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When we concentrate on our condition, we are not living by faith but by feelings and appearances. The inevitable result is that we become increasingly self-conscious and self-centered. Our prime responsibility is to pay attention to the Lord Jesus, to rest (abide) in Him as our position. There will then be growth, and He will be more and more manifested in our condition. If the believer does not know of his position in the Lord Jesus, and how to abide in Him as his very life, there will be but one result. He will struggle in his un-Christ-like condition rather than rest in his Christ-centered position.

Miles Stanford, "The Complete Green Letters"

Psalm 118:22-24

22 *The stone which the builders refused [despised] Is become the head stone of the corner. 23 This is the Lord's doing; It is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day which the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

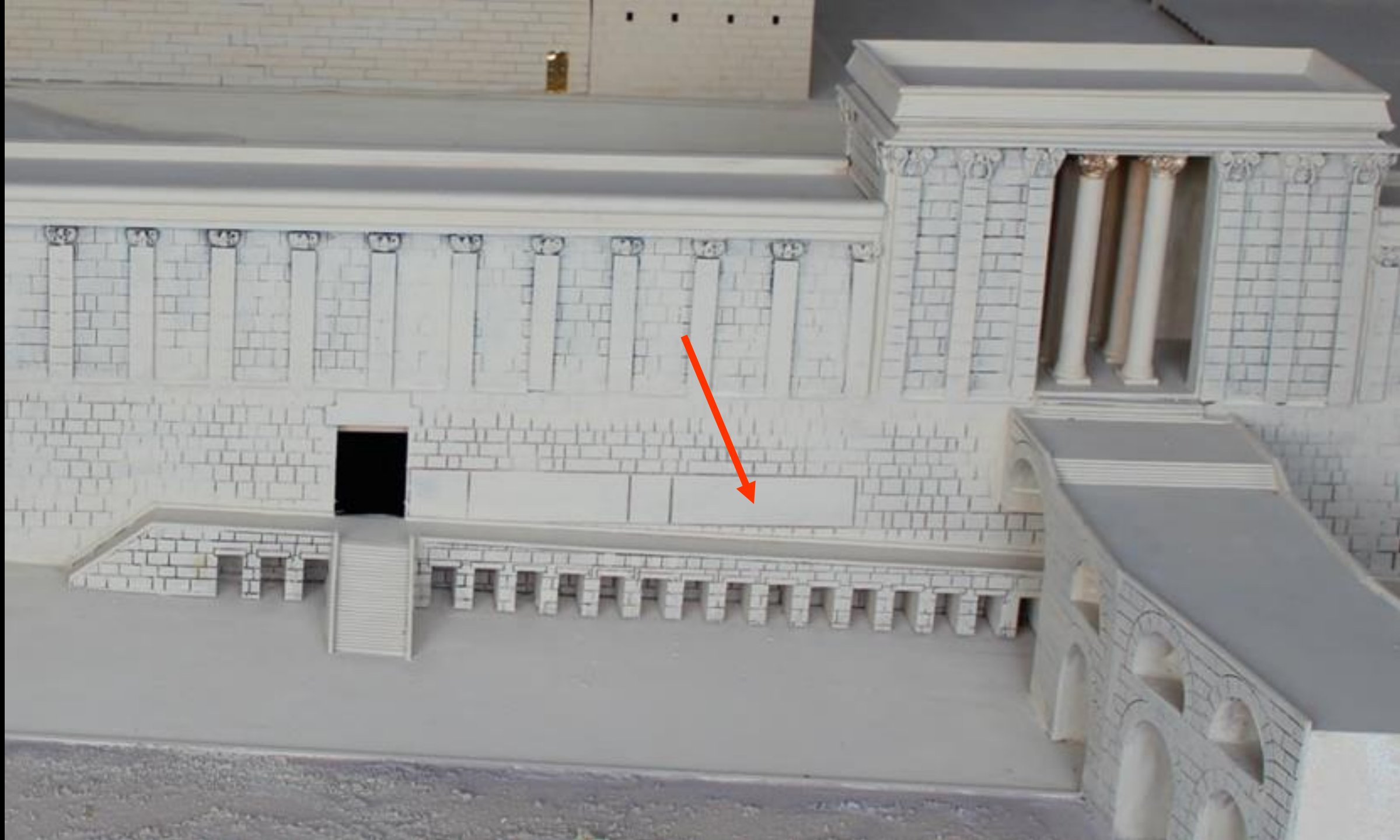












Weight: 578 tons
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1 Kings 6:7

