

## AMAZING GRACE:

### *The Promise of Grace*

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## Notes:

For those who feel hopeless, grace offers a promise – God is for you. Your righteousness does not define your standing with God. He defines His standing with you out of His love for you.

### The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

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<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

<sup>14</sup> “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

- Luke 18:9-14

### My Next Step(s):

- I will not compare my righteousness against that of others.
- I will find my confidence in Christ instead of my own works.
- I will not look down on others who I perceive to be less worthy—but for the grace of God, there go I. Instead, I will admit my own sin.
- I will receive God’s grace freely given.

**Memory Verse:** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Amazing Grace.

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of Heaven,  
Who has so mercifully  
renewed my soul.  
And since his power has brought me here,  
I will praise him all the more,  
And grace will lead me home,  
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safe thus far, And grace will lead me home  
Than when we first be - gan



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– *Martin Luther*  
*Martin Luther (1529) by Lucas*  
*Cranach the Elder*





*“Grace is freely  
given to the most  
undeserving and  
unworthy.”*

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Today's text:  
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*“The Pharisees have the  
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*– Josephus*



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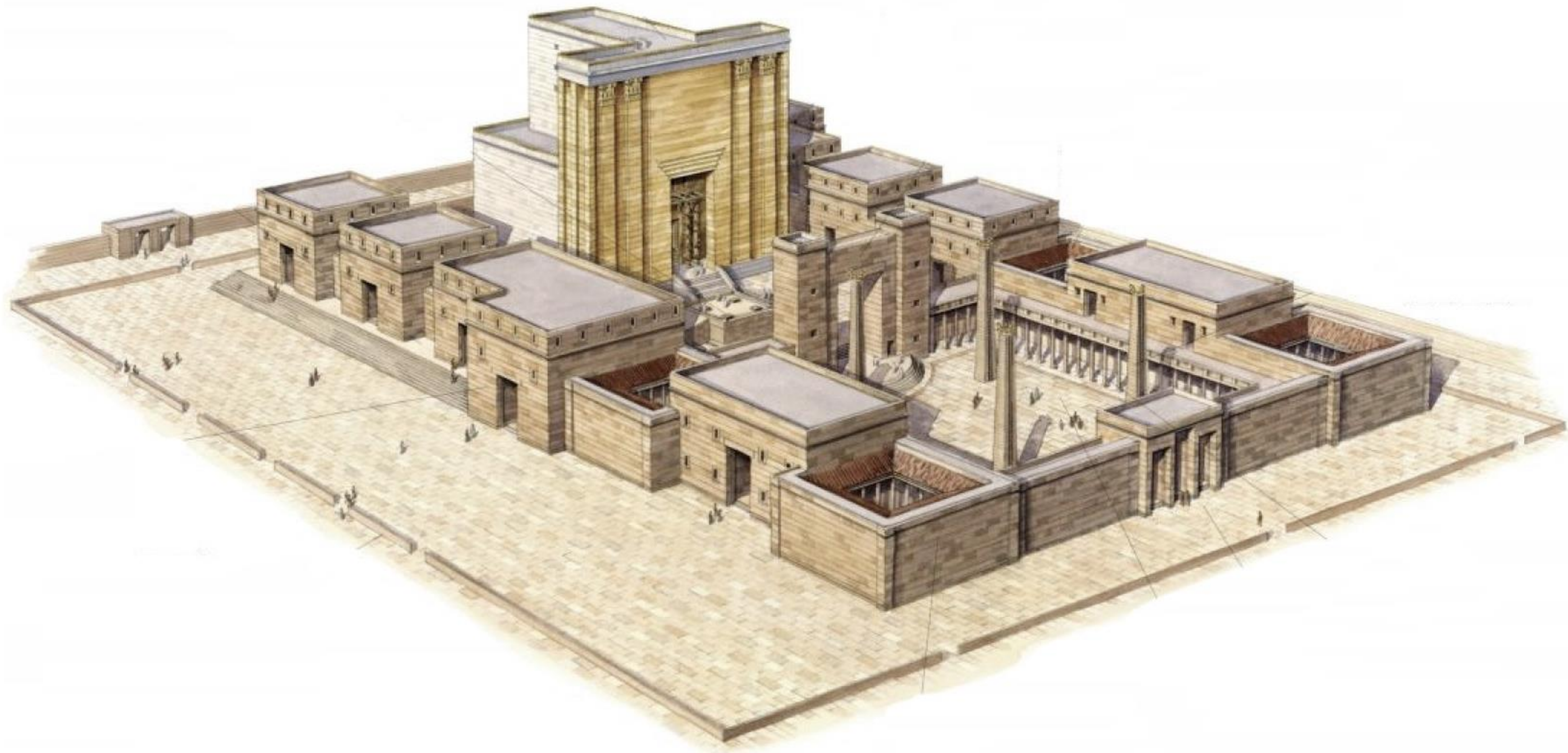


