

—PAUL'S LETTER TO THE—

# EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 2:11-22







God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family  
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

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*Ephesians 1:5*



For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

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*Ephesians 2:14*







**<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands —.**



**<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.**



**<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,**



<sup>15</sup> by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.



**<sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> or through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.**



**19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,**



<sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

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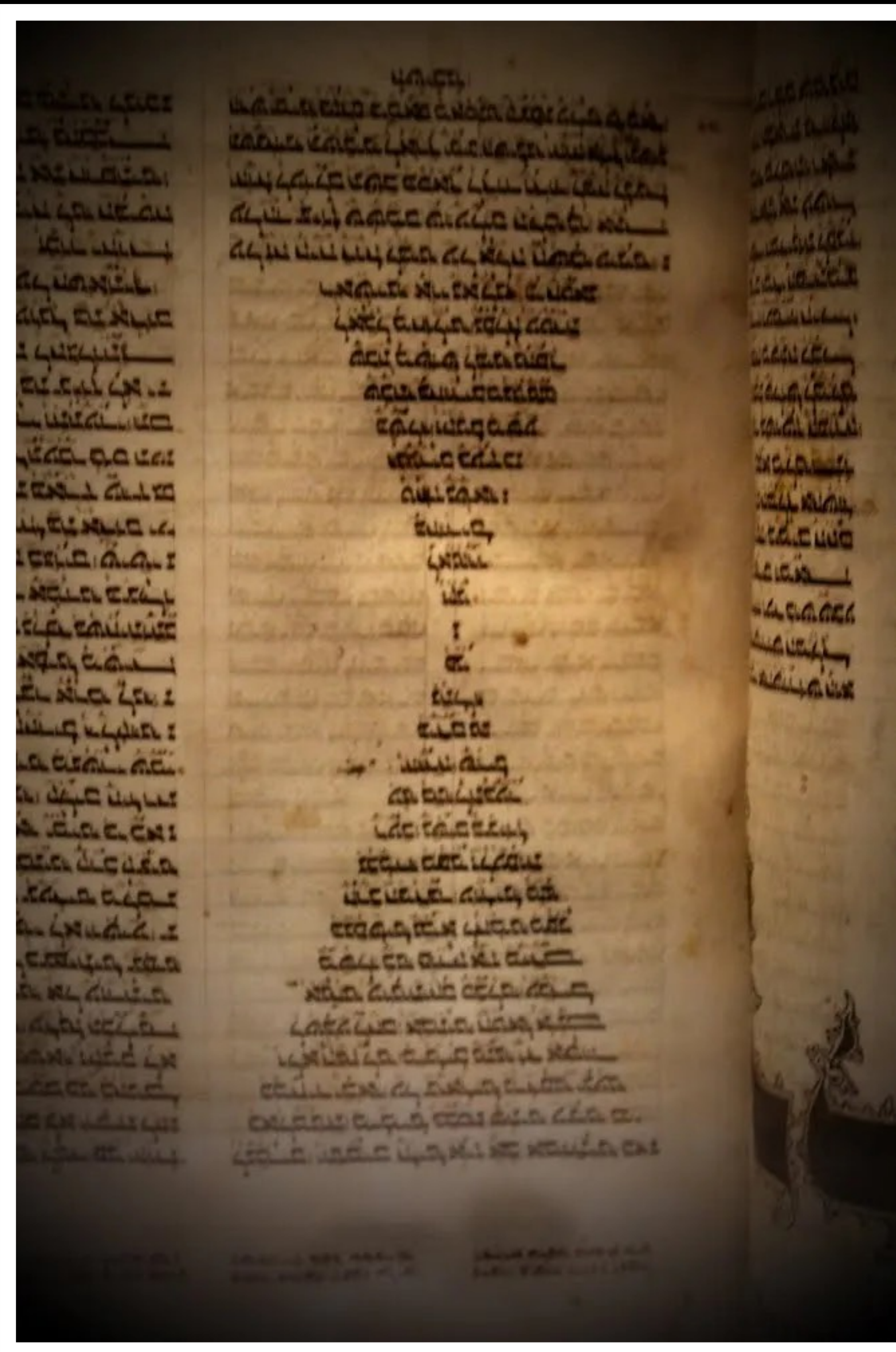
*Ephesians 2:11-22*







