

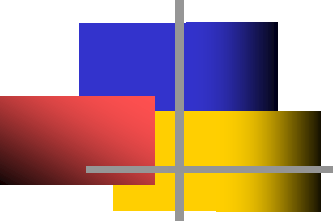


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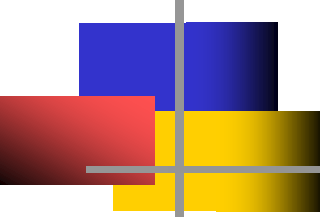
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Ezekiel - the Ministry

Message	Date
The first year of Ezekiel's captivity (2 K. 24:12)	597 B.C.
The beginning of Ezekiel's ministry (1:1-3)	593/92 B.C.
Ezekiel's second-dated message (8:1)	592/91 B.C.
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* Not in order with the general flow of the book	

The Ministry of Jeremiah and Ezekiel

Jeremiah in Jerusalem	Date	Ezekiel Outside of Babylon
Zedekiah's first year (52:1)	597 B.C.	1:1-3
Zedekiah's fourth year (28:1; 51:59)	593 B.C.	
Zedekiah's fifth year	593/92 B.C.	1:1-3
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Zedekiah's eleventh year (1:3; 39:2; 52:1, 5)	586 B.C.	26:1; 30:20; 31:1
Post fall of Jerusalem / Egypt (40:1-44:30)	585 B.C.	32:1, 17; 33:21



Ezekiel's Second Year of Ministry

(8:1 and 20:1)

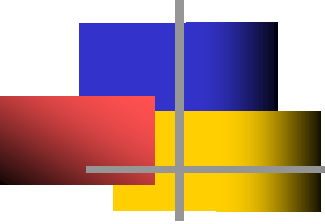
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- When he saw a vision (1:3)
- When he was called to be a watchman (3:14, 22)
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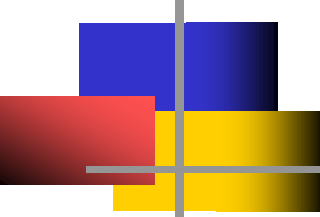
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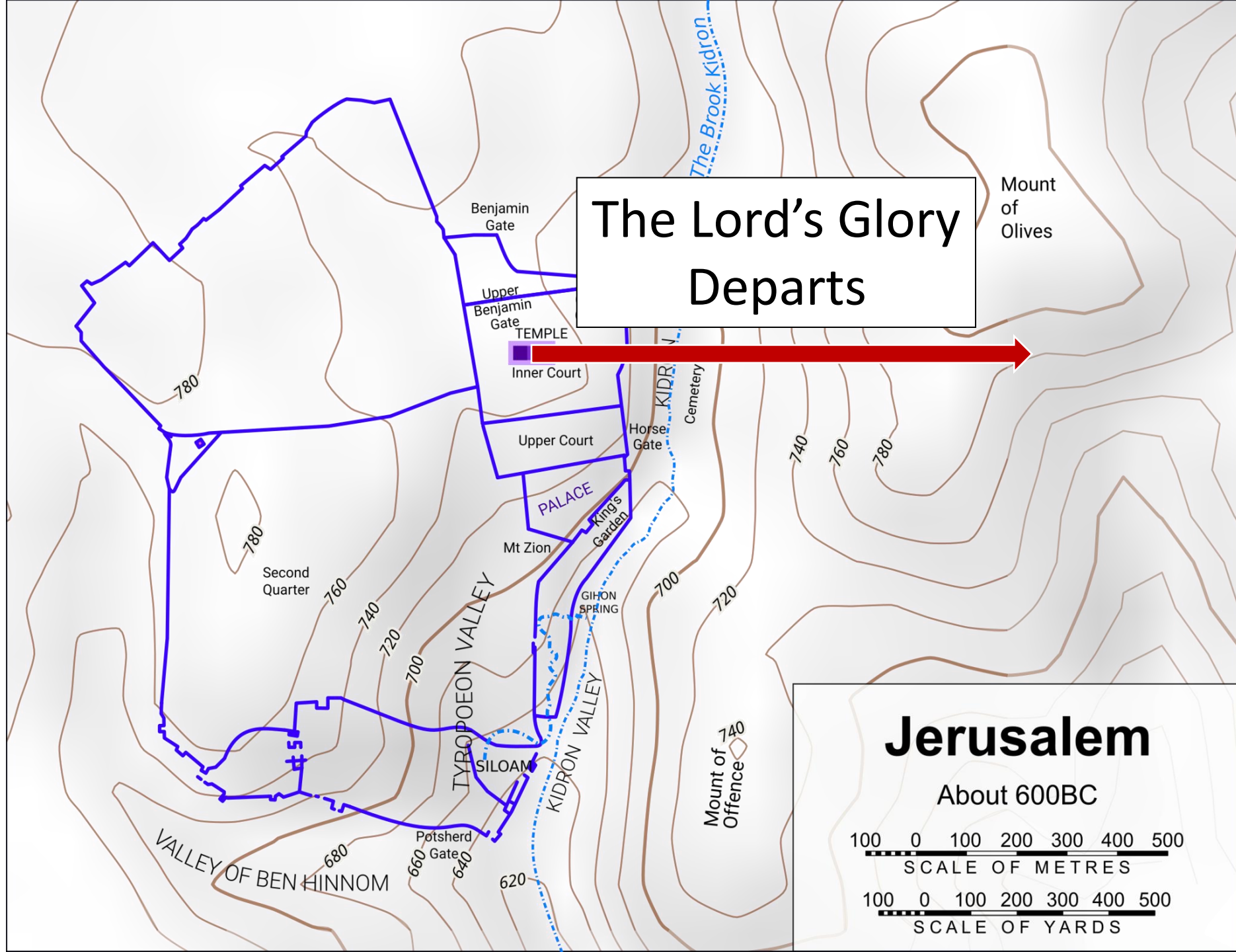
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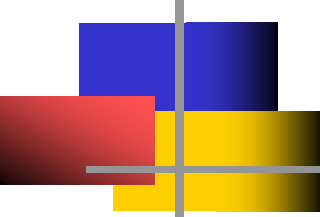