“The Pharisee **stood by himself** and prayed.”

**LUKE 18:11**

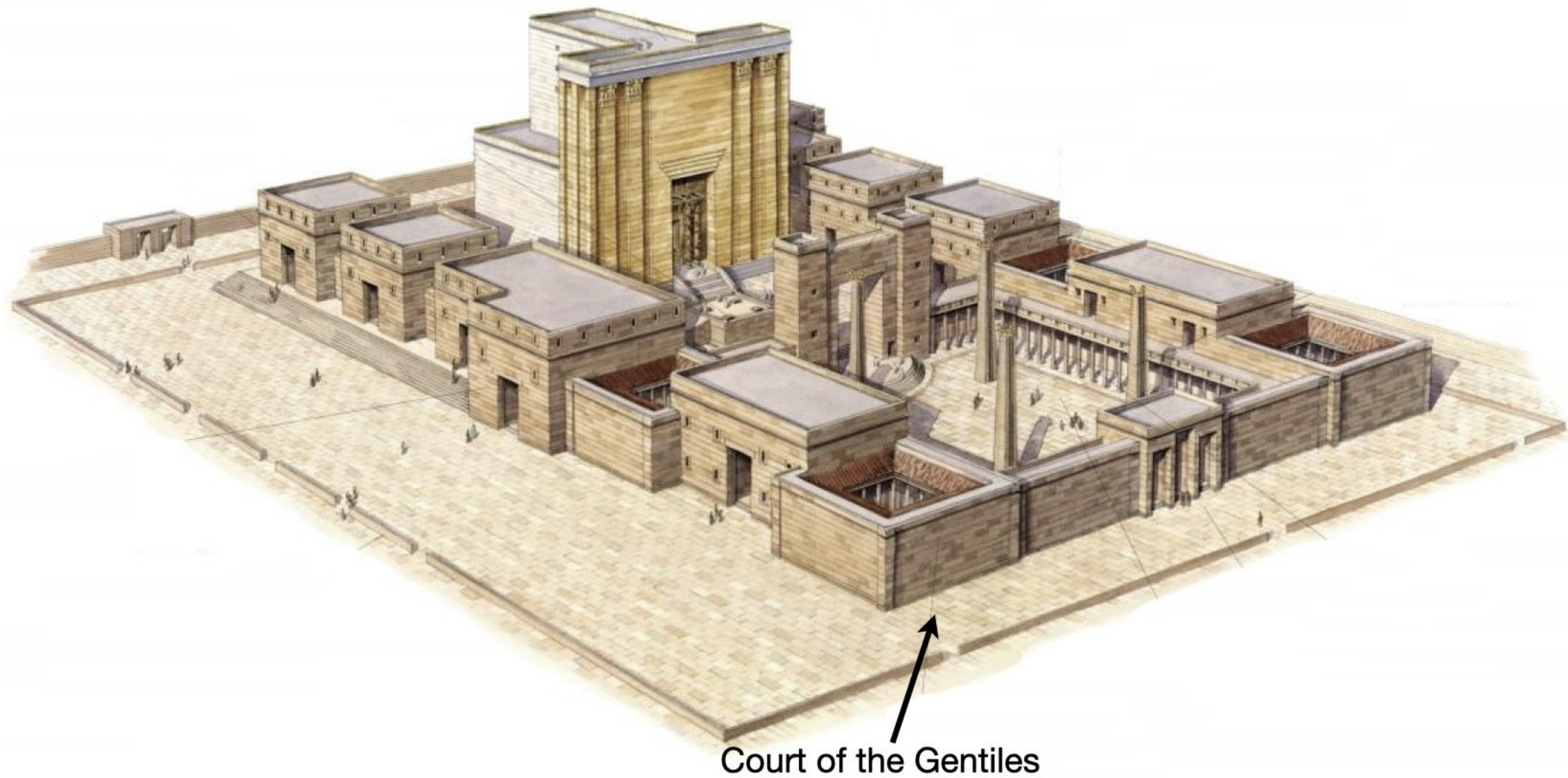


