

**Oct 5, 2025 - Solomon Builds the Temple**  
**I Kings 5-9**

**Story:**

★ **Introduction & Story:**

We have been talking about God's chosen people - the Israelites. God has protected this people and loved them. He called them to follow Him - some He gave big roles too - like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, and David.

While David was king, he wanted to build a temple for God in Jerusalem. But God did not want David to build the temple. David had been king during many battles and bloodshed. Instead, God wanted David's son Solomon to build the temple when he took over as king. God knew that Solomon would be a king of peace.

David did as the Lord told him and did not attempt to build the temple. He did begin gathering materials and working on the plans. He gave all this to Solomon.

When Solomon became king, he began to work on the temple. Solomon sent a letter to a man named Hiram. Hiram had been a good friend of David's, and he was glad to help Solomon. The country where Hiram lived was called Tyre. Beautiful cedar and fir trees grew there. Hiram agreed to cut down some of the trees and let Solomon have the wood. He also came to Jerusalem and helped to build the temple.

Solomon had some men dig up great stones from the ground and cut them into shapes that would fit together to make the temple's foundation. All of the stones used to build the temple were made ready at a place called a quarry, so that when the stones were brought to the temple, there was no noise of hammers, chisels, or other tools in the temple.

The temple was huge. The Bible's description of the temple suggests that the inside ceiling was 180 feet long, 90 feet wide, and 50 feet high. The highest point of the temple was about 20 stories high.

It was also very ornate (which means it was decorated in very special and fancy ways.) There was lots of bronze, silver, and gold and much of the wood was carved with beautiful designs.

It took thousands of workers seven years to build the temple. When the temple was finished, Solomon invited everyone to come to the temple for a dedication. They offered many sacrifices to God. Solomon knew that God was

greater than the temple. And he knew that God's presence is everywhere, not just in the temple.

The priests brought the Ark of the Covenant and placed it in the inner room where only priests were allowed to go. God's presence filled the temple as a cloud, just as it had in the tabernacle that Moses had built many years before. This was a sign to Solomon that God was very pleased with the temple he had built.

- ★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:** God has plans for us. God had a plan for David. David was to be the king and great-great-so many greats-grandfather to Jesus. But he wasn't to build the temple. That was God's plan for Solomon. And Solomon didn't build it for himself. He did it out of obedience to God because he loved God and he wanted to help the Israelites worship God.

#### Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
- Comprehension Questions:
    - Why did God choose Solomon to build the temple and not David?
      - God did not want a man of war to build the temple; He wanted a man of peace to build the house of prayer.
    - What were some of the things that made the temple special?
      - Gold. Materials from a special relationship. Size. Solomon's prayer and blessing.
    - Do you remember why the Ark of the Covenant was so important to the Jewish people?
      - (God instructed the Israelites to make the Ark of the Covenant to remind them of his promises to them. In the ark are the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses. There is also a jar of manna to remind them of God's provision of food for them in the wilderness. Thirdly, there is Aaron's staff that had budded as a warning against rebellion.)
  - Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"

- Possible answers: He determines the path for our lives. He sometimes says no. He has the master plan. He blesses.
- Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"
  - Possible answers: When God tells us no, we have options. We can try to do things our own way or we can be obedient. David chose to be obedient. He prepped for the temple being built, but did not actually build it or finalize the plans.

★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?"

- Possible answers: God gave us this story as an example of how to handle when God's plans are different from ours. Also, God is showing us that He is in charge and even if we want good things, it may not be the same good things He has planned for us.

★ **Prayer**

### Memory Verse Practice:

★ **Verse:** "He said: LORD God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, -1 Kings 8:23a

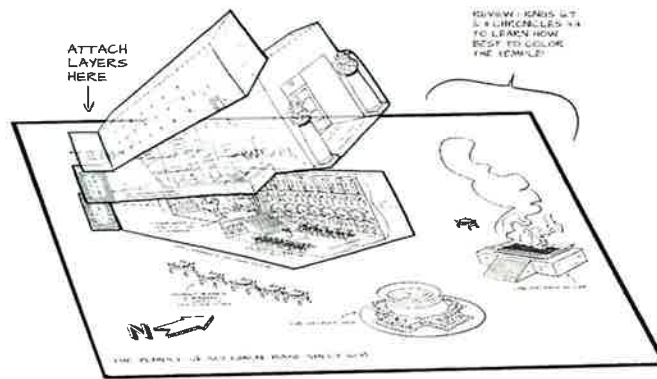
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### Sticky Activities:

★ Coloring Page (temple and Ark of the Covenant)

★ Temple Building

- Lego
- Play Doh
- 3D - pull out random craft supplies and let the kids get creative in designing a temple for the Lord
- Printables - cut out and tape/glue temple layers on top of each other
  - <https://www.biblicaltoolbelt.com/1/craft-the-temple-of-solomon/>