And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

Mark 12:1-6

1 And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen *[georgos - farmer]*, and went into a far country. **2** And at the season he sent to the husbandmen *[georgos]* a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen *[georgos]* of the fruit of the vineyard. **3** And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. **4** And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled *[atimoo - dishonored, insulted]*. **5** And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some. **6** Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

Mark 12:7-11

7 But those husbandmen [*georgos* - *farmer*] said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. **8** And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. **9** What shall therefore the lord [*kurios* - *master*] of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy [*apollymi* - *not capable of doing what they were born for (does not mean annihilate)*] the husbandmen [*georgos*], and will give the vineyard unto others. **10** And have you not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: **11** This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Matthew 23:35

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar.

1 Kings 19:14

And he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

Matthew 21:42-46

42 Jesus said unto them, Did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected [*apodokimazo - despised*], the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous [*thaumastos - wonders that caused people to be completely amazed*] in our eyes? **43** Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. **44** And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. **45** And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke of them. **46** But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

Matthew 23:29-31

29 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore you be witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of them which killed the prophets.*

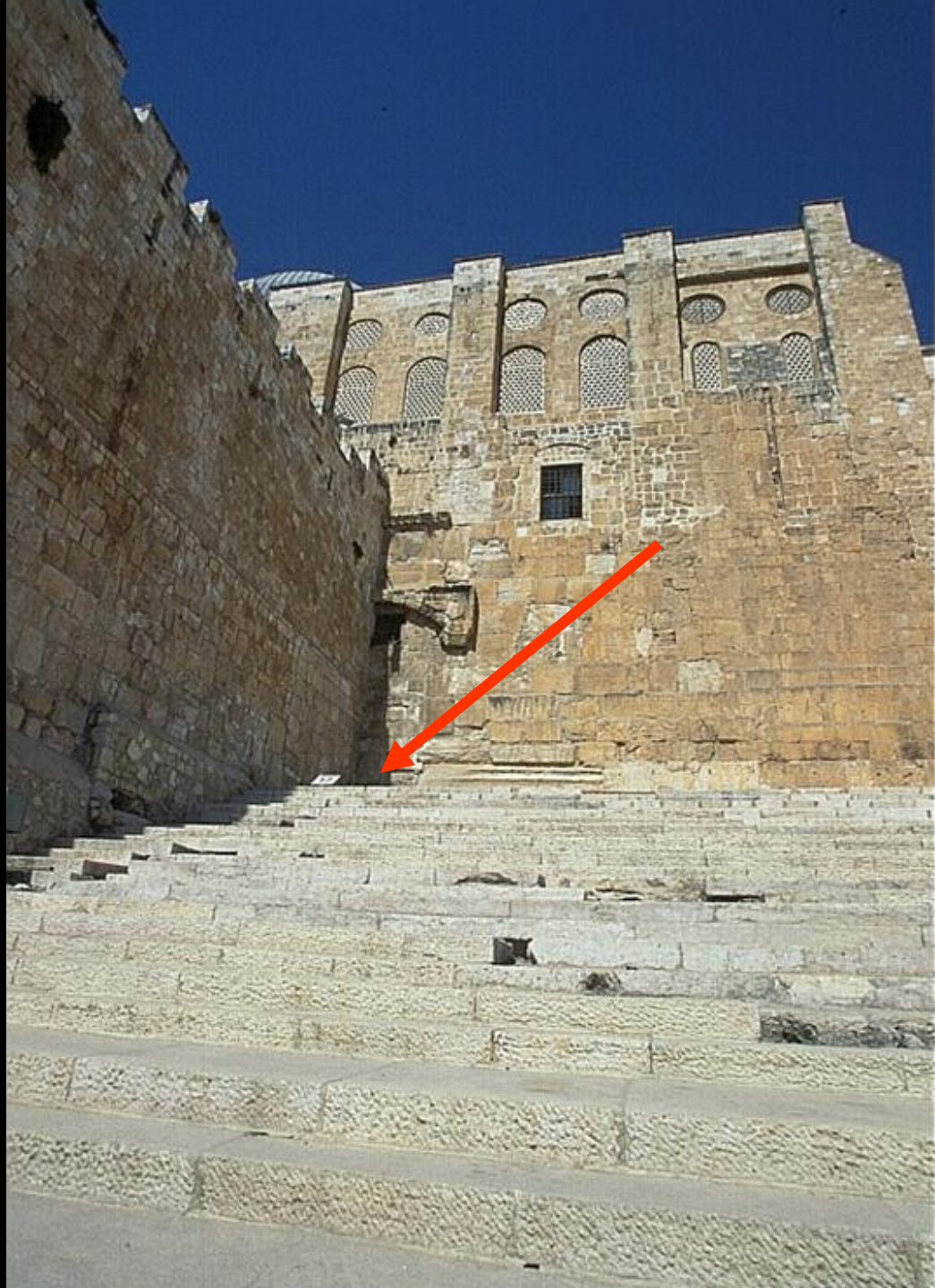
Acts 3:1-6