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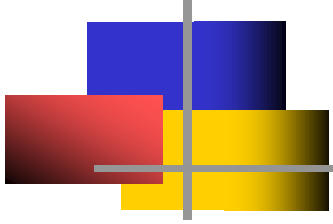




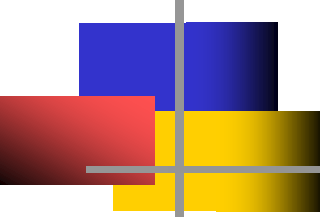
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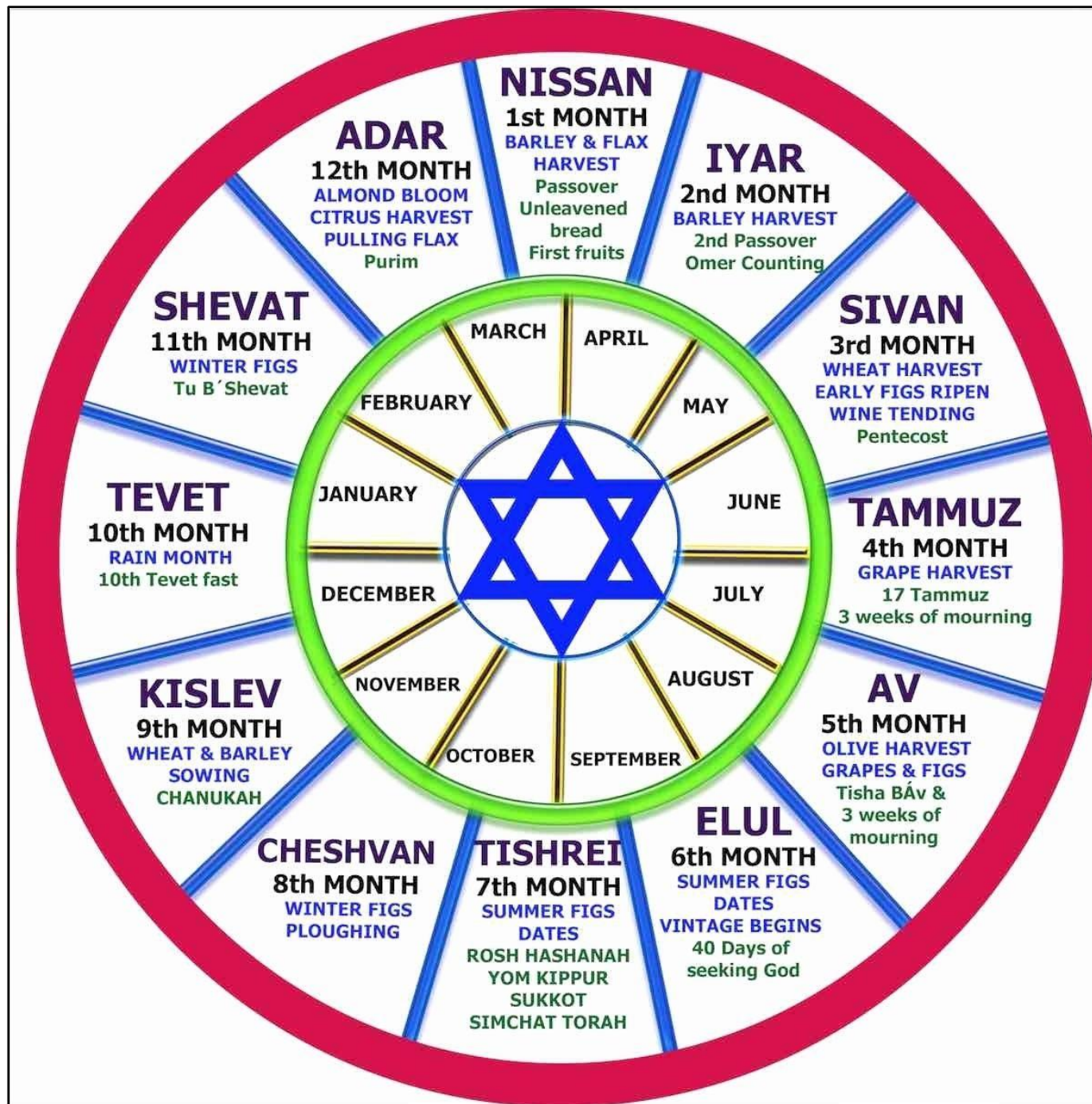