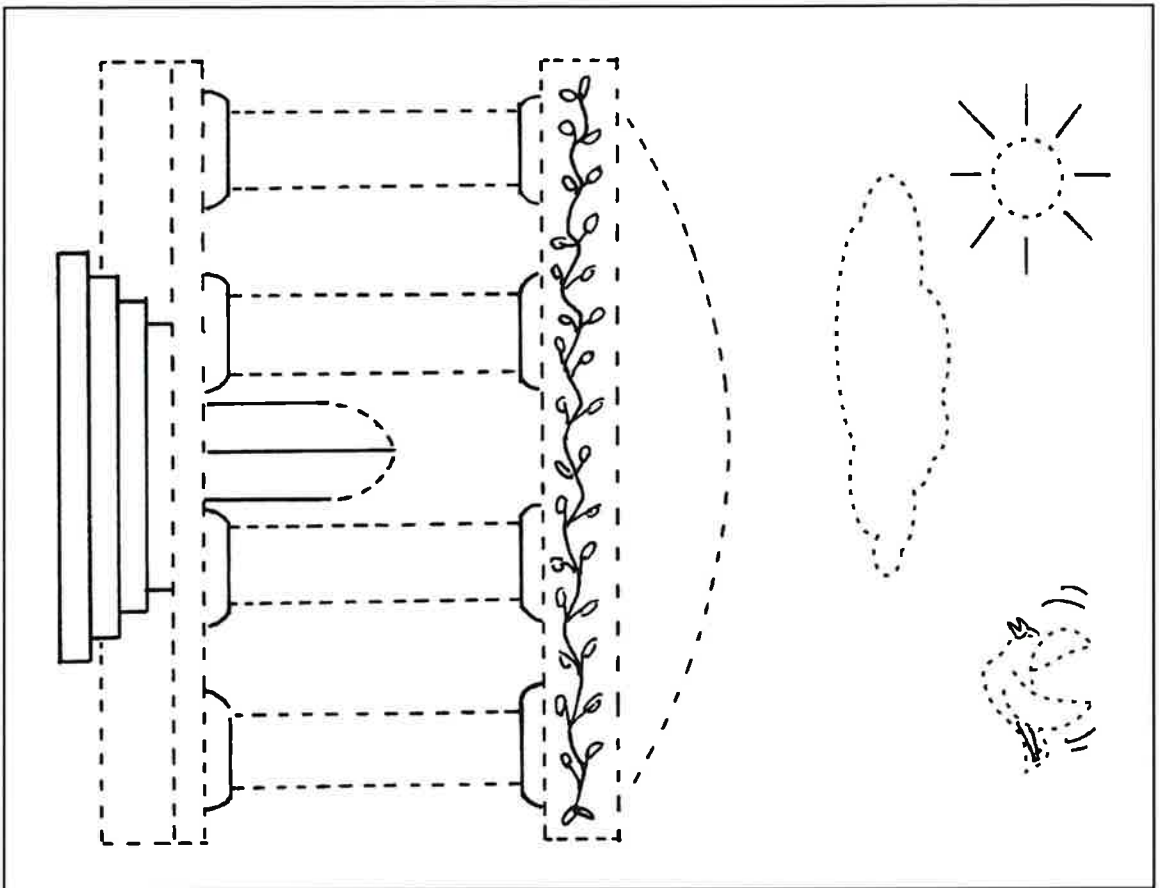


THE TEMPLE of SOLOMON- INSTRUCTION SHEET (3/3)

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Finish the picture.

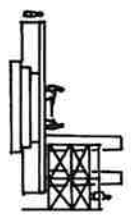
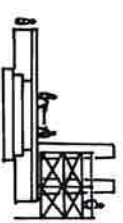
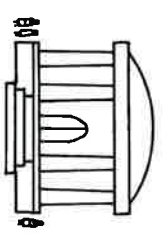
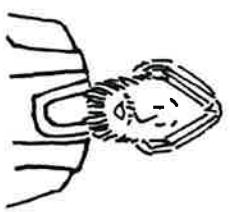


