Shepherd's Gate Church



Concentrate on the Destination Isaiah 60:1-22

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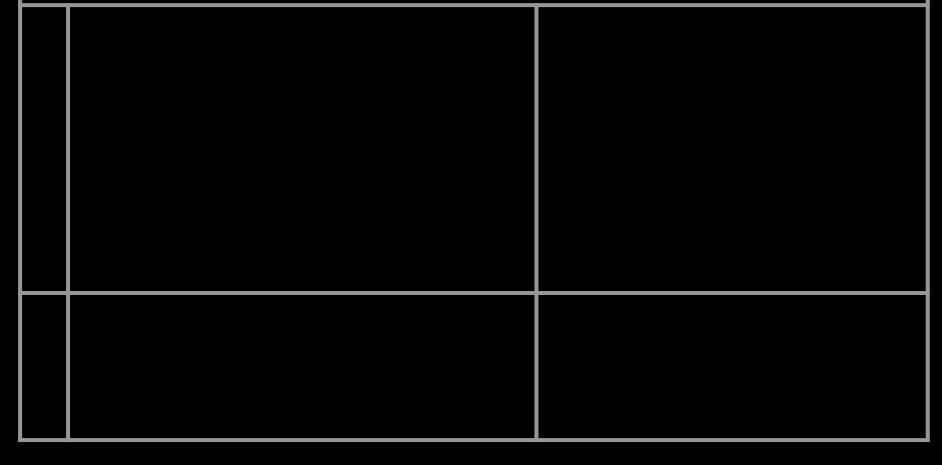
Isaiah 58:8

8 "Then your <u>light</u> will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Isaiah 59:9

⁹ Therefore justice is far from us, And righteousness does not overtake us; We hope for light, but behold, darkness, For brightness, but we walk in gloom.

The Shechinah Glory is the visible manifestation of God's presence.



In the Holy of Holies of the Millennial Temple

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2 Over Millennial Mount Zion

Isaiah 4:5-6

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4 With Israel

Isaiah 35:1-2 Isaiah 60:1-3

The Person of Messiah *Yeshua*

Zechariah 2:5



² "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.

Matthew 24:29-30 ²⁹ "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ...

Matthew 24:29-30 30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

³ "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms.

Isaiah 49:22

²² Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations And set up My standard to the peoples; And they will bring your sons in their bosom, And your daughters will be carried on their shoulders.

⁵ "Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

⁶ "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD.

The Nations of Isaiah 60:6-7



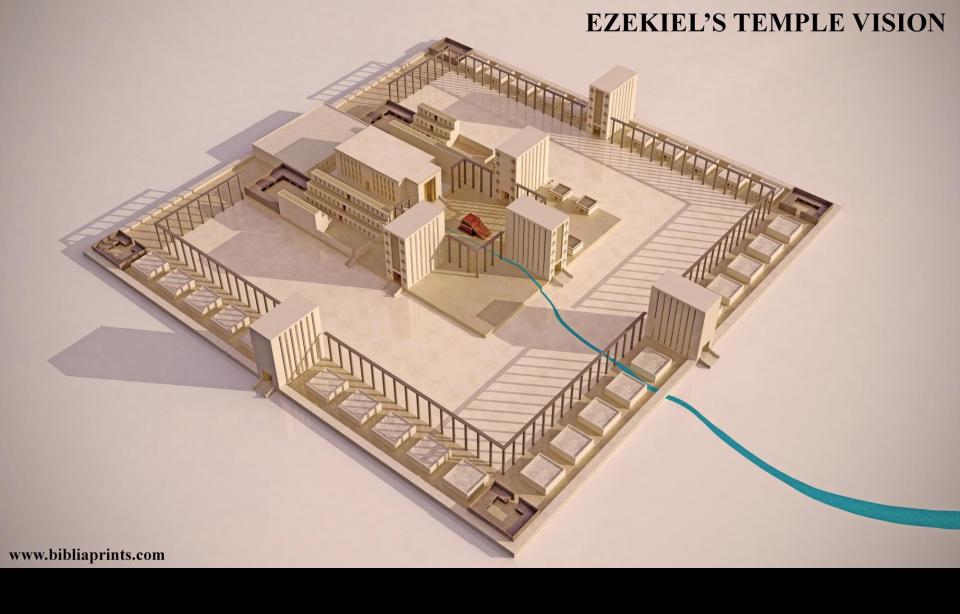
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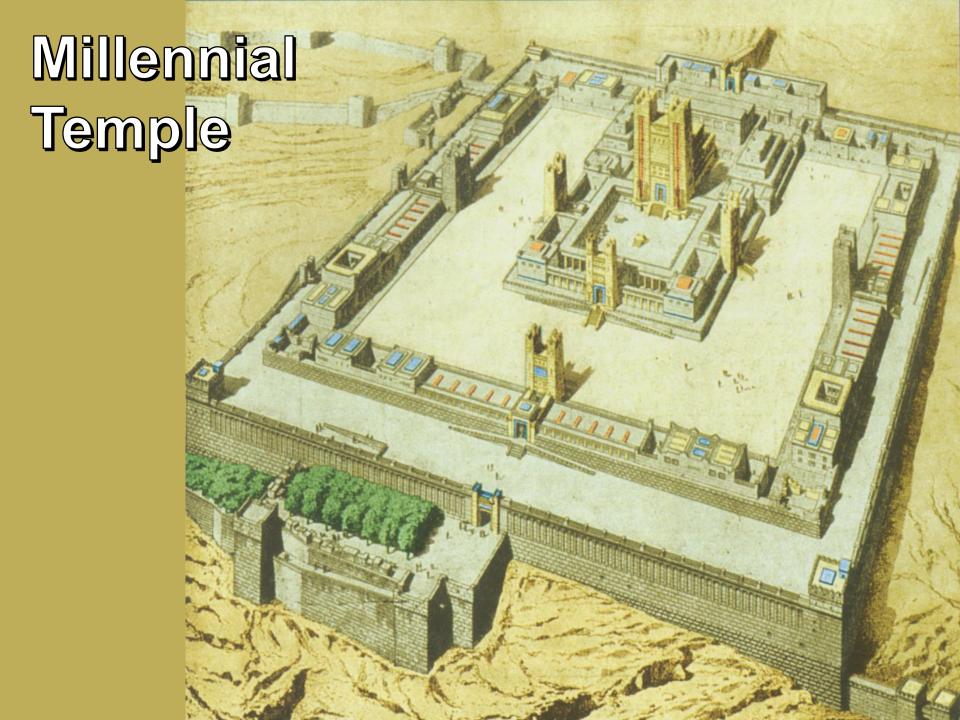
7 "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house.

