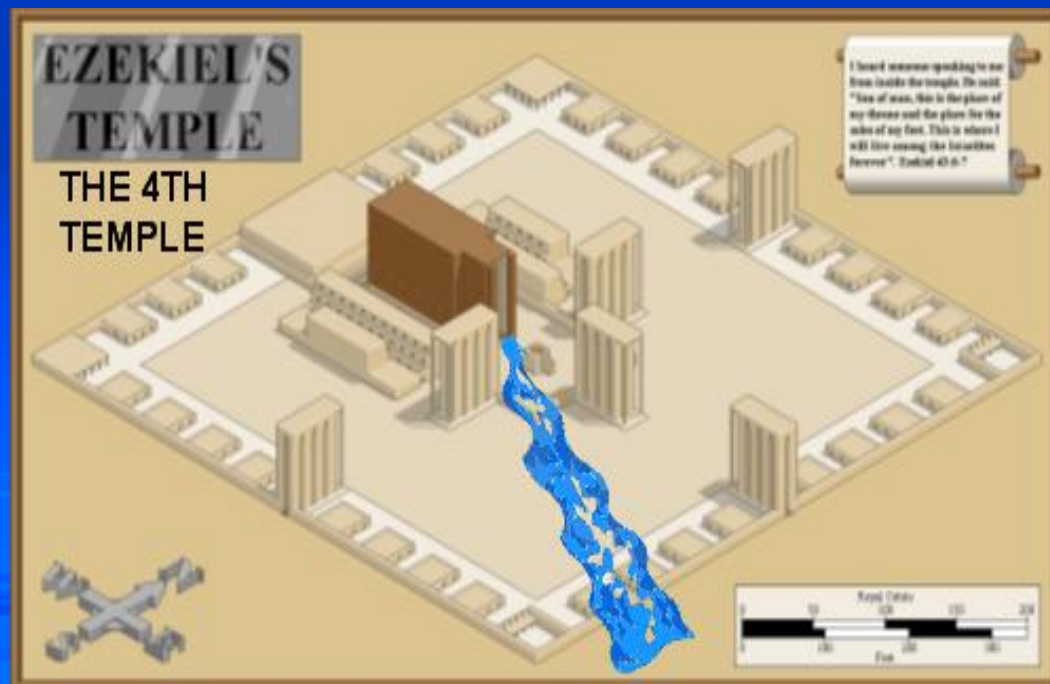
- **REVELATION CHAPTER 11**
- Chapter 11 has a difficult mixture of literal and symbolic
- Biggest danger in studying prophecy is to not take the words literally enough
- In hindsight the precision of the prophecies about the coming of Messiah are astonishing

WHICH TEMPLE ?

- Herod's Temple no longer existed when John wrote
- John seems to be envisioning the 3rd Temple
- This is NOT Ezekiel's Temple
- Pre-Trib doctrine sees this Temple as literal, but re-orders the courts
- Preterist sees Temple as literal
- Modified Futurists see the Temple as symbolic



