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## Genesis 3

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and every beast of the field!

On your belly will you go, and dust you will eat, all the days of your life.

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the food of the serpent will be dust.

They will do no harm nor destruction on all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.

## Genesis 3

15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

**1 John 3:8 ...This is why the Son of God was revealed, to destroy the works of the devil.**

**Hebrews 2:14 Therefore, since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity, so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

**Romans 16: 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

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**Protoevangelium**

**Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said:**

**“I will sharply increase your pain in childbirth;  
in pain you will bring forth children.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you.”**

**Genesis 4:6 “Why are you angry,” said the LORD to Cain,  
“and why is your face downcast?”**

**7If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do  
not do well, sin is crouching at the door.**

**Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”**

**NASB ...its desire is for you, but you must master it.”**

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17 And to Adam He said:

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree from which I commanded you not to eat, cursed is the ground because of you; through toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

## Genesis 3

18 Both thorns and thistles it will yield you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your bread, until you return to the ground— because out of it were you taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”



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20 And Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

21 The LORD God made garments of skin and clothed Adam and his wife.

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**22** Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil. And now, lest he reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever..”

**23** Therefore the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

**24** So He drove out the man and stationed cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden, with a whirling sword of flame to guard the way to the tree of life.

# What can we learn about God?

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## Psalms 119

101 I have kept my feet from every evil path, that I may keep Your word.

102 I have not departed from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey in my mouth.

104 I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every false way.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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## Romans 5

6 For at just the right time, while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

7 It is rare indeed for anyone to die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die.

8 But God proves His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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- Rather than annihilation, they received mercy
- The curses on them were/are a constant reminder of our brokenness and need for God
- The curse on Satan is our hope for victory
- The cherubim guarding the garden ensured that man would not be eternally fallen
- The covering of skins were a sign of a future perfect sacrifice that will remove shame and guilt



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- His righteousness
- His justice
- His sovereignty
- His eternal omniscience
- His wisdom

## 1 Corinthians 2

7 No, we speak of the mysterious and hidden wisdom of God, which He destined for our glory before time began.

8 None of the rulers of this age understood it. For if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

## Romans 11

33 O, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable His judgments, and untraceable His ways!

34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?”

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## 5. He holds a cure for the curse

- Christ became a curse for us

## Galatians 3

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us.

For it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

## 1 Corinthians 15

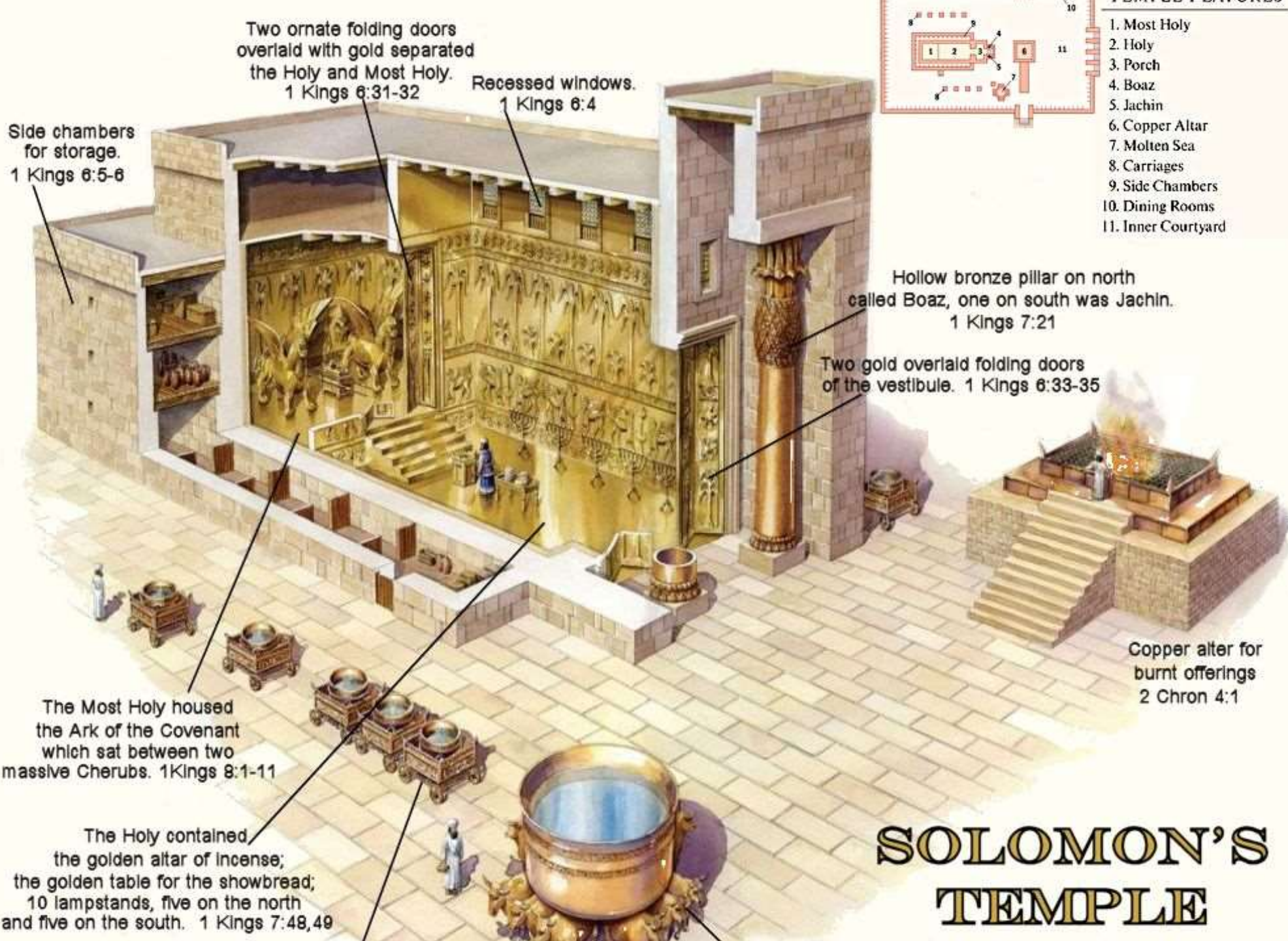
21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.



