

# Lessons from the Old Testament

## *Lesson 12—Review*

When will the kingdom of Christ  
be set up? Where? For how long?

For this ye know, that no  
whoremonger, nor unclean  
person, nor covetous man, who is  
an idolater, hath any inheritance  
in the kingdom of Christ and of  
God. (Ephesians 5:5)

And saying, The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God is at  
hand: repent ye, and believe the  
gospel. (Mark 1:15)

And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:20–21)

# Isaiah 11:1

- ◆ A rod—*ḥōṭēr*—a branch, a twig, sucker
- ◆ Stem—*geza*<sup>ʿ</sup>—stump, trunk
- ◆ Branch—*nēšer*—sprout, shoot
- ◆ Root—*šōreš*—foundation

# Isaiah 11:2

- ◆ Spirit—*rûah*—wind, breath, mind
- ◆ Wisdom—*hokmâ*—exhibiting the holy and just character of God in the practical affairs of life, the blend of the will of God with the practical human experience (“Wisdom” is distinguished from “knowledge” in that “wisdom” has to do with character and conduct, whereas “knowledge” is primarily intellectual enlightenment. Knowledge may be merely an accumulation of facts without the ability to apply these facts to practical life. Wisdom is the faculty of being able to make a practical use of facts. Jeremiah 9:23
- ◆ Understanding—*bînâ*—insight based on information
- ◆ Counsel—*‘ēṣâ*—advice, Jethro gave counsel to Moses
- ◆ Might—*gēbûrâ*—the strength and vitality of a warrior
- ◆ Knowledge—*da‘at*—general knowing gained from experience or the technical ability needed to do something, such as build the tabernacle and furniture
- ◆ Fear—*môrâ’*—physical terror, dread, or reverence

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Dear Brethren of the General Conference:

I testify to my brethren and sisters that the church of Christ, enfeebled and defective as it may be, is the only object on earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. While He extends to all the world His invitation to come to Him and be saved, He commissions His angels to render divine help to every soul that cometh to Him in repentance and contrition, and He comes personally by His Holy Spirit into the midst of His church. "If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." "Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." (CET 206.1)

Ministers and all the church, let this be our language, from hearts that respond to the great goodness and love of God to us as a people and to us individually, “Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever.” . . . Consider, my brethren and sisters, that the Lord has a people, **a chosen people, His church**, to be His own, His own fortress, which He holds in a sin-stricken, revolted world; and He intended that no authority should be known in it, no laws be acknowledged by it, but His own. (*Ibid.*, 206.2)

Satan has a large confederacy, his church. Christ calls them the synagogue of Satan because the members are the children of sin. The members of Satan's church have been constantly working to cast off the divine law, and confuse the distinction between good and evil. Satan is working with great power in and through the children of disobedience, to exalt treason and apostasy as truth and loyalty. And at this time the power of his satanic inspiration is moving the living agencies to carry out the great rebellion against God that commenced in heaven. (*Ibid.*, 207.1)

At this time the church is to put on her beautiful garments,—  
“Christ our righteousness.” There are clear, decided distinctions  
to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the  
commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The beauty of  
holiness is to appear in its native luster in contrast with the  
deformity and darkness of the disloyal, those who have revolted  
from the law of God. **Thus we acknowledge God, and recognize  
His law**, the foundation of His government in heaven and  
throughout His earthly dominions. His authority should be kept  
distinct and plain before the world; and no laws are to be  
acknowledged that come in collision with the laws of Jehovah. If  
in defiance of God’s arrangements the world be allowed to  
influence our decisions or our actions, the purpose of God is  
defeated. (*Ibid.*, 207.2)

However specious the pretext, if the church waver here, there is written against her in the books of heaven a betrayal of the most sacred trusts, and treachery to the **kingdom of Christ**. The church is firmly and decidedly to hold her principles before the whole heavenly universe and the kingdoms of the world; steadfast fidelity in maintaining the honor and sacredness of the law of God will attract the notice and admiration of even the world, and many will, by the good works which they shall behold, be led to glorify our Father in heaven. The loyal and true bear the credentials of heaven, not of earthly potentates. All men shall know who are the disciples of Christ, chosen and faithful, and shall know them when crowned and glorified as those who honored God and whom He has honored, bringing them into possession of an eternal weight of glory.... (*Ibid.*, 207.2)