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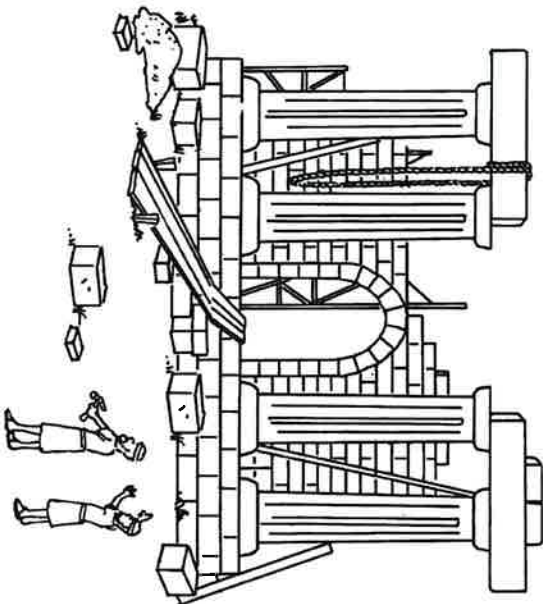
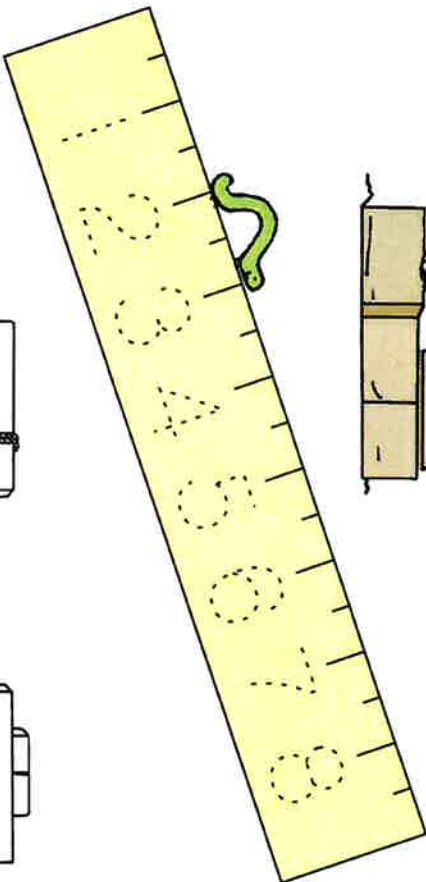
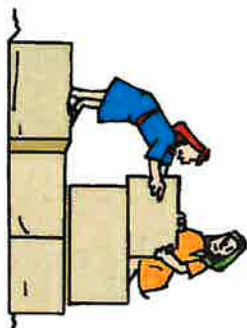
King Solomon built a temple to God.

Circle the 2 in each row that match.



Solomon built the temple  
using certain measurements.

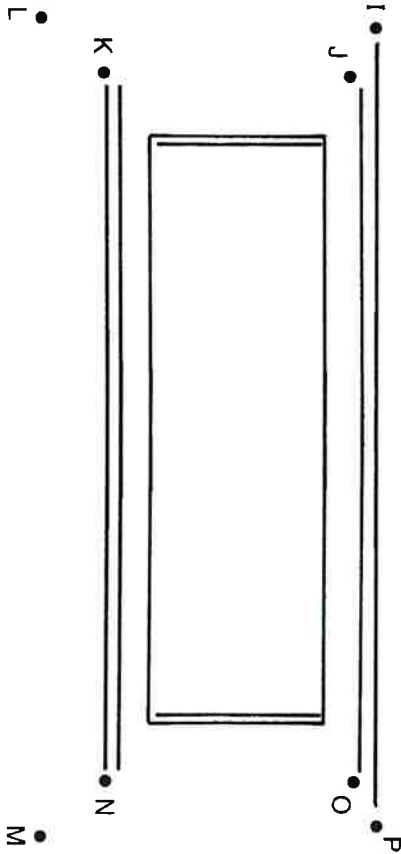
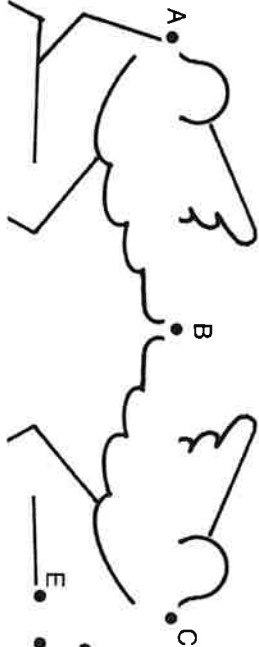
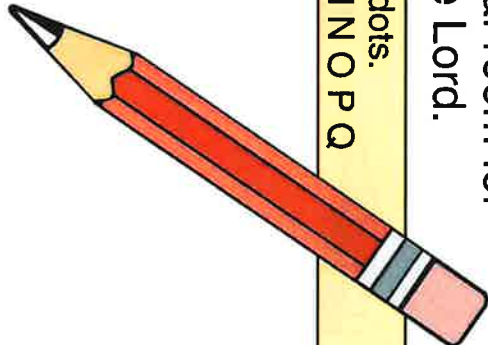
Trace the numbers.



He made a special room for  
the ark of the Lord.

