

Ezra 1:1–6 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the LORD fulfilled the prophecy he had given through Jeremiah. He stirred the heart of Cyrus to put this proclamation in writing and to send it throughout his kingdom:

<sup>2</sup> “This is what King Cyrus of Persia says:  
“The LORD, the God of heaven, has given  
me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has  
appointed me to build him a Temple at  
Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

<sup>3</sup> Any of you who are his people may go to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this Temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, who lives in Jerusalem. And may your God be with you!

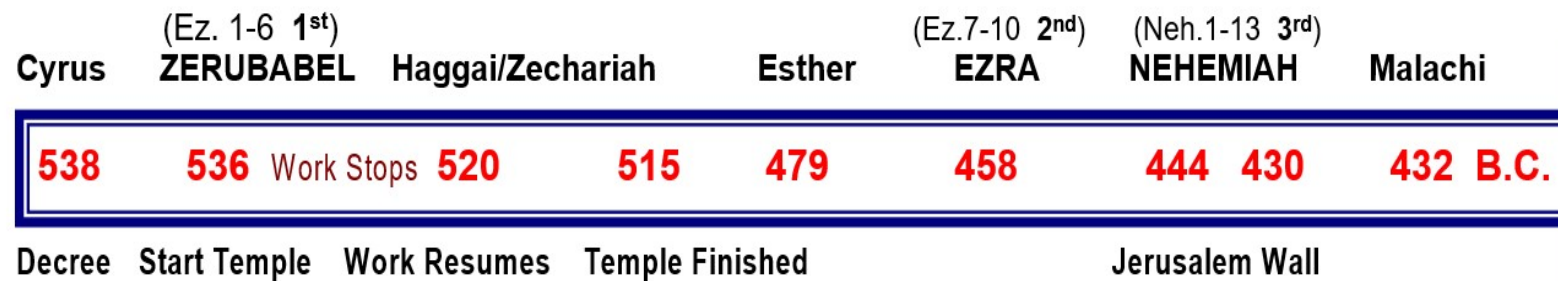
<sup>4</sup> Wherever this Jewish remnant is found, let their neighbors contribute toward their expenses by giving them silver and gold, supplies for the journey, and livestock, as well as a voluntary offering for the Temple of God in Jerusalem.”

<sup>5</sup> Then God stirred the hearts of the priests and Levites and the leaders of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> And all their neighbors assisted by giving them articles of silver and gold, supplies for the journey, and livestock. They gave them many valuable gifts in addition to all the voluntary offerings.

**WHAT is Holding you  
BACK**

**Haggai 1:1-15**





<sup>7</sup> This is what the **LORD Almighty says:**  
**Give careful thought to your ways.** (NIV)

2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or **do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?** - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

**Assurance of Salvation** comes first and foremost THROUGH the **Word of God**.

MacDonald

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now

**NO Condemnation** for those who are

**IN Christ Jesus...**

→ Today's **Decisions Determine** who  
you will **BE Tomorrow.** Alcorn

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for **I am with you**. Don't be discouraged, for **I am your God**. I will **strengthen you** and **help you**. I will **hold you up** with **MY victorious right hand**.

## God Reminded His people...

- Refuse to give in to **FEAR**
- Don not be **DISCOURAGED**
- Get on with the **WORK**

Matthew 28:19–20 (NLT)

