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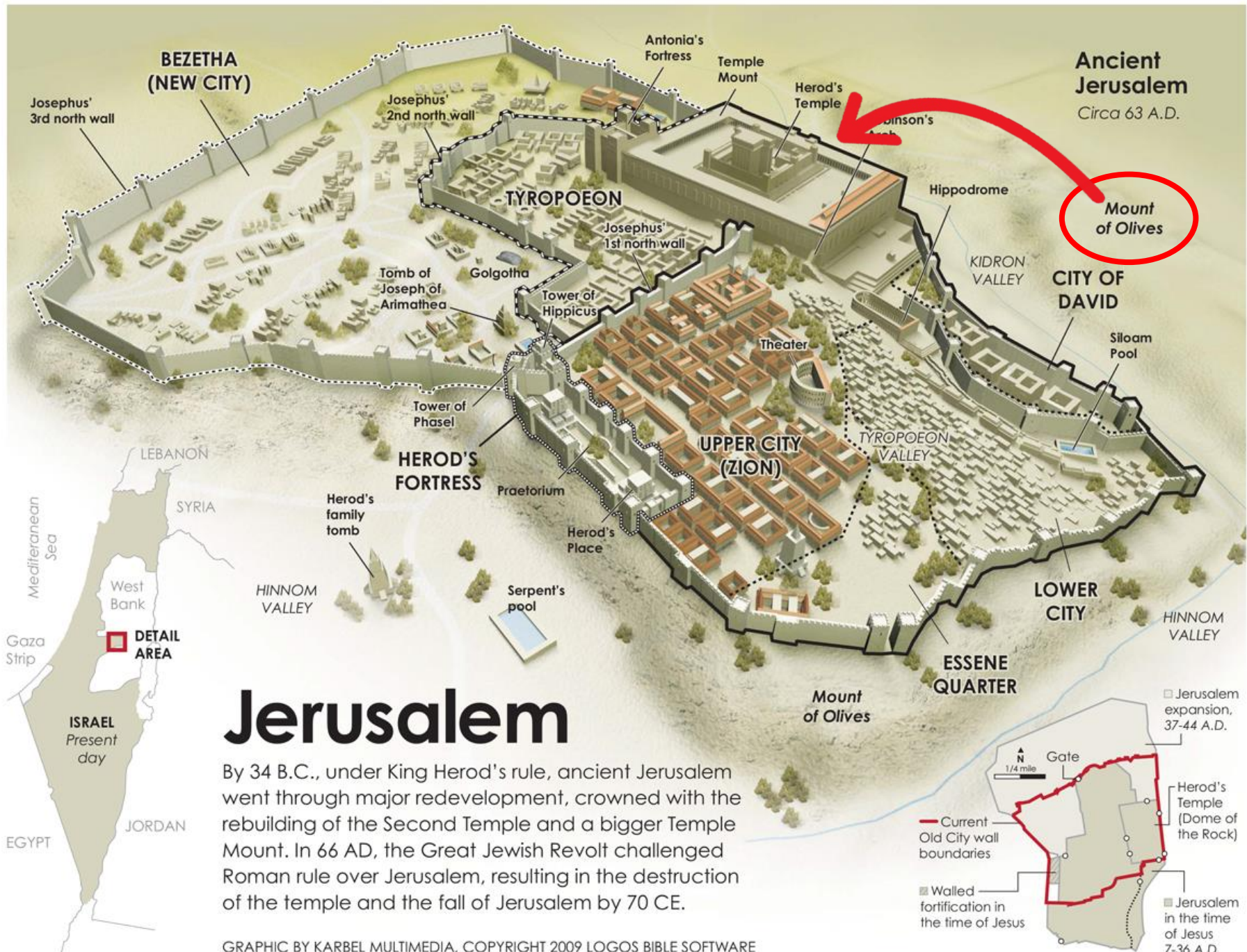
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Ancient Jerusalem
Circa 63 A.D.