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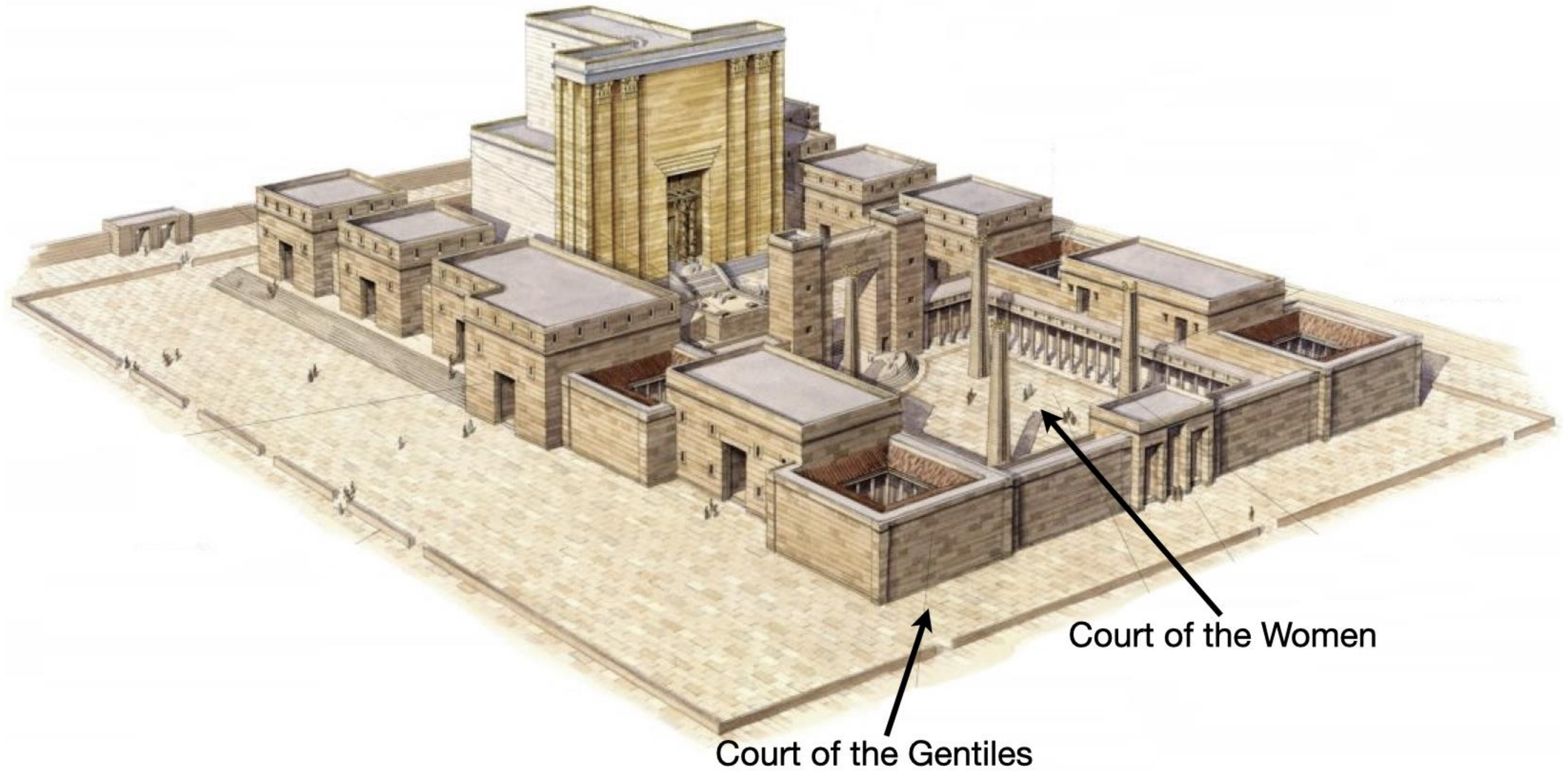


