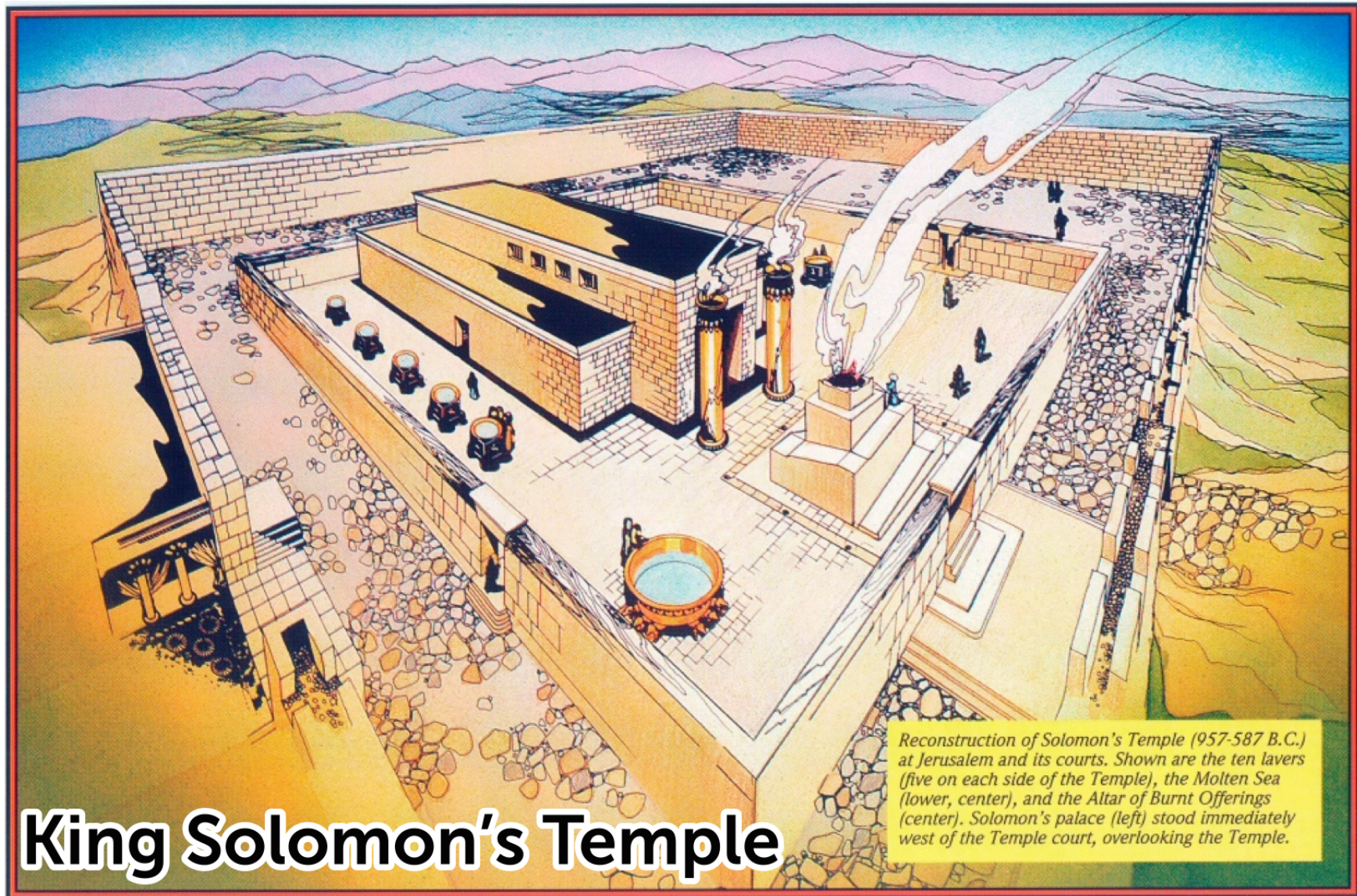


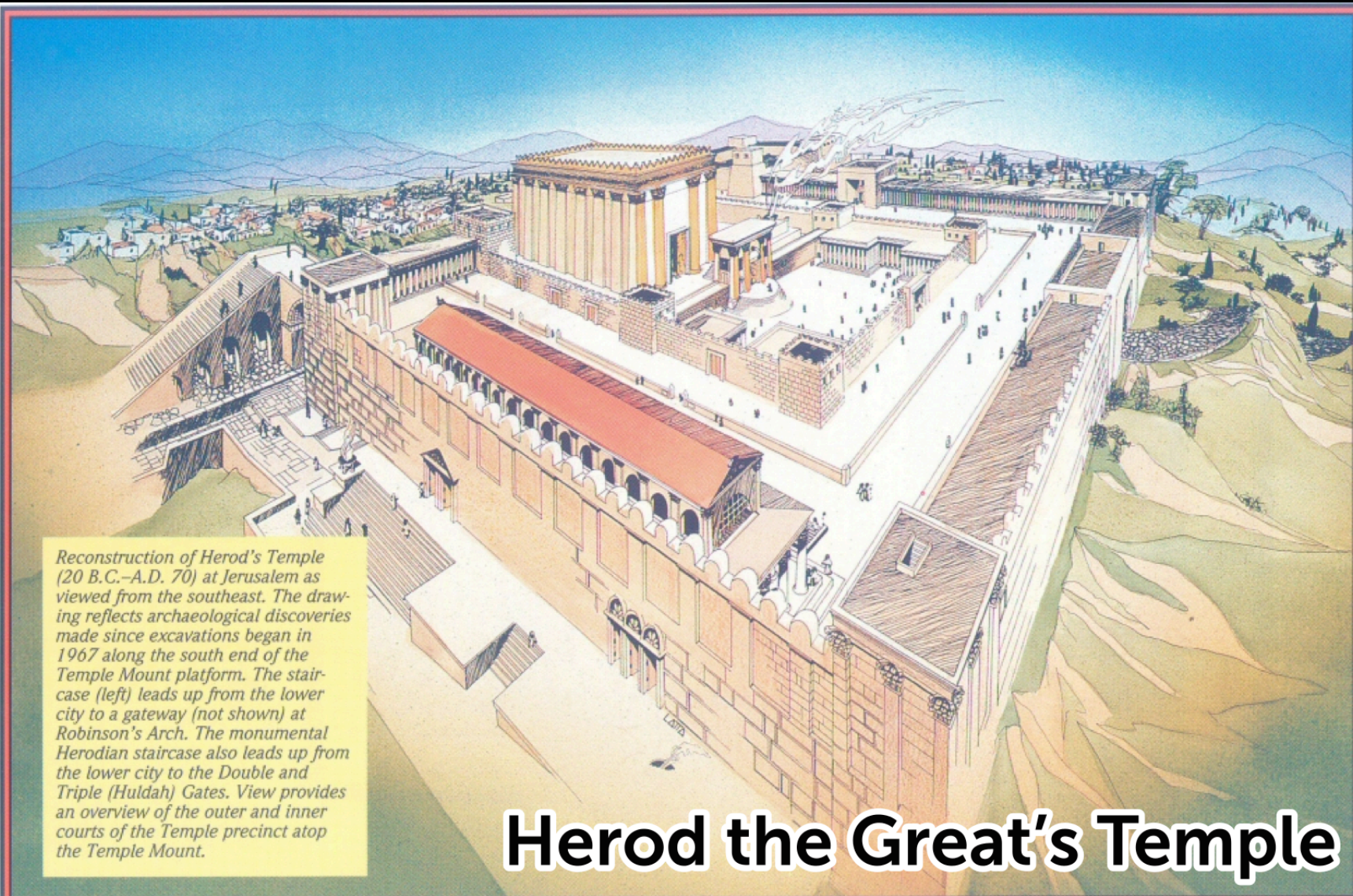
The House of Prayer



King Solomon's Temple

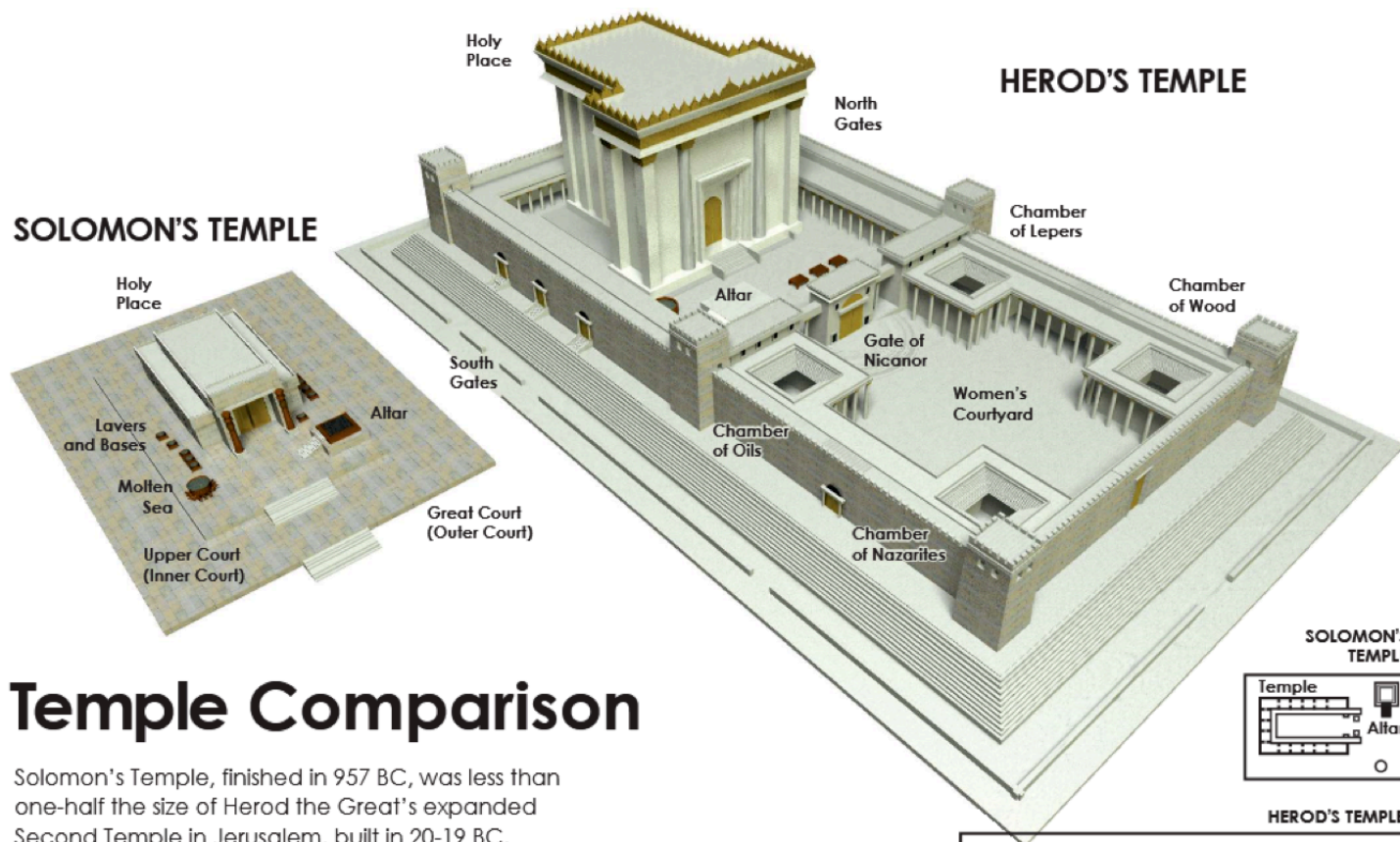
Reconstruction of Solomon's Temple (957-587 B.C.) at Jerusalem and its courts. Shown are the ten lavers (five on each side of the Temple), the Molten Sea (lower, center), and the Altar of Burnt Offerings (center). Solomon's palace (left) stood immediately west of the Temple court, overlooking the Temple.

Zerubbabel's Temple



Reconstruction of Herod's Temple (20 B.C.–A.D. 70) at Jerusalem as viewed from the southeast. The drawing reflects archaeological discoveries made since