

A full-page background image of a sunset over a calm ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting as a shimmering path on the water's surface. The sky is a deep blue, dotted with soft, white and grey clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

United in Christ

Ephesians

Chapter 2:11-22

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Review of 2:1-10 - Resurrected with Christ

1. Man by Nature - The Human Condition

Alienated

Bondage

Condemned

Review of 2:1-10 - *Resurrected with Christ*

2. Man by Grace - The Divine Compassion

Objects of His Wrath,

**v.4 - But God, out of the
Great love with which He loved
us had mercy upon us.**

United in Christ Ch.2:11-22 (RSV)

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

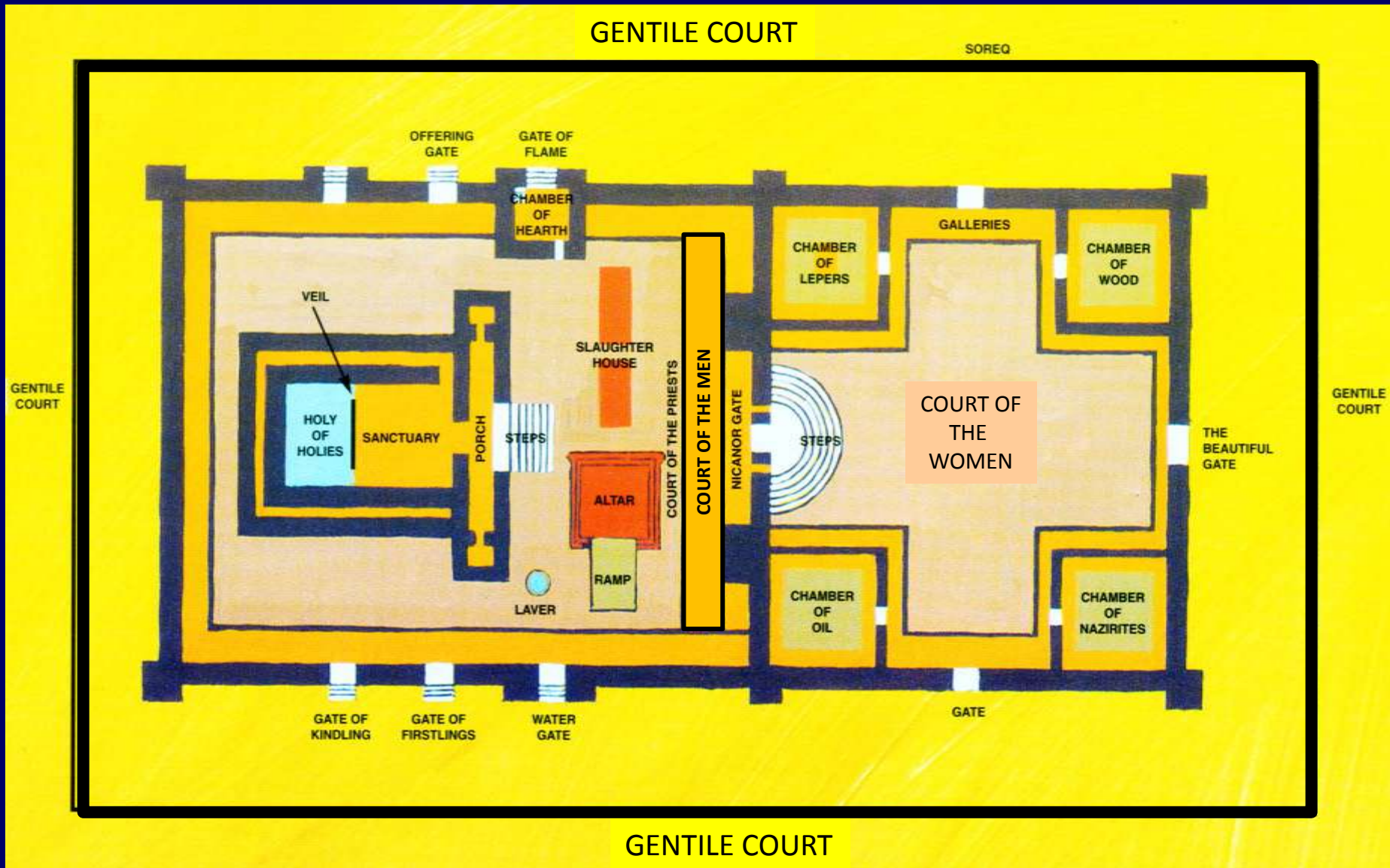
¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ.¹⁴ For He is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility,¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

