A House of Prayer For all People

What makes the Kingdom, the Throne of David, and the Temple Real

This week's slides

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Principles of Prophetic Interpretation

Christadelphians owe their existence to good Bible exposition:

1. Interpretation is thematic more than formulated - never confined.

2. Rooted in the whole purpose of God - His Name and His Glory.

3. Salvation is of the Jews. Promises are centered on Israel - never excluded.

4. God speaks in parables. Literal and figurative are determined by context.

5. Not spiritualizing the Kingdom of God.

6. Non-contradiction requires parts to conform to the whole.

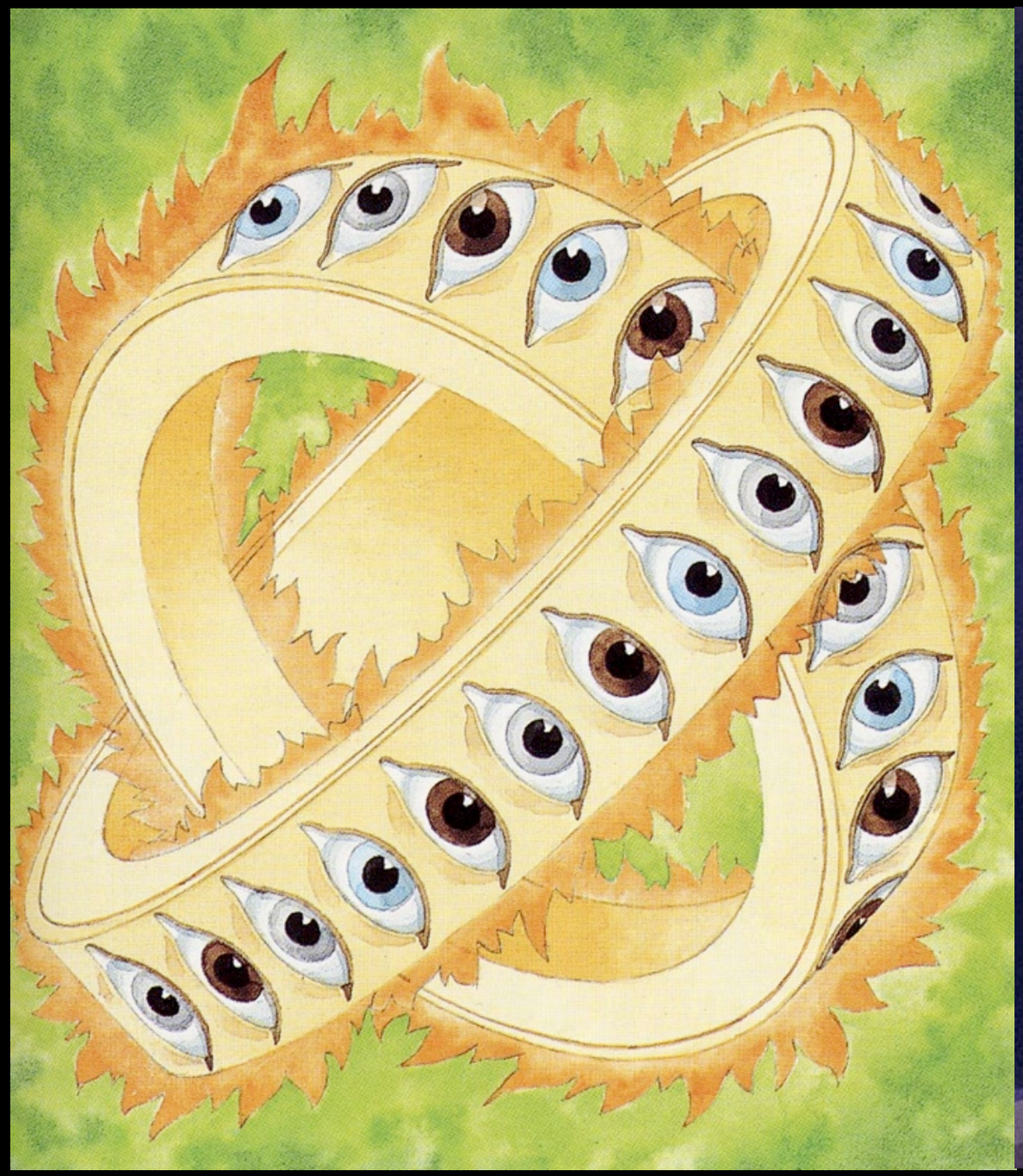
7. Everything relates to the work of Christ.

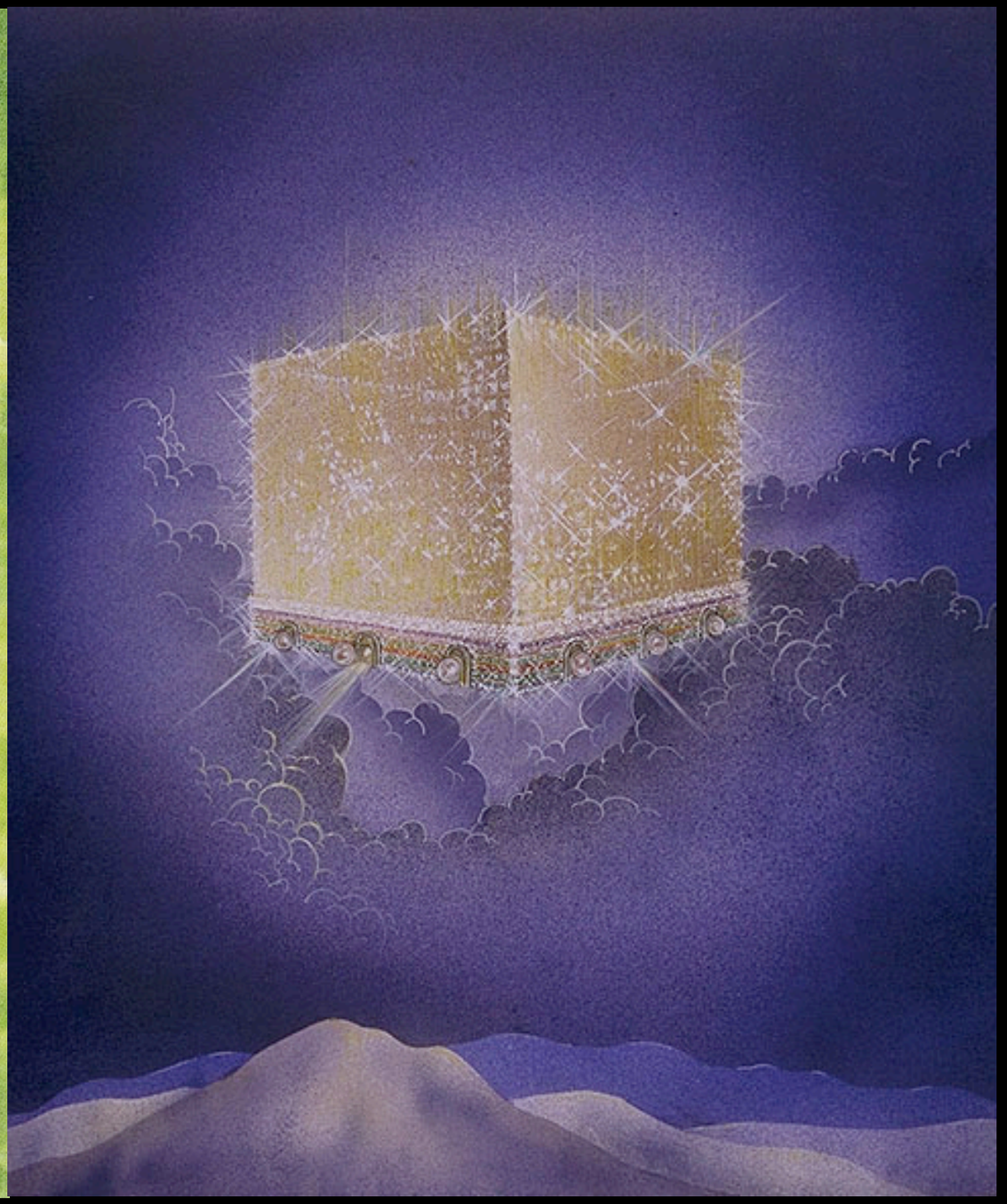
8. Prophecies are never contingencies dependent on men.

When the Kingdom is Spiritualized...

