

Series: Influencers

Abraham: Man of Faith

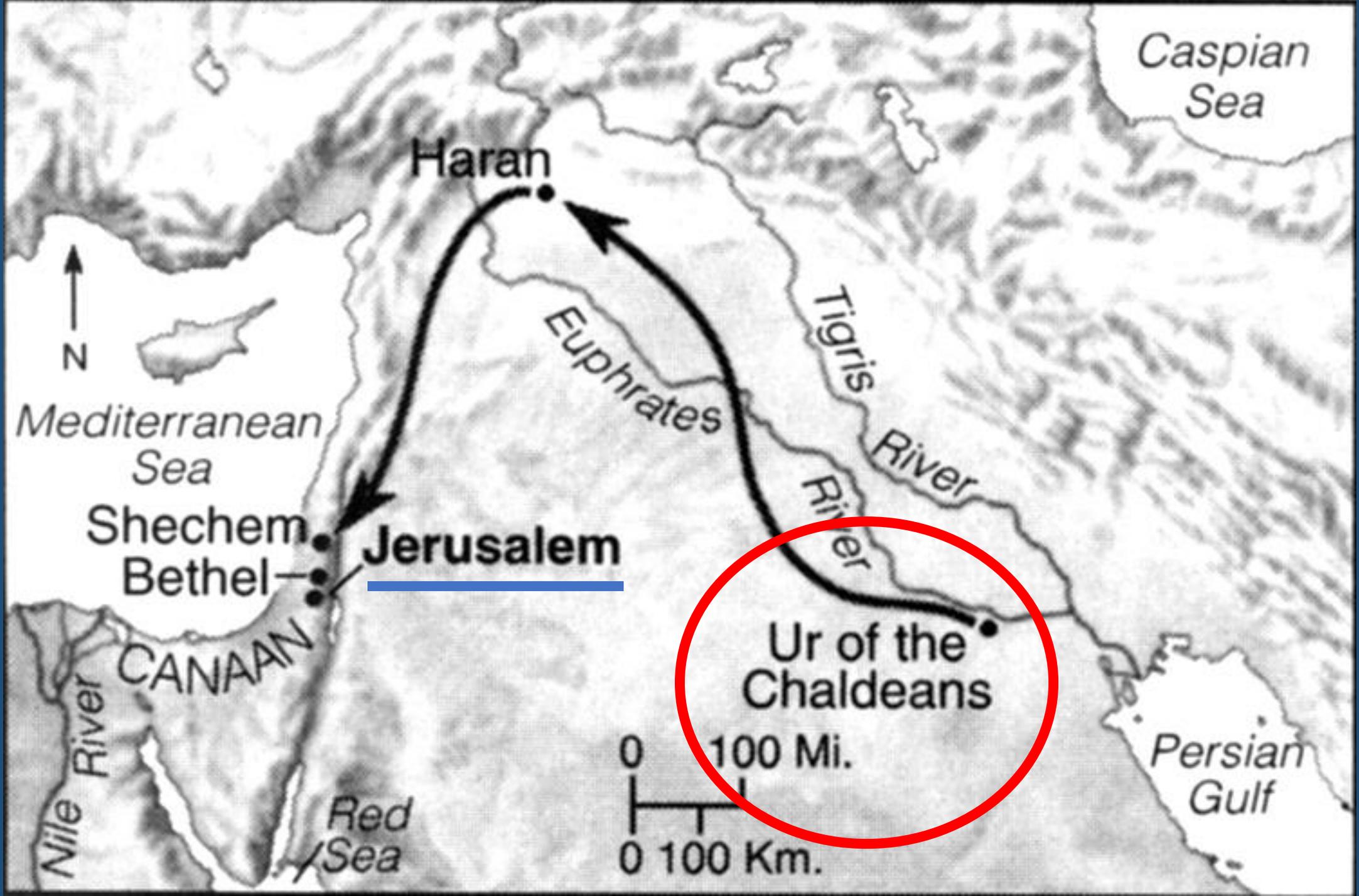
Gen. 12, 22 & Heb. 11

“The main reason Christian believers today have not had the influence in the culture to which they have aspired [is] because they have been absent from the arenas in which the greatest influence in the culture is exerted.”

James Hunter, *To Change the World*

Call of Abraham

Gen. 12:1, Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you.



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Mediterranean Sea

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Jerusalem

CANAAN

Nile River

Red Sea

Euphrates

Tigris River

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Persian Gulf

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12:2-3, And I will make you a great nation,
and I will bless you, and make your name
great; and so you shall be a blessing; ³ and I
will bless those who bless you, and the one
who curses you I will curse. and **in you all**
the families of the earth will be
blessed.”