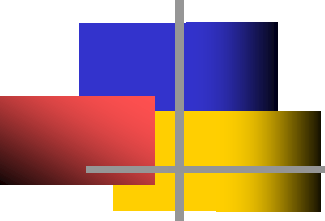
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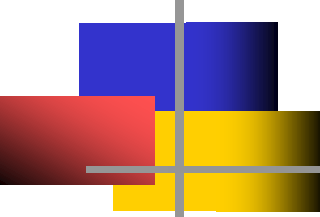
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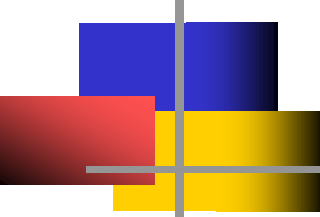
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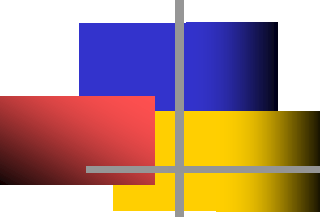
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4. Elders are to be holy; not leading the people into sin and apostasy (8:11; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9).



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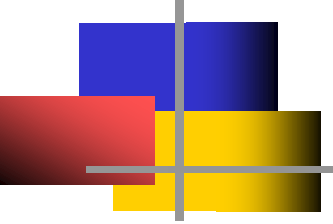


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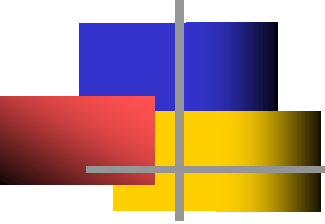


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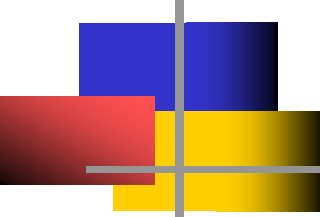
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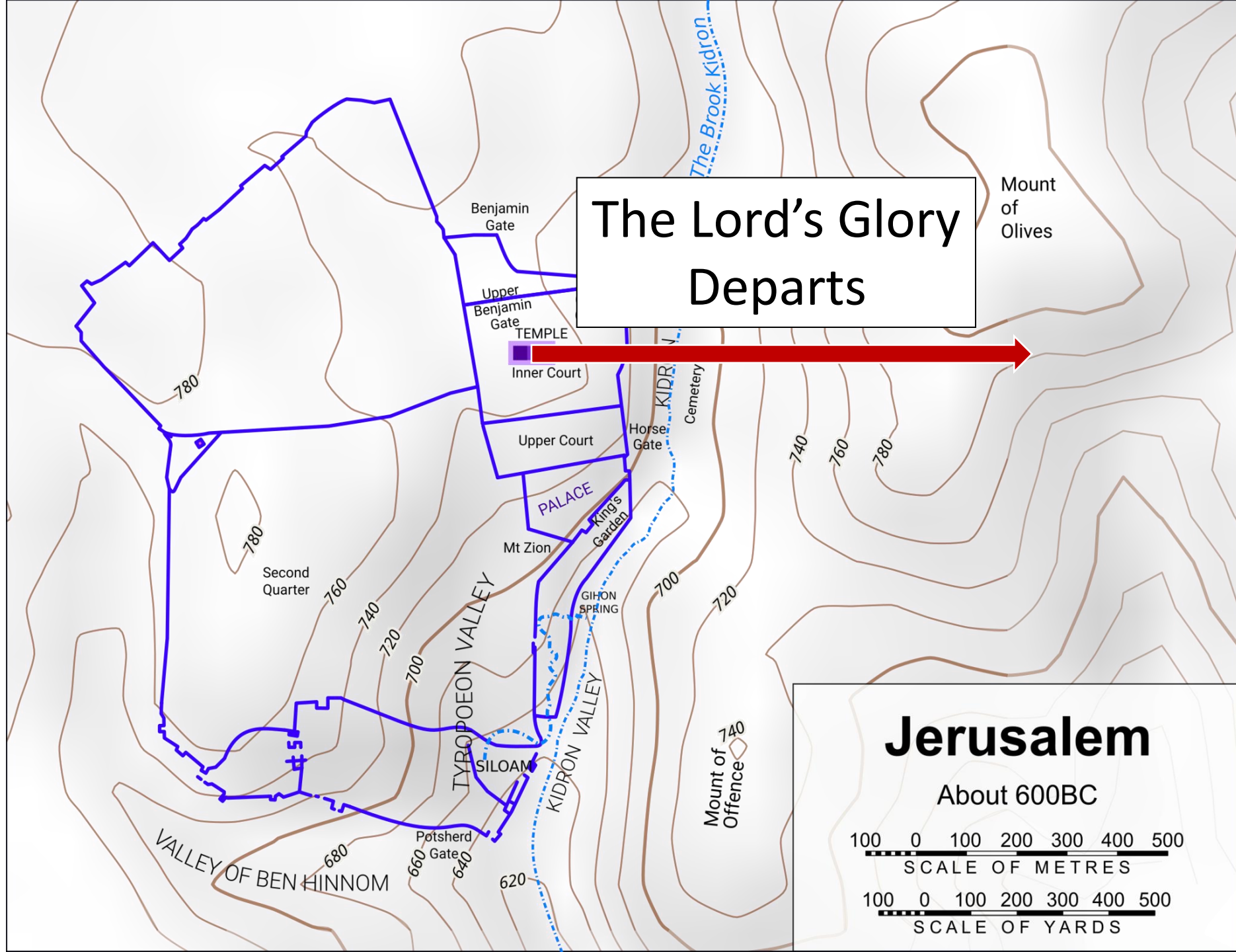
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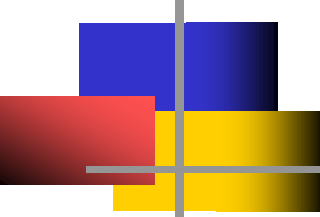


