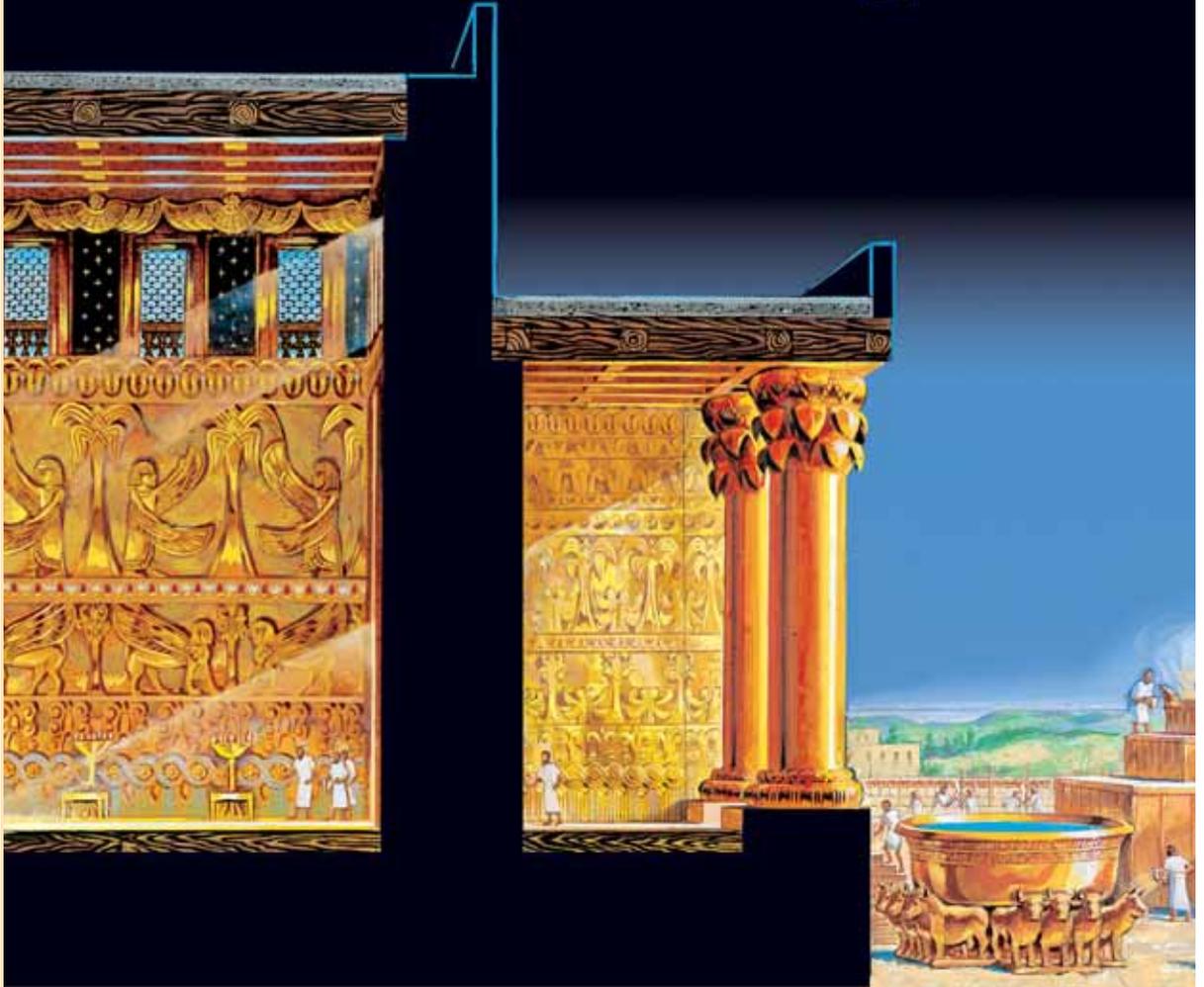


The Temple Throughout Bible History

# The Temple



## **SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**

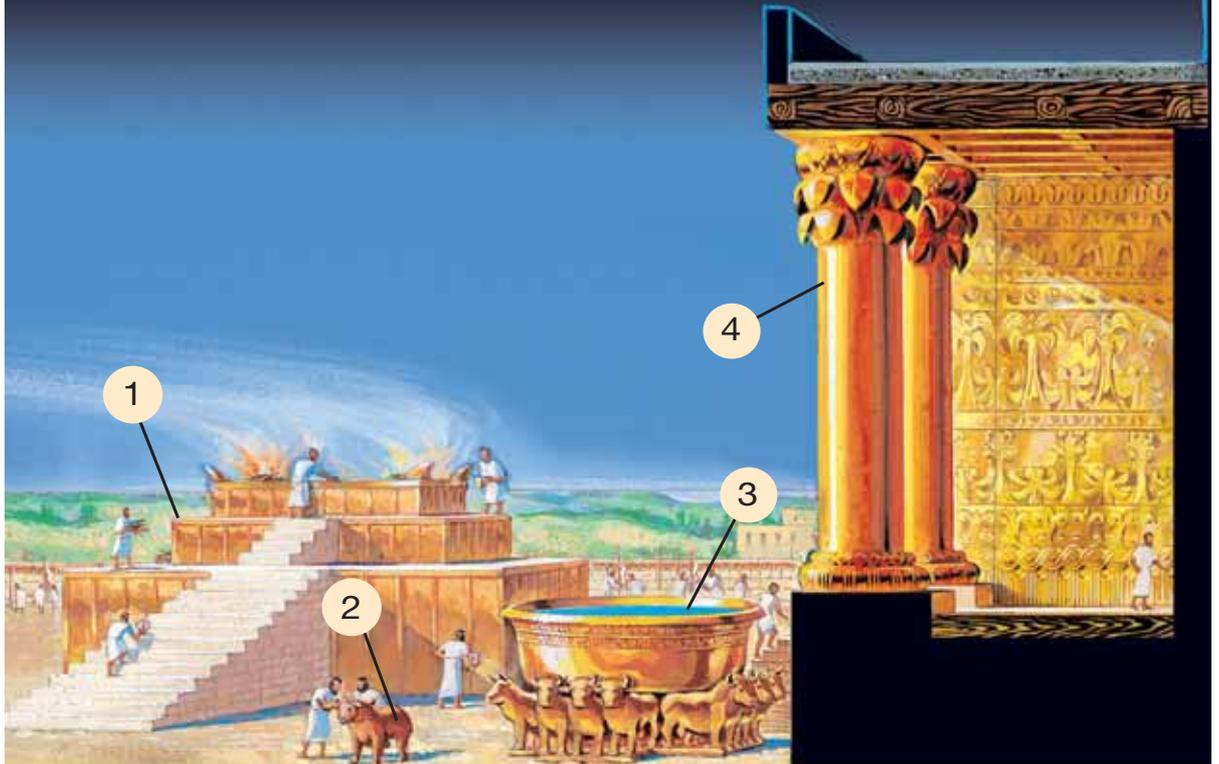
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The Temple is shown here with the north wall removed. East is at the left; west is to the right.