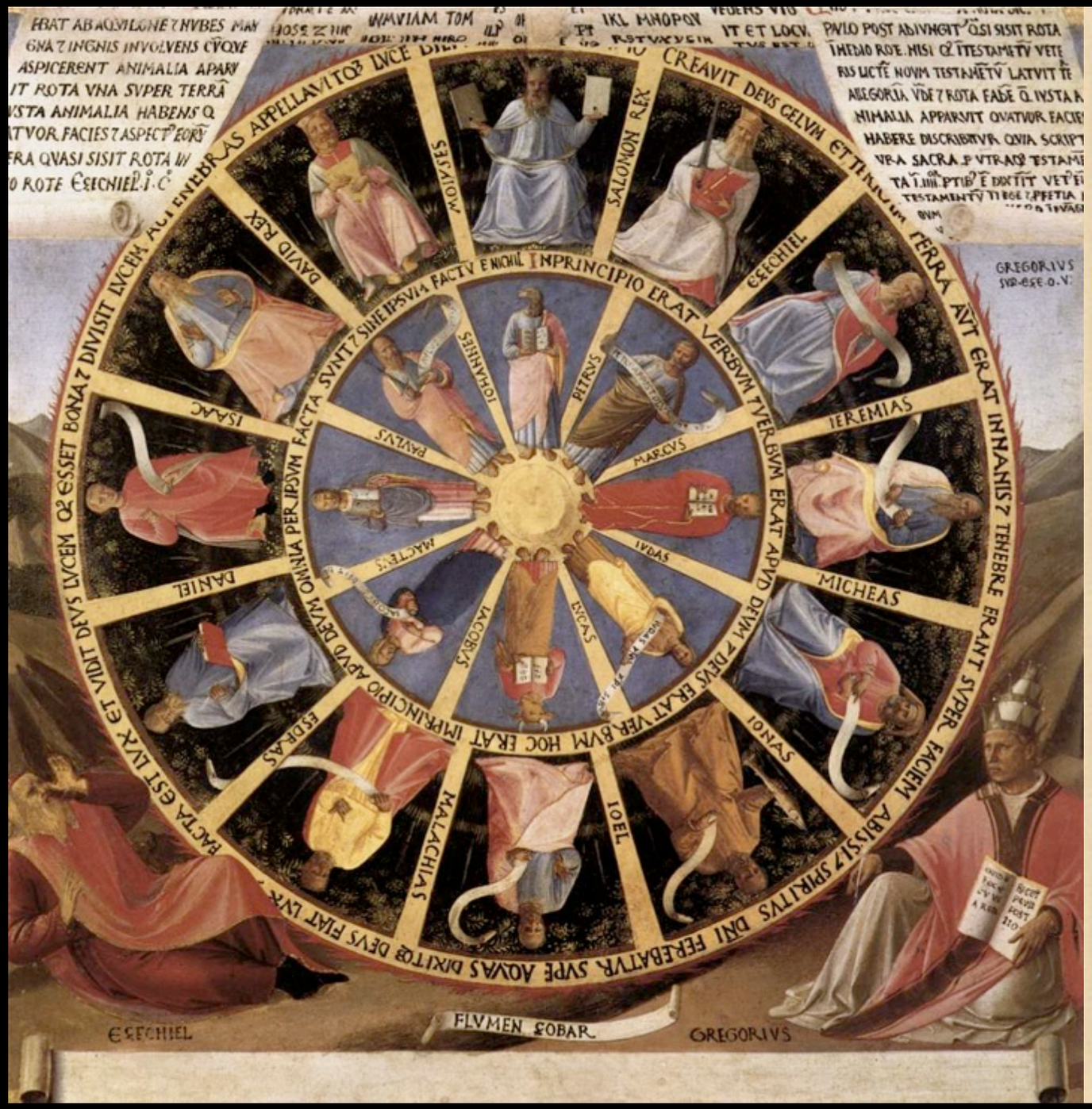
mythical scenarios

bizarre fantasies





mystical musings





intangible



steps to nothing



The Kingdom becomes a dream with no substance.

These are not

prophetic images;

they are the dreams of ignorance.

The Gospel we believe isn't like that.

**We have also a more sure word of prophecy;
whereunto ye do well that ye take heed:**
2 Peter 1:19

**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:
it shall not return unto me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I please.**

Isaiah 55:11

THE TEMPLE

OF EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY

How do we know it isn't figurative?

17 For I will restore health unto you, and heal you of thy wounds, says the LORD; This is Zion: 18 ...Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built upon its own mound, and the palace shall remain according to its own plan. 24...In the latter days you will consider it.

Jeremiah 30:17-18 NKJV

Criteria Definition

Design Criterion

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Isaiah 56:7

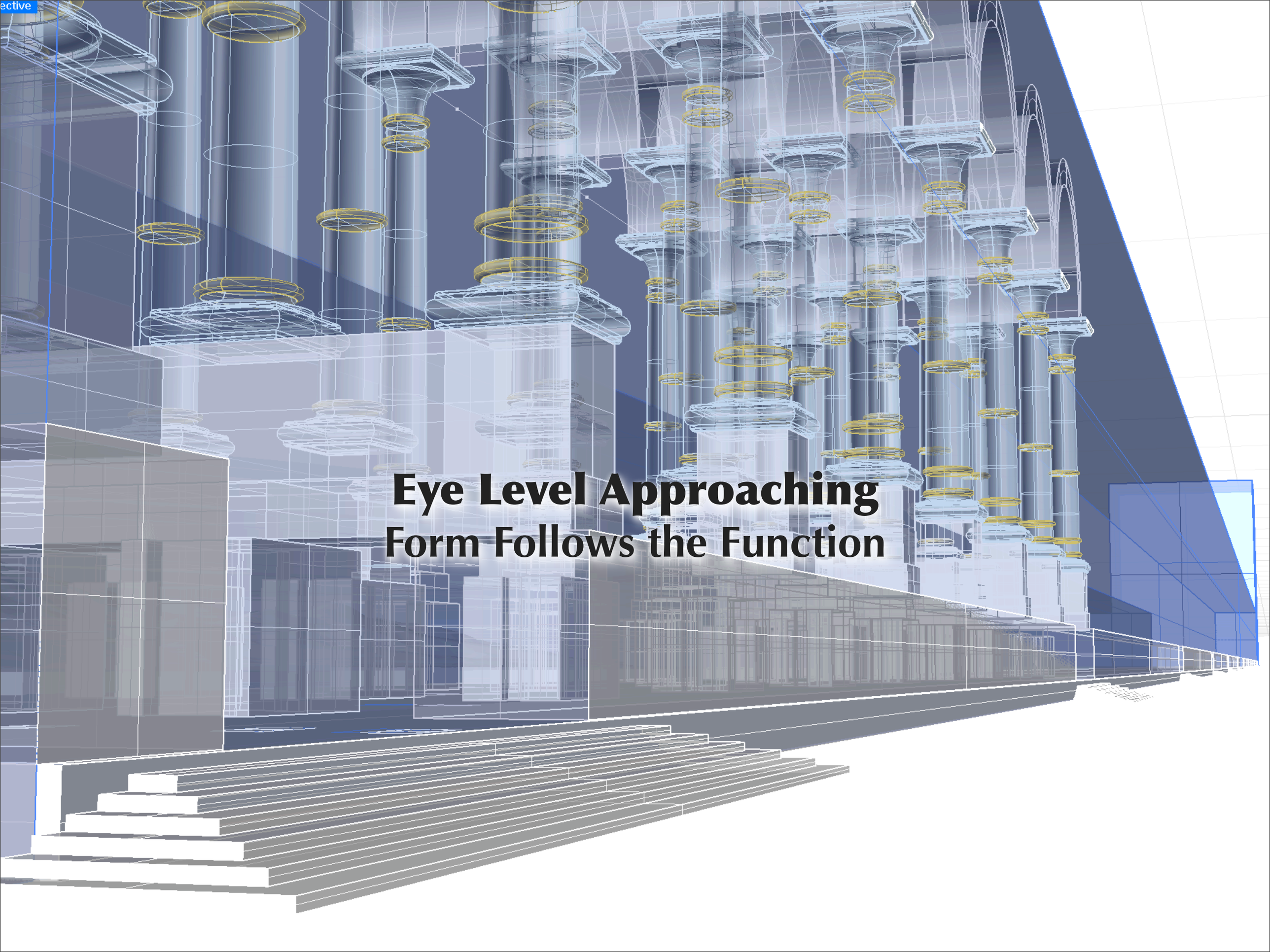
STRUCTURE

Is the design archaic?

Scriptural Description

EZEKIEL 40:22 And their windows, and their arches, and their palm trees, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. 23 And the gate of the inner court was over against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits. 24 After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. 25 And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. 26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. 27 And there was a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits. 28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these measures; 29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 30 And the arches round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. 31 And the arches thereof were toward the utter court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it had eight steps. 32 And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures. 33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, were according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. 34 And the arches thereof were toward the outward court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps. 35 And he brought me to the north gate, and measured it according to these measures; 36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

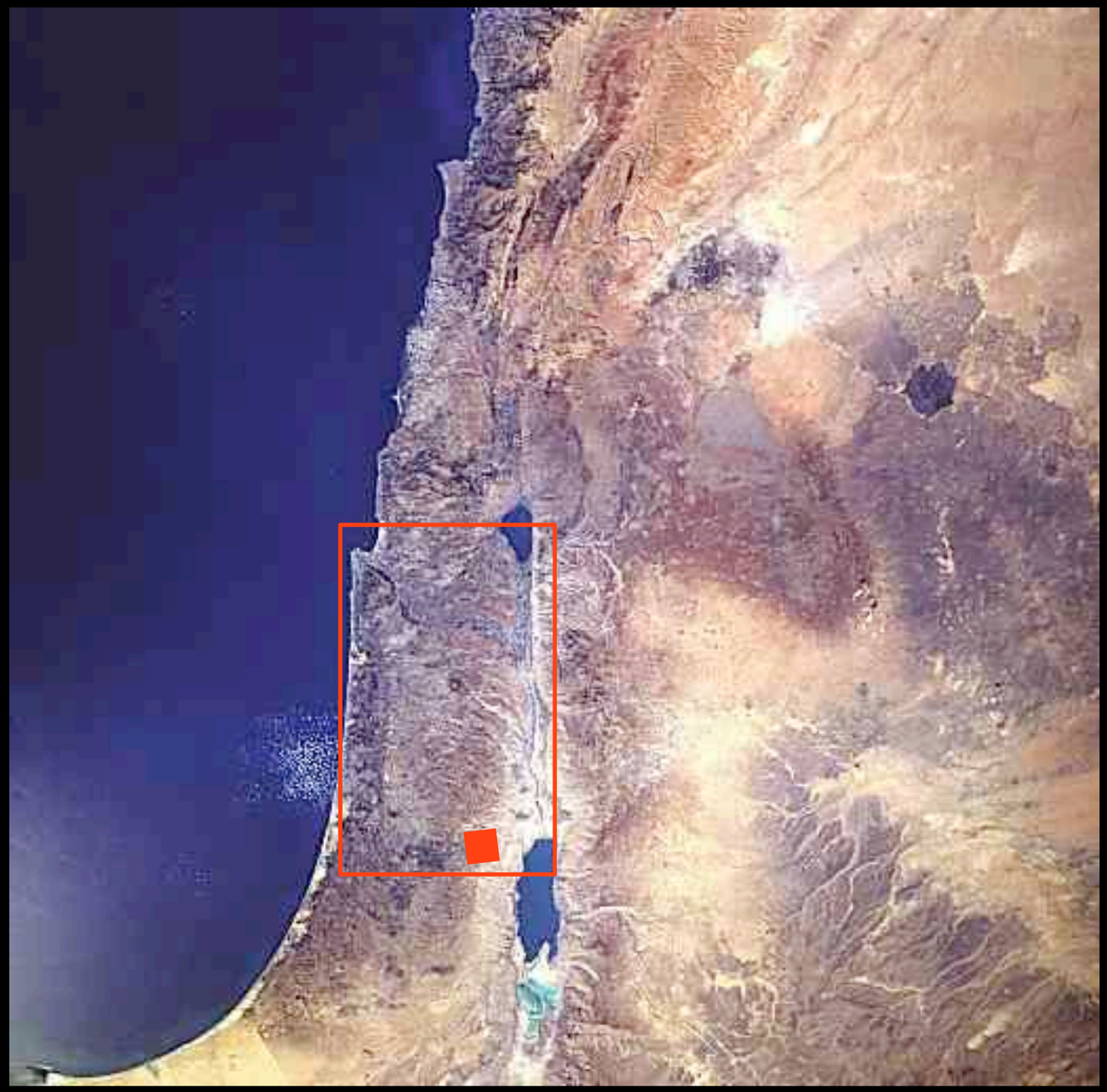
Arches


ective
Eye Level Approaching
Form Follows the Function

SPECIFICATIONS

Ezekiel 40-48

Location:



Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Zec 14:10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

EXACT LOCATION



FUNCTION

16 And it shall come to pass, that **every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem** shall even go up from year to year to **worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles**.
17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

SIZE

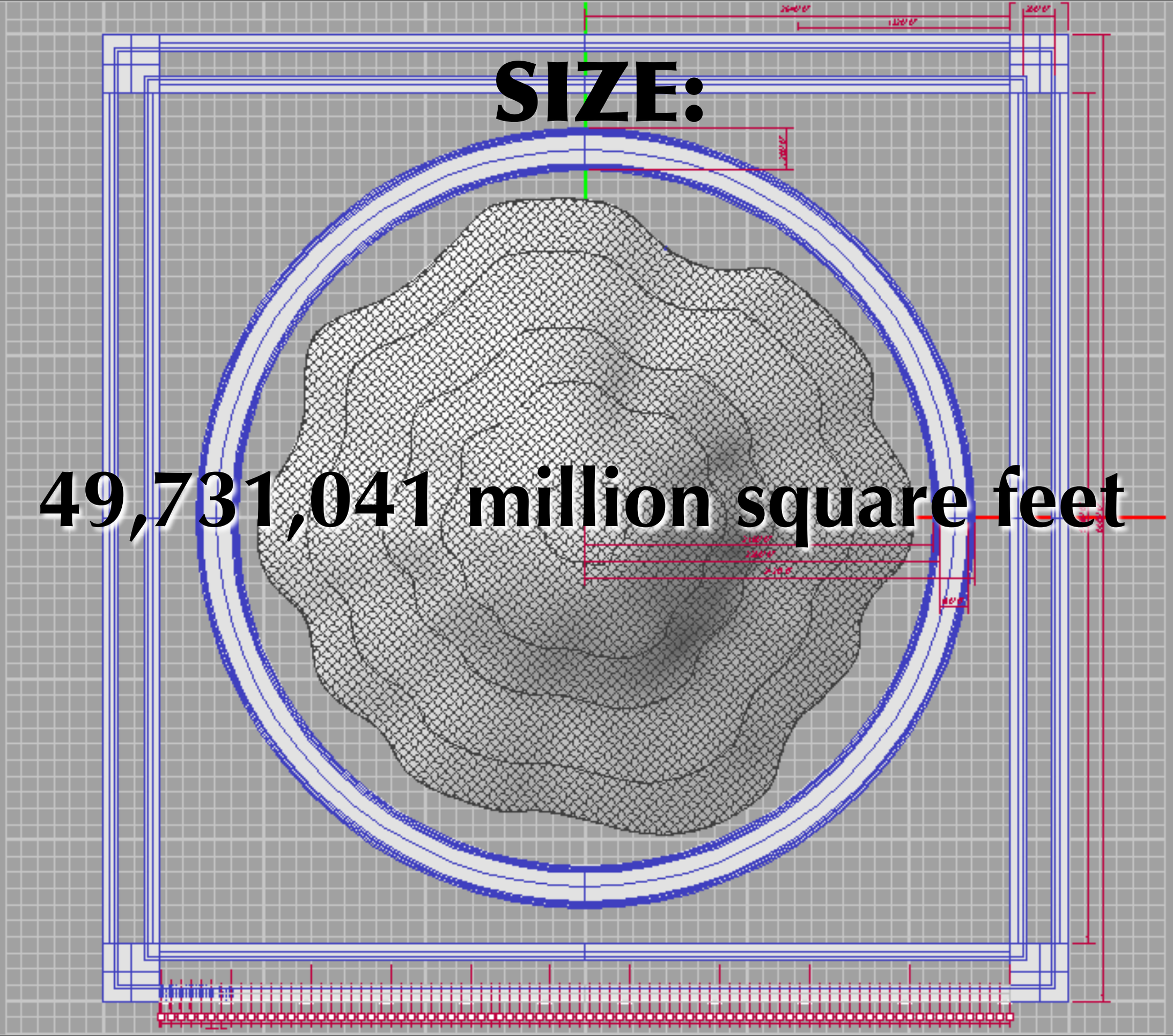
Ezekiel 40-48

SIZE:

In visions of God he brought me to the land of Israel, and set me down on a very high mountain, on which was a structure like a city to the south.

Ezekiel 40:2

SIZE:



49,731,041 million square feet

OUTER WALL - A MILE





Bridge Tunnel x Three

Relative to Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel



Unit of Measurement

1 Reed - 12′

HOW MUCH IS A REED?

Ezekiel 40:5

"there was a wall all around the outside of the temple area, and the length of the measuring reed in the man's hand **was six long cubits**, each being a cubit and a handbreadth in length. So he measured the thickness of the wall, one reed; and the height, one reed."

Dimensional Basis for 1 Mile

Ezekiel 43:15

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner
house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect
is toward the east, and measured it round about. 16 He
measured the **east side** with the measuring reed,
five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.
17 He measured the **north side**, **five hundred reeds**, with
the measuring reed round about. 18 He measured the **south**
side, **five hundred reeds**, with the measuring reed. 19 He
turned about to the **west side**, and measured
five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 20 He
measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five
hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a
separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

THE MATH

(15) He...measured it round about (16) He measured the east side **with the measuring reed, five hundred**

1 reed = 6 long (royal) cubits

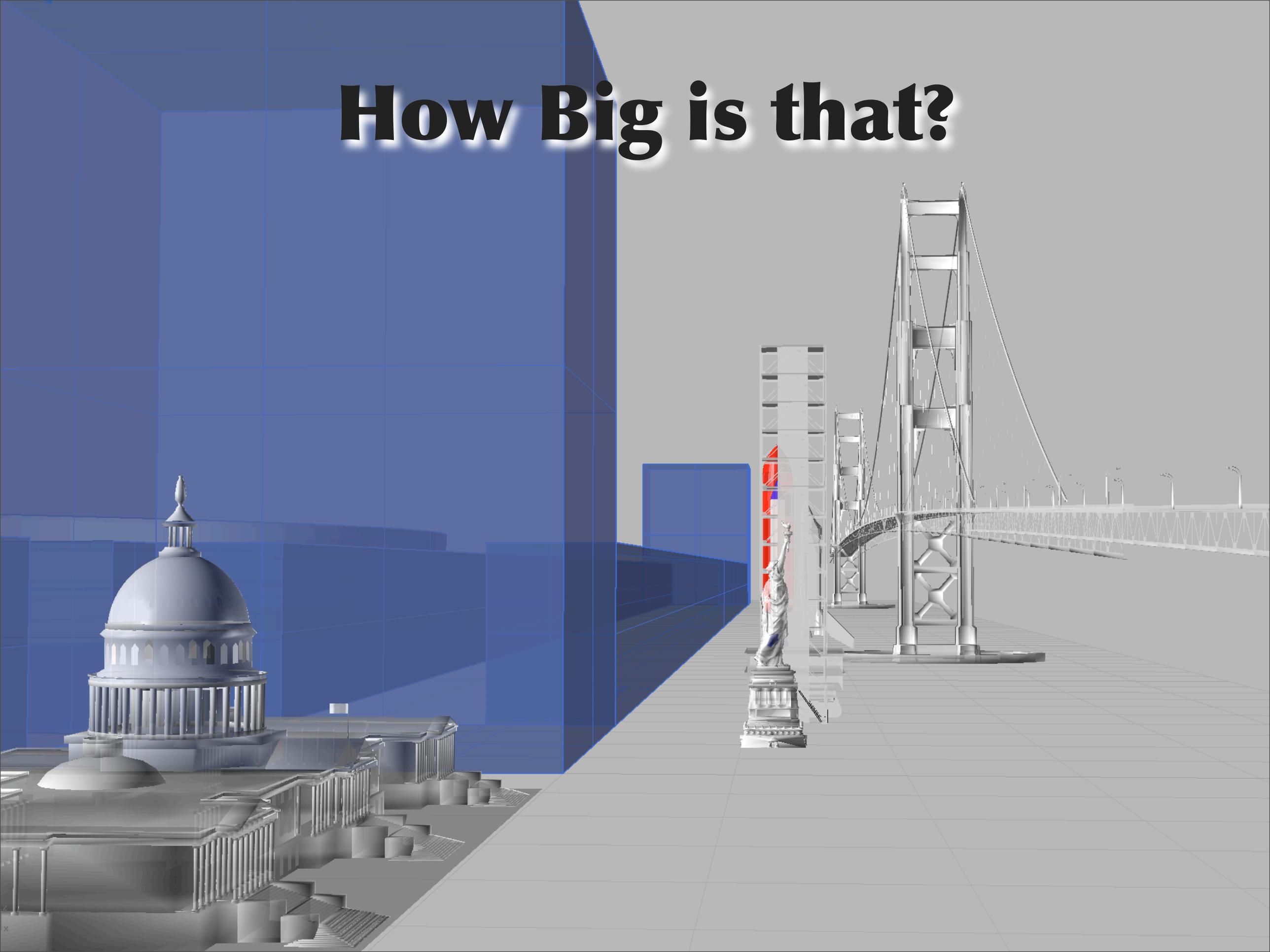
1 cubit = 24″ (2 feet)