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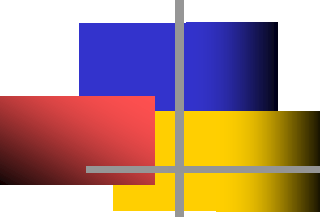
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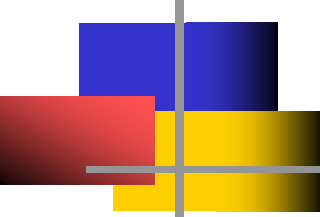
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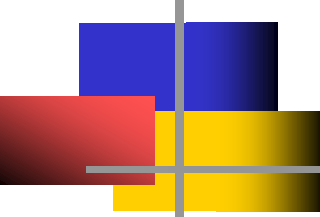
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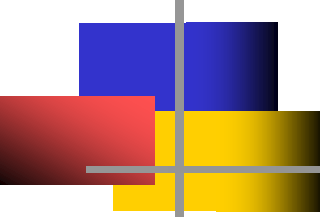
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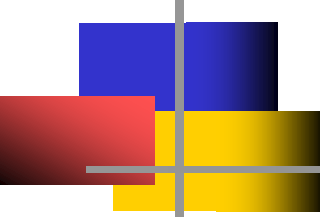
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3. The Lord knows those who belong to him and does not forget about them (9:4; 1 K. 19:18; Mt. 24:22; 2 Tim. 2:19).



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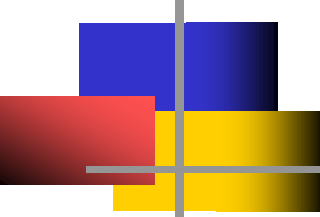


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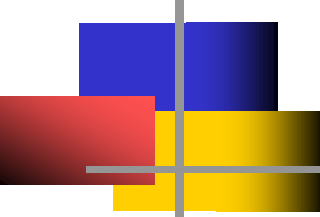
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- The vision (1:4-28; 10:1-22)
 - ✓ The four living creatures (1:4-14; 10:1-8, 15, 20-22)
 - ✓ The four wheels (1:15-21; 10:9-17)
 - ✓ The firmament (1:22-25; 10:1, 18-19)
 - ✓ The throne (1:26-28; 10:1)