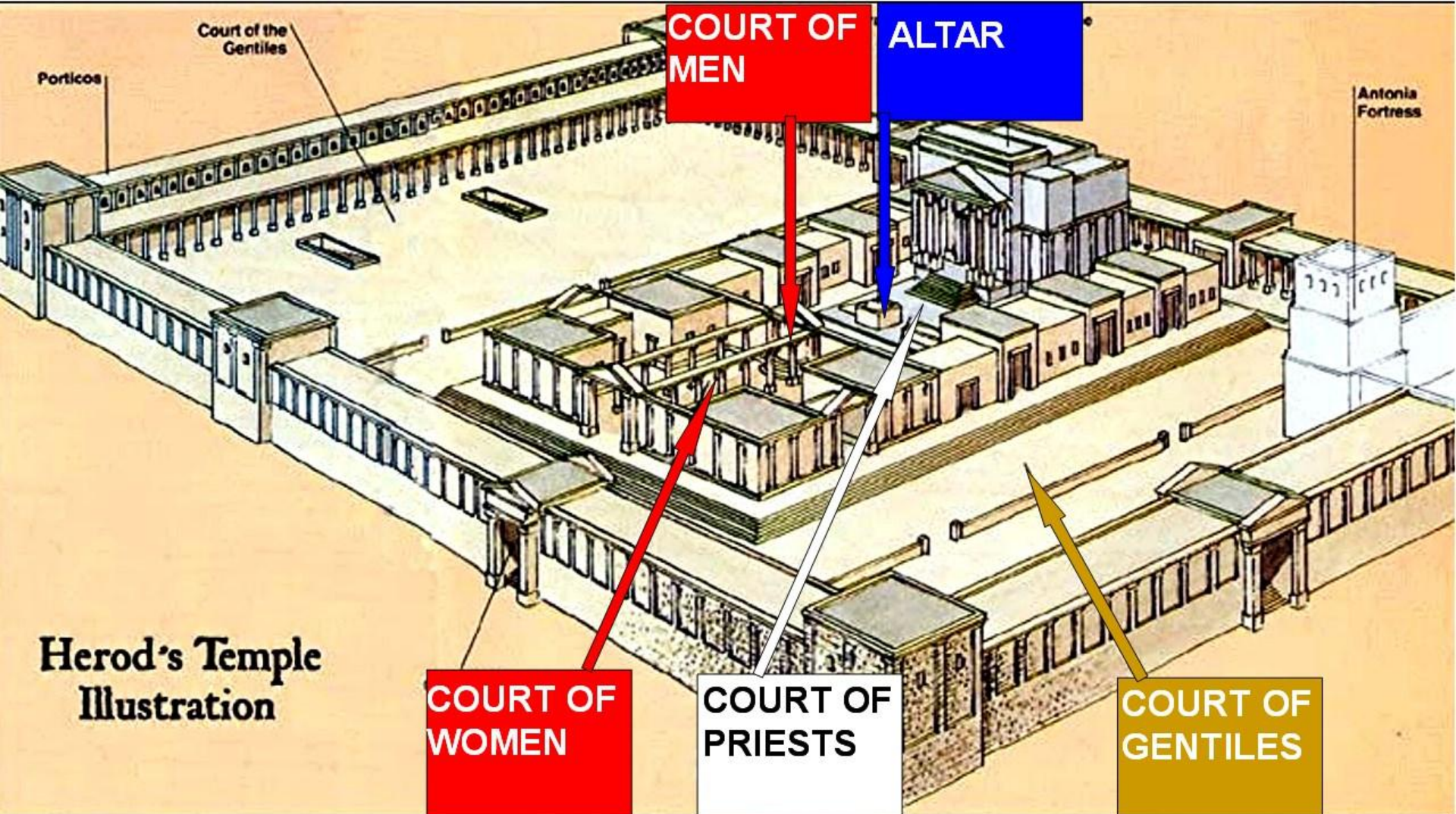
**HEROD'S TEMPLE
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**EZEKIEL'S
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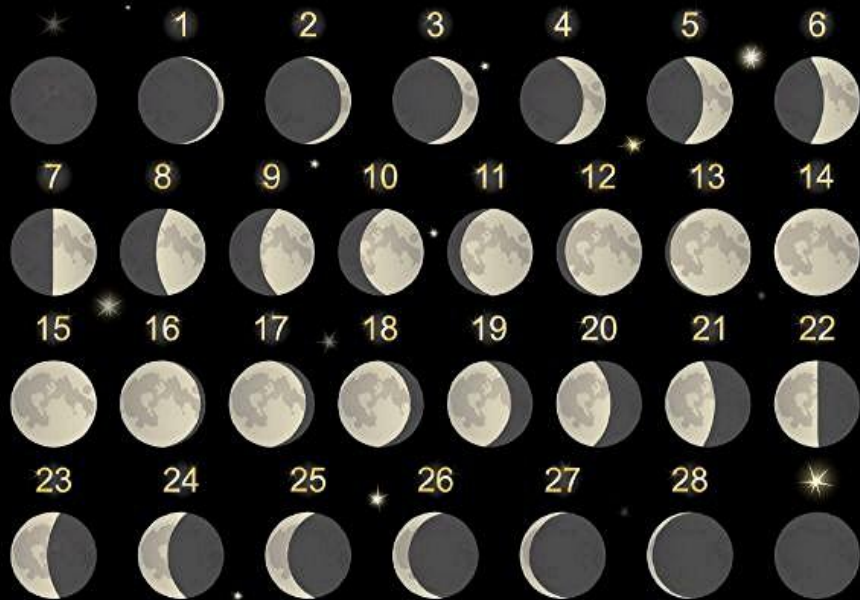
I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the sides of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever". Ezekiel 43:6-7





- Pre-Tribulation Dispensational goes against the plain meaning of the Scriptures
- The rod or reed is of undetermined length
- **Naos** does NOT mean Temple, it means Sanctuary

Phases of the Moon



THE MESSY CALENDAR

- Trampling is a negative term; it means to defile or destroy
- Gentiles to “trample” holy city for 42 months
- 2 witnesses to prophesy for 1260 days
- True lunar month is NOT 30 days, because a lunar cycle is $29 \frac{1}{2}$ days
- Is 42 months the same as $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years and 1260 days?

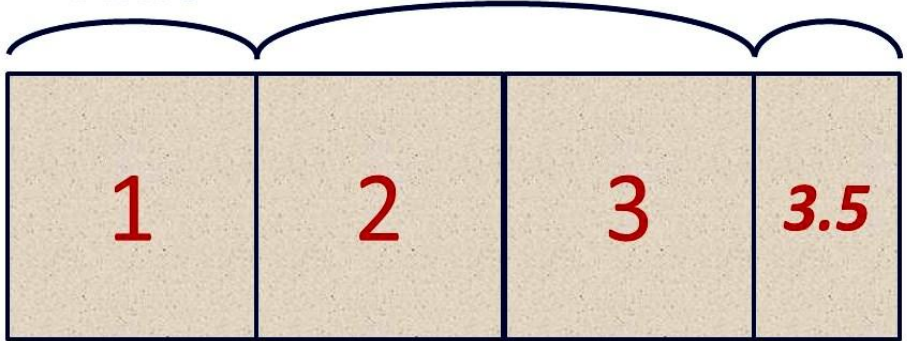


Half of a Time

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Three and a "half"

- Does the 42 months relate to Luke 4:25 or Daniel 7:25?
- There are various methods of expressing time in the biblical era, and they evolved and changed
- We need to take the approach of "good enough"
- 3 ½ years is half of 7
- 3 ½ means process has been arrested or is not whole