Gentiles have a
Double Alienation :
from God & from God's people

'dividing wall of hostility'
(v.14)

The standing symbol
represented in the
Temple in Jerusalem

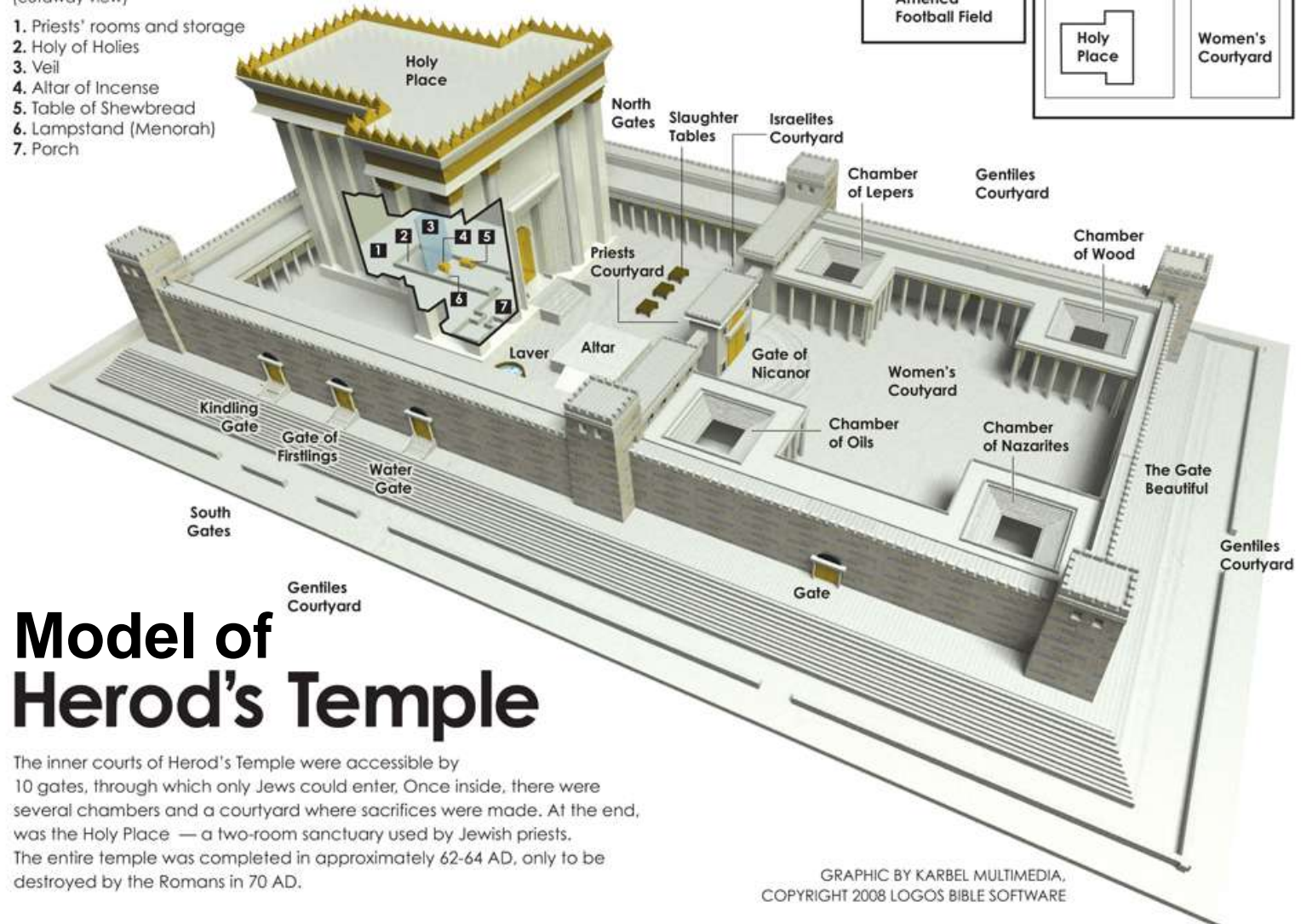
PLAN VIEW OF THE TEMPLE



INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

(cutaway view)