## The Temple Tour



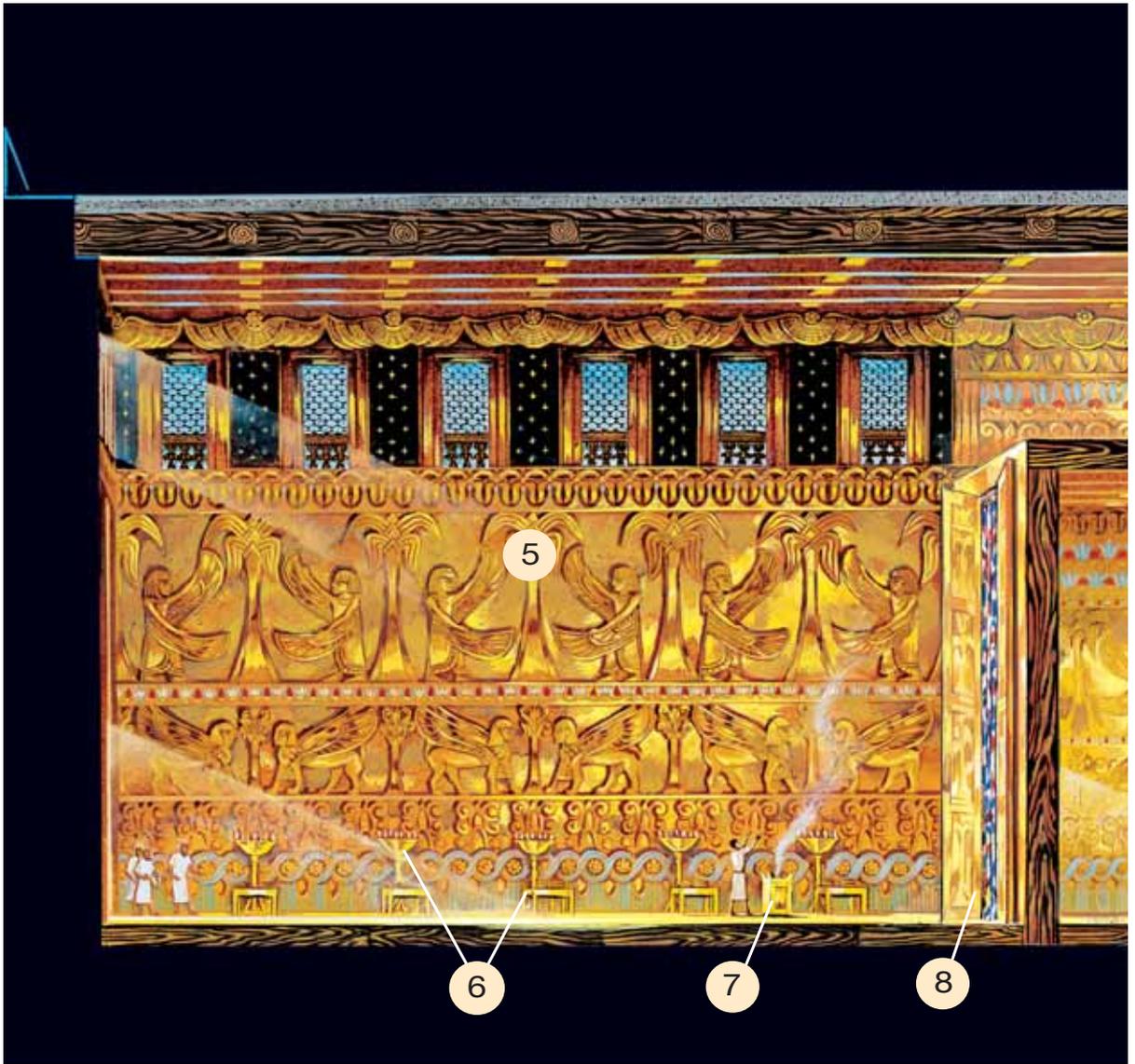
The High Priest

The Temple in the Bible was built in 960 BC by King Solomon. To understand the Temple's purpose, it is important to know that God made the world and established the rules. God told Adam that the result of sin was death, Adam disobeyed, and sin, death, and disease entered the world. In spite of this, God loved his people and had mercy.

Before Jesus' death and resurrection, God provided a way to atone for sin so that people could be in His holy presence. God allowed the blood of a perfect animal to temporarily take the place of the sinner's life. This blood sacrifice took away sin and made the sinner right with God temporarily.

God loved the world so much that He sent His son Jesus to atone, or take away, a believer's sin once and for all. The blood of Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice needed. (Genesis 2:17; 4:3-7; Leviticus 1; 16:1, 2; Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23; Hebrews 10:26-31)

Here are steps to peace with God during the time of the temple ("Then") and today ("Now").