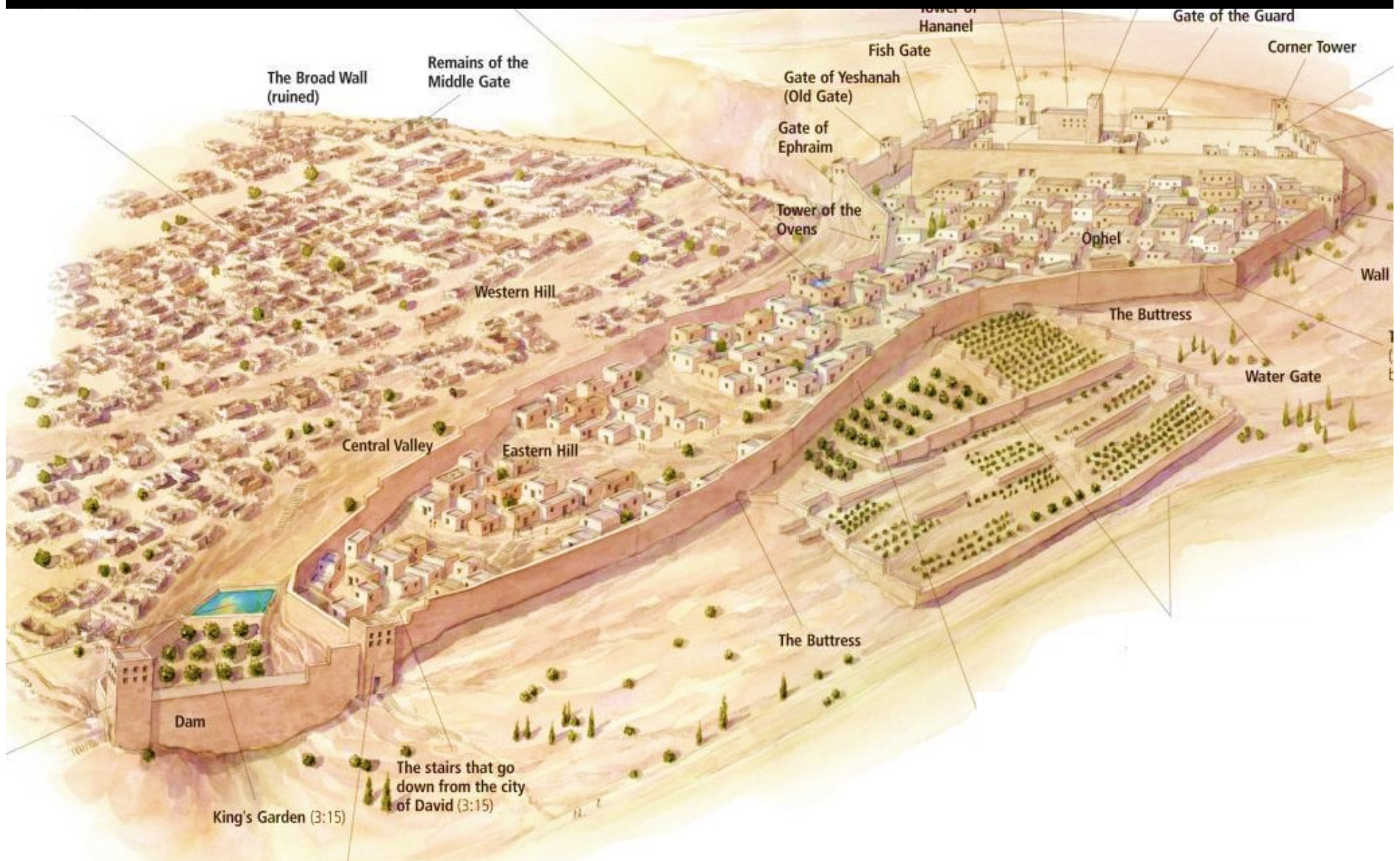
Therefore, go and **make disciples of ALL the nations**, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these **new disciples to OBEY ALL the commands** I have given you. And be sure of this: **I am with you always,** even to the end of the age.”