Connect the dots.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q







What did God tell Solomon?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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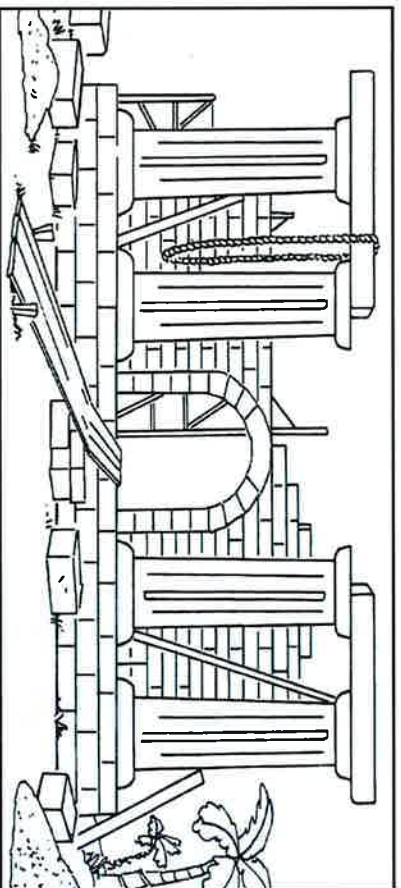
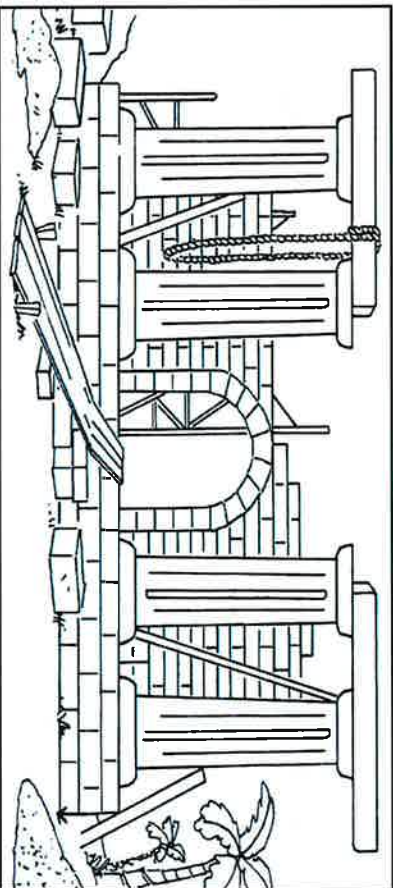
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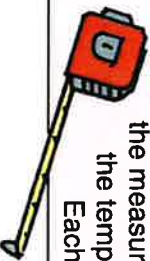
King Solomon had a temple built for God.

Find 10 differences between the two pictures of the temple.



Solomon's temple had very specific measurements.

Use the clues and table below to match the measurements of these features of the temple. Mark the correct boxes with X. Each measurement is used only once.

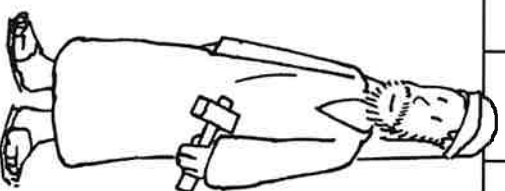


	5 cubits	7 cubits	20 cubits	30 cubits	60 cubits
Temple length					
Temple width					
Temple height					
Storeroom width					
Storeroom height					

1. The storeroom measurements are the two smallest; the main temple measurements are the three largest.

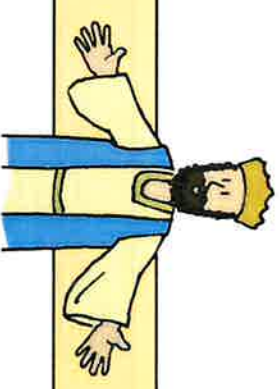
2. The storerooms were wider than they were tall.

3. The temple length was double the temple height.



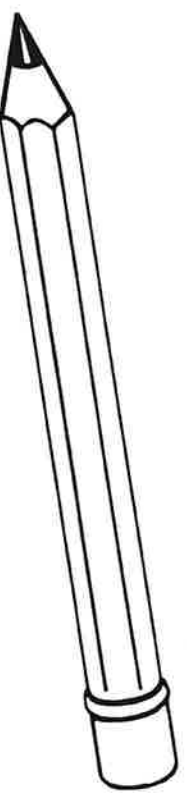
What did Solomon have the temple covered with?

Connect the dots below to find the answer.



