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When Not  
Being  
Good  
Enough is  
Good  
Enough

Law



Culture/  
Coercion



Conscience/  
Shame



Demands and  
Obligations



Expectations  
and Rewards

## Comments on Questions

- ▶ You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. (Matt. 23:9 NJB)
- ▶ Context 'woes' to the Pharisees



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# Comments on Questions





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# Greco Roman Society

- ▶ Multi-cultural
- ▶ Pluralistic
- ▶ Mobile





# Greco Roman Society

- ▶ Religious
- ▶ Superstitious
- ▶ Syncretistic





# Greco Roman Society

- ▶ Brilliant
- ▶ Brutal
- ▶ Amoral
- ▶ Perilous



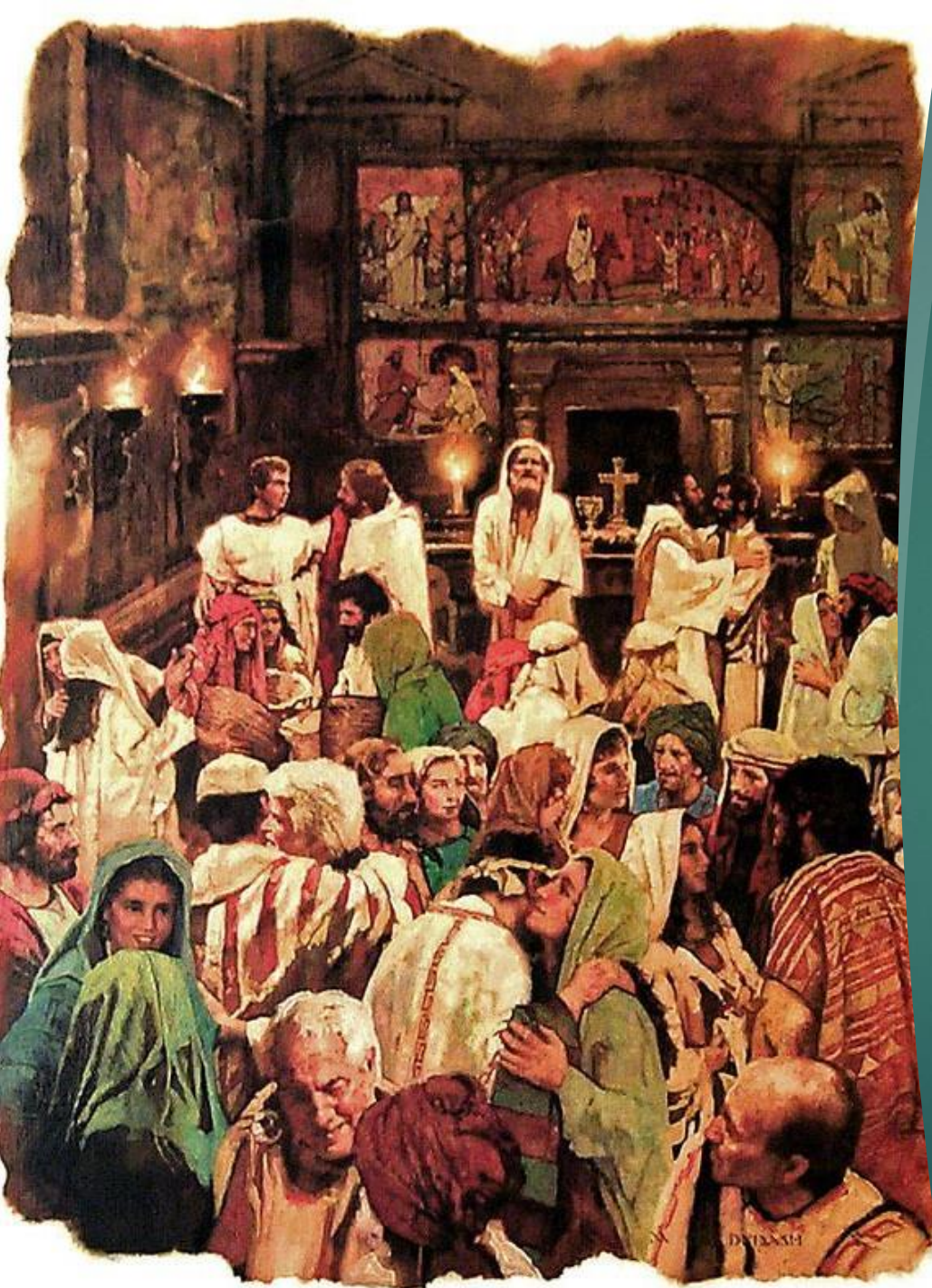


# An important spiritual image





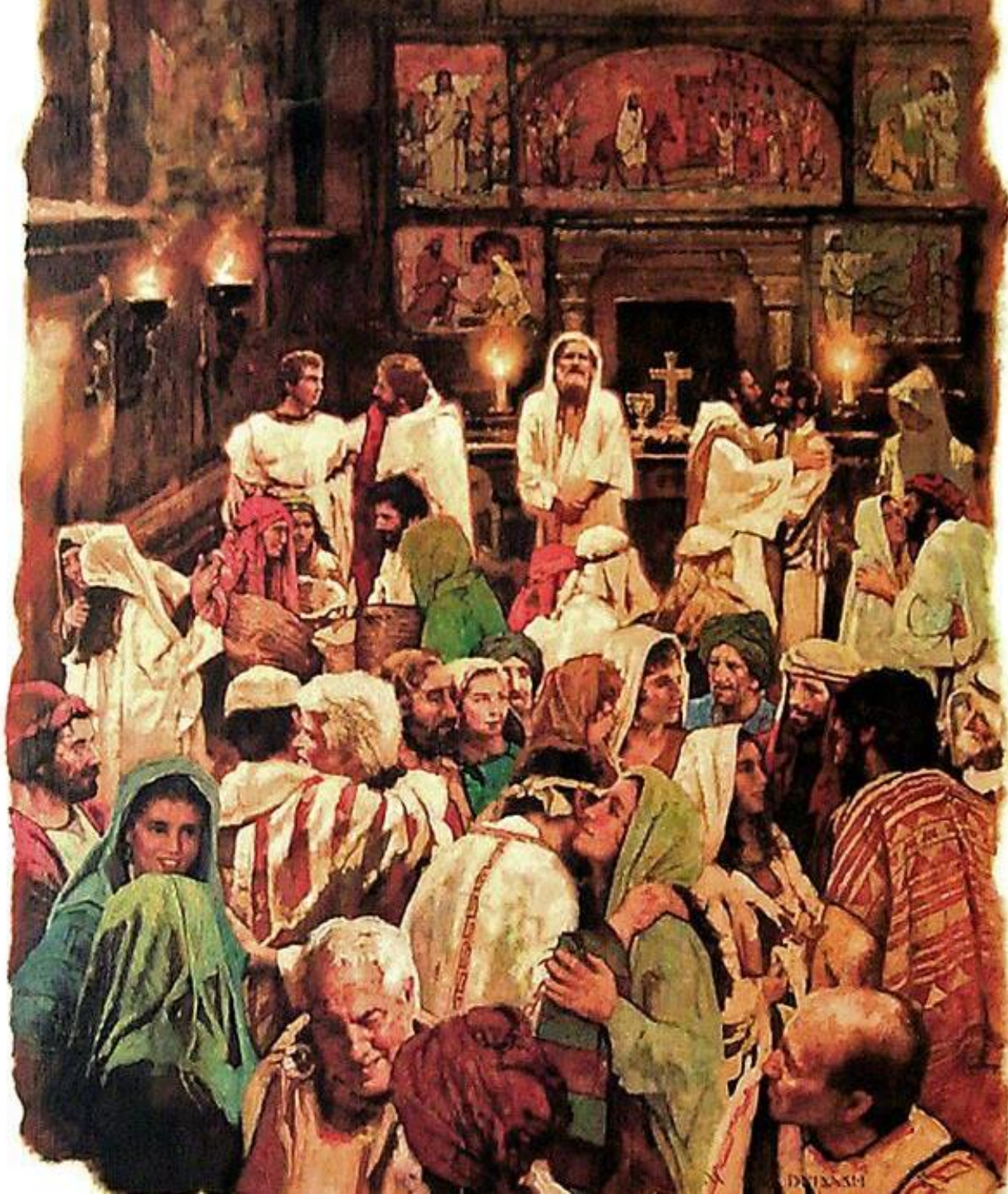
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# The “backstory of the New Testament”

- ▶ Philippians 2:19-3:7
- ▶ Galatians 3:23-29





# The “backstory of the New Testament”

- ▶ Ephesians  
2:17-22
- ▶ Romans  
15:22-29



# THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

ostle (not from men nor  
n, but <sup>a</sup> through Jesus  
Father <sup>b</sup> who raised Him  
and all the brethren who

