

# HOPE IN TIME



## The importance of “time” in Elizabeth’s life

- In **the days** of Herod v5
- they were both advanced in **years** v7
- the hour** of the incense offering v10
- my wife is advanced in **years** v18
- until **the day** when these things take place v20
- shall be fulfilled in their **proper time** v20
- the days** of his priestly service were ended v23
- after **these days** Elizabeth his wife became pregnant v24
- in seclusion **five months** v24
- the days** when He looked with favor upon me v25

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- She is married to a priest and is from a family of priests “daughter of Aaron” v5
- Her name Elizabeth means “promise of God”
- She was “righteous” and “walked blamelessly...” v6
- **BUT** ... she was “barren” v7
- She and her husband were “advanced in years” 7

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2. The **SETTING** for God to work in Elizabeth's life  
vv8-22

**HOPE IS DEMONSTRATED**

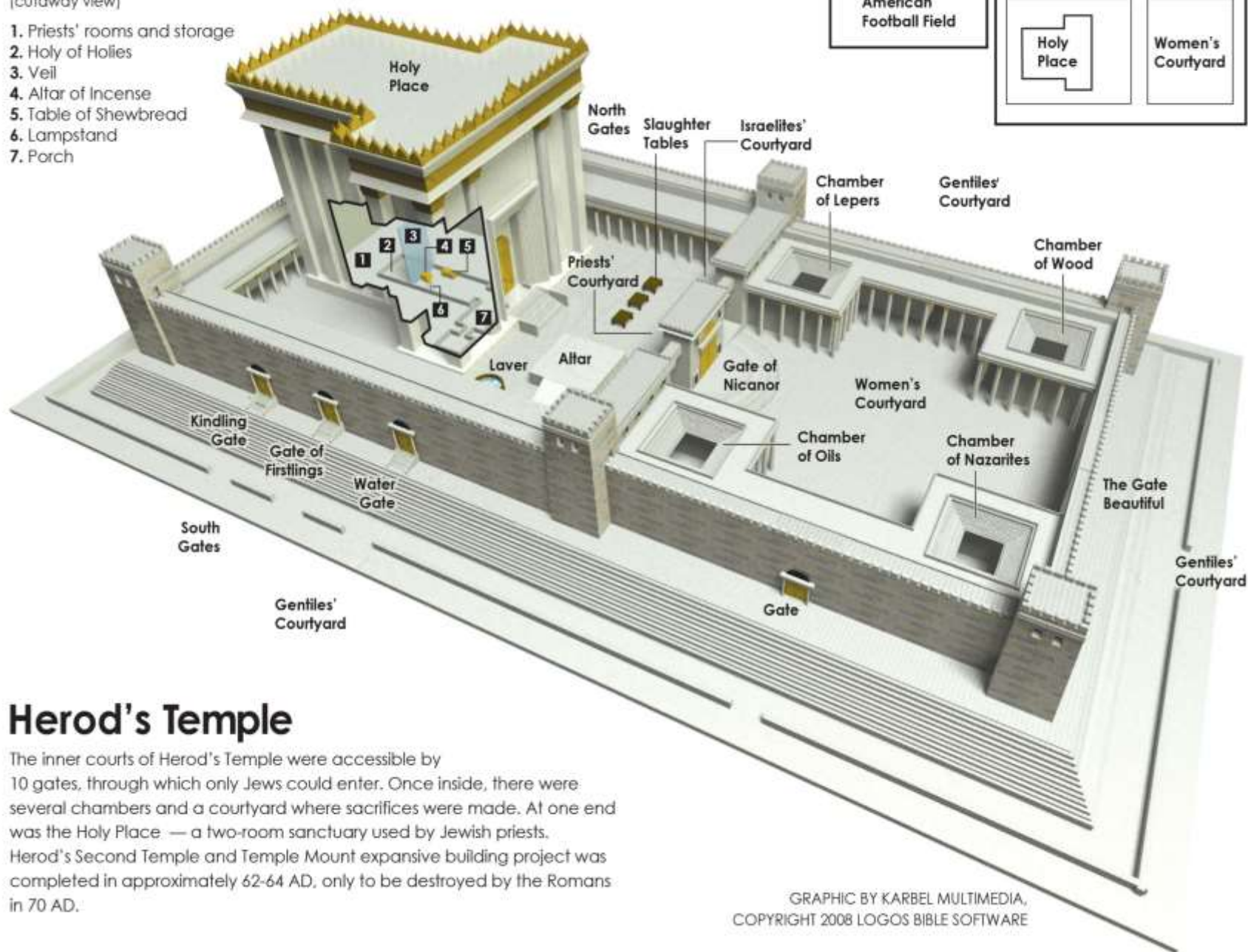
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## INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE

(cutaway view)

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



## 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 one end was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount expansive building project was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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## Altar of Incense



Made of acacia wood  
with pure gold overlay;  
1.5 ft square  
3 ft high  
(Ex 30:1).

Fragrant incense was burned on  
the altar every morning and  
evening (Ex 30:7,8).

Placed in the outer sanctuary in front  
of the mercy seat where the Lord  
met the high priest (Ex 30:6).

Once a year the high priest would make  
atonement for the altar by sprinkling  
some of the blood of the sin offering on  
the horns because the altar was "most  
holy to the Lord" (Ex 30:10).



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→ It included an angel's message



# Lots of information in the angel's words

“your wife, Elizabeth”

“will bear”

“a son”

“give name JOHN”

No substitutes

Not maybe; A promise!!

A boy; an heir

“God is gracious”



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3. The **SOLUTION** to the prayer of Elizabeth's life  
vv23-25; 57-66

**HOPE IS DELIVERED**



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2. God uses the disappointments and time of waiting to build qualities into our lives that make us more like Jesus
  - to keep us dependent on Him
  - to keep us trusting
  - to keep us living by faith not by sight
3. God's delays aren't always God's denials



# God's delays are not always God's denials

- When we pray a **prayer that is not right**,  
God will say, **"NO"**
- When we pray a prayer and **we are not right**,  
God will say, **"GROW"**
- When we pray a prayer and **the timing is not right**, God will say, **"SLOW"**
- When we pray a prayer and **all is right**,  
God will say, **"GO"**





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4. You can always trust God's time- Do you?



# **IN HIS TIME**

In his time, in his time  
He makes all things beautiful in his time  
Lord, please show me everyday  
As you're teaching me your way  
That you do just what you say  
In your time.

In your time, in your time  
You make all things beautiful in your time  
Lord, my life to you I bring  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to you a lovely thing  
In your time

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