1. Priests' rooms and storage
2. Holy of Holies
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Shewbread
6. Lampstand (Menorah)
7. Porch



Model of Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Once inside, there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At the end, was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. The entire temple was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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Theme

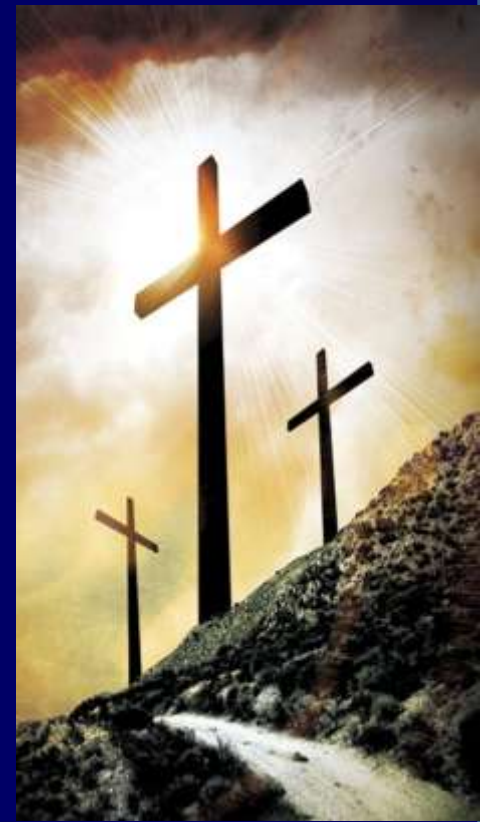
EPHESIANS ch.2:11-22

Christ has destroyed both
enmities & has created
a people

United in Christ

Alienation → Reconciliation

Hostility → Peace



Three Stages of God's Plan

1. What We Once Were

(v.11–12)

2. What Christ Has Done

(v.13–18)

3. What We Have Now Become

(v.19–22)

1. What We Once Were (v.11–12)

- *Separated from Christ*
- *Alienated from Israel & strangers to the covenants of promise*
- *We had no hope & without God in the world*

1. What We Once Were (v.11–12)

2. What Christ Has Done (v.13–18)

What did He achieved when He died
on the cross?

*a. The abolition of the law of
commandments (15a)*

*b. The Creation of a United
People in Christ (v.15b)*

*c. The Reconciliation of
Jew & Gentile to God (v.16)*

Achievement of Christ's cross

Abolished the law that alienates
Created a single Unity in Christ
Reconciliation of God's people

**The Church,
a United People of God**

Our Lord Jesus Christ is
still preaching peace
in the world today



Through His Followers

3. What We Have Now Become

(v.19–22)

a. God's kingdom (v.19a)

b. God's family (v.19b)

c. God's temple (v.20–22)

What is the Purpose of the New Temple?

Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

(model)



