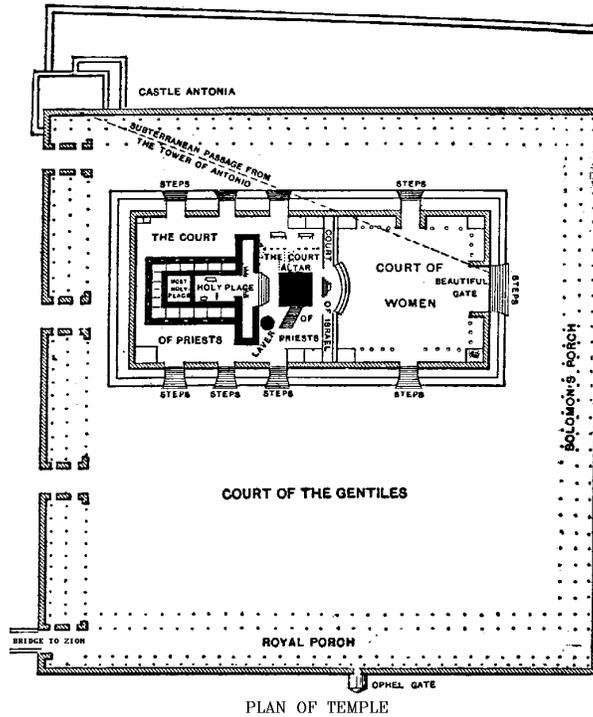


1. The Courtyard of the Gentiles was part of the Temple

There are two points that are important in this part of the metaphor. First, if we look at the map below, the Courtyard of the Gentiles is touching the Temple. This is important for us as we consider what this might look like in the Catholic Church. It must be something close to the Church, touching it, in fact. And yet, secondly, the Courtyard is something distinct from the inner sanctuary. It is not yet a place of full entry into the inner life of the Jewish people. This distinction must also apply in Catholicism. What would it look like to create a space for those who wish to encounter the true God, but who are not yet ready to enter the fullness of the Christian Mystery?



Map of Jerusalem Temple