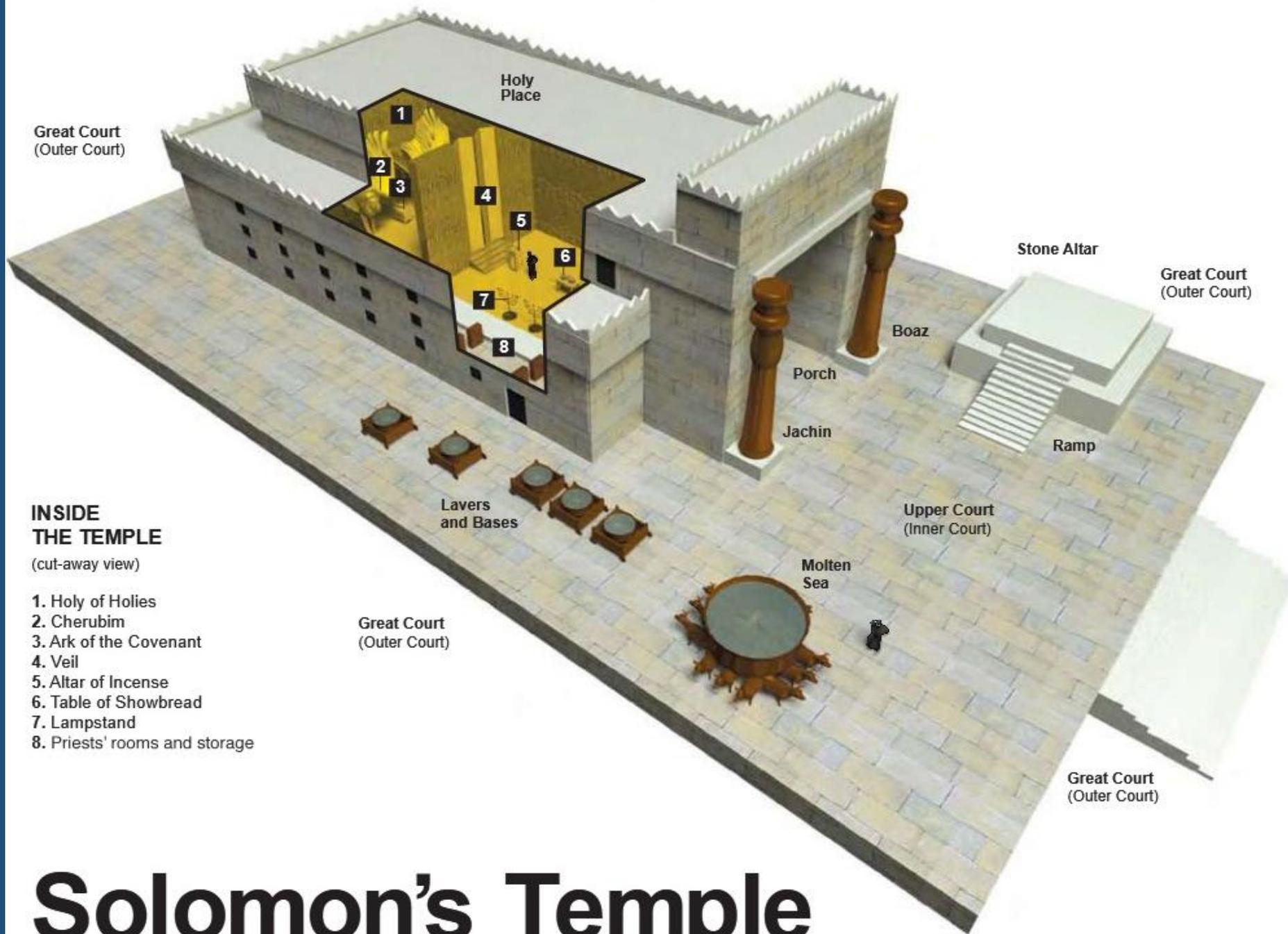
Test of Abraham

Gen. 22:2, God said, “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you.”

3, So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4-6, On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

⁵ Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.