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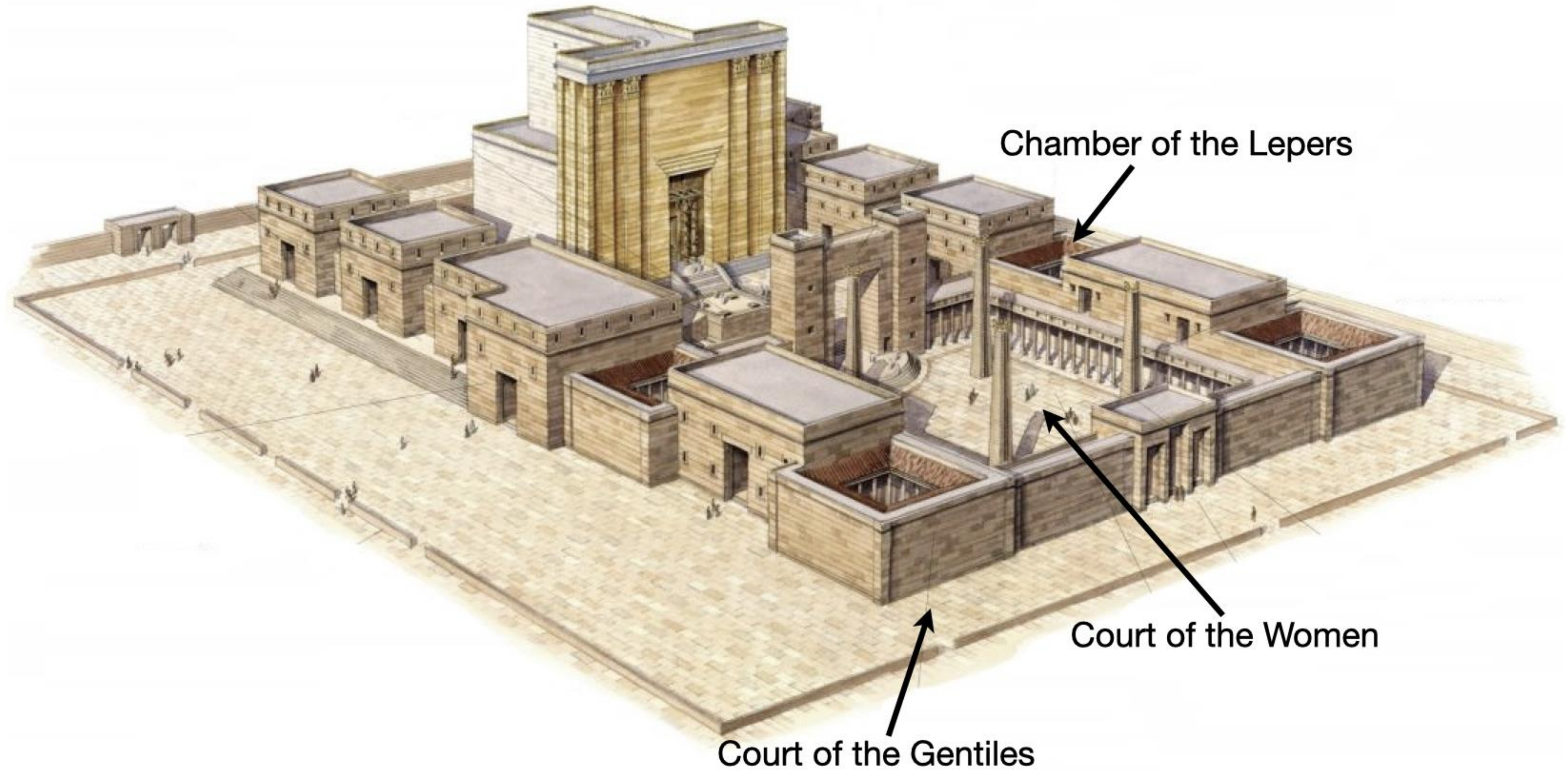