Ezekiel's Vision of God's Glory

- Divine **beneficence** – God interacts with all of his creation, especially mankind (10:9-14, 20-22)
- Divine **omnipresence** – God goes anywhere and everywhere he wants (10:15-17)
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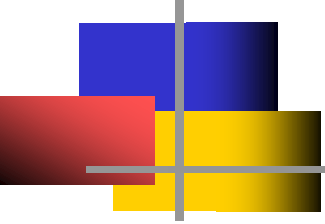
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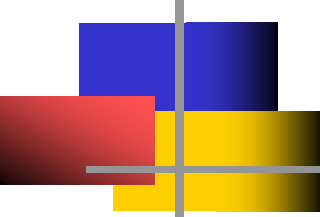
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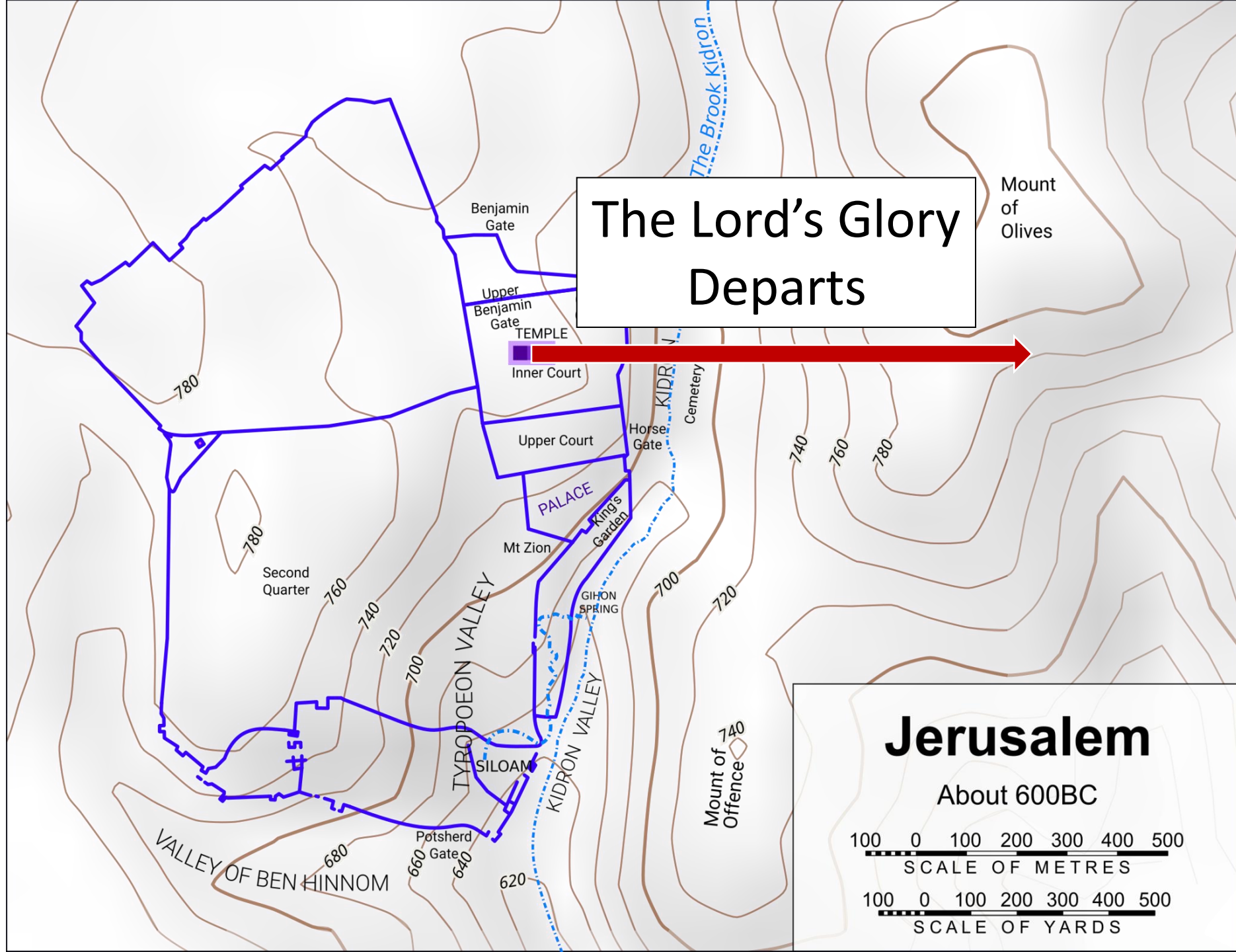
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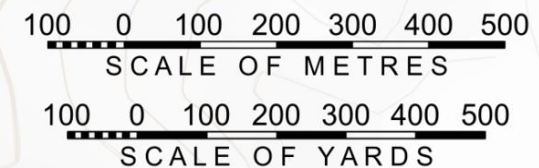
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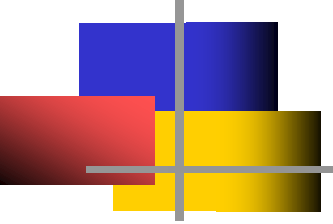
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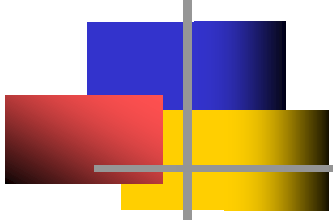