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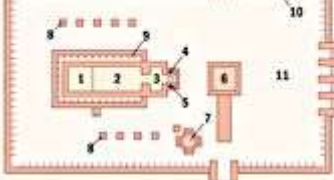
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Two ornate folding doors overlaid with gold separated the Holy and Most Holy. 1 Kings 6:31-32

Recessed windows. 1 Kings 6:4

Side chambers for storage. 1 Kings 6:5-6



- 1. Most Holy
- 2. Holy
- 3. Porch
- 4. Boaz
- 5. Jachin
- 6. Copper Altar
- 7. Molten Sea
- 8. Carriages
- 9. Side Chambers
- 10. Dining Rooms
- 11. Inner Courtyard

Hollow bronze pillar on north called Boaz, one on south was Jachin. 1 Kings 7:21

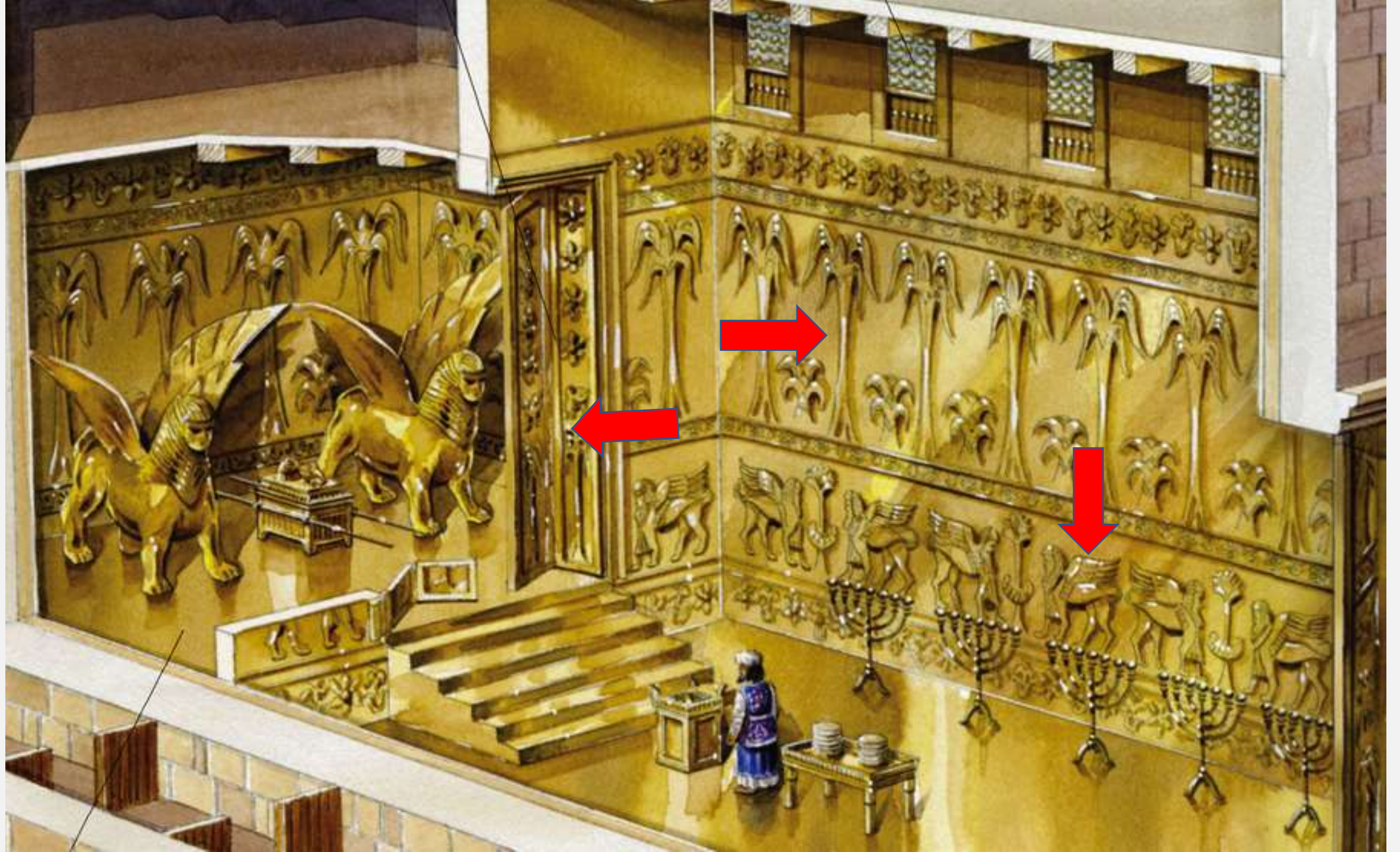
Two gold overlaid folding doors of the vestibule. 1 Kings 6:33-35

Copper altar for burnt offerings 2 Chron 4:1

The Most Holy housed the Ark of the Covenant which sat between two massive Cherubs. 1Kings 8:1-11

The Holy contained the golden altar of incense; the golden table for the showbread; 10 lampstands, five on the north and five on the south. 1 Kings 7:48,49

# SOLOMON'S TEMPLE





## Hebrews 9

**24**For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

**25**Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

**Hebrews 9:26** Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

**27** Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

**28** so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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