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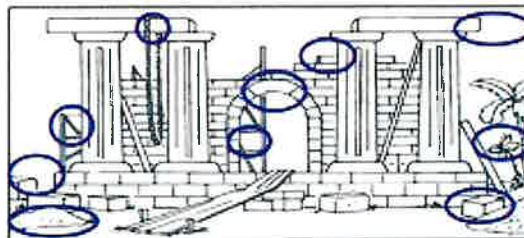
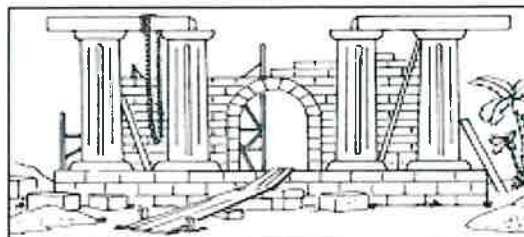
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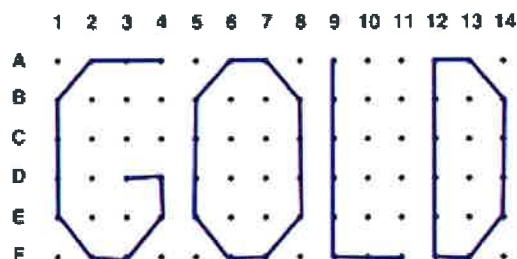
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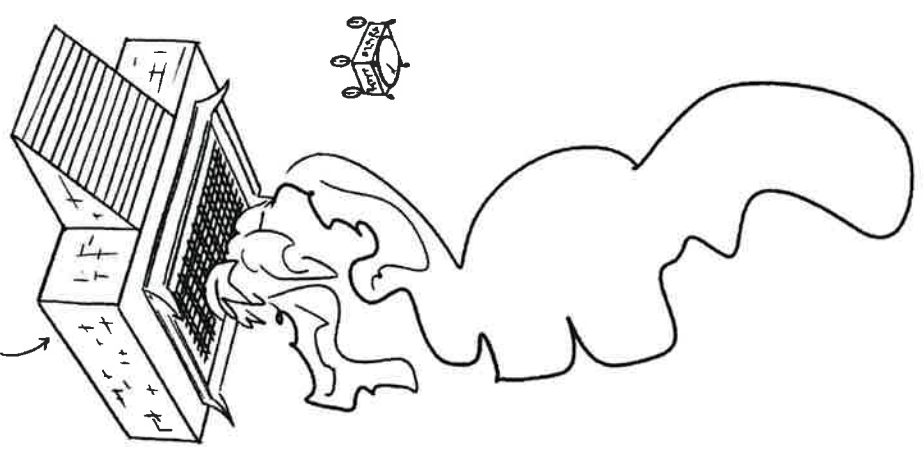
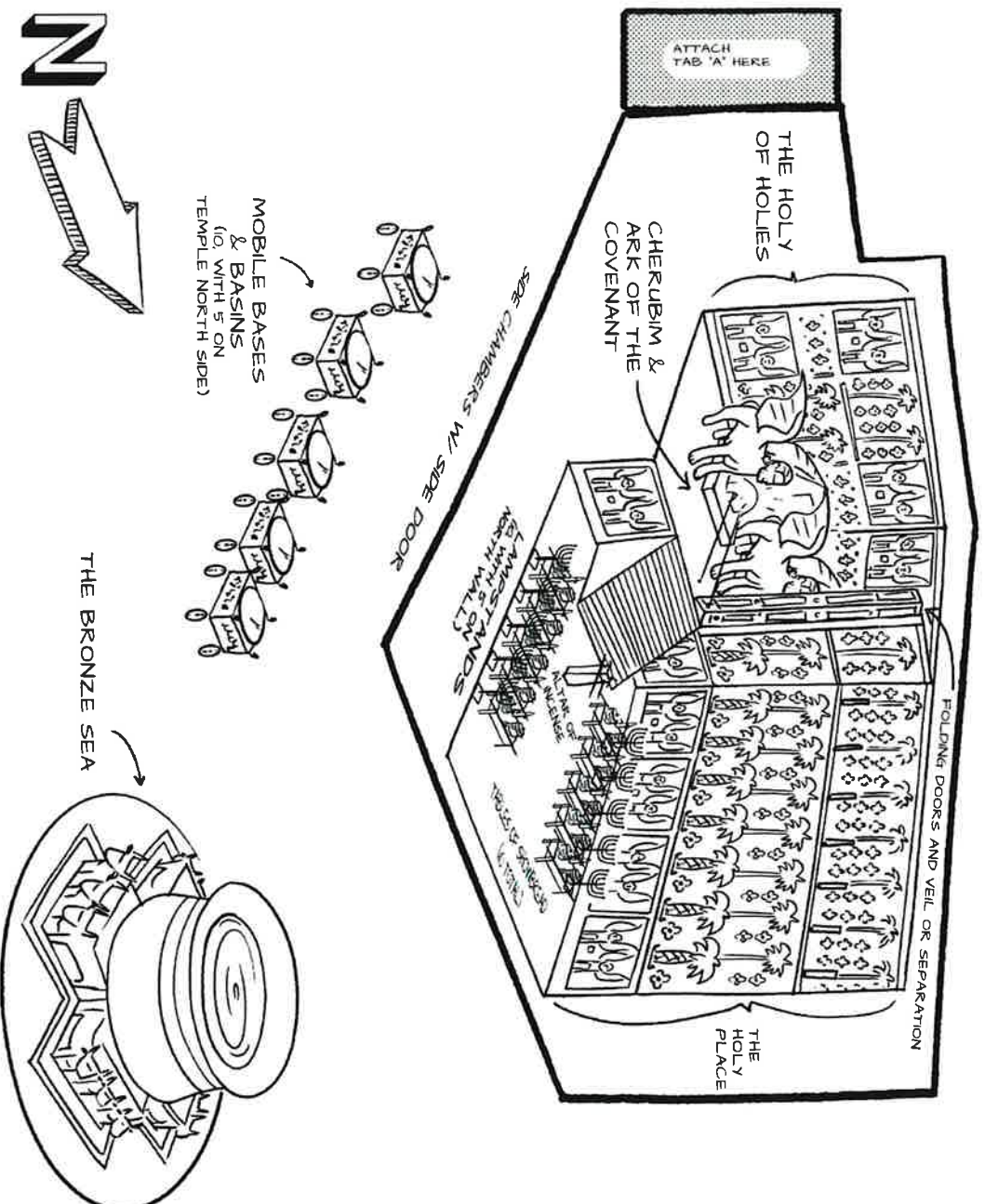