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; **3** Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. **4** And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. **5** And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. **6** Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:7-11

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God: **10** And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. **11** And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.







Acts 3:12-1

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, You men of Israel, why marvel you at this? or why look you so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? **13** The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Son Jesus; whom you delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. **14** But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; **15** And killed the Prince of life, whom God has raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. **16** And his name through faith in his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 3:17-22

17 And now, brethren, I wot *[oida - know the facts]* that through ignorance you did it, as did also your rulers. **18** But those things, which God before had shown by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he has so fulfilled. **19** Repent you therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; **20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Acts 3:23-26

23 *And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. 24* *Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. 25* *You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in your seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26* *Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.*

Acts 4:1-6

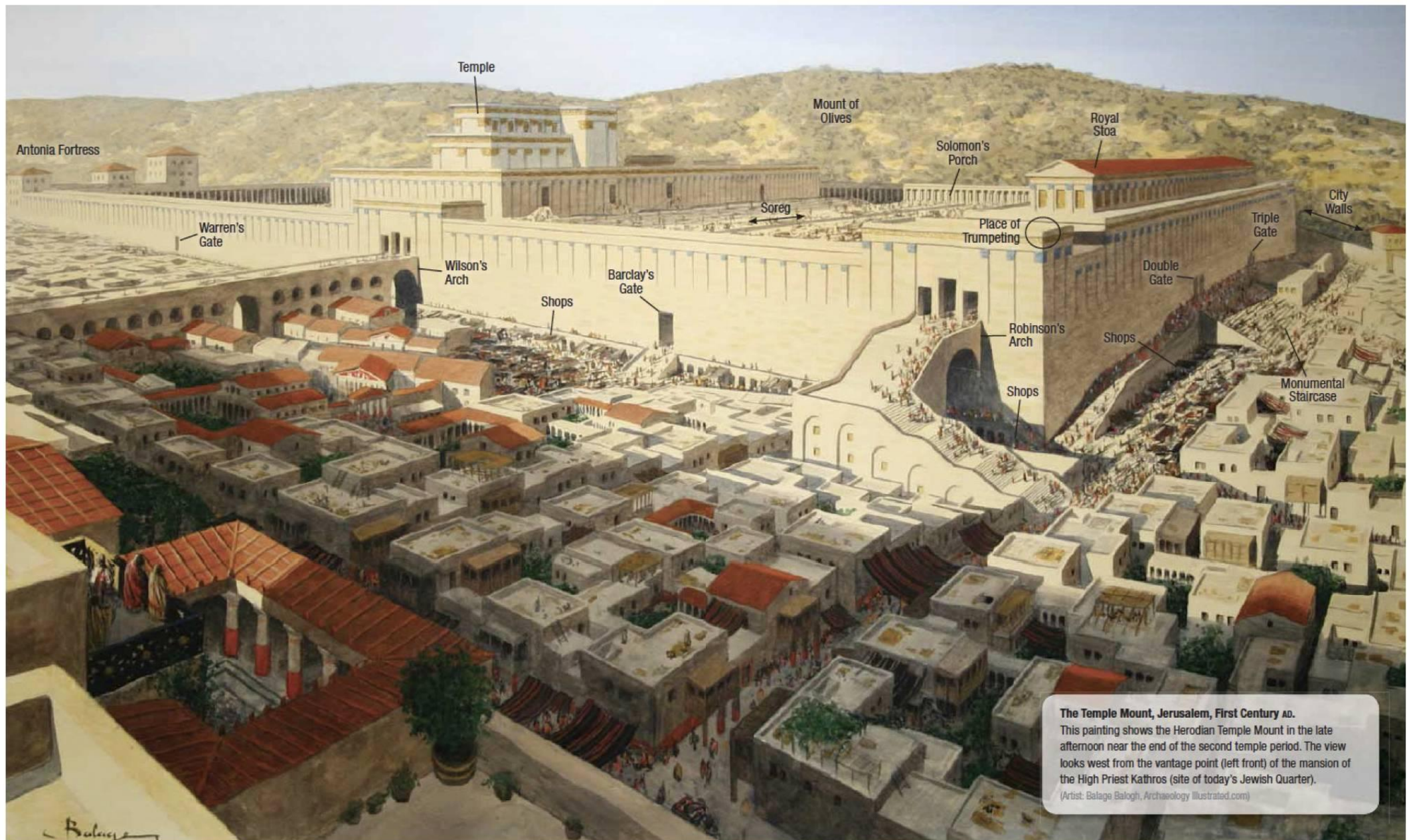
1 And as they spoke unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, **2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from *[ek - out from among]* the dead *[nekros - dead ones]*. **3** And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. **4** Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. **5** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, **6** And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Acts 4:7-10