2 feet x 6 cubits = 12 feet/reed

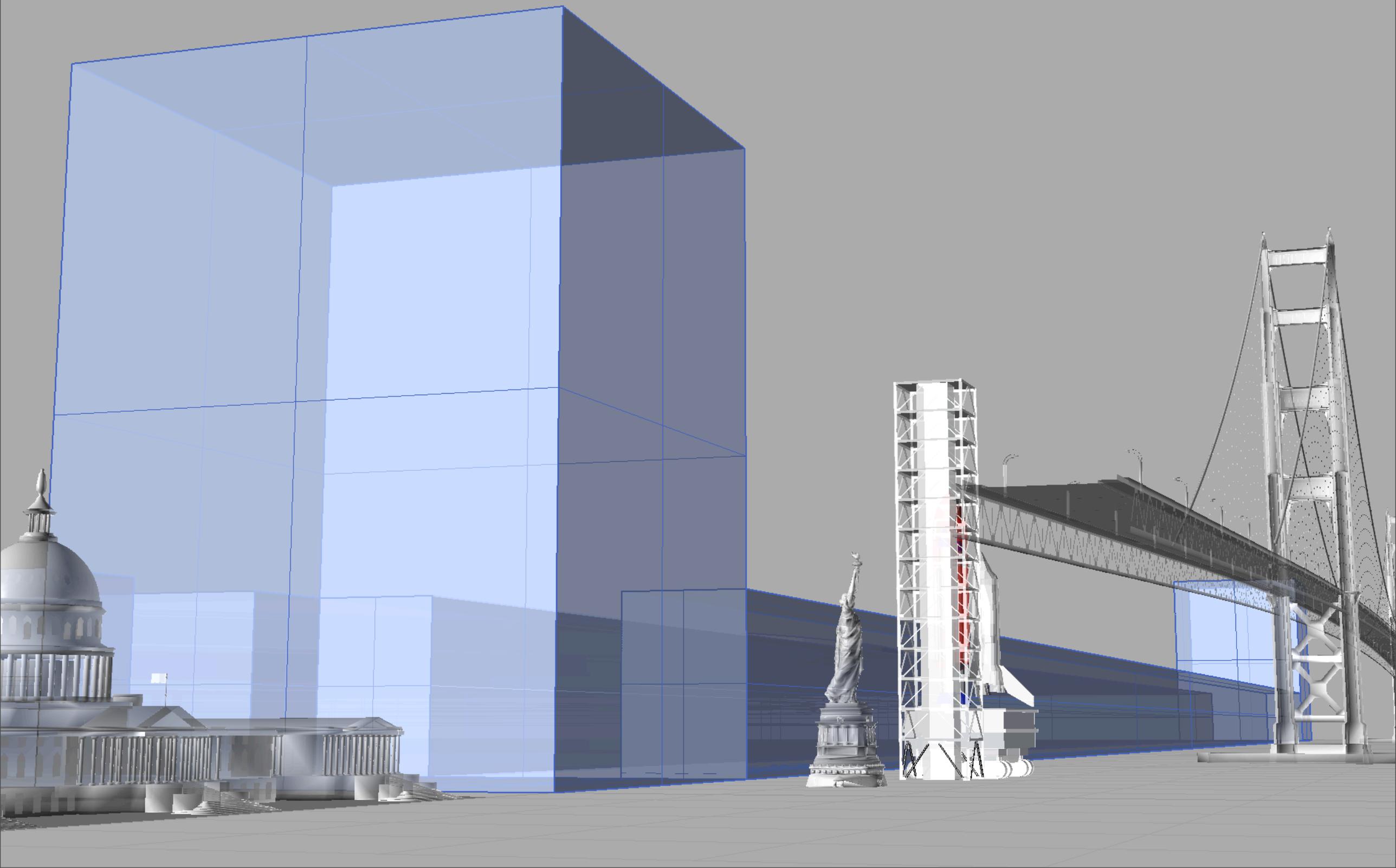
12 feet x 500 reeds = 6000 feet

1 mile = 5,280 feet

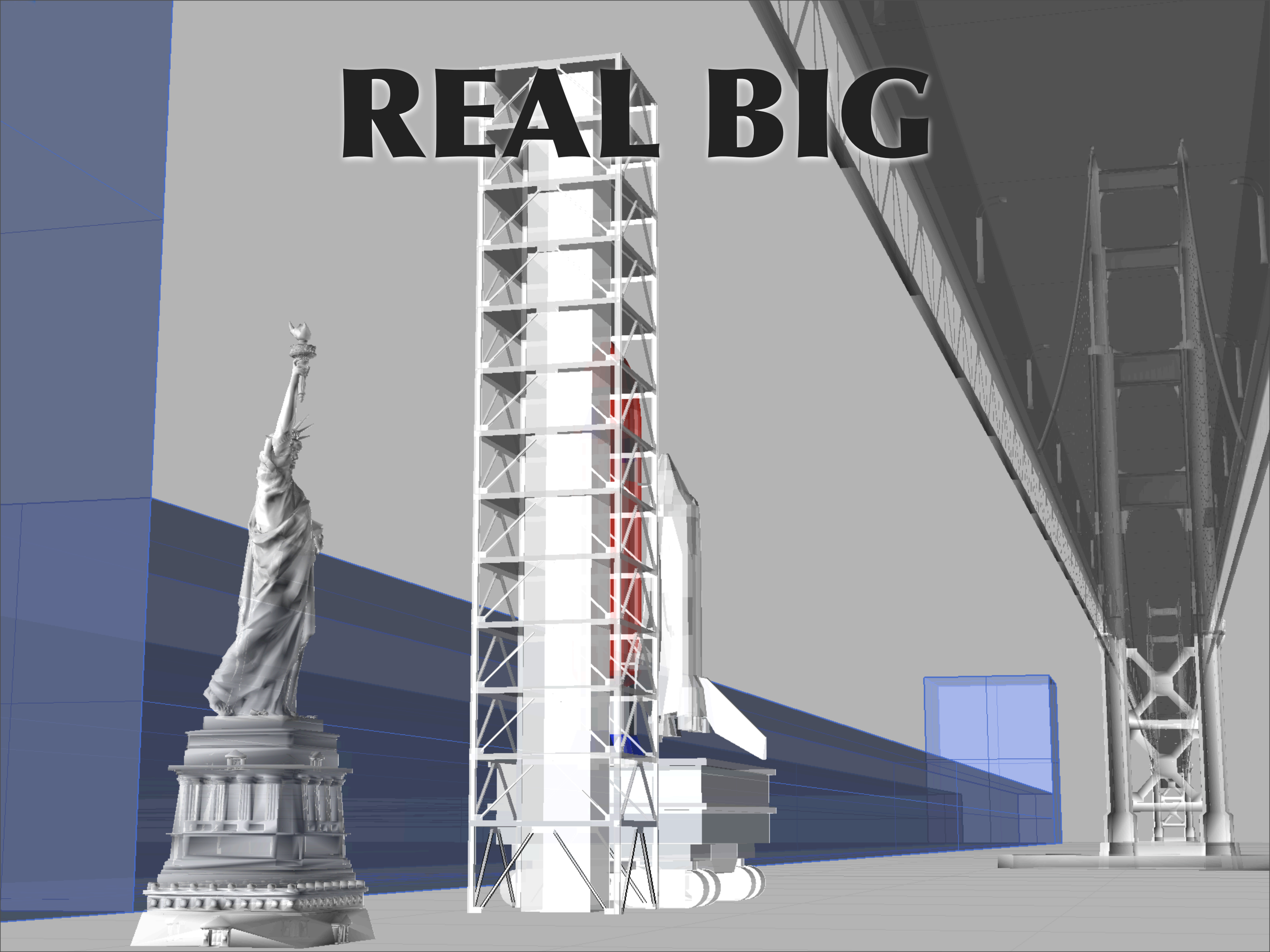
How Big is that?



