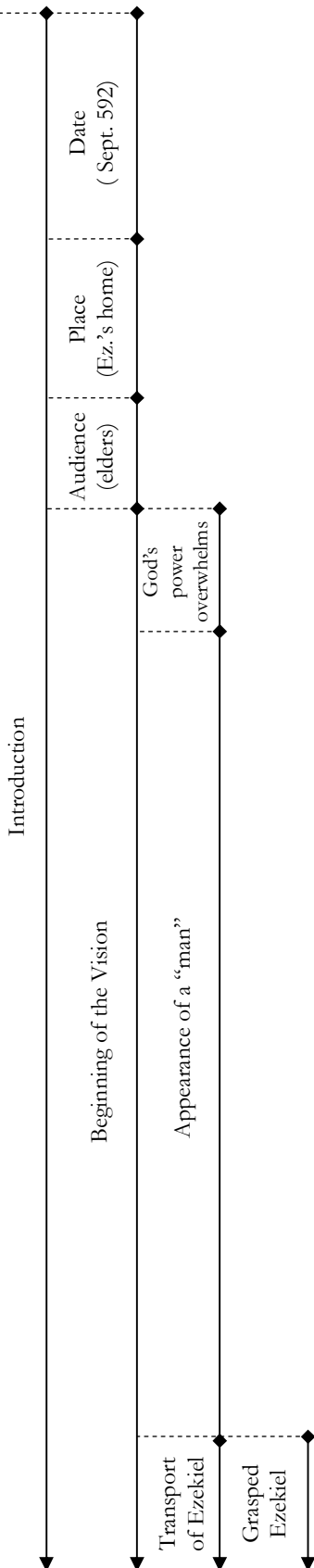


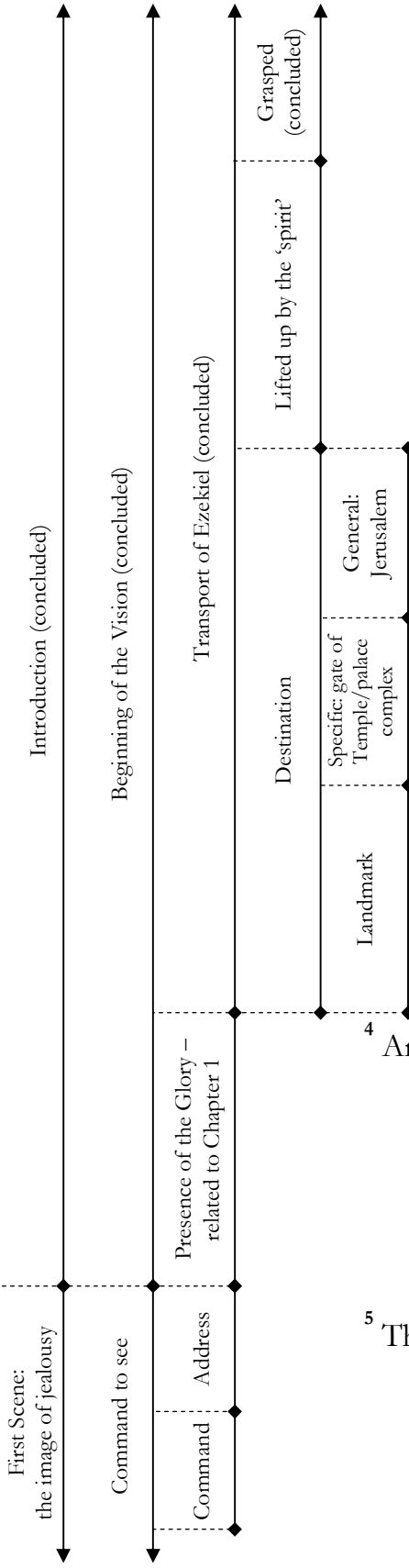
Ezekiel 8

Opening of the first Temple Vision (8-11): the sins that provoke the Lord



¹ And it came to pass
in the sixth year,
in the sixth *month*,
in the fifth *day* of the month,
as
I
sat in mine house, and
the elders of Judah
sat before me,
that the hand of the Lord GOD
fell there upon me.

² Then I beheld, and lo
a likeness
as the appearance of fire:
from
the appearance of his loins
even downward,
fire; and
from
his loins
even upward,
as the appearance
of brightness,
as the colour
of amber. ³ And
he
put forth