# CHIASTIC STRUCTURE





(A) Whoever sheds  
(B) the blood  
(C) of man  
(C') by man  
(B') shall his blood  
(A') be shed

Genesis 9:6







**“The law with its detailed ordinances of ceremonies and regulations about the clean and the unclean had the effect of imposing a barrier and of causing enmity between Jews and Gentiles. Indeed also the moral law broken by all people left all condemned and alienated.**



**Jesus abolished both the regulations of the ceremonial law  
and the condemnation of the moral law”**

**Foulkes, F. (1989). Ephesians: an introduction and commentary**







**Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**

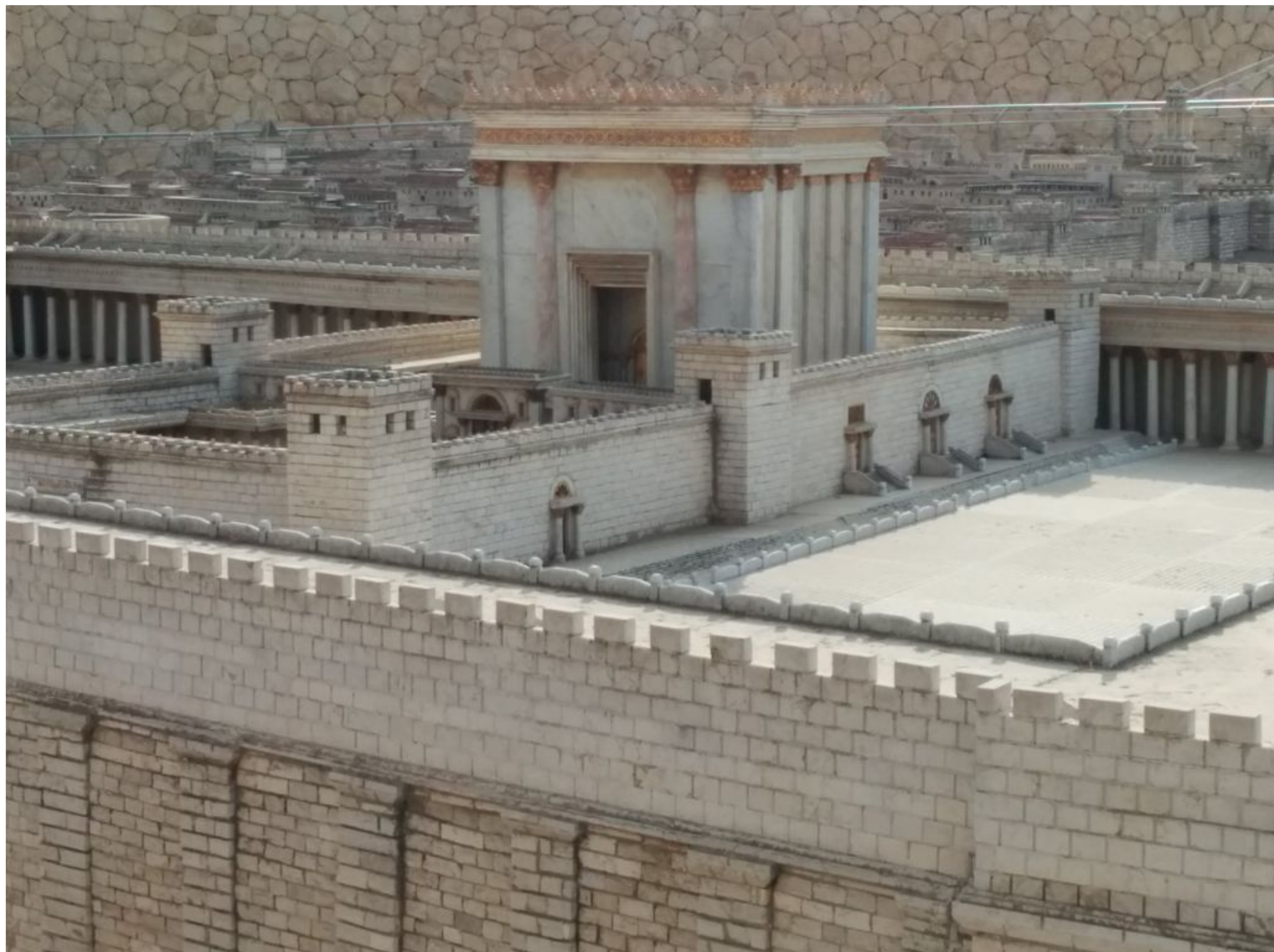
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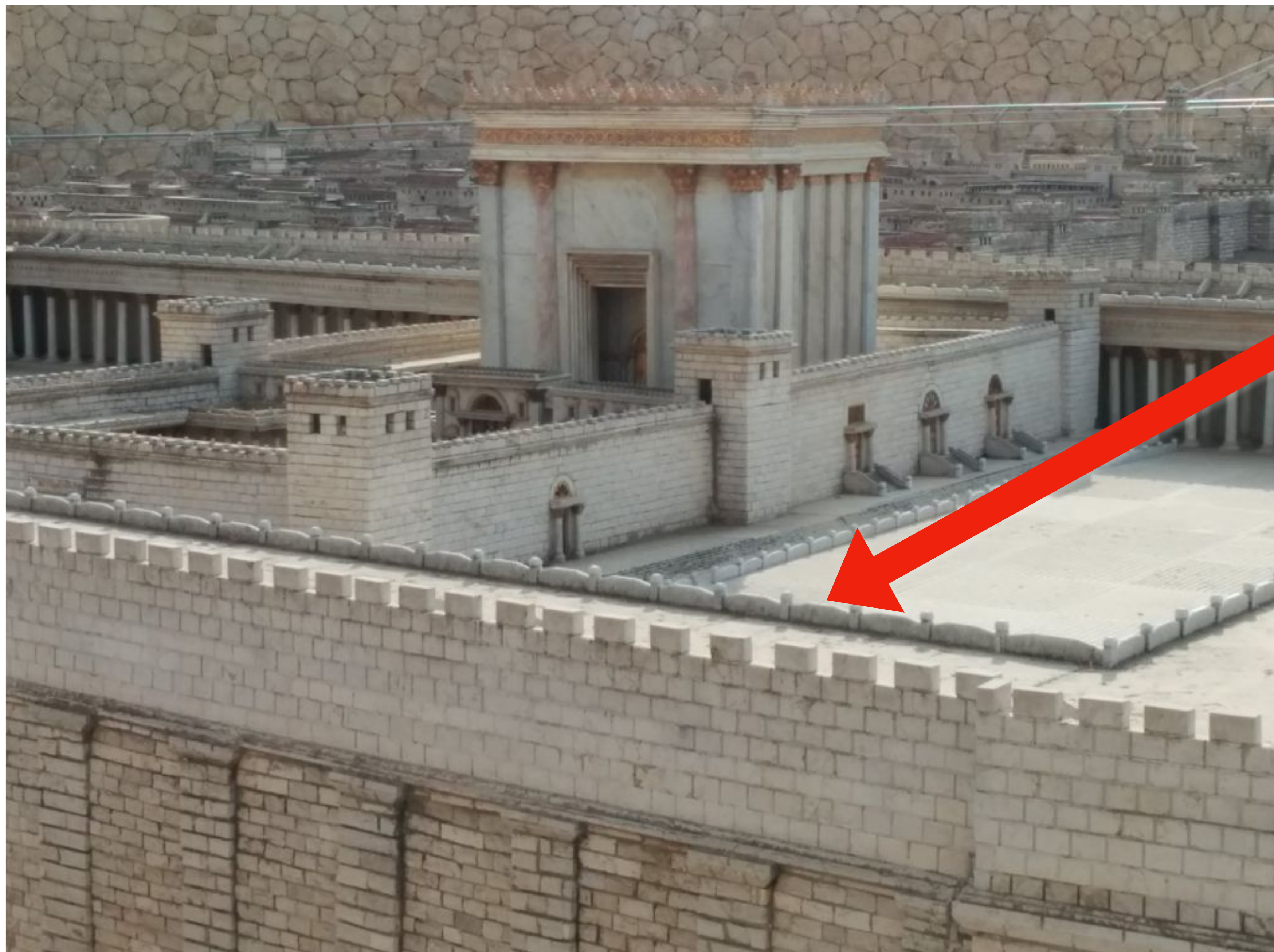
**You also, like living stones, are being built into a  
spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering  
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus  
Christ.**