BIG



REAL BIG



FROM ABOVE

AESTHETIC

Beautiful for Situation

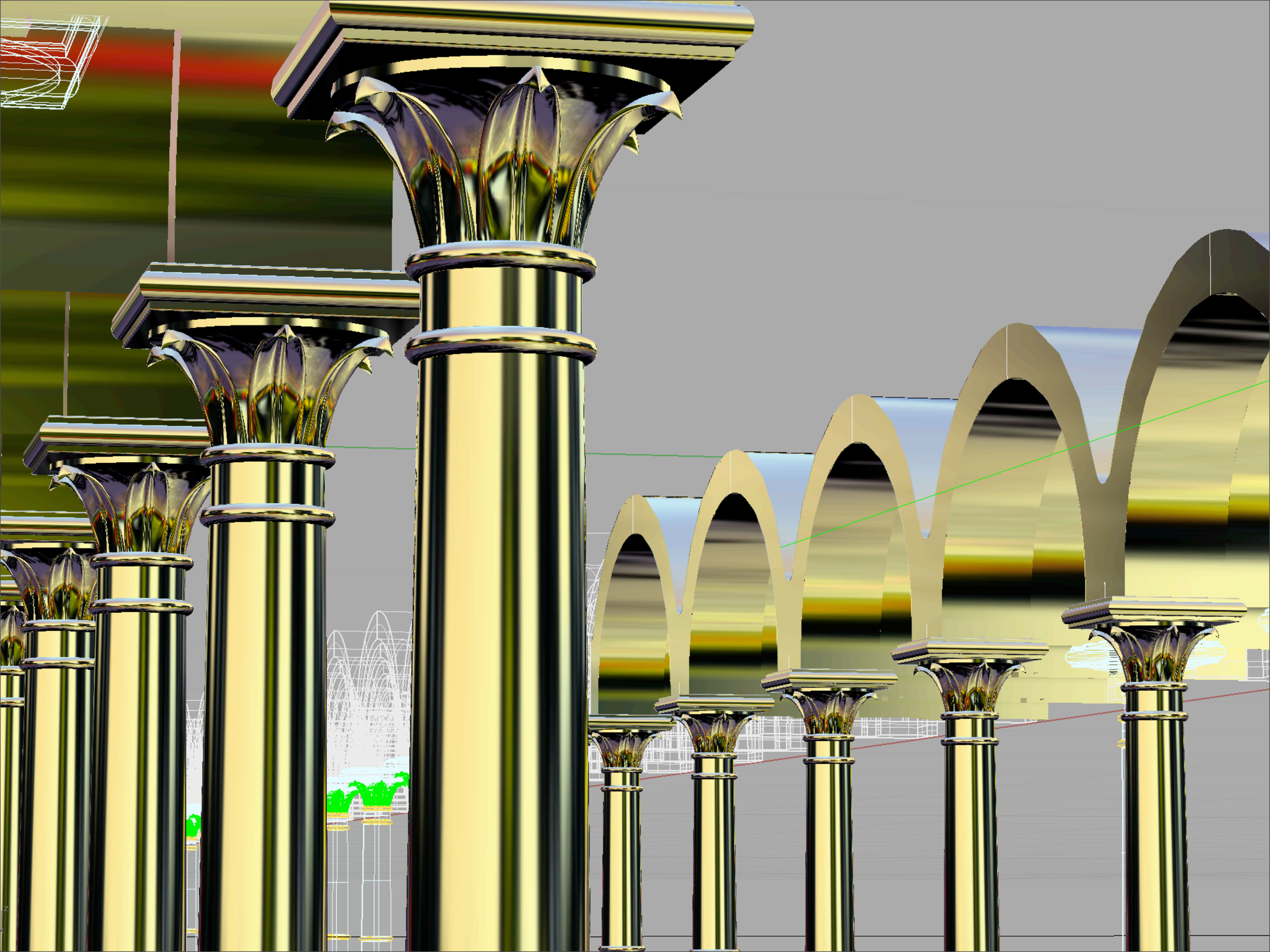
“Walk about Zion and go round about her”

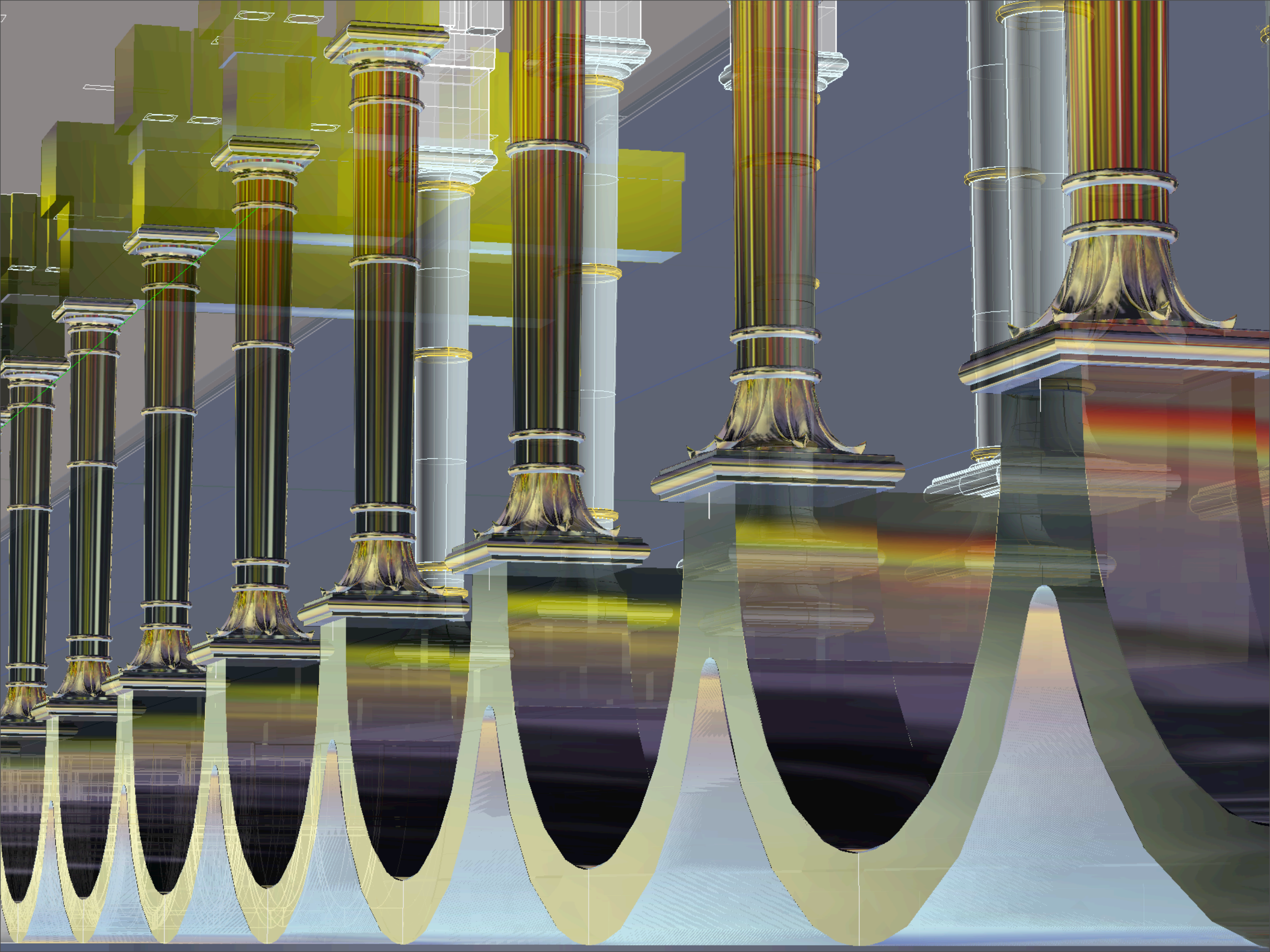
“Count her towers”

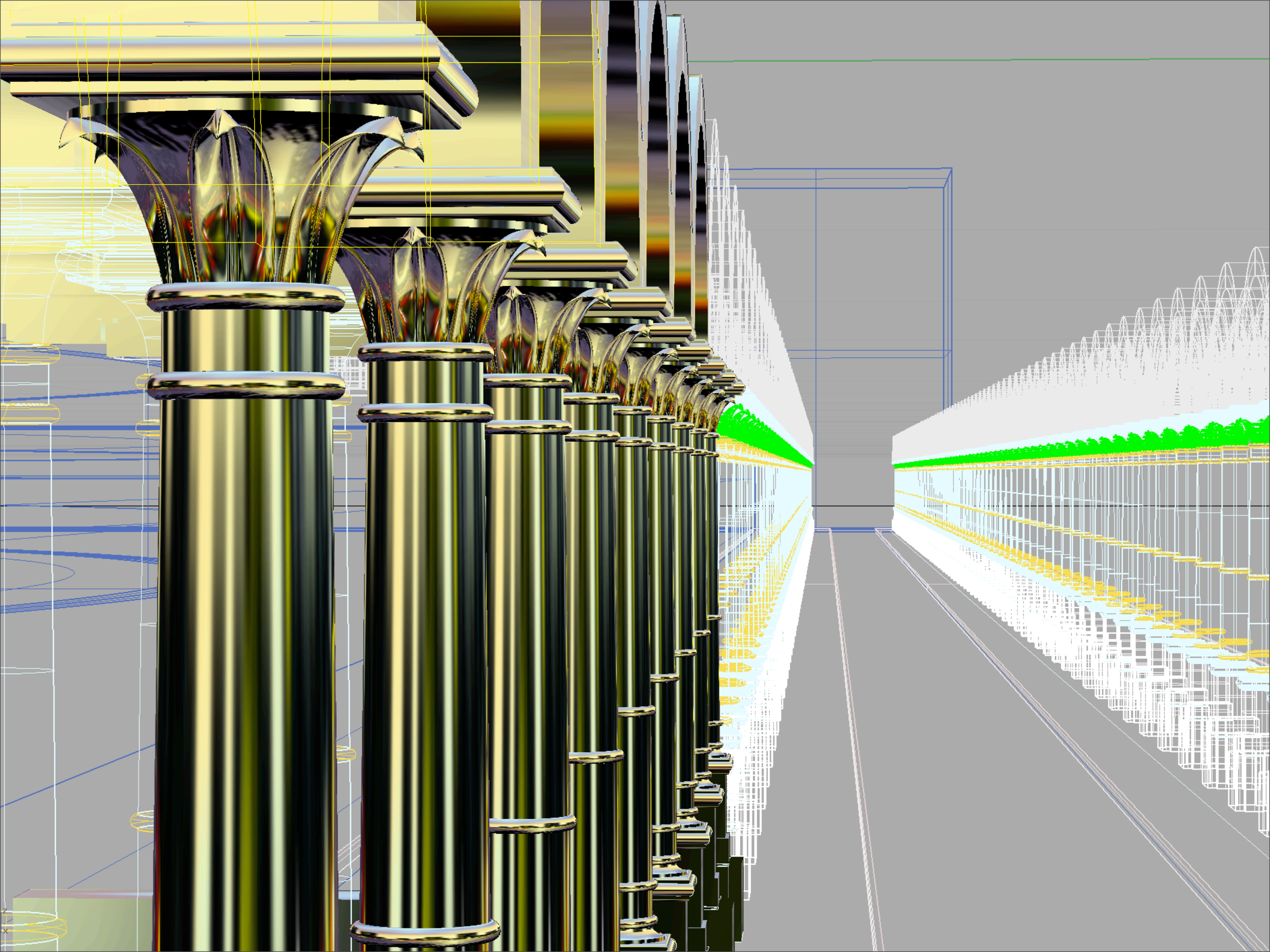
“Mark well her bulwarks”