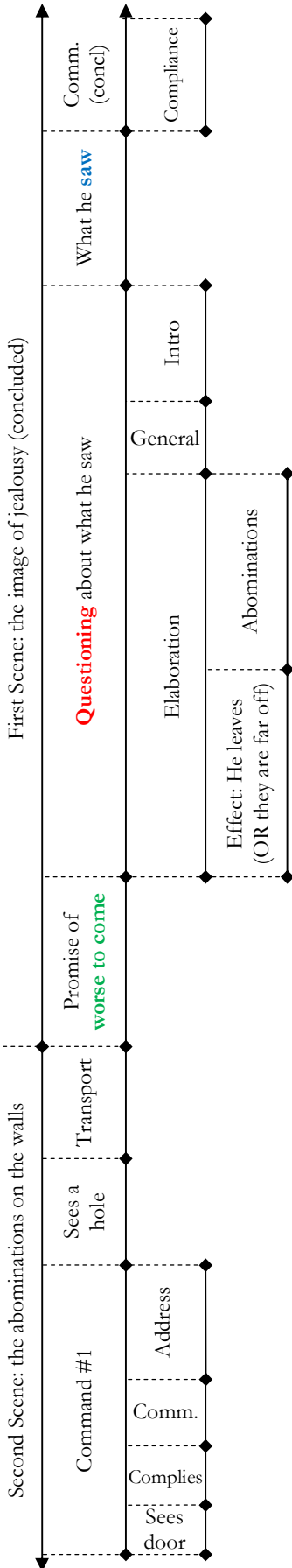


First Scene:
the image of jealousy

the form of an hand, and
 took me
 by a lock of mine head; and
 the spirit
 lifted me up
 between
 the earth and
 the heaven, and
 brought me
 in the visions of God
 to Jerusalem,
 to the door of the inner gate
 that looketh toward
 the north;
 where *was* the seat
 of the image
 of jealousy,
 which provoketh to jealousy.

⁴ And, behold,
 the glory of the God of Israel
was there,
 according to the vision
 that I saw in the plain.

⁵ Then said he unto me,
 Son of man,
 lift up thine eyes now
 the way toward the north.



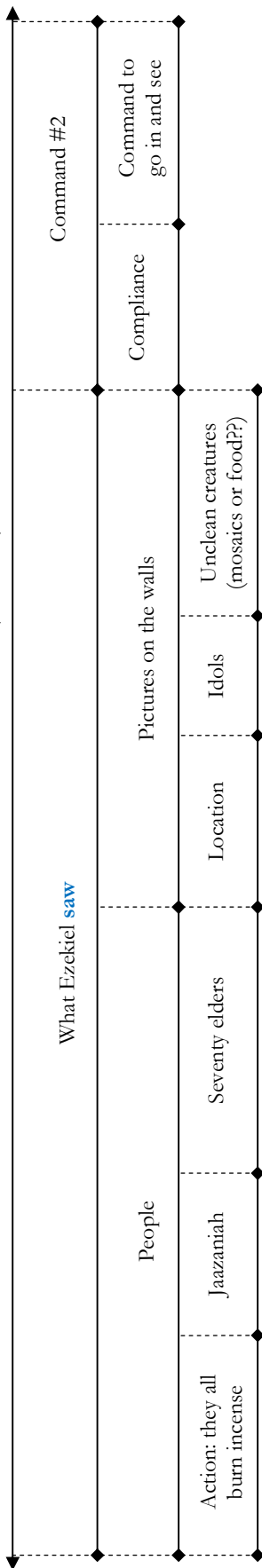
So I lifted up mine eyes
 the way toward the north, and
behold northward
 at the gate of the altar
 this image of jealousy in the entry.

⁶ He said furthermore unto me,
Son of man,
seest thou what they do?
even the great abominations
 that
 the house of Israel
 committeth here,
 that
 I
 should go far off
 from my sanctuary? but
turn thee yet again, and
thou shalt see
greater abominations.

⁷ And he brought me
 to the door of the court; and
 when I looked,
 behold a hole in the wall.

⁸ Then said he unto me,
 Son of man,
 dig now in the wall: and
 when I had digged in the wall,
 behold a door.⁹

Second Scene: the abominations on the walls (continued)



And he said unto me,

Go in, and
behold the wicked abominations
that they do here.