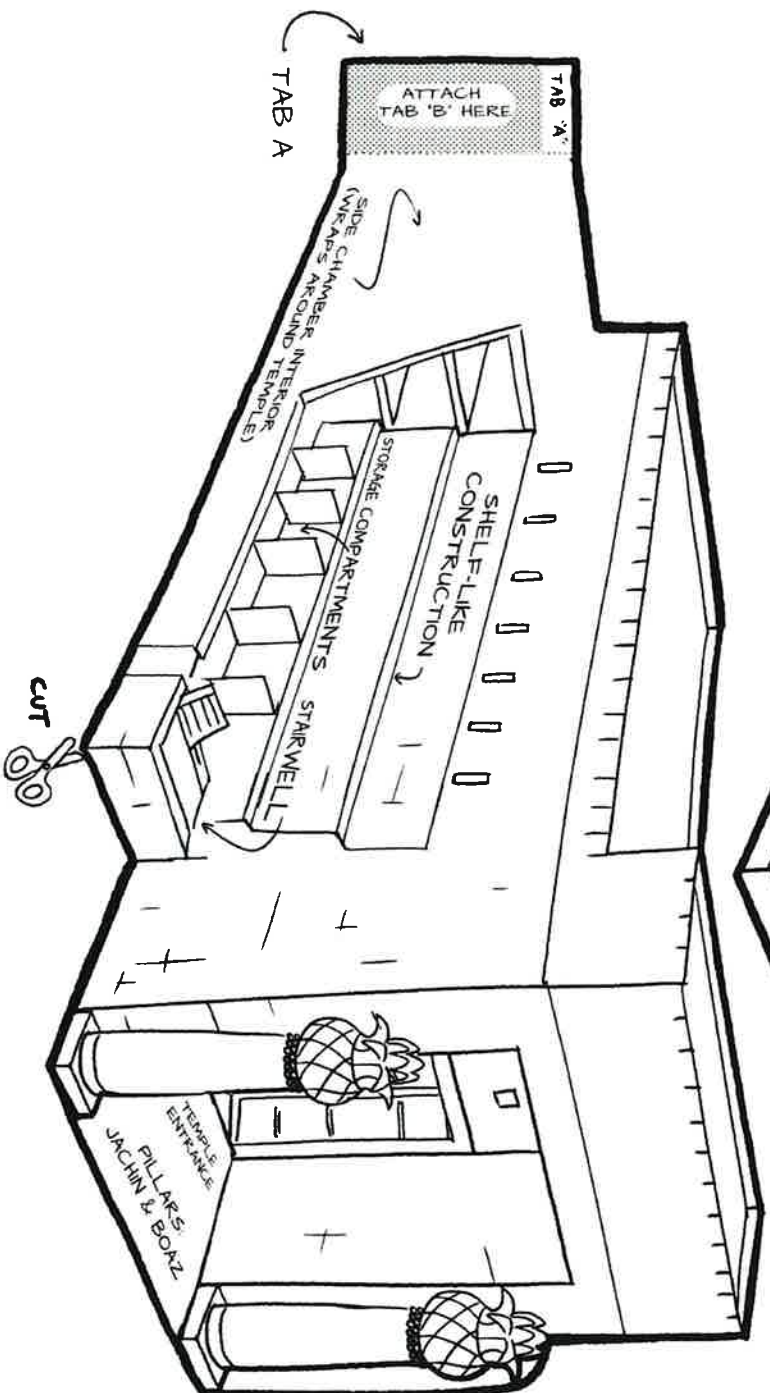
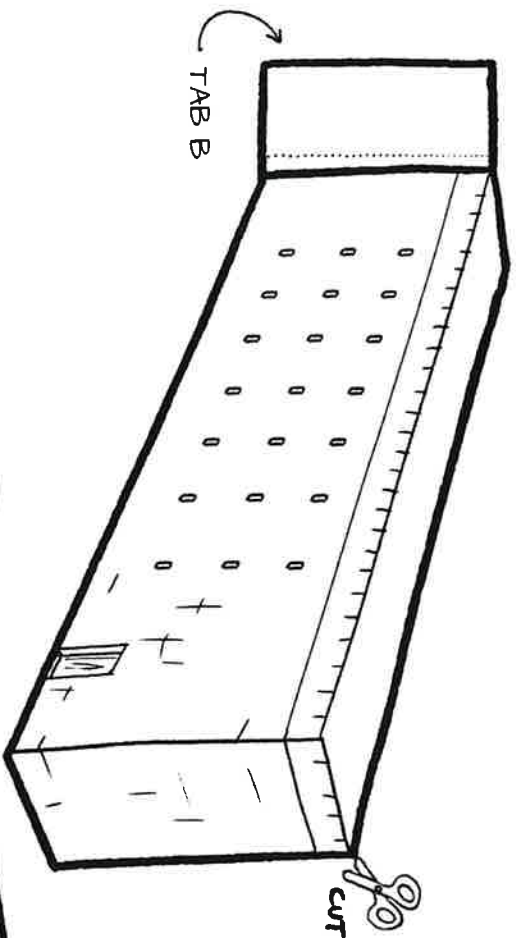
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