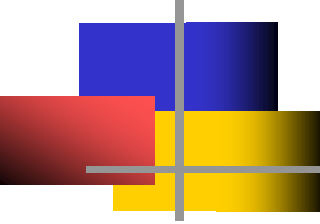
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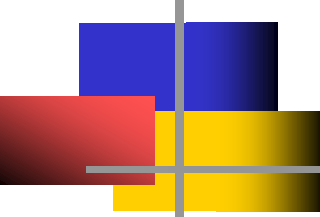


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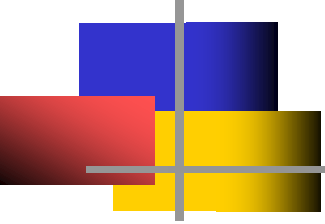
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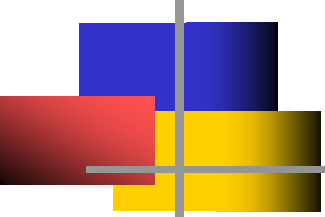
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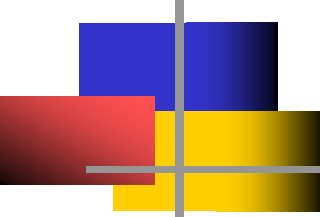
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3. The Lord's cherubim carry out his will (10:1-22; Gen. 3:24 [**divine protection**]; Ex. 25:18-22; 26:1, 31; 36:8, 35; 37:7-9; Num. 7:89; 1 K. 6:23-29, 32-35; 7:29, 36; 8:6-7; 1 Chron. 18:18; 2 Chron. 3:7-14; 5:7-8; Ezek. 41:18-25 [**divine adoration**]; 1 Sam. 4:4; 6:2; 2 K. 19:15; 1 Chron. 13:6; Psa. 99:1; Isa. 37:16; Ezek. 1:4-28 [**divine transportation**]; Ezek. 10:1-22; 11:22 [**divine condemnation**]).



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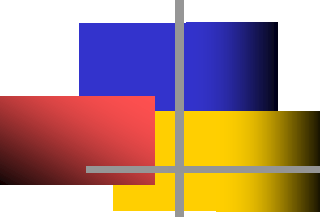


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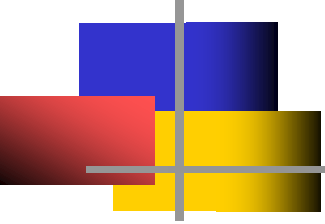


Ezekiel's Vision of Abominations (8:1 – 11:25)

The glory of the Lord appears (8:1-4)

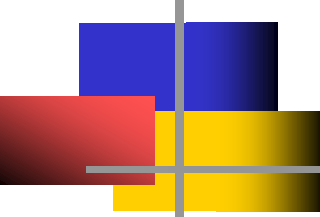
- The vision of Jerusalem's abominations (8:5-18)
- The vision of the slaughter of the guilty (9:1-11)
- The vision of the coals of fire (10:1-22)
- The vision of judgment and restoration (11:1-21)

The glory of the Lord departs (11:22-25)