Galatia:

1:1 <sup>a</sup> Acts 9:6  
<sup>b</sup> Acts 2:24  
1:4 <sup>c</sup> [Matt.  
20:28] <sup>d</sup> Heb.  
2:5  
1:6 <sup>e</sup> [Rom.  
8:28]; Gal  
1:1

Contacts at Jerusalem  
18 Then after three years <sup>y</sup> I went  
Jerusalem to see <sup>3</sup> Peter  
him fifteen days  
other

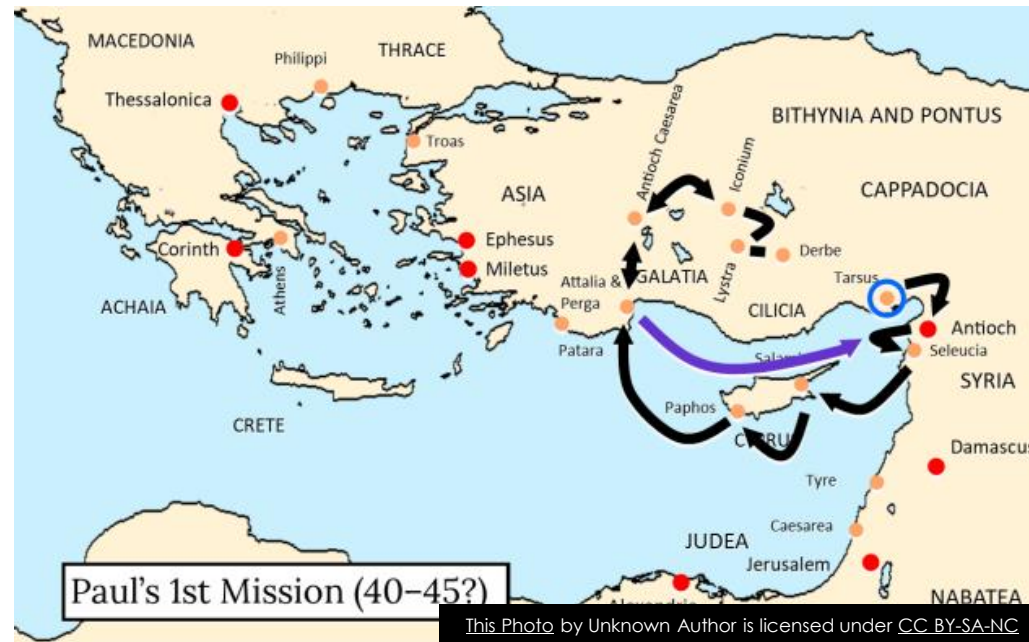
# The Church at Antioch

## Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-5



# Galatians: The Context

- ▶ Celtic
- ▶ Converts
- ▶ Gentile
- ▶ Regional







# The other backstory of the New Testament



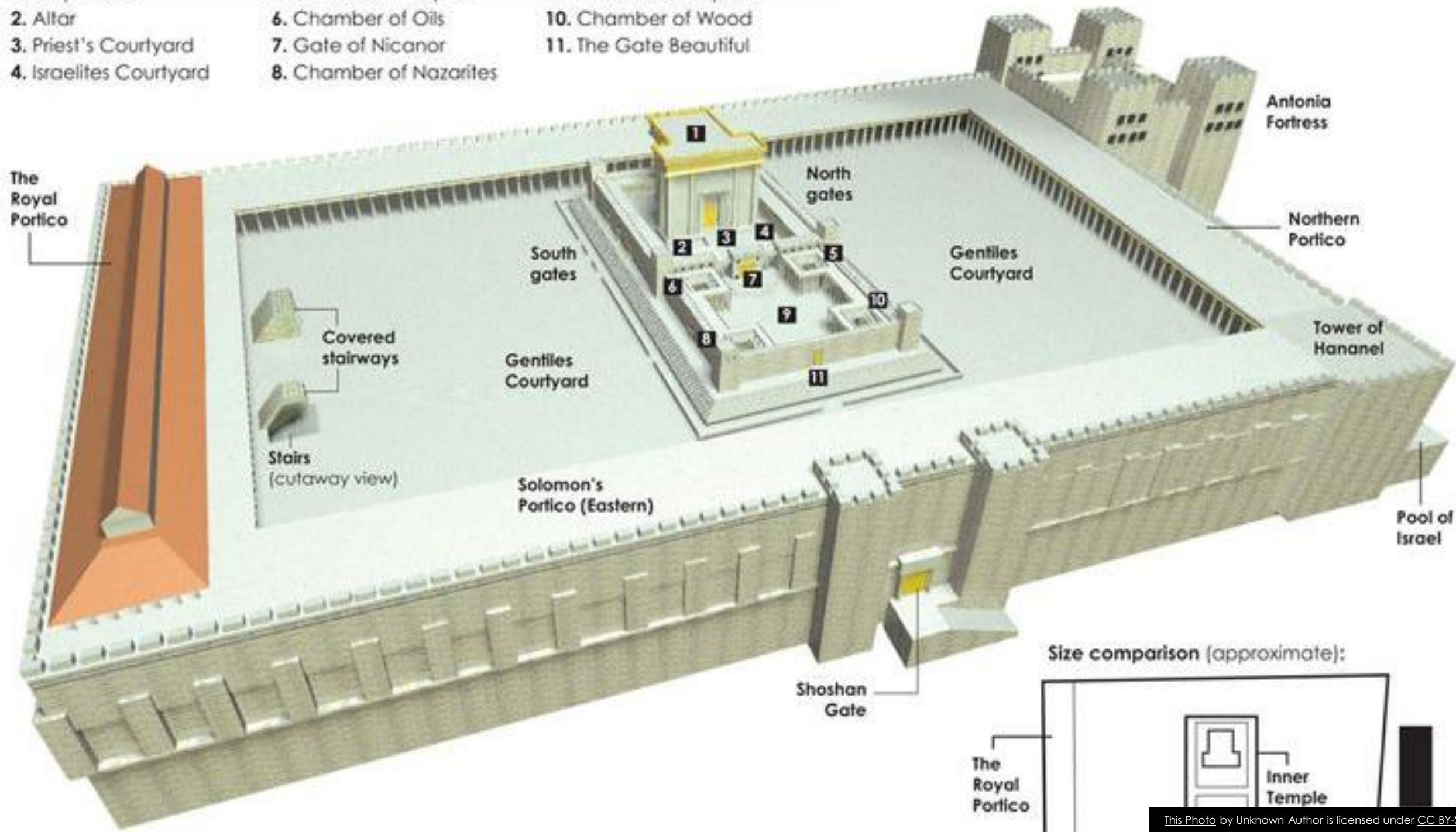




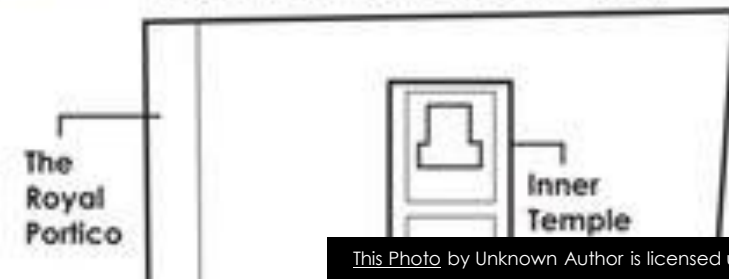