¹⁰ So I

went in and
saw; and

behold

every form of
creeping things, and
abominable beasts, and

all the idols
of the house of Israel,

pourtrayed
upon the wall
round about. ¹¹ And

there stood

before them
seventy men
of the ancients
of the house of Israel, and

in the midst of them

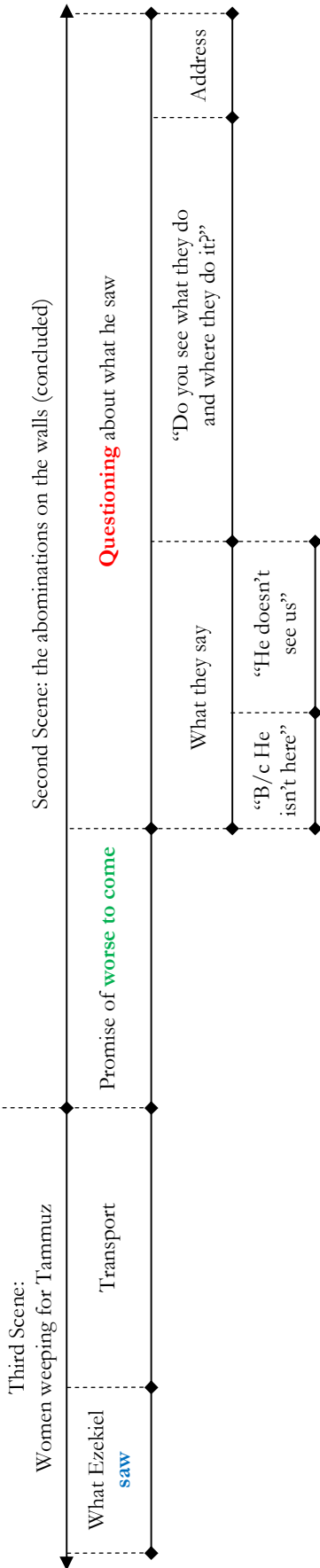
stood Jaazaniah
the son of Shaphan,

with every man

his censer in his hand; and

a thick cloud of incense

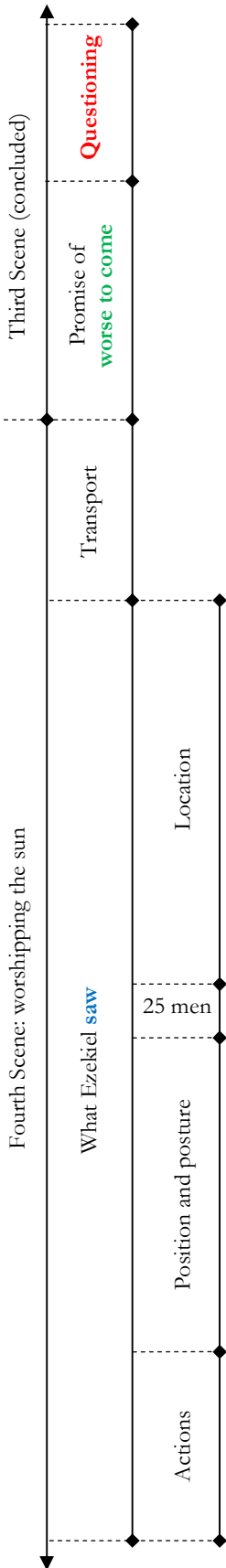
went up.



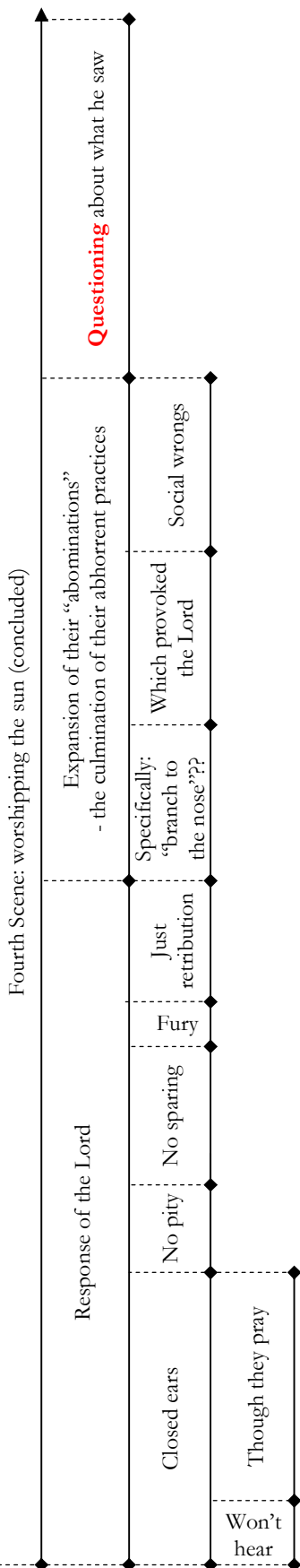
¹² Then said he unto me,
Son of man,
hast thou seen
what
the ancients
of the house of Israel
do in the dark,
every man
in the chambers
of his imagery?
for they say,
The LORD
seeth us not;
the LORD
hath forsaken the earth.

¹³ He said also unto me,
Turn thee yet again, and
thou shalt see
greater abominations
that they do.

¹⁴ Then he brought me
to the door
of the gate
of the LORD's house
which *was* toward the north; and,
behold,
there sat women
weeping for Tammuz.



¹⁵ Then said he unto me,
Hast thou seen *this*,
O son of man?
 turn thee yet again, *and*
 thou shalt see
 greater abominations
 than these. ¹⁶ And
 he brought me
 into the inner court
 of the LORD's house, and,
behold,
 at the door
 of the temple
 of the LORD,
 between
 the porch and
 the altar,
were about five and twenty men,
 with
 their backs
 toward the temple
 of the LORD, and
 their faces
 toward the east; and
 they worshipped
 the sun
 toward the east.



¹⁷ Then he said unto me,
Hast thou seen *this*,
O son of man?
 Is it a light thing
 to the house of Judah
 that they commit the abominations
 which they commit here?
 for they
 have filled the land
 with violence, and
 have returned
 to provoke me
 to anger: and,
 lo, they
 put the branch
 to their nose.

¹⁸ Therefore
 will I also
 deal in fury:
 mine eye
 shall not spare,
 neither will I
 have pity: and
 though
 they cry
 in mine ears
 with a loud voice,
yet will I not hear them.