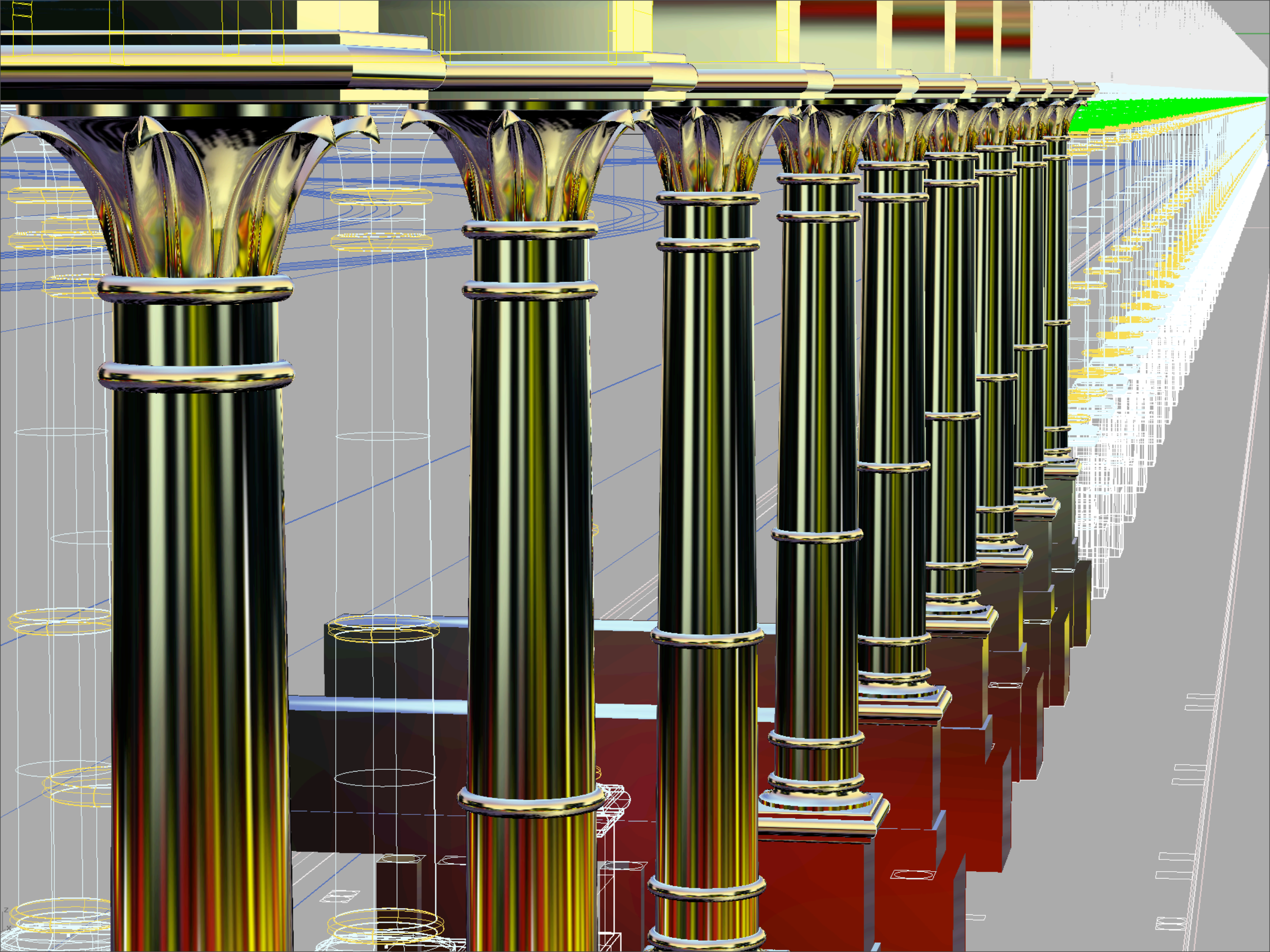
“consider her palaces”

“tell it to the generation following thee”









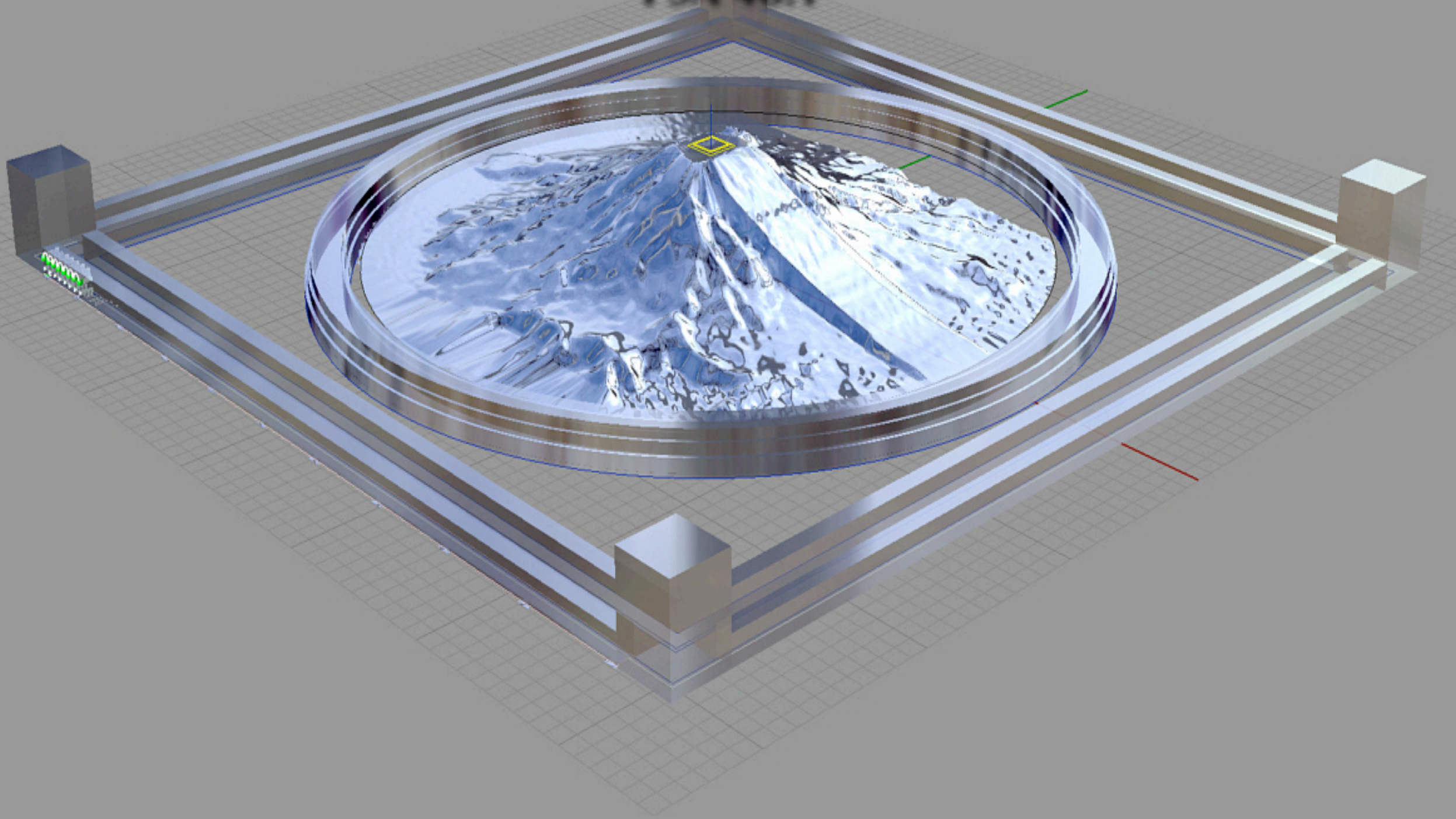

“LORD, I have loved the habitation
of your house, and the place
where your glory dwells.
Psa 26:8