- 1. Holy Place
- 2. Altar
- 3. Priest's Courtyard
- 4. Israelites Courtyard

- 5. Chamber of Lepers
- 6. Chamber of Oils
- 7. Gate of Nicanor
- 8. Chamber of Nazarites

- 9. Women's Courtyard
- 10. Chamber of Wood
- 11. The Gate Beautiful



Size comparison (approximate):





ΜΗΘΕΝΑΔΑΛΛΟΓΕΝΗΕΙΣΠΟ  
ΡΕΥΕΣΘΑΙΕΝΤΟΣΤΟΥΠΕ  
ΡΙΤΟΙΕΡΟΝΤΡΥΦΑΚΤΟΥΚΑΙ  
ΠΕΡΙΒΟΛΟΥΟΣΔΑΝΔΗ  
ΦΘΗΕΑΥΤΩΙΑΙΤΙΟΣΕΣ  
ΤΑΙΔΙΑΤΟΕΞΑΡΟΛΟΥ  
ΘΕΙΝΘΑΝΑΤΟΝ

The  
dividing  
wall

ISCRIZIONE CHE PROIBISCE L'ACCESSO AGLI  
STRANIERI NEL TEMPIO DI GERUSALEMME

COSTANTINOPOLI





# Boundary Markers

- ▶ Circumcision
- ▶ Sabbath
- ▶ Dietary Laws