BEZETHA (NEW CITY)

TYROPOEON

UPPER CITY (ZION)

CITY OF DAVID

HEROD'S FORTRESS

ESSENE QUARTER

Jerusalem

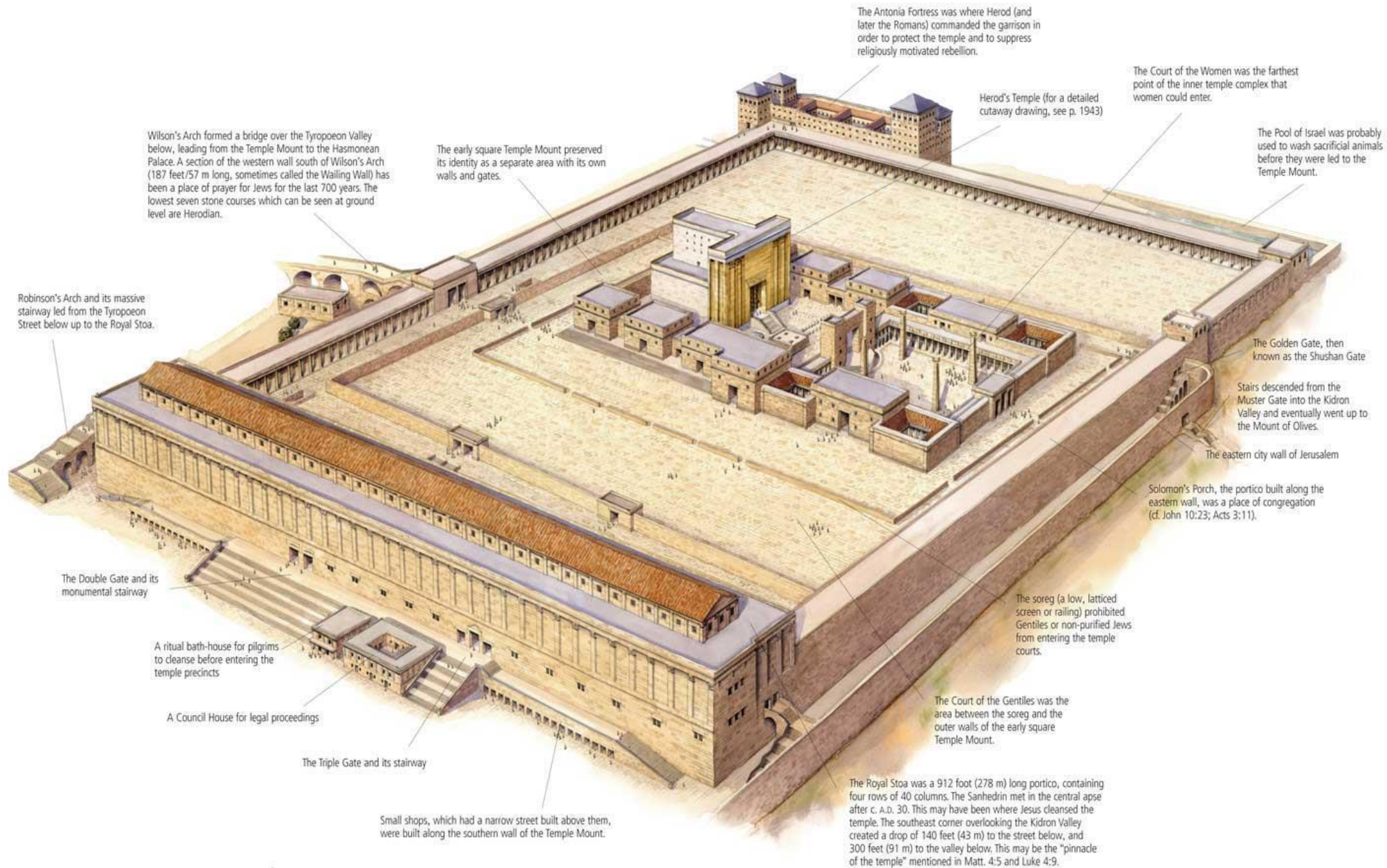
By 34 B.C., under King Herod's rule, ancient Jerusalem went through major redevelopment, crowned with the rebuilding of the Second Temple and a bigger Temple Mount. In 66 AD, the Great Jewish Revolt challenged Roman rule over Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem by 70 CE.