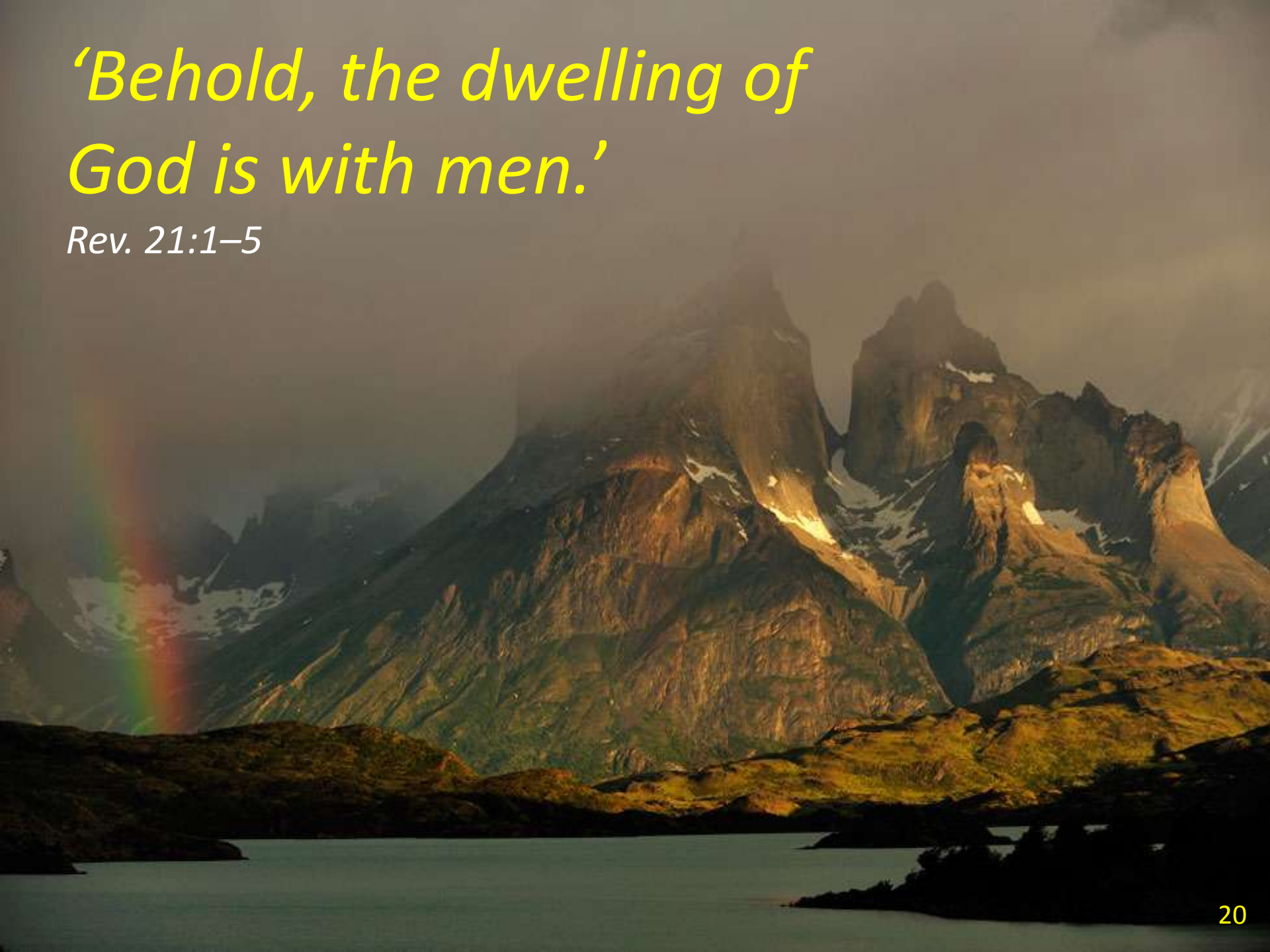
Herods' Temple at Jerusalem

(model)



*‘Behold, the dwelling of
God is with men.’*

Rev. 21:1–5



The Church Today

is what the

Temple Was

in the Old Testament

*The place where God and
His Glory are Manifested.*

*A New Community where
God Rules & Loves & Lives in.*

The Church Should Be

What God Has Purposed
and
What Christ Has Achieved

A Family of Reconciled
Brothers and Sisters
Who Love their Father
and Love Each Other

The Dwelling Place of God
by His Spirit

Only then will the
world believe in Christ
as the Peacemaker

Only then will God receive
the Glory due to His Name

....Christ loved the church and
gave himself up for her.

(Eph.5:25)

*23 so that they may be brought to
complete unity.*

*Then the world will know that
you sent me and have loved them
even as you have loved me.*

(Jn.17:23)

God's
Blessings
Be With You