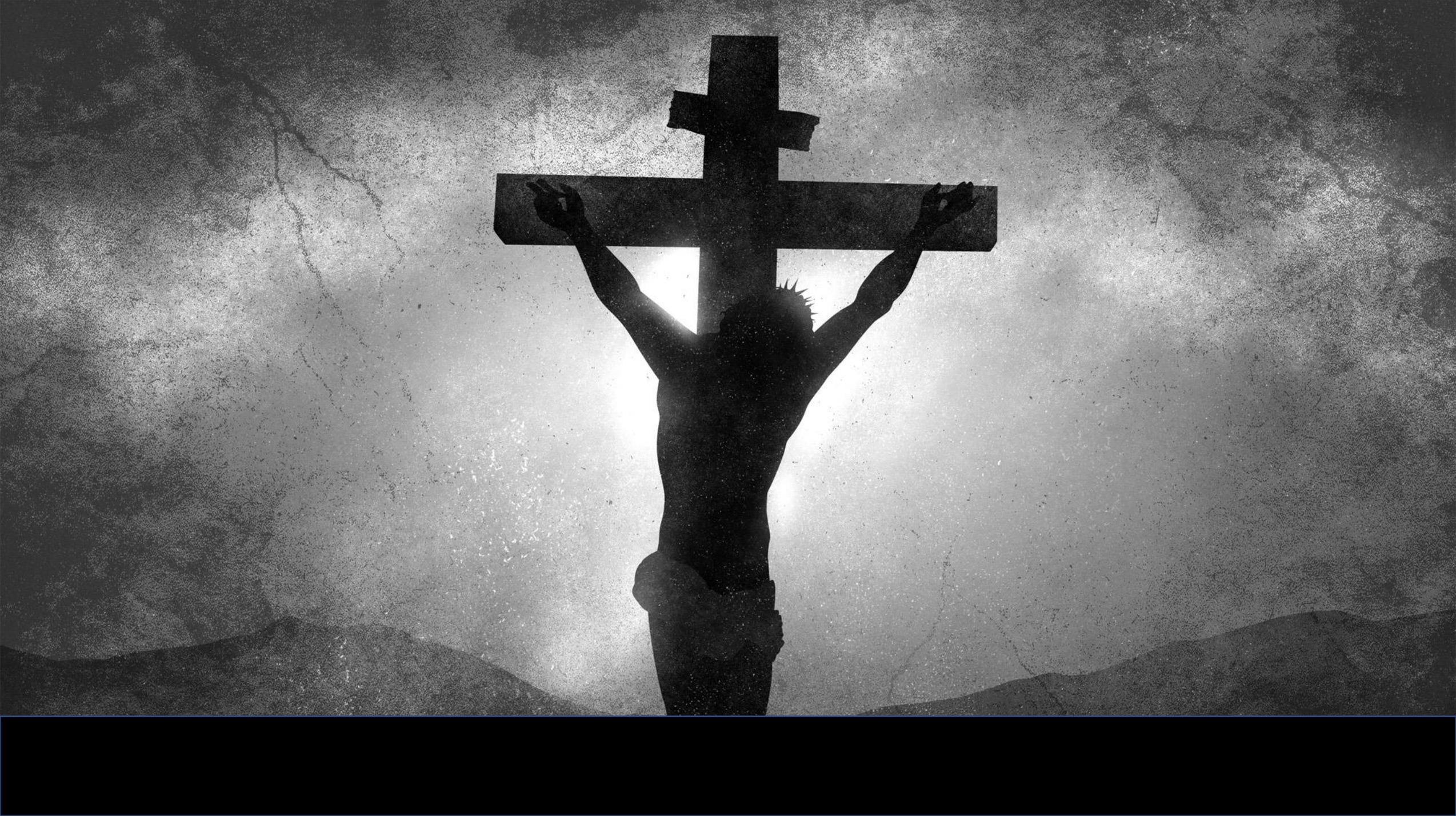
INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(cut-away view)

- 1. Holy of Holies
- 2. Cherubim
- 3. Ark of the Covenant
- 4. Veil
- 5. Altar of Incense
- 6. Table of Showbread
- 7. Lampstand
- 8. Priests' rooms and storage

Solomon's Temple

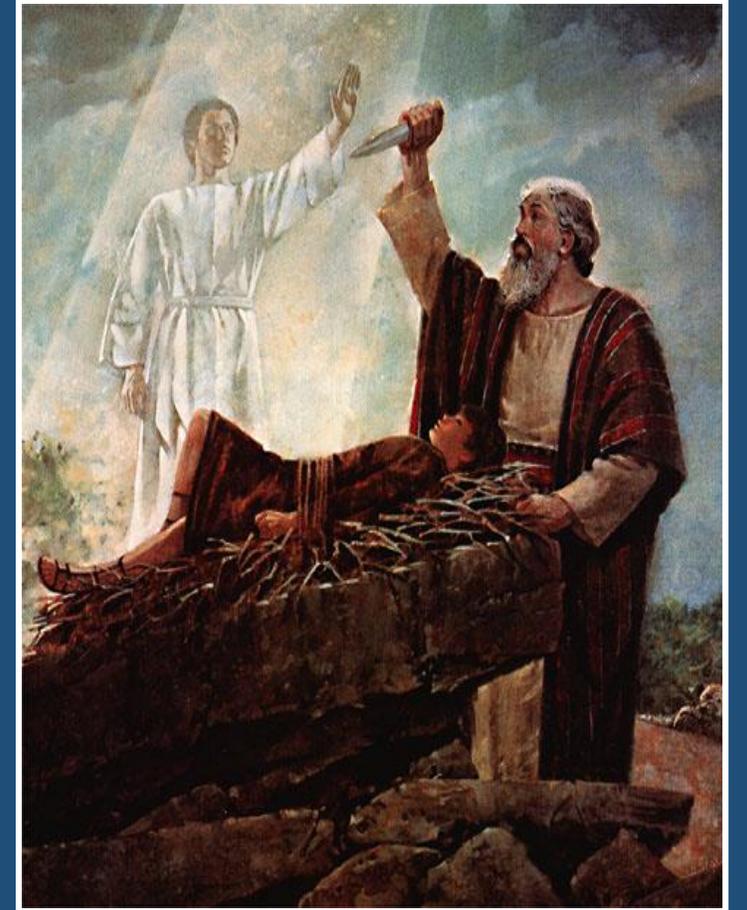




7-8, Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” And he said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

Jehovah Jireh

“The Lord Will Provide”



Heb. 11:8-10, By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; ¹⁰ for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Heb. 11:17-19, By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.” 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

Influence