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■ Jerusalem expansion, 37-44 A.D.
 ■ Walled fortification in the time of Jesus
 ■ Jerusalem in the time of Jesus 7-36 A.D.

— Current Old City wall boundaries
 Gate
 1/4 mile
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LEBANON
 SYRIA
 West Bank
 Gaza Strip
 ISRAEL Present day
 JORDAN
 EGYPT
 Mediterranean Sea
 HINNOM VALLEY
 SERPENT'S POOL
 Herod's family tomb
 Tower of Phasel
 Praetorium
 Herod's Place
 Herod's Temple
 Hippodrome
 KIDRON VALLEY
 Siloam Pool
 TYROPOEON VALLEY
 Theater
 Tower of Hippicus
 Golgotha
 Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea
 Josephus' 1st north wall
 Josephus' 2nd north wall
 Josephus' 3rd north wall
 Antonia's Fortress
 Temple Mount
 Herod's Temple
 Robinson's Arch
 Mount of Olives
 Lower City
 HINNOM VALLEY



The Antonia Fortress was where Herod (and later the Romans) commanded the garrison in order to protect the temple and to suppress religiously motivated rebellion.

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Herod's Temple (for a detailed cutaway drawing, see p. 1943)

The Pool of Israel was probably used to wash sacrificial animals before they were led to the Temple Mount.

Wilson's Arch formed a bridge over the Tyropoeon Valley below, leading from the Temple Mount to the Hasmonean Palace. A section of the western wall south of Wilson's Arch (187 feet/57 m long, sometimes called the Wailing Wall) has been a place of prayer for Jews for the last 700 years. The lowest seven stone courses which can be seen at ground level are Herodian.

The early square Temple Mount preserved its identity as a separate area with its own walls and gates.

Robinson's Arch and its massive stairway led from the Tyropoeon Street below up to the Royal Stoa.

The Golden Gate, then known as the Shushan Gate

Stairs descended from the Muster Gate into the Kidron Valley and eventually went up to the Mount of Olives.

The eastern city wall of Jerusalem

Solomon's Porch, the portico built along the eastern wall, was a place of congregation (cf. John 10:23; Acts 3:11).

The Double Gate and its monumental stairway

The soleg (a low, latticed screen or railing) prohibited Gentiles or non-purified Jews from entering the temple courts.