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have you done this? **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, You rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, **9** If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent *[asthenes - weak, sick]* man, by what means he is made *[sesotai (participle form of sozo) - in the state of being physically saved]*; **10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from *[ek - out from among]* the dead *[nekros - dead ones]*, even by him does this man stand here before you whole *[hygies - one who is healthy as a result]*.

Acts 4:11

This is the stone which was set at nought [exoutheneo - utterly despised] of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.



[Rose Temple] **The Temple Mount, Jerusalem, First Century ad.** This painting shows the Herodian Temple Mount in the late afternoon near the end of the second temple period. The view looks west from the vantage point (left

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must [dei - to be necessary] be saved.

Acts 4:13-14

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. **14** And beholding the man which was healed *[therapeuo - to heal, correcting a physical problem (therapy)]* standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

1 Peter 2:4

To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed [apodokimazo - despised] indeed of men, but chosen [eklektos - elect] of God, and precious,

1 Peter 2:5

You also, as lively [zao - living] stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual [pneumatikos - pertaining to the spirit] sacrifices [thysia - offering], acceptable to God by [dia - through] Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES

- **Sacrifice of giving (Phil. 4:18)**
- **Sacrifice of faith (Phil. 2:17)**
- **Sacrifice of praise (Heb. 13:15)**
- **Sacrifice of doing good (Heb. 13:16)**
- **Sacrifice of fellowship (Heb. 13:16)**
- **Sacrifice of a physical body (Rom. 12:1)**

1 Peter 2:6-8

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on him shall not be confounded [*kataischuno* - *ashamed, hopes dashed*]. **7** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient [*apeitheo* - *unpersuaded*], the stone which the builders disallowed [*apodokimazo* - *rejected*], the same is made the head of the corner, **8** And a stone of stumbling [*proskomma* - *stumbling*], and a rock of offence [*skandalon* - *scandal*], even to them which stumble [*proskopto* - *to be offended*] at the word, being disobedient [*apeitheo* - *unpersuaded*]: whereunto also they were appointed.

Luke 20:18

Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Isaiah 8:14-15

14 *And he shall be for a sanctuary; But for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, For a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, And be snared, and be taken.*

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen [eklektos - elect] generation [genos - race], a royal [basileios - kingly] priesthood, an holy [hagios - set apart] nation, a peculiar [periousios - uniquely purchased possession] people; that you should show forth [exaggello - proclaim] the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous [thaumastos - wonders that caused people to be completely amazed] light:

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John 16:20-22

20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That you shall weep and lament, but the world *[kosmos]* shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. **21** A woman when she is in travail has sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world *[kosmos]*. **22** And you now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man takes from you.