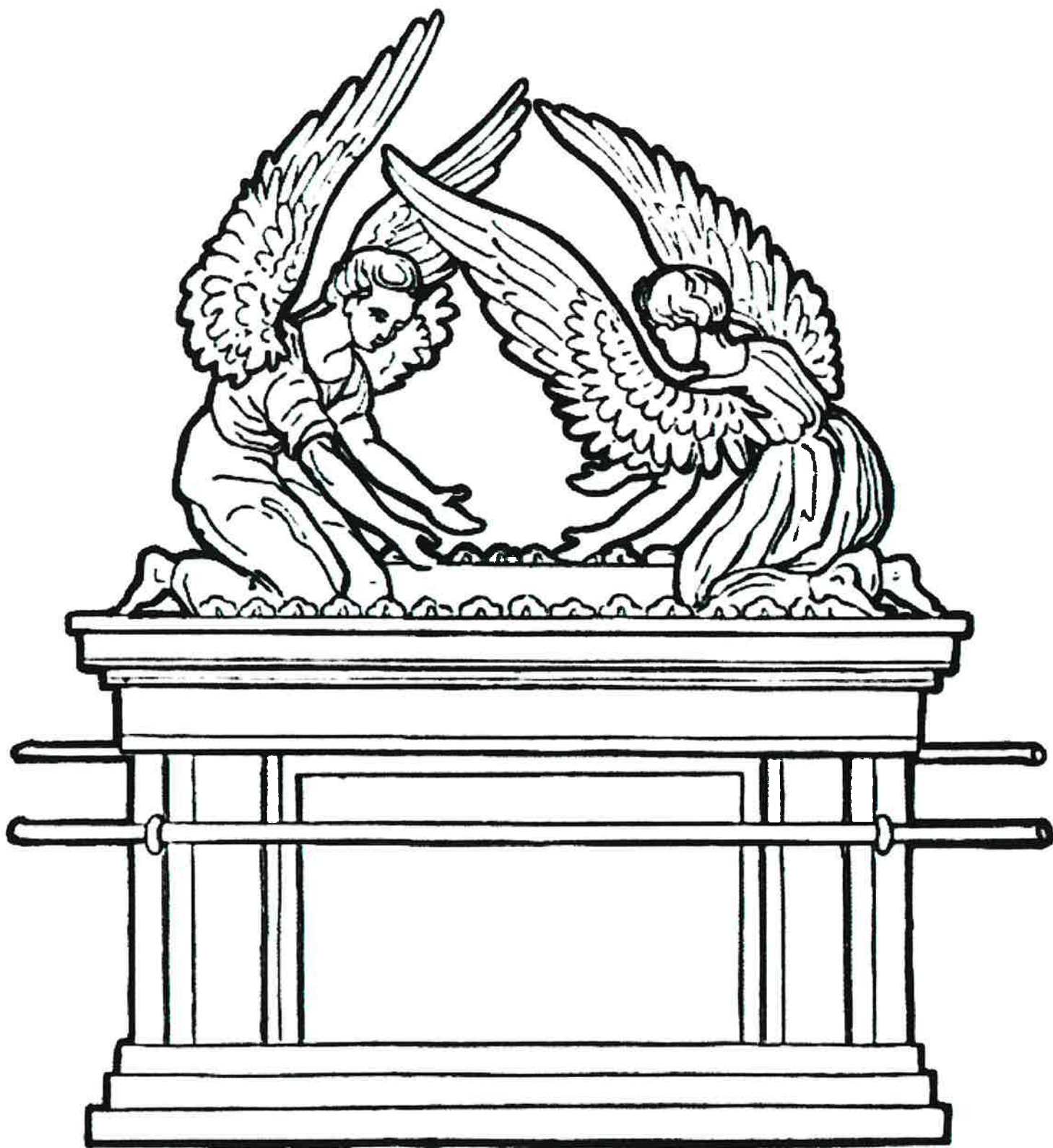
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