CENTER OF FOCUS

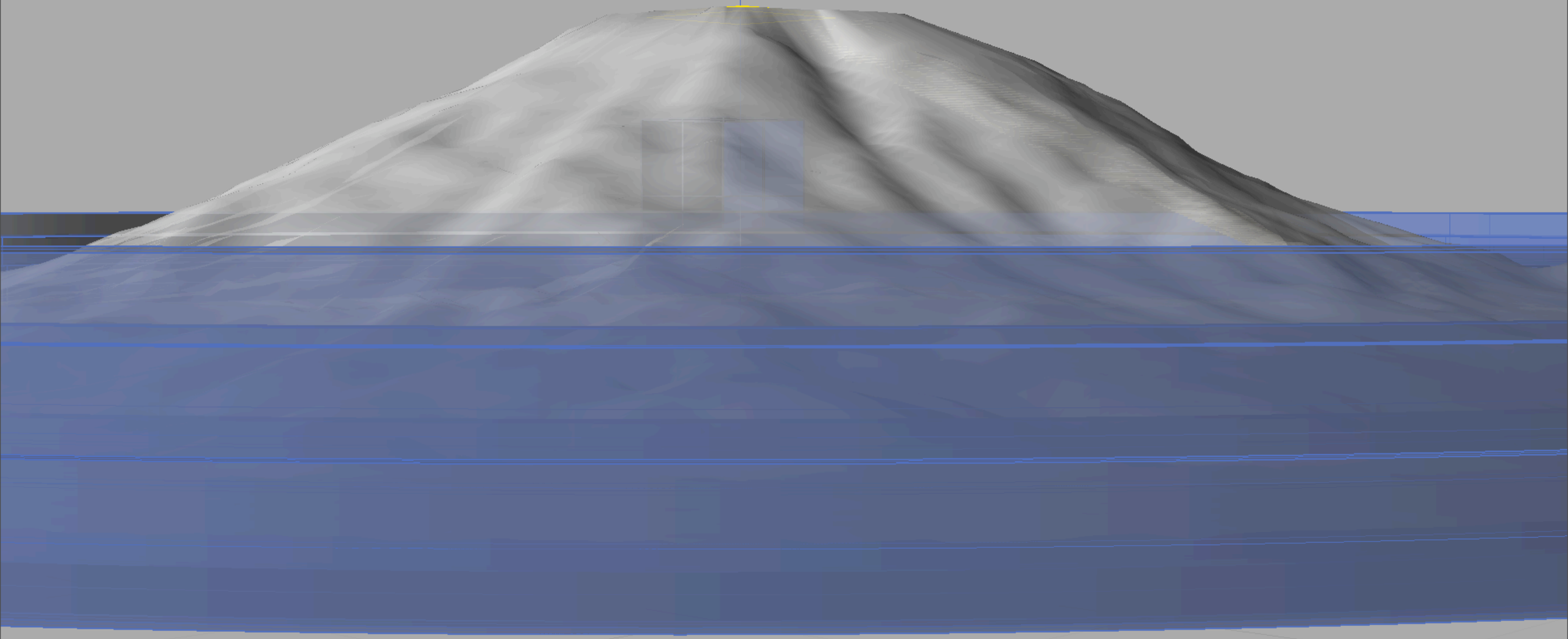
The Holy Hill of the LORD

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the **mountain of his holiness**. **Beautiful for situation**, the joy of the whole earth, **is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces** for a refuge.

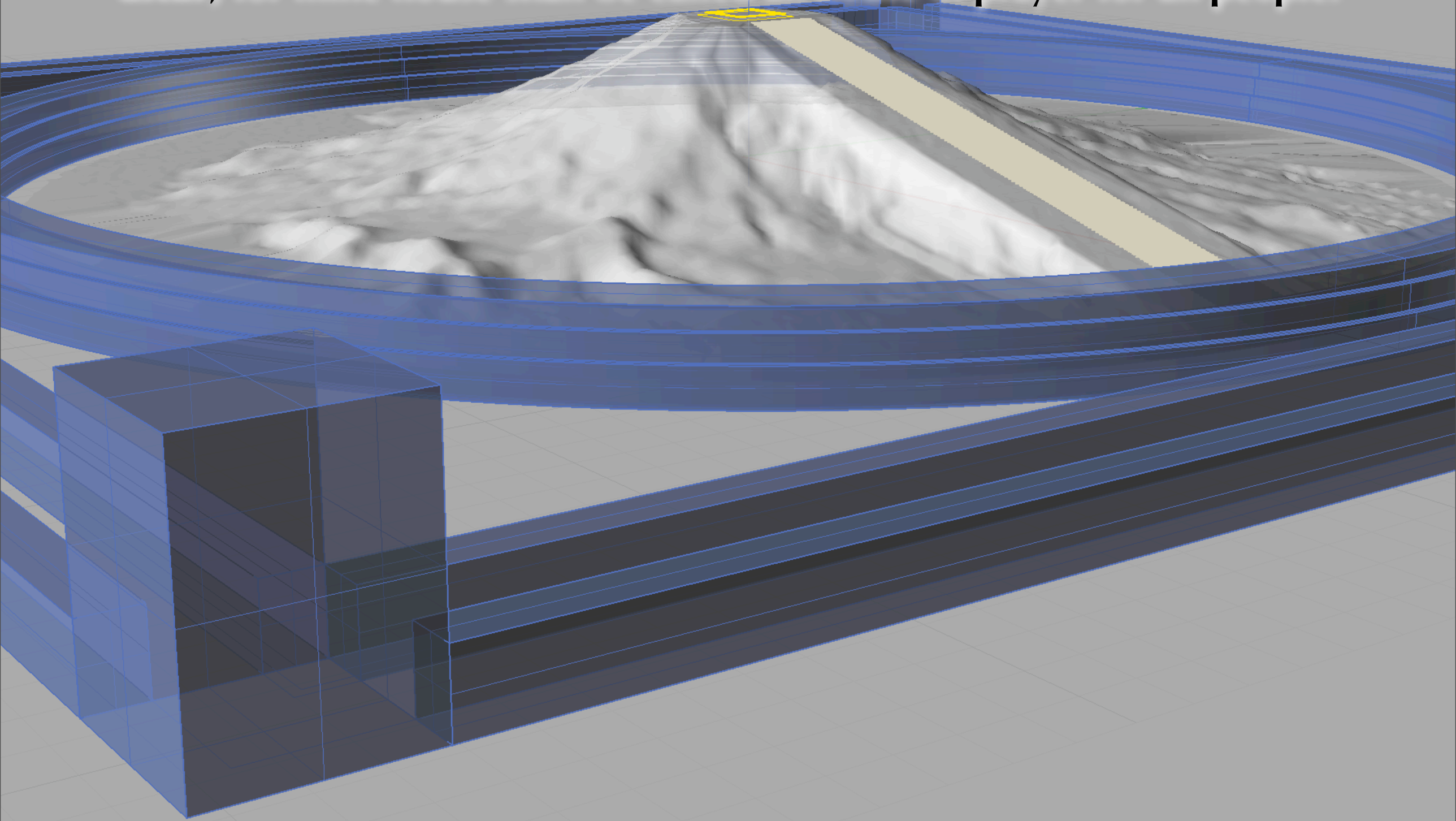
PSA 48:1



Come, let us go up to the **mountain of the House of the LORD**.
The house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways and we will walk in His paths. **For out of Zion shall go forth the Law,** and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
Isaiah 2:3



every one that...takes hold of my covenant; [7] Even them will I bring to my **holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar;** for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.



LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.

PSALM 15

He who does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor.
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend.
In whose eyes a vile person is despised,

PSALM 15

But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He who swears to his hurt and does not change;
He who does not put his money out at usury.
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

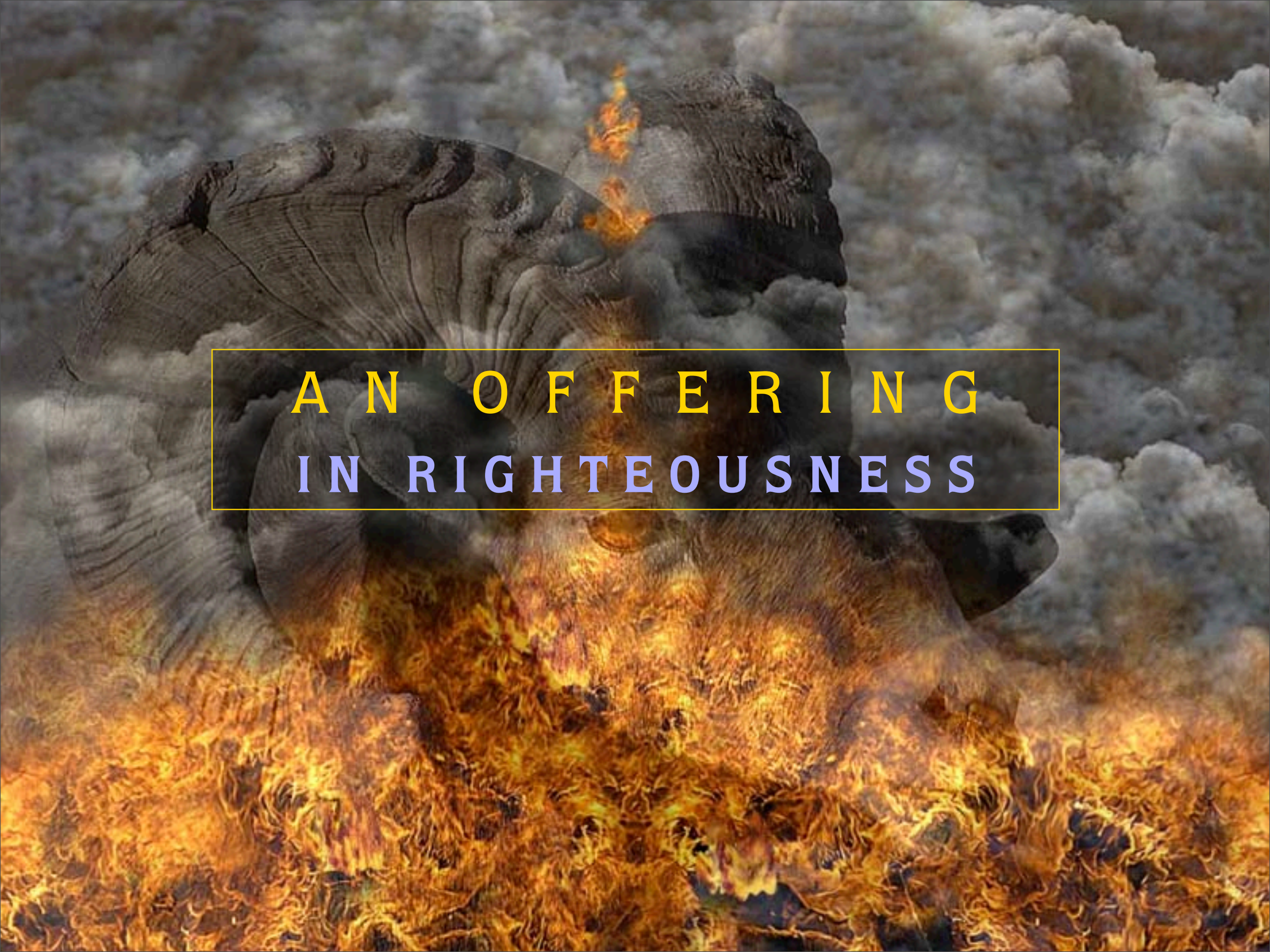
PSALM

He who does these things will never be moved.