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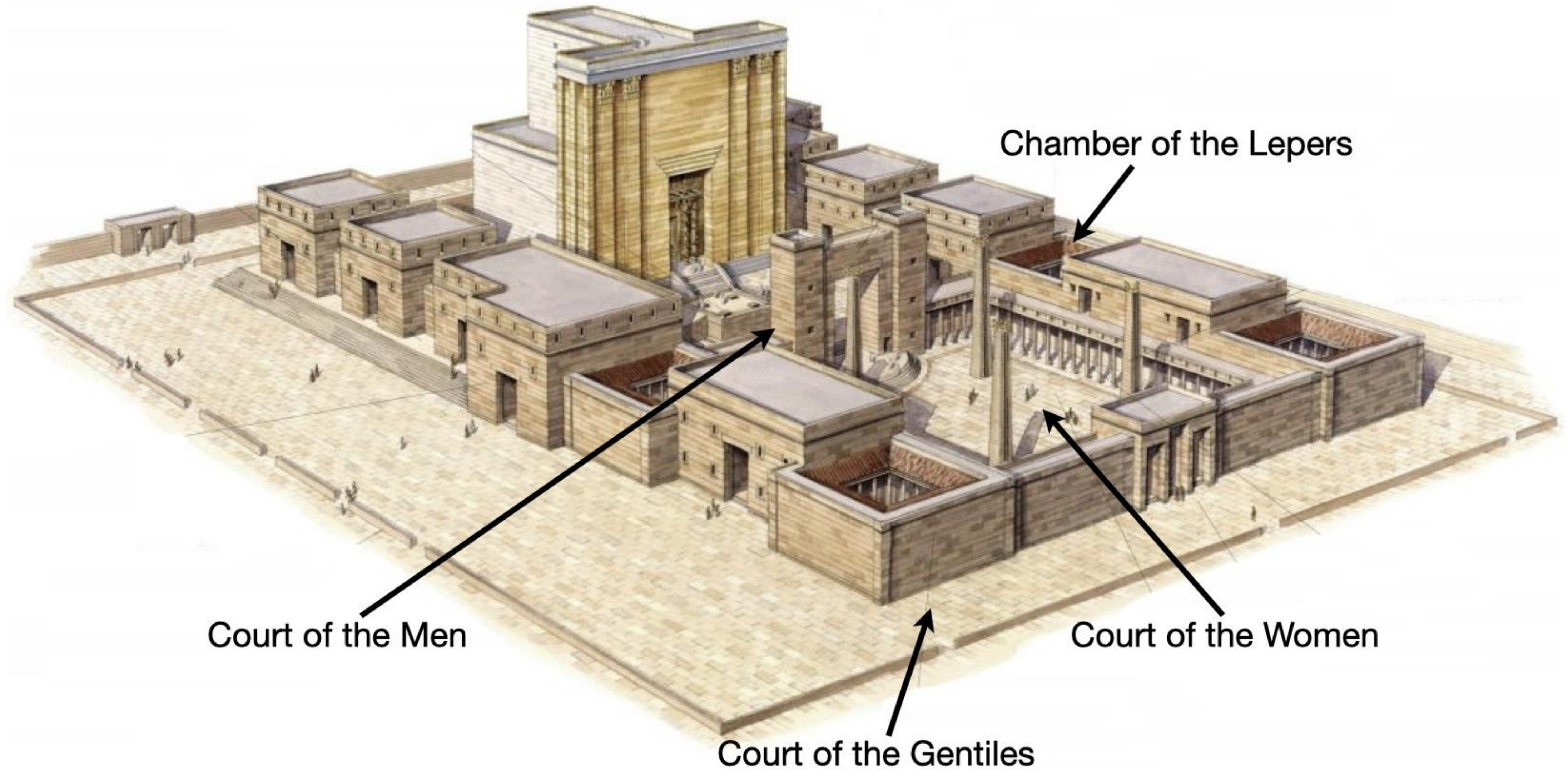