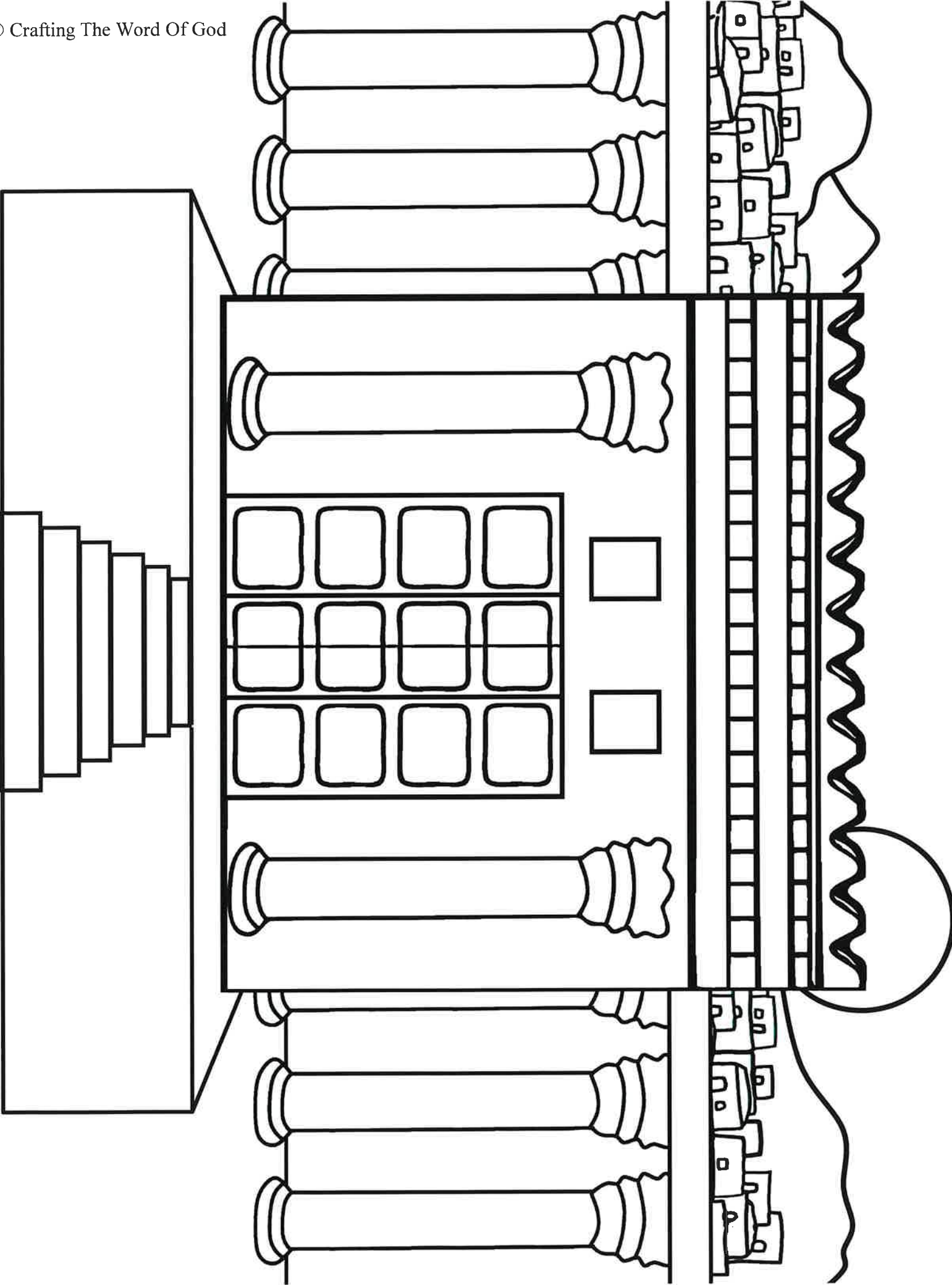








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