A ritual bath-house for pilgrims to cleanse before entering the temple precincts

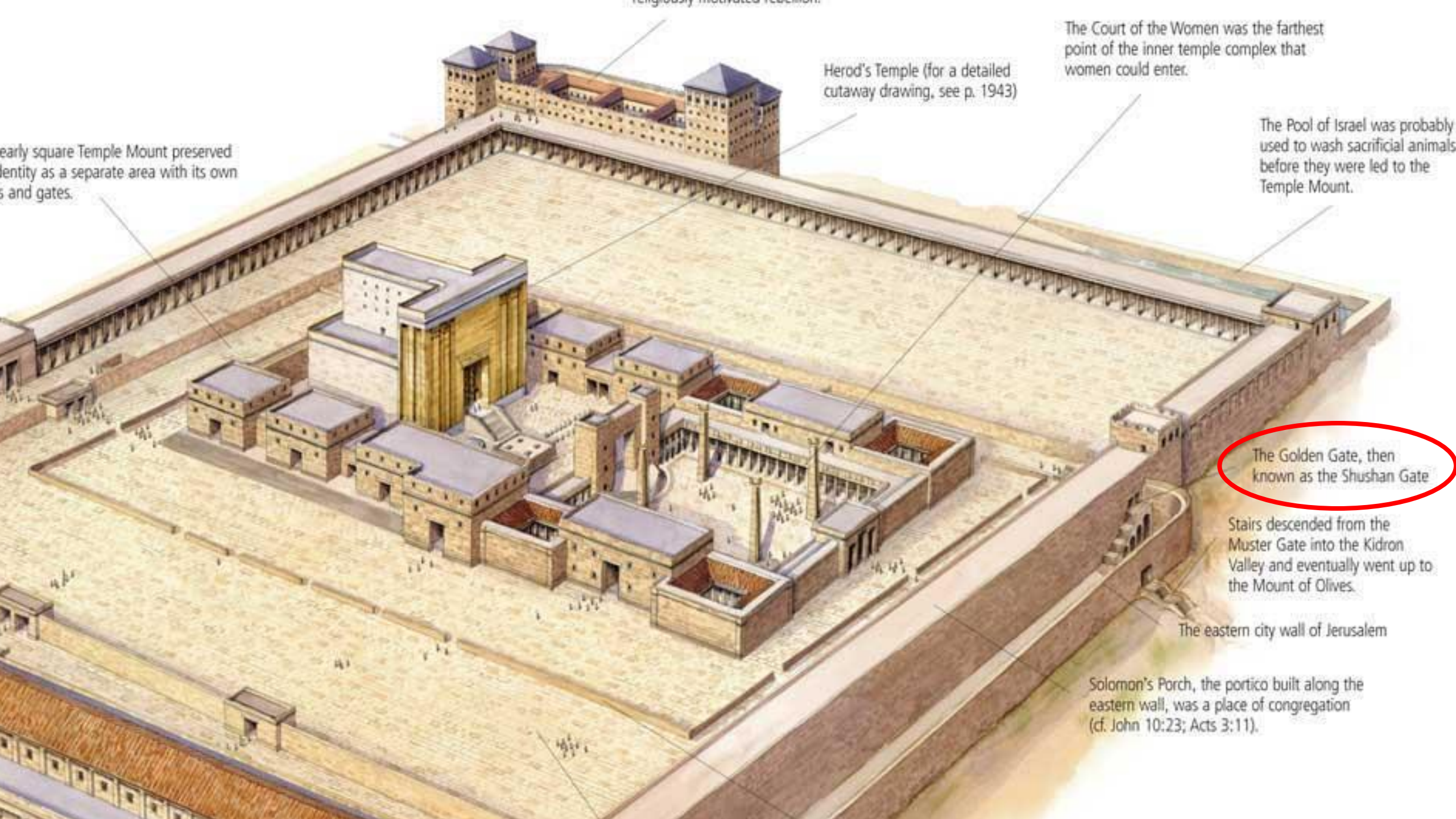
The Court of the Gentiles was the area between the soleg and the outer walls of the early square Temple Mount.

A Council House for legal proceedings

The Triple Gate and its stairway

The Royal Stoa was a 912 foot (278 m) long portico, containing four rows of 40 columns. The Sanhedrin met in the central apse after c. A.D. 30. This may have been where Jesus cleansed the temple. The southeast corner overlooking the Kidron Valley created a drop of 140 feet (43 m) to the street below, and 300 feet (91 m) to the valley below. This may be the "pinnacle of the temple" mentioned in Matt. 4:5 and Luke 4:9.

Small shops, which had a narrow street built above them, were built along the southern wall of the Temple Mount.