The Lord has provided His church with capabilities and blessings, that they may present to the world an image of His own sufficiency, and that His church may be complete in Him, a continual representation of another, even the eternal world, of laws that are higher than earthly laws. His church is to be a temple built after the divine similitude, and the angelic architect has brought his golden measuring rod from heaven, that every stone may be hewed and squared by the divine measurement, and polished to shine as an emblem of heaven, radiating in all directions the bright, clear beams of the Sun of Righteousness. The church is to be fed with manna from heaven, and to be kept under the sole guardianship of His grace. Clad in complete armor of light and righteousness, she enters upon her final conflict. The dross, the worthless material, will be consumed, and the influence of the truth testifies to the world of its sanctifying, ennobling character.... (*Ibid.*, 208.1)

And there was given me a reed like unto  
a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise,  
and measure the temple of God, and the  
altar, and them that worship therein.  
(Revelation 11:1)

The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven. (*Ibid.*, 208.2)

To His church, Christ has given ample facilities, that He may receive a large revenue of glory from His redeemed, purchased possession. The church, being endowed with the righteousness of Christ, is His depository, in which the wealth of His mercy, His love, His grace, is to appear in full and final display. The declaration in His intercessory prayer, that the Father's love is as great toward us as toward Himself, the only-begotten Son, and that we shall be with Him where He is, forever one with Christ and the Father, is a marvel to the heavenly host, and it is their great joy. (*Ibid.*, 209.1)

The gift of His Holy Spirit, rich, full, and abundant, is to be to His church as an encompassing wall of fire, which the powers of hell shall not prevail against. In their untainted purity and spotless perfection, Christ looks upon His people as the reward of all His suffering, His humiliation, and His love, and the supplement of His glory,—Christ, the great center from which radiates all glory. “Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” (*Ibid.*, 209.1)

I saw then what faint views some have of the holiness of God, and how much they take His holy and reverend name in vain, without realizing that it is God, the great and terrible God, of whom they are speaking. While praying, many use careless and irreverent expressions, which grieve the tender Spirit of the Lord and cause their petitions to be shut out of heaven. (*EW 70.2*)

I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully. (*EW 71.1*)

I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of “refreshing” and the “latter rain” to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. (EW 71.2)

Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” I saw that none could share the “refreshing” unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence. (*EW 71.2*)

# Promises of Isaiah

- ◆ Isaiah 40:31—They that wait upon the Lord
- ◆ Isaiah 65:24—Before they call I will answer
- ◆ Isaiah 49:25—Save thy children
- ◆ Isaiah 42:16—Crooked things straight
- ◆ Isaiah 65:17—A new heavens and a new earth
- ◆ Isaiah 64:4—Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard
- ◆ Isaiah 55:7—Abundantly pardon
- ◆ Isaiah 43:25—I will not remember thy sins
- ◆ Isaiah 43:1—Thou art mine, I have redeemed thee
- ◆ Isaiah 41:10, 13—Fear not...I will help thee
- ◆ Isaiah 30:21—This is the way, walk ye in it
- ◆ Isaiah 26:3—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace
- ◆ Isaiah 7:14—A virgin shall conceive and bear a son...Immanuel

- ◆ Isaiah 1:18—Though your sins be as scarlet
- ◆ Isaiah 9:6—A child is born and a son is given, and his name shall be called
- ◆ Isaiah 11:1, 2, 11—A rod out of the stem of Jesse; recover the remnant
- ◆ Isaiah 25:9—This is our God; he will save us
- ◆ Isaiah 28:16—A precious corner stone
- ◆ Isaiah 32:17—The work of righteousness shall be peace
- ◆ Isaiah 33:16—Bread and water shall be sure
- ◆ Isaiah 38:17—Hath cast my sins behind thy back
- ◆ Isaiah 44:3—I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing on thine offspring
- ◆ Isaiah 44:22—I have blotted out thy transgressions
- ◆ Isaiah 57:15—I will dwell with him of a contrite and humble spirit
- ◆ Isaiah 35:19—The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion

# Prophecies of Isaiah

- ◆ Isaiah 9:6, 7—A child is given
- ◆ Isaiah 11:1–12—Kingdom of Christ
- ◆ Isaiah 13:6–11—Day of the LORD
- ◆ Isaiah 14:4; 21:9—King of Babylon
- ◆ Isaiah 24:1–3—Earth empty and waste
- ◆ Isaiah 53—Messianic
- ◆ Isaiah 61—Acceptable year of the LORD
- ◆ Isaiah 65:17–18, 21–25—New heavens and new earth
- ◆ Isaiah 66:22–23—Worship

