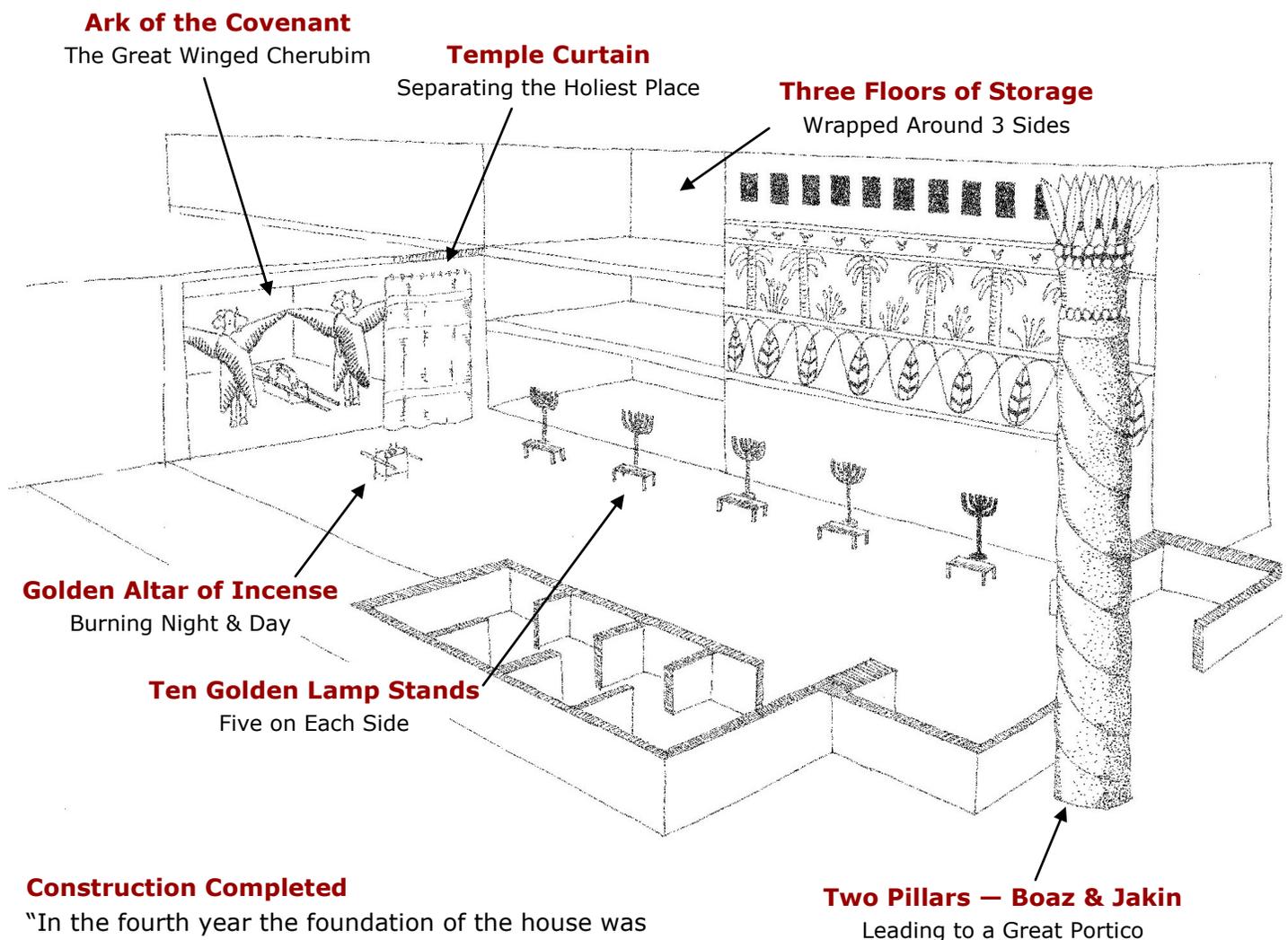


# Temple Interior

## Description of the Inside

"As for the house which King Solomon built for the Lord, its length was 60 cubits and its width 20 cubits and its height 30 cubits... He made windows with artistic frames. He built stories encompassing the walls of the house around both the nave and the inner sanctuary. Thus, he made side chambers all around... He covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. Then he built the walls on the inside with boards of cedar; from the floor to the ceiling, he overlaid the walls with wood. He overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress. There was cedar on the house within, carved in the shape of gourds and open flowers. No stone was seen.

Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in order to place there the ark of the covenant, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high..., and the wings of the cherubim were spread out, so that the wing of the one was touching the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall. Their wings were touching each other in the center. He overlaid the cherubim with gold... Then he carved all the walls with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers... He overlaid the floor with gold..." (continued below)



## Construction Completed

"In the fourth year the foundation of the house was laid. In the eleventh year, the house was finished throughout all its parts and according to all its plans, so Solomon was seven years in building it."