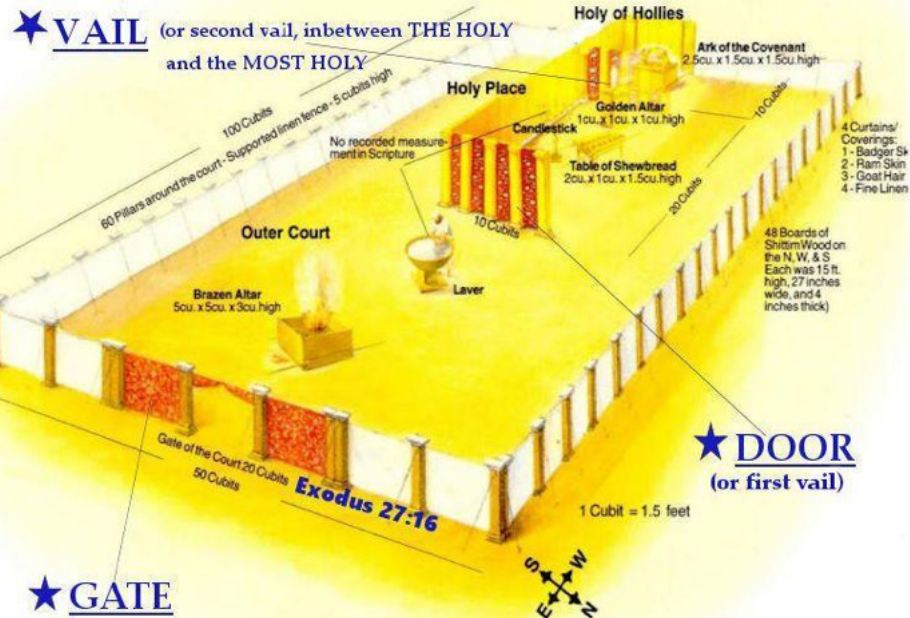


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The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle



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Revelation 65 – Judaism Measured by Christ

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Revelation 11:1-3

Which Temple?

- To which Temple does John {Christ} refer; Eschatological perspective determines bias
 - Ezekiel's Temple: Millennial Kingdom Temple interictally measured {Future} (Ez 40-44)
 - Zechariah's Temple: Judaism's Refuge in Great Tribulation {Future} (Ze 2)
 - Second Temple: Not yet destroyed by Titus {John wrote after A.D. 70; Temple destroyed} {Past}
 - Third Temple: Temple to be built before or during Great Tribulation; sacrificial system {Future}
- Nearly every scholar begins with the premise of the Church; Christ returns to Judaism
 - Nowhere is the Church in sight in this or subsequent passages; bride is New Jerusalem (Re 21:1-3)
 - Judaism is the focus; replacing Aaronic priesthood by Melchizedek {Christ} priesthood (He 5:5-6; 7:1-17)

Why Measure?

- Christ is the *measure* of True Faith (Ep 4:11-16)
 - Christ is expressed in Scripture as taught by the Spirit (Mt 4:4; Jn 1:1; 1Co 2:14; 2Ti 2:15; 3:16-17)
 - Everywhere and in every time, people are to *measure* themselves, and they do, by what canon?
- The canon or ruler metaphorically referenced as *rod* conveys concept of discipline
 - Guidance involves teaching and correction or discipline (Ps 23:4; 2Ti 3:16-17)
- Aaronic Priesthood **condemned** Christ; chose Him as Paschal Lamb (Mk 14:61-65; 1Co 5:7-8)
 - Judaism, post Temple, now called *synagogue of Satan*; even today rejects Christ (Re 2:9)
 - Christ will redeem His *True* Jews who will kneel to Him and Believers; *False* Jews rejected (Ro 2:17-29; Re 3:9)

What is Measured?

- Temple – Altar – People
- Temple Complex {First and Second} taught division with threats of Death
 - Courts of Priests – Men – Women – Gentiles
- Tabernacle had no such divisions; just believers at altar and unbelievers, outside
 - Outer curtains marked boundary between believers who entered with sacrifices and unbelievers
 - Brazen Altar of animal sacrifices represented Christ's *one* sacrifice; not needed now (He 9:27-28)
 - People are Jews, by belief, who retain the animal sacrificial system even post-Christ's death
- Unbelievers, mainly Gentiles, trample, control, outside the curtain and world until...

(2Th 2:3-12; Re 18:4-8)

Time Reference Confusion

- Time passage begins in Daniel (Da 9:26-27)
 - Week: Set of seven years each
 - Seals-Trumpets probably occur during first 3.5 years: Warning Man to Repent
 - Phials, last 3.5 years: Jews - Antichrist
- 3.5 years – Lunar chronology:
 - 42 months {Sounds longer}
 - 1,260 days {Seems shorter}
 - Time, times, half a time {Time Period}

(Da 7:25; 12:7)

3½ Years occurs 5X's in Revelation!
Clustered together in 3 consecutive chapters at Rev 11, 12 & 13!
 $3\frac{1}{2} \text{ Years} \times 2 = 7$

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| 42 Months | Rev 11:2 | "trample the holy city for 42 months " |
| 1,260 Days | Rev 11:3 | 2 Witnesses "prophecy for 1,260 days clothed in sackcloth." |
| 1,260 Days | Rev 12:6 | "woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days ." |
| Time, times & a ½ time | Rev 12:14 | "the woman was given the 2 wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, & times, & half a time ." |
| 42 Months | Rev 13:5,7 | "beast... exercise authority for 42 months ." "allowed to make war on the saints & to conquer them." |

Don't be Confused!
Its all the same amount of time expressed in different ways!
3½ Years = 42 Months = 1,260 Days = Time Times & ½ a Time.
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Prophets Exhort

- The emphasis is on those who knew better
 - Jews had Bible and were to be priests guiding all to God: Aaronic Priests Failed (Ex 19:5; Mal 2:1-9; Ro 3:1-2)
 - Satan was over throne of God to support Christ by ministering to Man: Failed (Is 14:12-14; Ez 28:15-17)
 - Both rebelled against Christ and now comes the accounting (Is 29:15-16; Je 18:1-17; Ro 10:30-33; Col 1:15-20)
- Prophets sent to warn and exhort people to turn to God; be Christ's priests
(Is 61:6; Ez 3:1-10; Mt 23:29-36; 1Co 14:3)
 - Two prophets witness against the Jews and Gentiles for 1,260 Days
 - Gentiles control Jerusalem 42 Months; when *False* Jews no longer needed: Destroyed (Re 17:15-18)
- Pause between Second and Third Woes focuses on those who knew better; they will be *measured*; what will Christ find? We are measured daily; what does He find? (Da 5; Lk 18:8; Ep 4:11-14)