**1 BRAZEN ALTAR (Bronze Altar)**

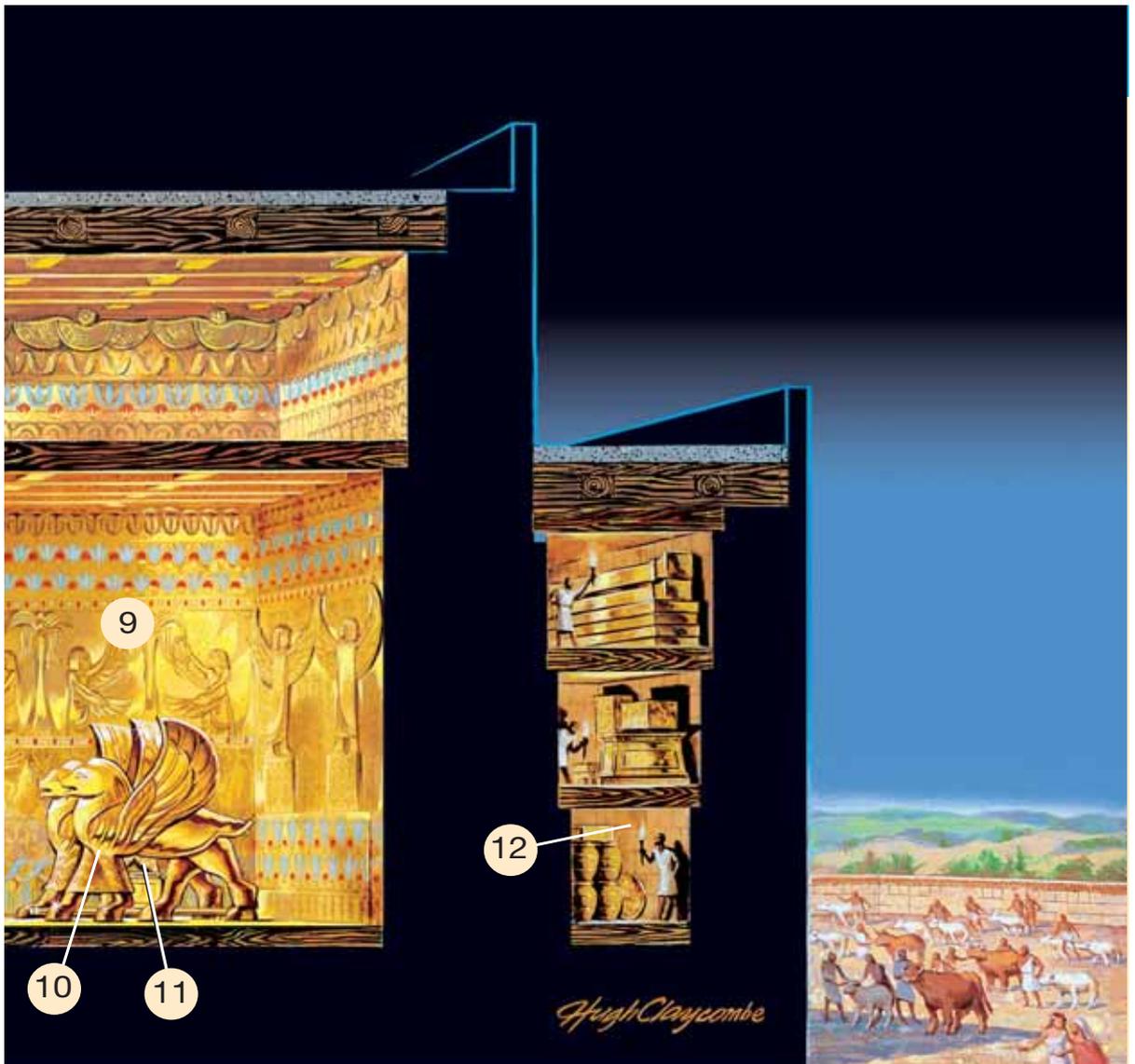
**Then** God required the people to regularly sacrifice a perfect animal (lambs, goats, doves, bulls) for their sins. The blood of the animal justified the people before Him and restored their relationship with Him.

**Now** Jesus is our perfect sacrifice. He led a sinless life and willingly died for our sins to make us right with God for all time. No more sacrifices are required. (Lev.17:11; Heb. 9:25; John 1:29; Rev. 13:8; Hebrews 10:10; Rom. 4:25)

**2 SACRIFICE**

**Then** The person bringing the offering put his hand on the head of the animal while it was killed, symbolically putting his sins onto the animal. The animal died in his place.





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**Now** Jesus is the Lamb of God, just as bulls or lambs were sacrificed. We are told to present our bodies as a living sacrifice acceptable to God, holy, not conformed to the world, and with a renewed mind. (John 1:29; Romans 12:1, 2)

We are to offer God another kind of sacrifice: praising His name, doing good, and sharing with others. (Hebrews 13:15, 16)

### ③ "THE SEA" (Bronze Basin)

**Then** Priests washed themselves at the basin, purifying themselves before entering the Temple. It was about 15 ft. (4.6 m) across and held more than 10,000 gallons (38,000 liters) of water. It stood on 12 bronze oxen.

**Now** Believers in Christ are saved and cleansed by the blood of Jesus.

Even though we have accepted Jesus' sacrificial death on our behalf, we too need to be cleansed, spiritually. If we confess our sins, God will forgive and cleanse us. (Exodus 30:18; 38:8; 1 Kings 7:23-26; 1 John 1:7-10)

### ④ BRASS PILLARS (Bronze Pillars)

**Then** The pillars, called "Jachin" on the right and "Boaz" on the left, supported the roof of the portico. They were 27 feet (9 m) high.

**Now** Those who are faithful to Jesus through trials will be made "a pillar" in the Temple of God. (Revelation 3:12)