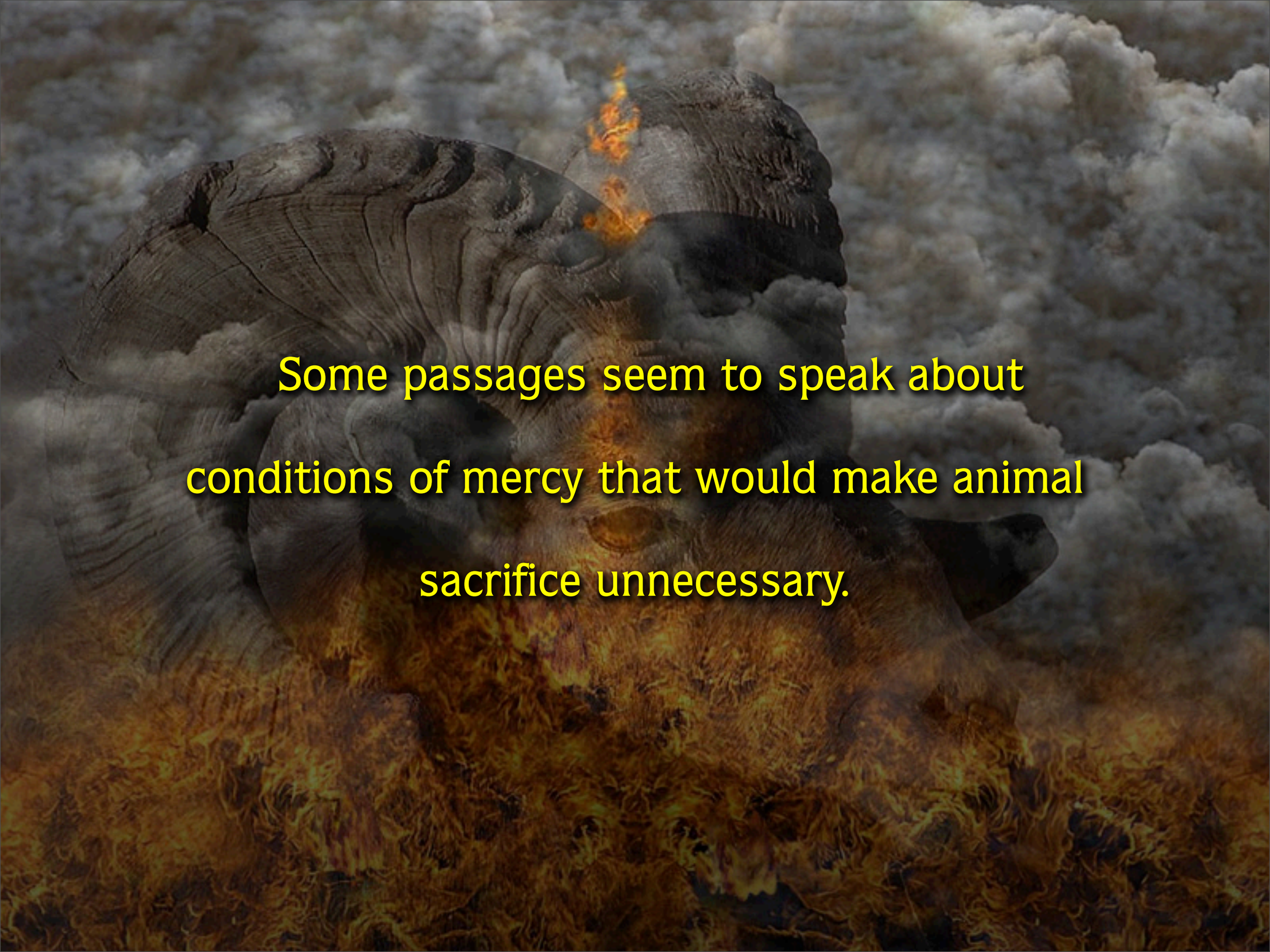
PSALM 15

PURPOSE

Ezekiel 40-48


AN OFFERING
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

If there are verses that say there will be animal sacrifice in the Kingdom; why would there be?


Some passages seem to speak about
conditions of mercy that would make animal
sacrifice unnecessary.

Heb 10:9-12

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first,** that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins**: But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;

Gal 3:25

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**

BURNT OFFERING: SULLEY

Temple of Ezekiel's Prophecy – Sacrifices Restored

"The question is: **Do the Scriptures anywhere plainly foretell the restoration of animal sacrifices in the age to come?** If they do, then all other portions of Scripture which appear to point in a contrary direction, must be understood in harmony with the general tenor of its plain teaching."

The plain teaching of scripture.

Jer 33:14–18 (R.V.)

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of Righteousness to grow up unto David; and **he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.** In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, **the Lord is our righteousness.** For thus saith the Lord: **David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel**; neither shall the priests, the Levites, want a man before me **to offer burnt offerings, and to burn oblations, and to do sacrifice continually**.

Psa 51:16-19

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. **Then [at that time] shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.**

BURNT OFFERING: SULLEY

Temple of Ezekiel's Prophecy – Type, Antitype

"Since the above premises clearly indicate that animal sacrifices will be restored, how are we to understand their re-institution in view of the testimony respecting Him who 'hath offered one sacrifice for sins for ever' (Heb. 10:12)

The obvious inference is that as under the Mosaic law animal sacrifices **pointed forward to the sacrificial Lamb of God's providing**, so, in the age to come, **animal sacrifices will point backward** to that same provision for taking away sin. As in the former case animal sacrifices could never in themselves 'take away sins,' so also in the latter."

Why would Christ reinstitute animal sacrifice?

1st: To instruct the remnant of Israel.

Malachi 3:3

Mal 3:3-4

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he **shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold** and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

2nd: **To instruct the sons of strangers in the righteousness of God.**

Isa 56:1

Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my **righteousness to be revealed.**

Isa 56:6-7

Also the **sons of the stranger**, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, **and to love the name of the LORD**, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; **for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people**.

Why is burnt offering restored?

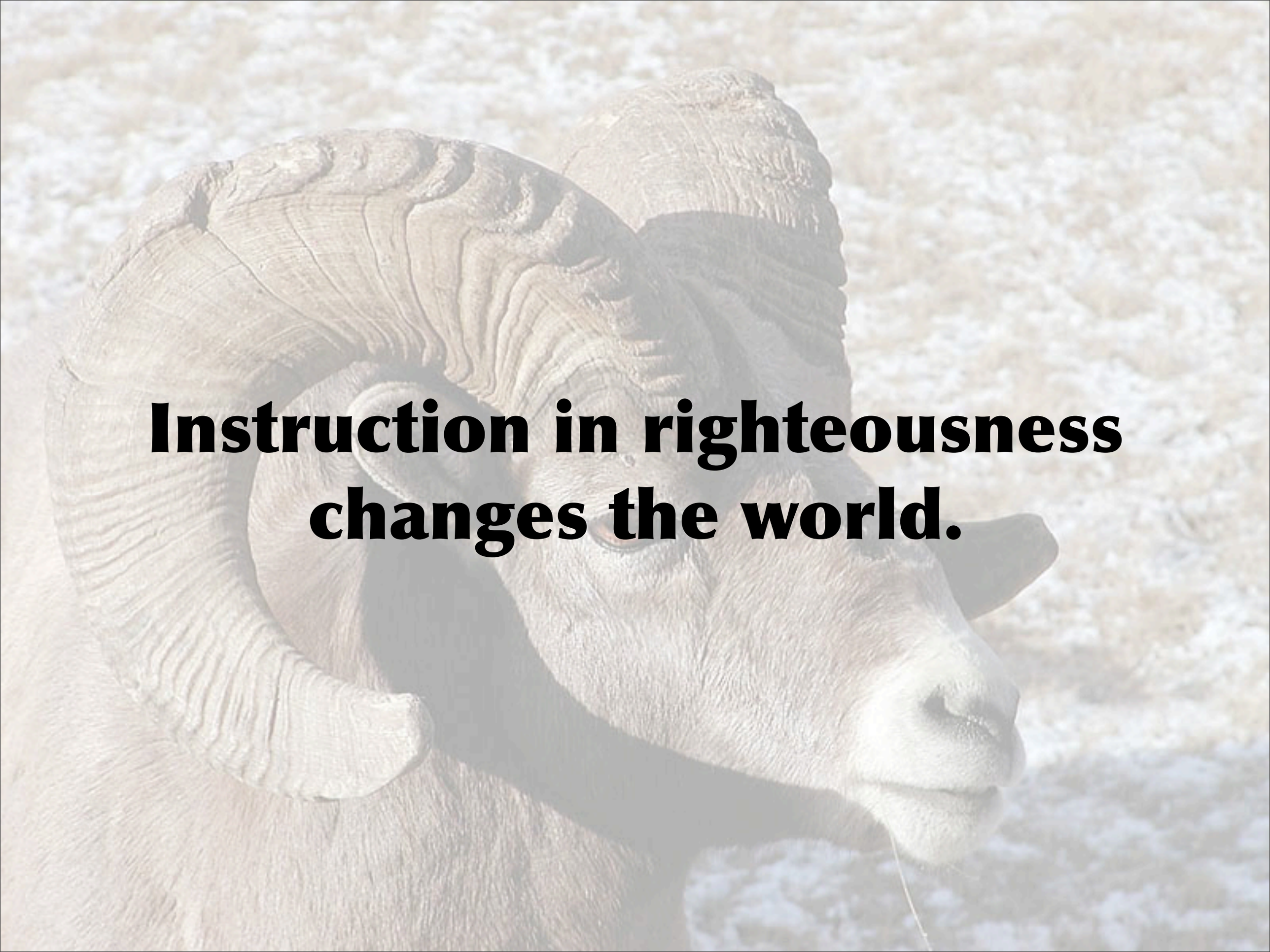
1. **To refine the sons of Levi**

2. **To instruct the sons of strangers**

Isa 56:7

“for mine house shall be called

an house of prayer for all people.”



Instruction in righteousness changes the world.





Ezek 48:35

and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.