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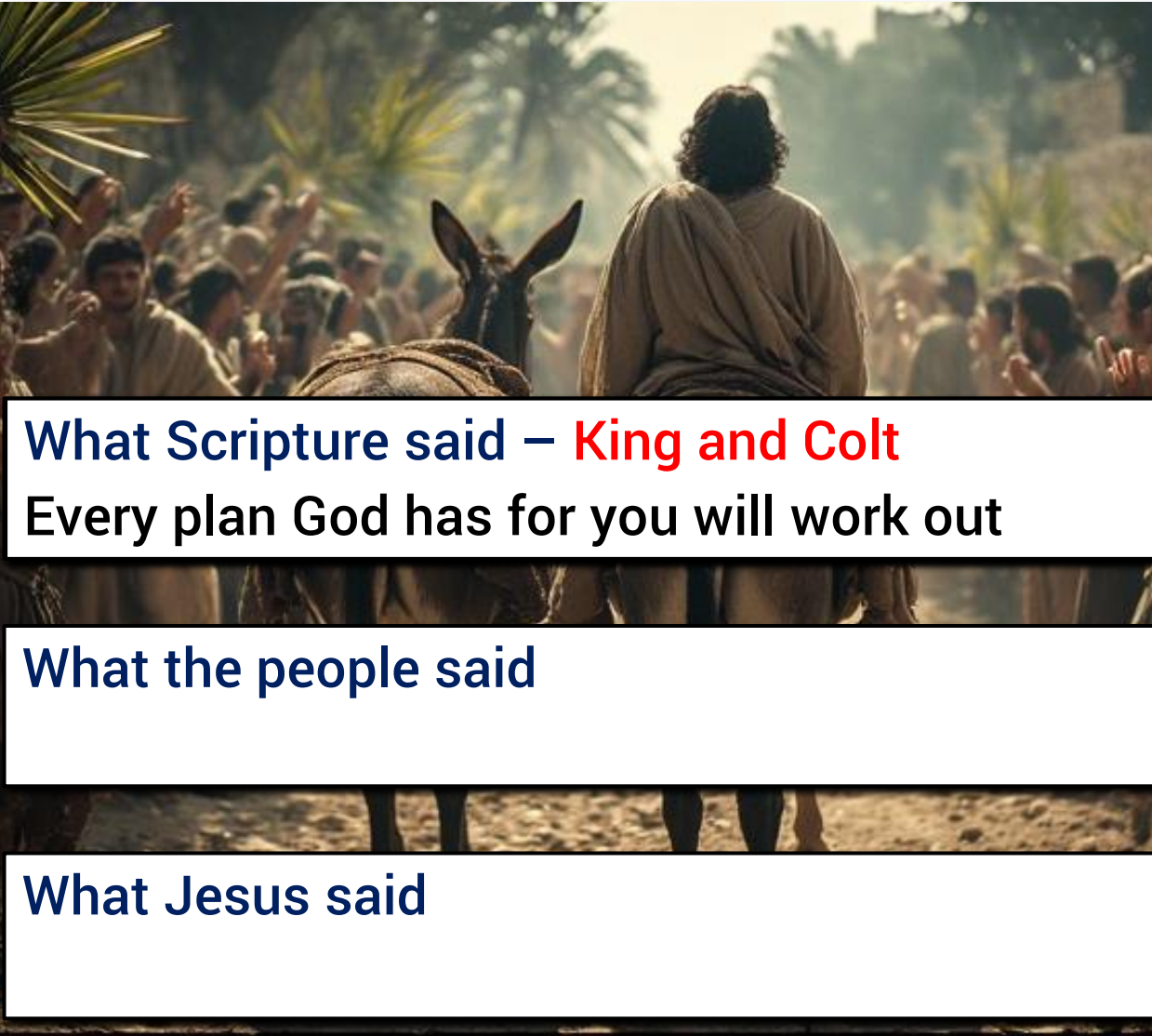
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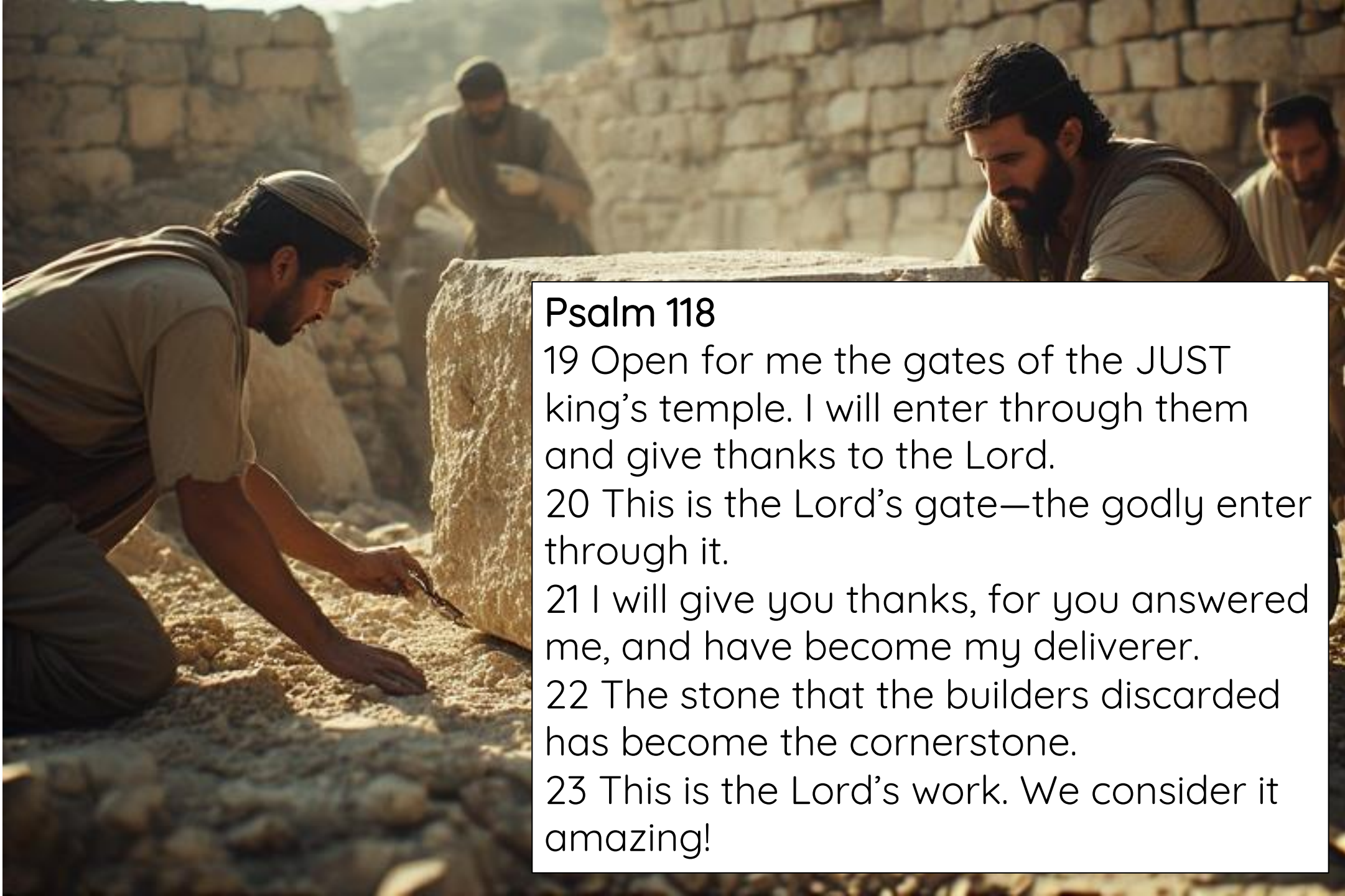
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Psalm 118

19 Open for me the gates of the JUST king's temple. I will enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the Lord's gate—the godly enter through it.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me, and have become my deliverer.

22 The stone that the builders discarded has become the cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's work. We consider it amazing!



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12 Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves.

13 He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!”

14 The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them.

15 The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David.” But the leaders were indignant.

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16 They asked Jesus, “Do you hear what these children are saying?” “Yes,” Jesus replied. “Haven’t you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, ‘You have taught children and infants to give you praise.’ ”

17 Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.

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