**1 Peter 4:5**











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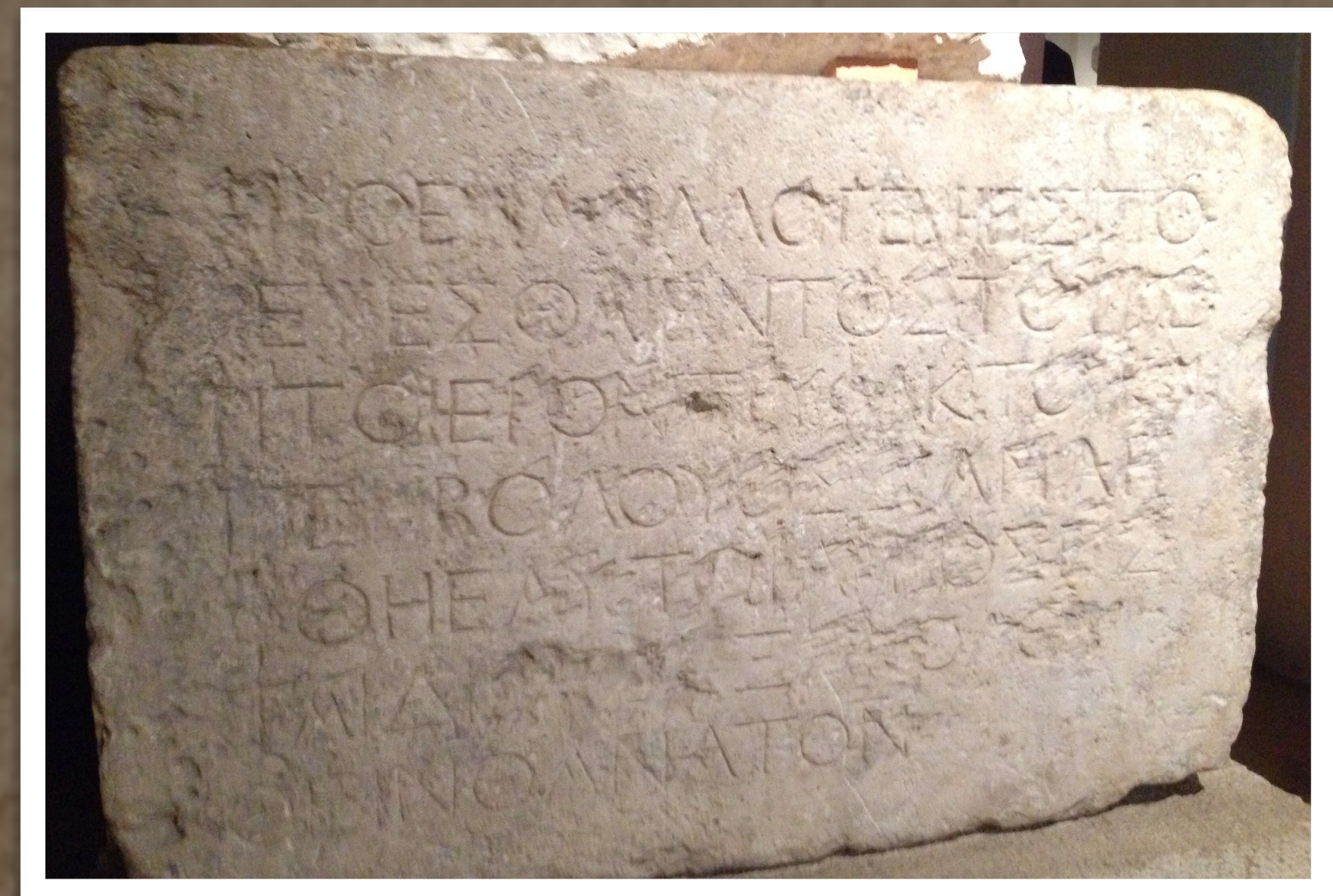
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**No stranger is to enter within the balustrade  
round the temple and enclosure. Whoever is  
caught will be himself responsible for his  
ensuing death.**





# **1.** *Doctrinal Separation?*



The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

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“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

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“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth.

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*John 4:9, 19-21, 23*







# 2. *Cultural Separation?*



About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.



He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."



“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.

”The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

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*Acts 10:9-15*



