

# The Intertestamental Period



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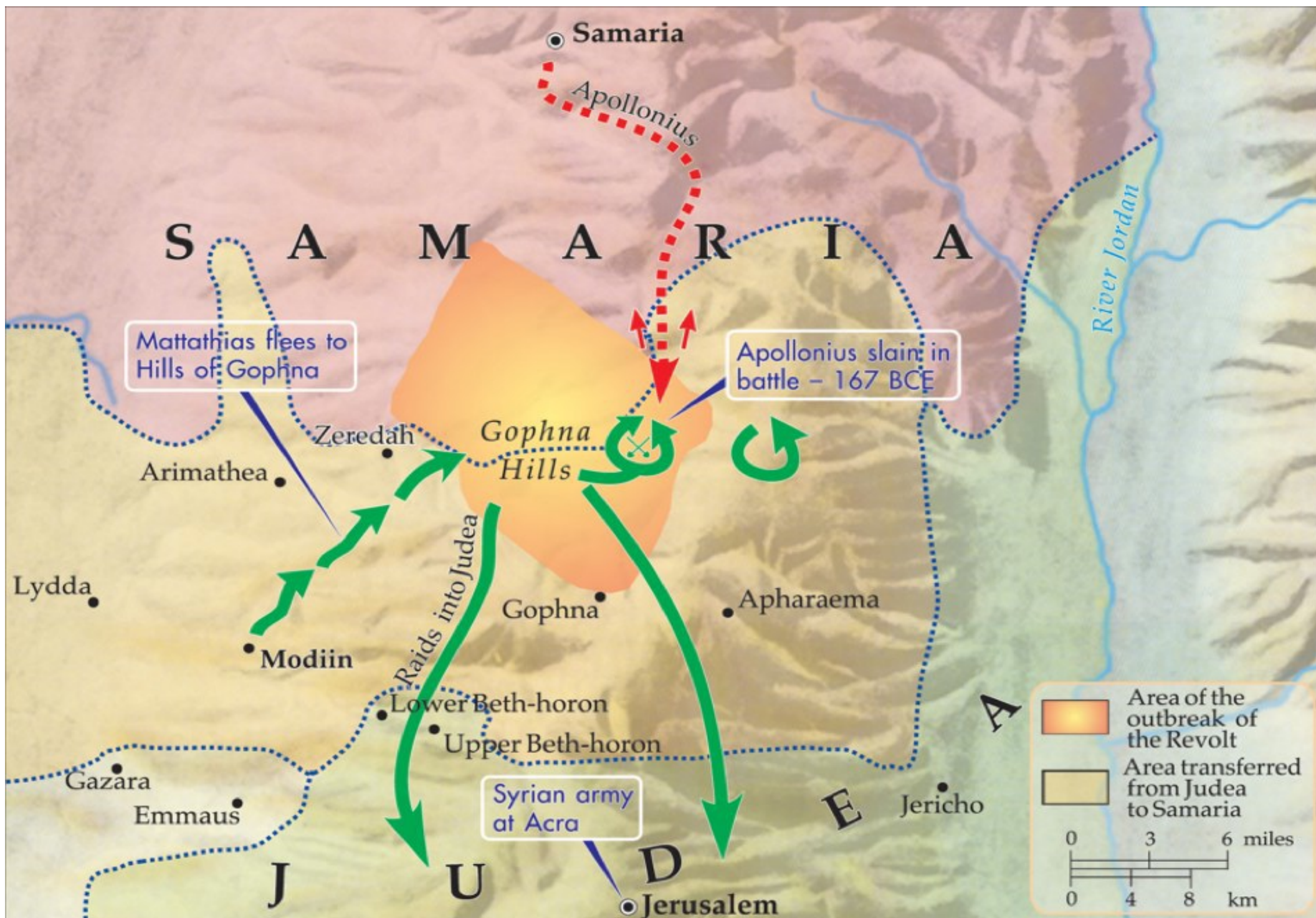
# Early Maccabean Victories

- | Defeat of Apollonius
- Victory at Beth Horon
- Victory at Emmaus

# Battle of Beth Horon

- I Maccabees 3:15-2
- Took place 166 BCE
- Army led by Seleucid governor Soron to avenge defeat of Apollonius
- Death of Soron caused his army to disintegrate and flee