The Glory of Jehovah in Ezekiel

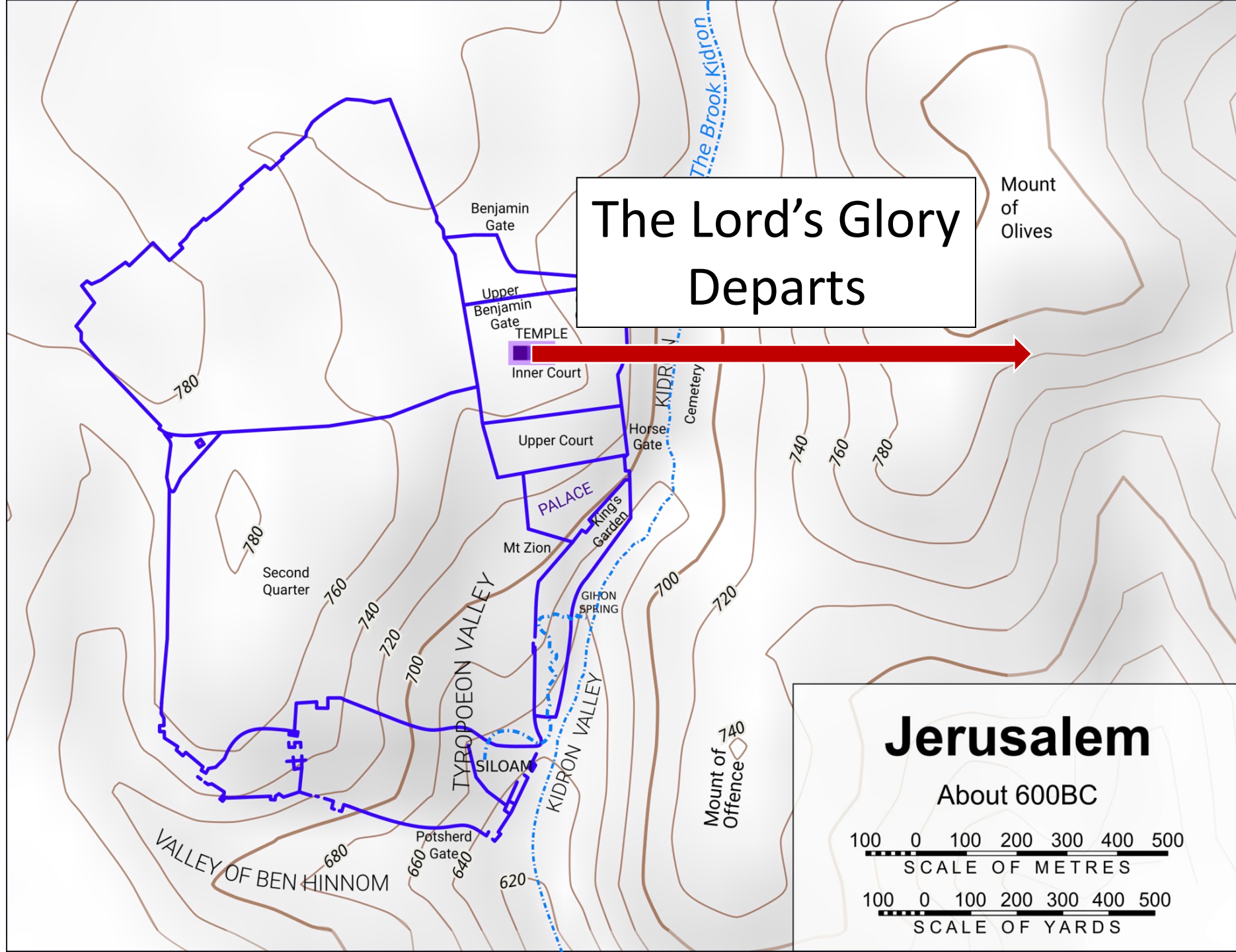
- It is **present** – where holiness is (1:28; 3:12, 23)
- It **departs** – where unholiness is (8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23)
- It **returns** – where holiness is (43:2, 4-5; 44:4)

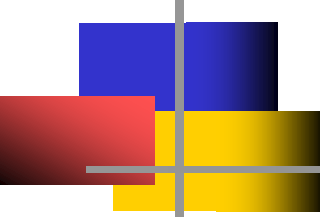


The Glory of Jehovah in Relation to the Temple

- 8:3-4 – the gate of the inner court toward the north
- 9:3; 10:4 – the threshold of the house
- 10:18-19 – the door of the east gate of the house
- 11:22-23 – the mountain on the east side of the city

The Lord's Glory Departs

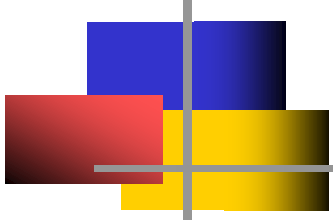




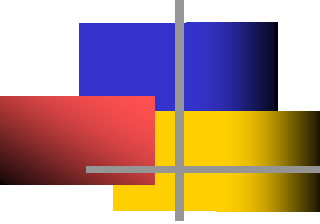
Ezekiel's Vision of Abominations (8:1 – 11:25)

- The **degradation** of God's people – the cause of judgment: man's abominations (8:1-18)
- The **destruction** of God's people – the source of judgment: the Lord (9:1 – 11:21)
- The **departure** from God's people – the result: the glory departs (11:22-25)

Ezekiel's Vision of Abominations (8:1 – 11:25)

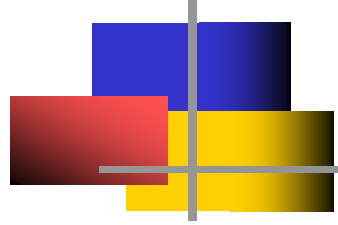


- The Lord's glory **offended** – by man's many abominations (8:1-18)
- The Lord's glory **defended** – by divine judgments (9:1 – 11:21)
- The Lord's glory **suspended** – by departing until another time (11:22-25)



Ezekiel 11 Outline

- The wicked rulers **rebuked** (11:1-13)
- The righteous remnant **remembered** (11:14-21)
- The Lord's glory **removed** (11:22-25)



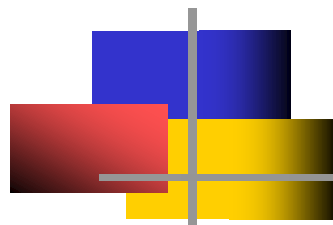
Ezekiel 11:3

To Build or Not to Build?