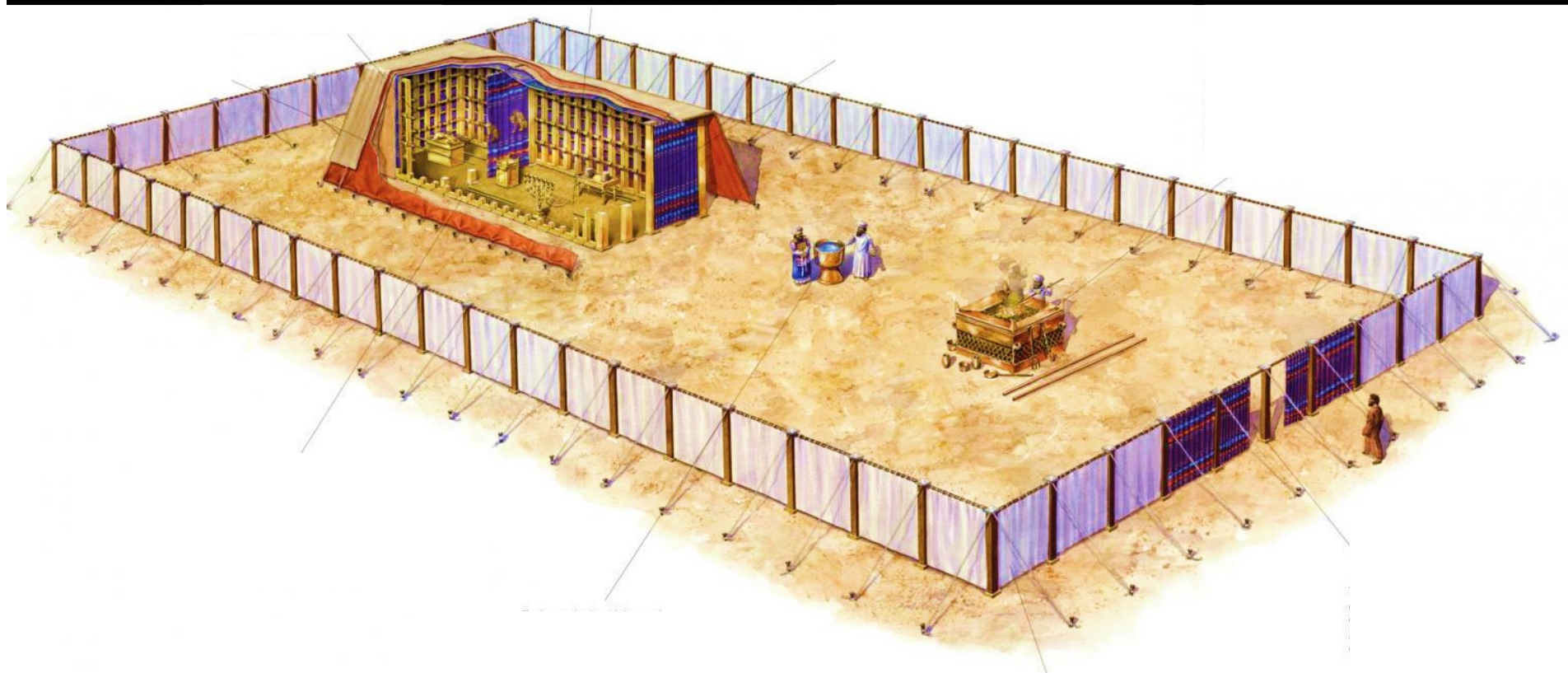
Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money  
and **be content** with what you have,  
because God has said, “**Never will I leave  
you; Never will I forsake you.**”

# Jerusalem during Nehemiah's Time



# The Tabernacle



Exodus 25:8 (NIV)

Then have them make a **Sanctuary**  
**for ME**, and **I will dwell among them.**

1 Kings 6:11–13 (NIV)

The **Word of the LORD** came to **Solomon**:

<sup>12</sup> “**As for this temple you are building**, if you follow my decrees, carry out my regulations and keep all my **commands and obey them**, I will fulfill through you **the promise I gave to David your father**.

<sup>13</sup> **And I will live among the Israelites and will  
NOT abandon my people Israel.”**

→ **A VISIBLE Sign** - Obvious  
Proof - that **God was WITH** them

→ Temple a place that **Showed**  
**God's PRESENCE**



2 Corinthians 6:16 (NIV)

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For **WE ARE** the temple of the **living God**. As God has said: "**I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.**"