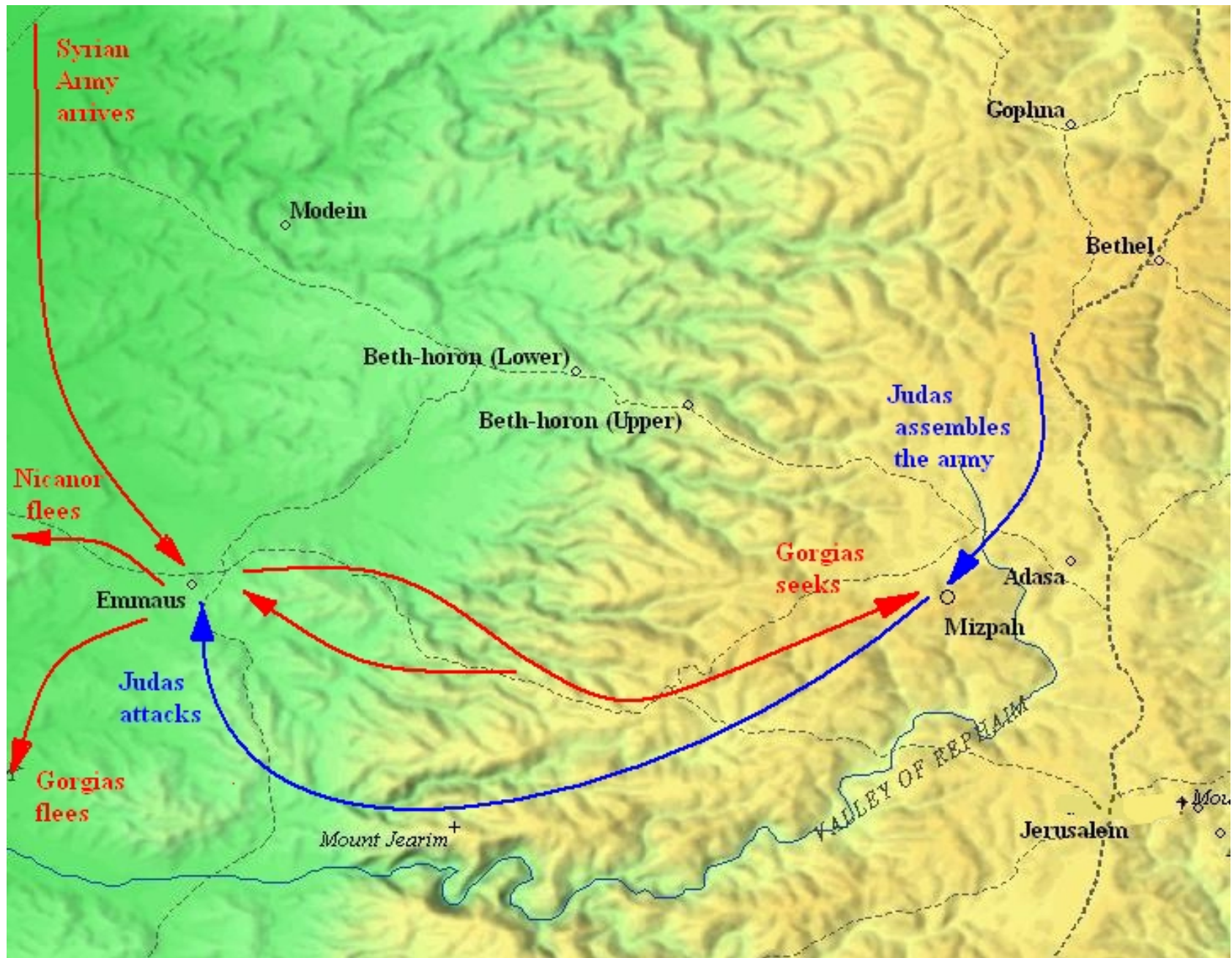
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# Battle of Emmaus

- 166 BCE
- I Maccabees 4:1-34
- Seleucid army led by Lysias, plus other generals Gorgias, Ptolemy the son of Dorymenes and Nicanor.
- Judas outmaneuvered Lysias and took their encampment, forcing them to retreat.