They say, 'Haven't our houses been recently rebuilt? This city is a pot, and we are the meat in it.' (NIV)

They say to the people, 'Is it not a good time to build houses? This city is like an iron pot. We are safe inside it like meat in a pot.' (NLT)

Which say, *It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.* (KJV)



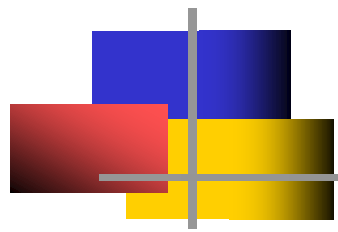
Ezekiel 11:3

To Build or Not to Build?

who say, 'Is not *the time* near to build houses?
This *city* is the pot and we are the flesh.' (NASV: 77, 95)

They are saying, 'Isn't the time near to build houses? The
city is the pot, and we are the meat.' (HCSB)

They say things like, 'Let's build more houses. This city
is like a cooking pot over a fire, and we are the meat, but
at least the pot keeps us from being burned in the fire.'
(CEV)



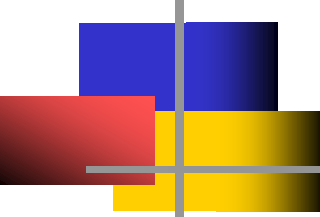
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To Build or **Not to Build?**

who say, 'The time is not near to build houses. This city is the cauldron, and we are the meat.' (ESV)

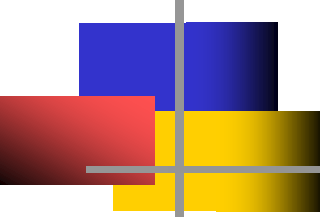
who say, '*The time is* not near to build houses; this *city is* the caldron, and we *are* the meat.' (NKJV, NASV, ASV)

They say, 'The time is not near to build houses; the city is a cooking pot and we are the meat in it.' (NET)



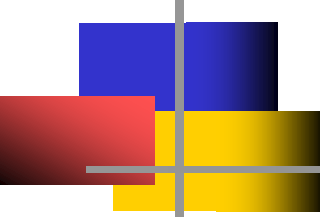
“You will know that I am the Lord”

- Found over 60 times in the book (5:13; 6:7, 10, 13-14; 7:4, 9, 27; 11:10, 12; etc.)
- The Lord wants his people (and others) to know that what takes place in the world (both bad and good) is accomplished by the Lord's doing



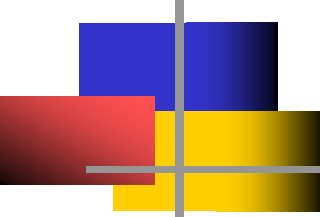
Ezekiel 11 Lessons for Today

1. Leaders of God's people should not be the ones sinning and giving wicked counsel (11:1-4; 1 Tim. 5:20).
2. Haughtiness (self-confidence) goes before a fall (11:3, 10-11; Prov. 16:18).
3. The Lord knows what is in your mind (11:5; Jn. 2:25; Rom. 2:16).



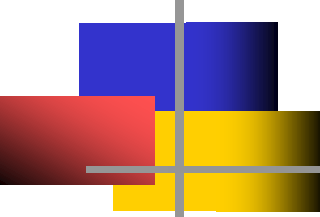
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4. The Lord will execute judgment upon all people when they do not execute his ordinances among themselves (11:5-12; Jude 15).
5. Do you offer intercessory prayers for the lost (9:8; Amos 7:1-6; 1 Tim. 2:1-4)?
6. The remnant of God's people have a new heart to walk in God's laws (11:14-21; 2 Cor. 3:3; 4:6).



Ezekiel 11 Lessons for Today

7. The faithful have the Lord's protection and are God's people (11:16, 19; Rev. 21:3).
8. The Lord's glory departs from his people when they continue in sin (11:22-25; 1 Sam. 4:1-22).
9. Speak the truth to your audience even though they don't want to hear it (11:25; 2 Tim. 4:1-4).



The First Five Messages of Hope Preached by Ezekiel

1. A remnant will remember the Lord (6:8-10)
2. A remnant will have a new heart (11:14-21; 12:16)
3. A remnant will be ashamed of their sin (16:60-63)
4. A remnant will be blessed by a Messiah (17:22-24)
5. A remnant will serve the Lord in holiness
(20:33-44)

The Four Prophetic Viewpoints

1. Present-Day Viewpoint “Pageview”	2. Near-Future Viewpoint “Hillview”	3. Distant-Future Viewpoint “Bird’s-eye view”	4. Far-Distant Future Viewpoint “Mountain view”
God’s people (and nations) are in sin and need to come back to God’s law and covenant.	God’s people (and nations) will be judged for their wickedness and refusal to repent.	God’s people will be brought back to their land after a period of punishment.	God’s people will be granted many “new” blessings in the future days of the Messiah.
Hint: Look for language speaking of various sins, law, or covenant.	Hint: Look for language speaking of coming judgment, desolation, or captivity.	Hint: Look for language speaking of returning, restoring, or a remnant.	Hint: Look for language speaking of “in that day”, “in those days”, or “David their king”