excavations began in 1967 along the south end of the Temple Mount platform. The staircase (left) leads up from the lower city to a gateway (not shown) at Robinson's Arch. The monumental Herodian staircase also leads up from the lower city to the Double and Triple (Huldah) Gates. View provides an overview of the outer and inner courts of the Temple precinct atop the Temple Mount.

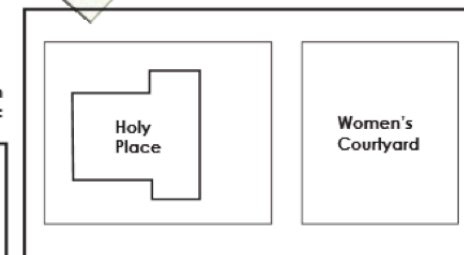
Herod the Great's Temple



Temple Comparison

Solomon's Temple, finished in 957 BC, was less than one-half the size of Herod the Great's expanded Second Temple in Jerusalem, built in 20-19 BC.

Size
comparison
(approximate):



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""It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"" (Luke 19:46)

1. House of Prayer

"Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but **since it was already late**, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve." (Mark 11:11)

'constant in prayer' Romans 12: 12

They should have been praying for
people - not preying on people!

2. House of Praise

'Our Father who is in heaven, your
Name is Holy, *Your Kingdom will
come..!*'

'Jesus entered *THE MOST HOLY
PLACE* once for all by his own
blood...'

“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.” (Hebrews 9:24)