Matthew 16:20-21

20 Then charged he his disciples [*mathetes - learners*] that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ [*the messiah*]. **21** From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples [*mathetes - learners*], how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Mark 9:31-32

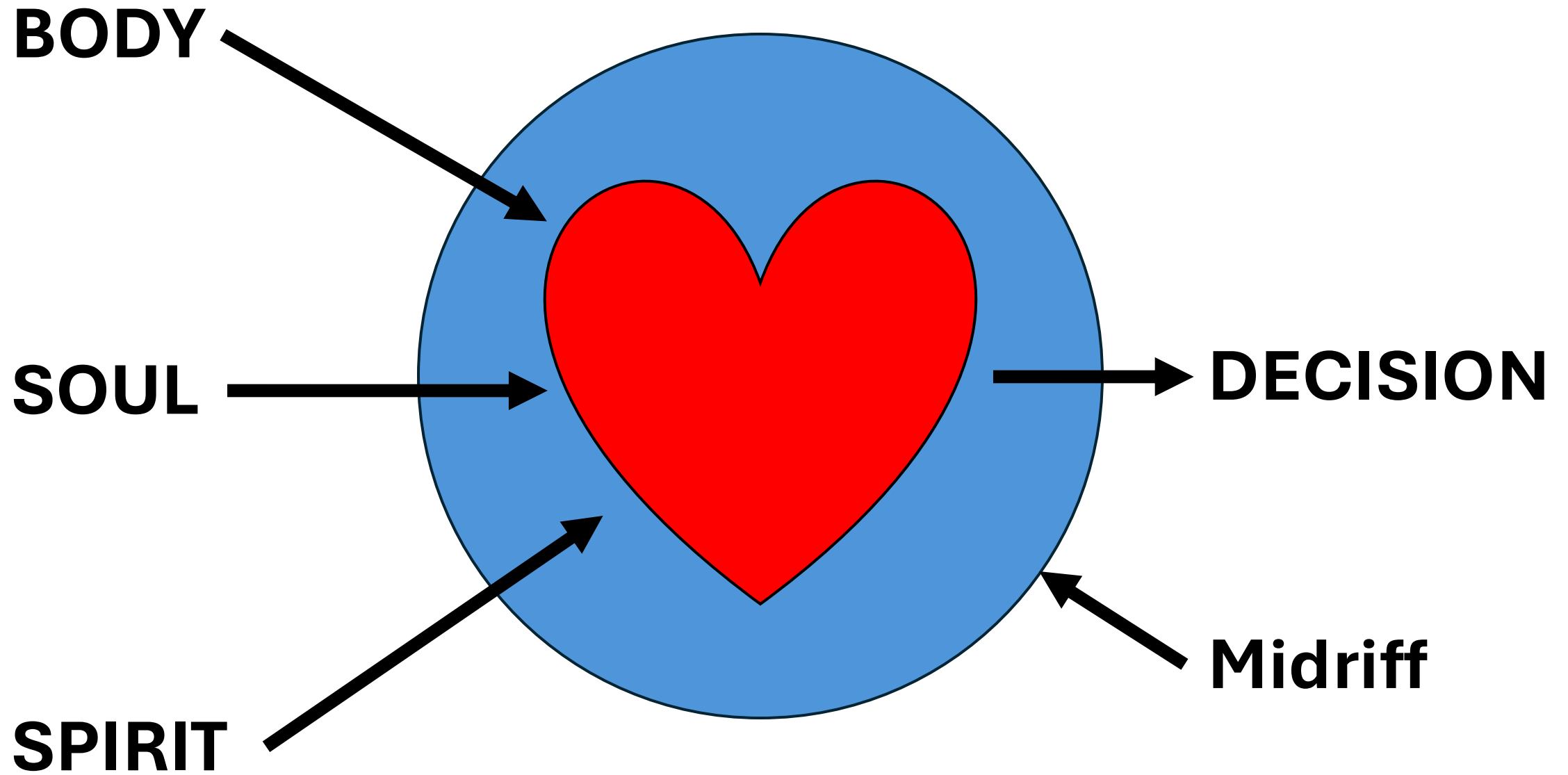
31 *For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. 32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.*

John 2:18-22

18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign show you unto us, seeing that you do these things? **19** Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. **20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and will you rear it up in three days? **21** But he spoke of the temple of his body. **22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

John 8:32

And you shall know [ginosko - know in experience] the truth, and the truth shall make you free.



GREEK WORD STUDY

Word: *Paidion*

Meaning: *Learning child*

Translated: *Child*

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