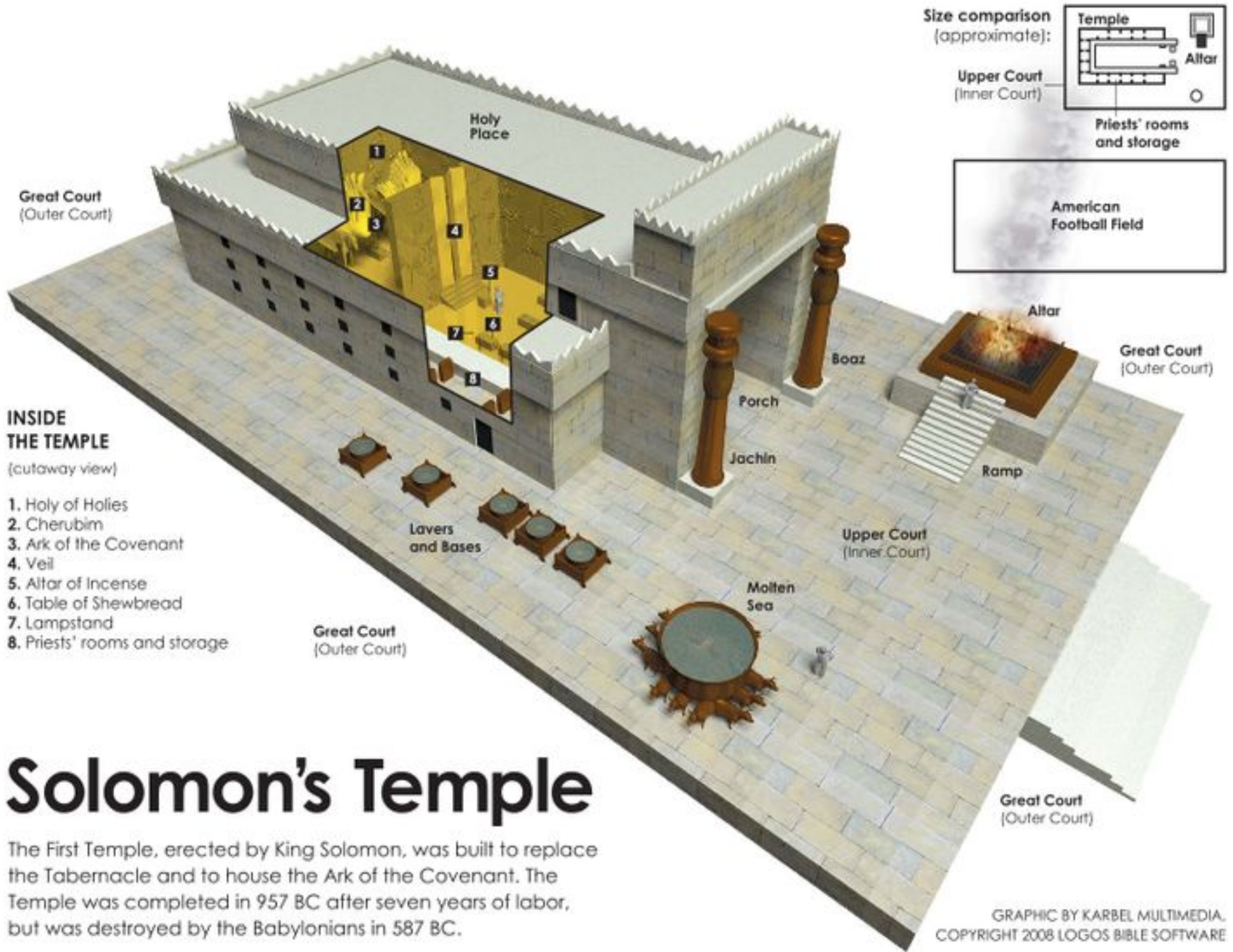
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# Rededication of the Temple

- The Temple is the focus of holiness.
- Holiness is the defining quality of God.
- Impurity is antithetical to holiness.
- Impurity is not a sin, but polluting the sanctuary is.





# Solomon's Temple

The First Temple, erected by King Solomon, was built to replace the Tabernacle and to house the Ark of the Covenant. The Temple was completed in 957 BC after seven years of labor, but was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC.



# What Causes Impurity?

- Blood, flow from genital organs
- Skin disease, contact with a corpse, etc.
- Arbitrary list of pollutants with a common theme of death
- Purification symbolizes life overcoming death