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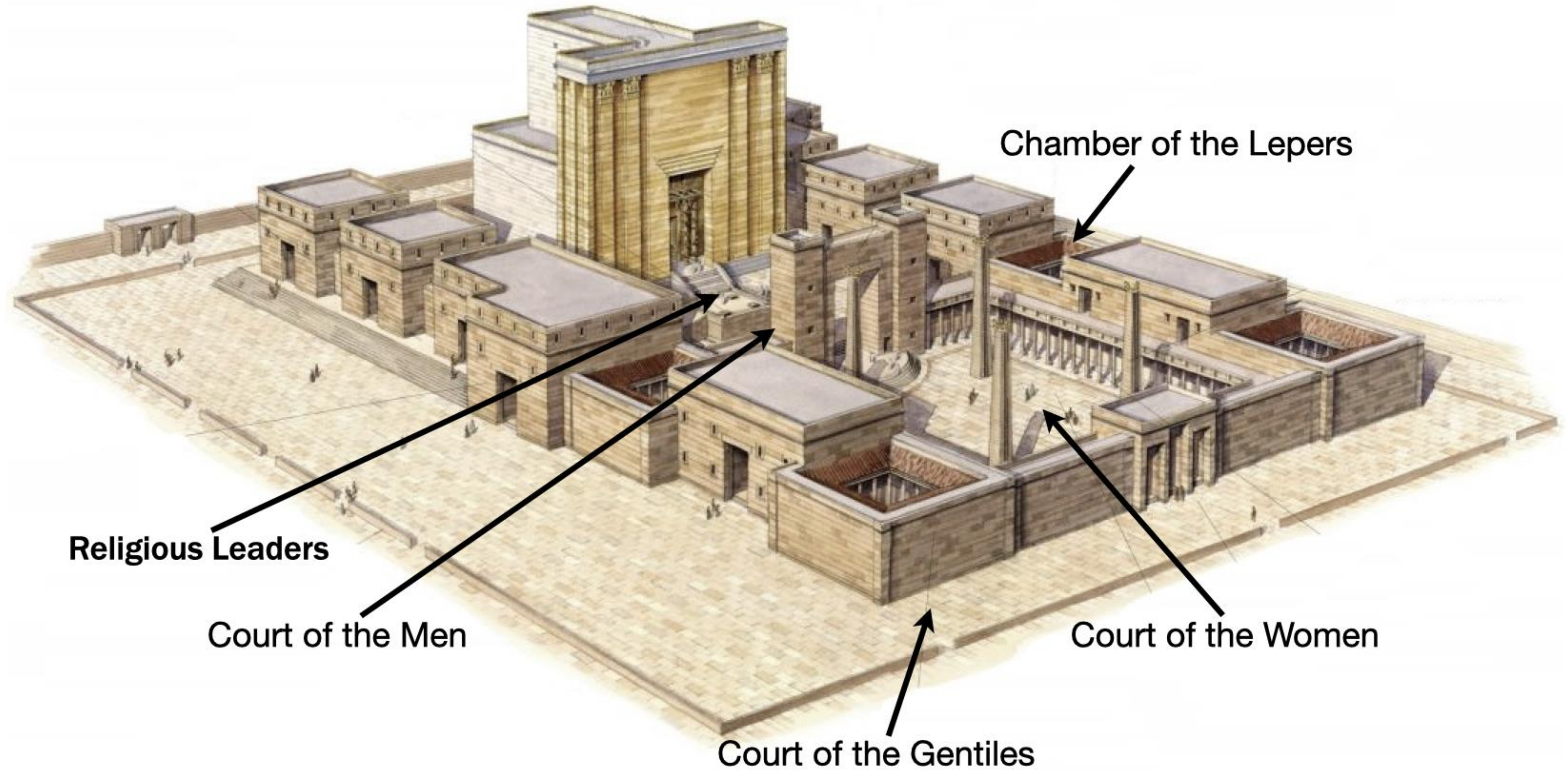


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**LUKE 18:13**



“I tell you that this man, rather than the other,  
went home **justified** before God.”

**LUKE 18:14**

#1

The tax collector **admits his sin.**



“God, have mercy on me, **a sinner.**”

**LUKE 18:13**



“God, have mercy on me, **THE sinner.**”

**LUKE 18:13**



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**Being less bad ... is still bad.**



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#2

The tax collector **asks for grace.**



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**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**



**Will you go to heaven when you die?**

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