# Promises of Jeremiah

- ◆ Jeremiah 29:13—Ye shall find me when ye search for me with all your heart
- ◆ Jeremiah 31:3—I have loved thee with an everlasting love
- ◆ Jeremiah 31:17—There is hope in the end that thy children shall come again to their own border
- ◆ Jeremiah 31:33—I will write my law in their hearts
- ◆ Jeremiah 32:17—Nothing is too hard for thee

# Prophecies of Jeremiah

- ◆ Jeremiah 4:23–28—Earth without form and void
- ◆ Jeremiah 23:5, 6—Righteous Branch
- ◆ Jeremiah 25:9—Nebuchadnezzar; v. 30
- ◆ Jeremiah 29:10—After 70 years
- ◆ Jeremiah 30:7—Jacob's trouble
- ◆ Jeremiah 37:8–10—Chaldeans

# Promises of Ezekiel

- ◆ Ezekiel 11:19—A new spirit within you
- ◆ Ezekiel 36:26—A new heart and a new spirit

# Prophecies of Ezekiel

- ◆ Ezekiel 6:2–6—Judgment of Israel
- ◆ Ezekiel 9:1–11—Man with writer's inkhorn
- ◆ Ezekiel 28:13–19—Lucifer





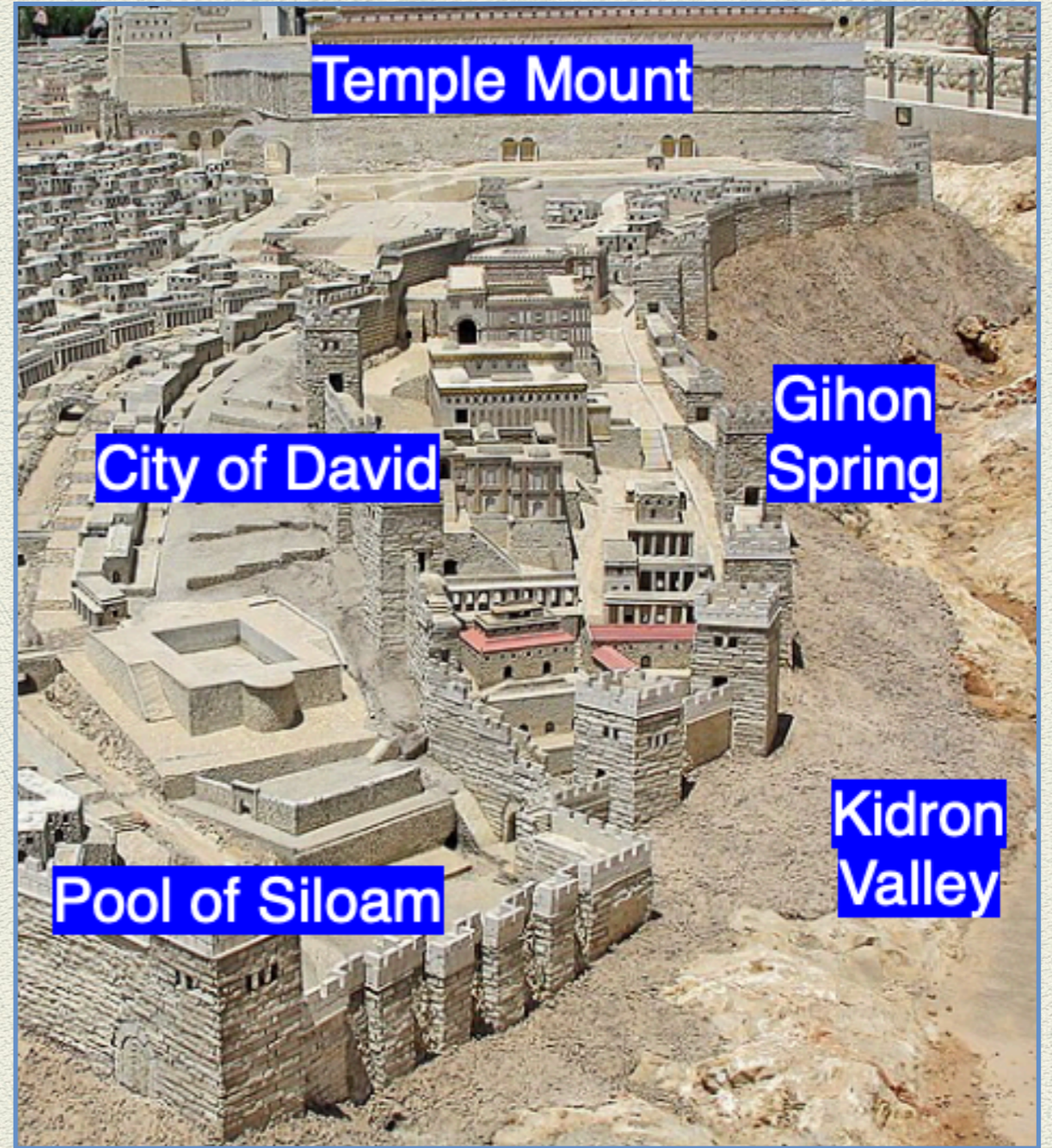
Temple Mount

City of David

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Pool of Siloam

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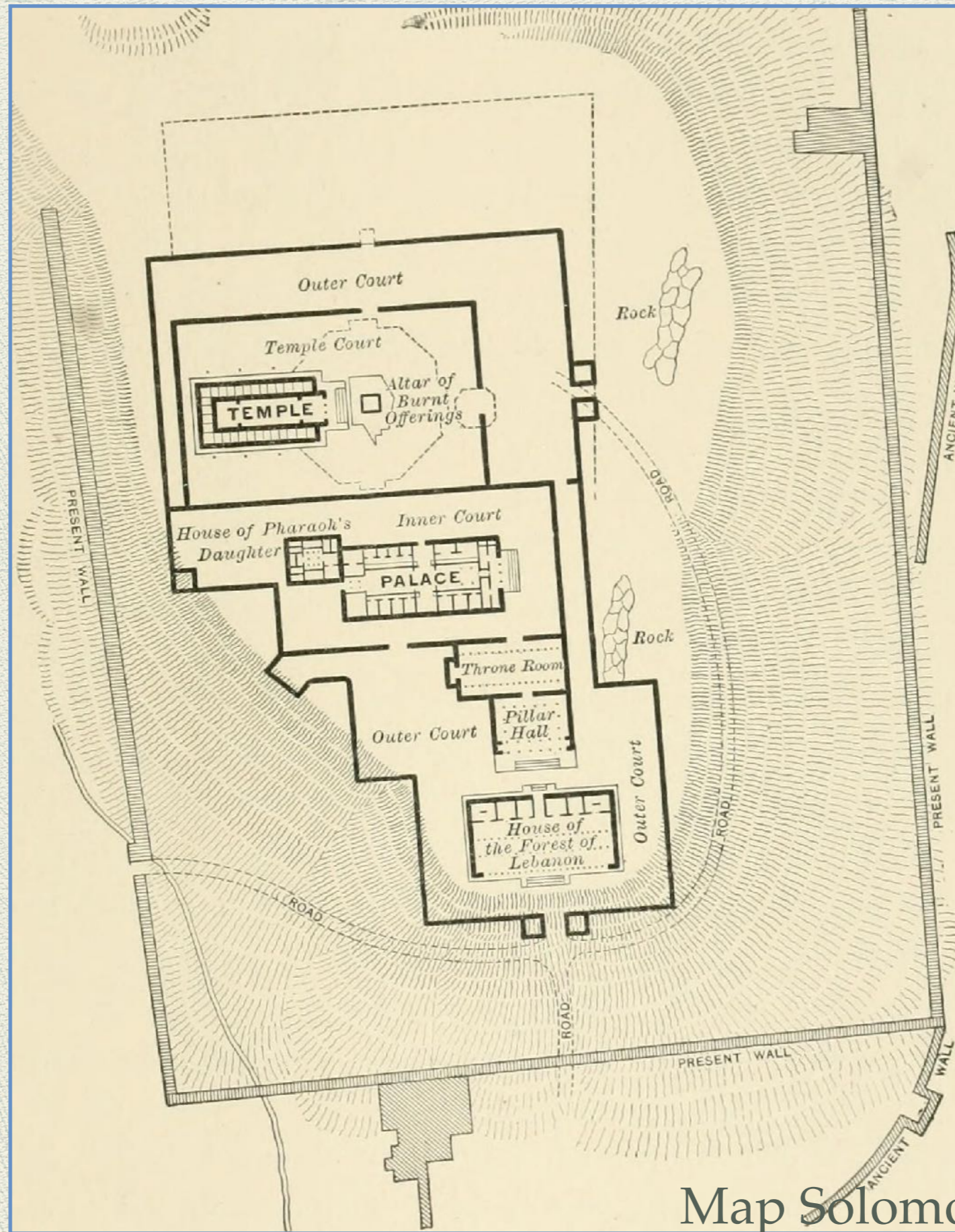




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