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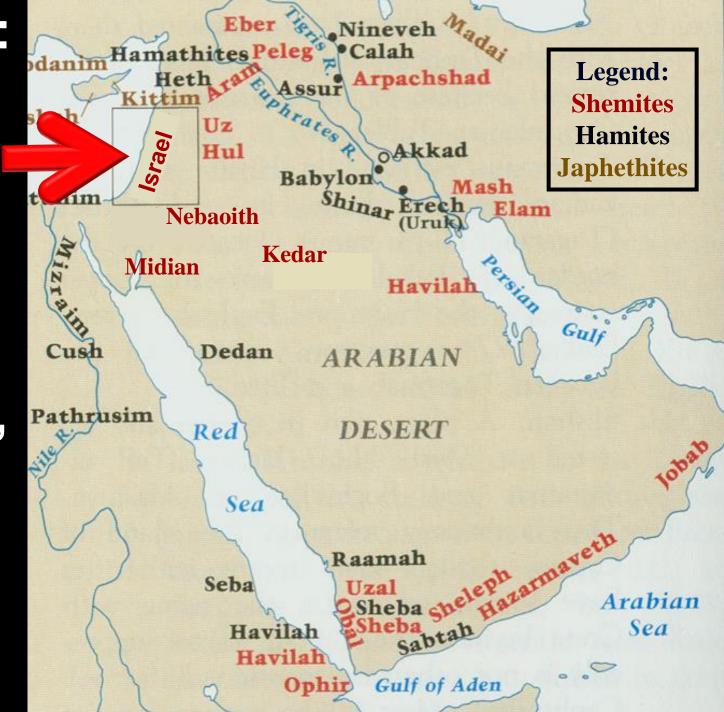


8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their lattices?

Matthew 24:31 "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

⁹ "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the LORD your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified

Tarshish: Phoenician **Trading** Colonies of Spain, N. Africa, and **England**



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Isaiah 60:10a

10a "Foreigners will build up
your walls, And their kings will
minister to you;

Isaiah 60:10b

10b For in My wrath I struck you,
And in My favor I have had
compassion on you.

11 "Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.

Zechariah 14:16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths....

Zechariah 14:16



12 "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined.



Psalm 2:7-9

7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession....

Psalm 2:7–9 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.'

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Zechariah 14:17–19 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them....

Zechariah 14:17–19 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths....

Zechariah 14:17–19 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.

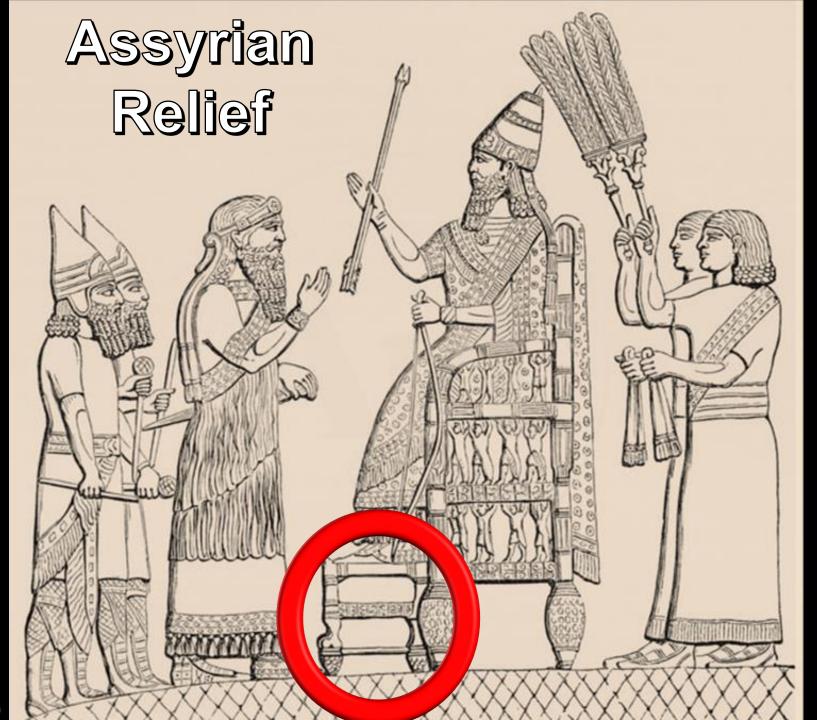
¹ Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing toward the east; ² and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory. ...

³ And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the vision which I saw when He came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. ...

⁴ And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the east. 5 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house....

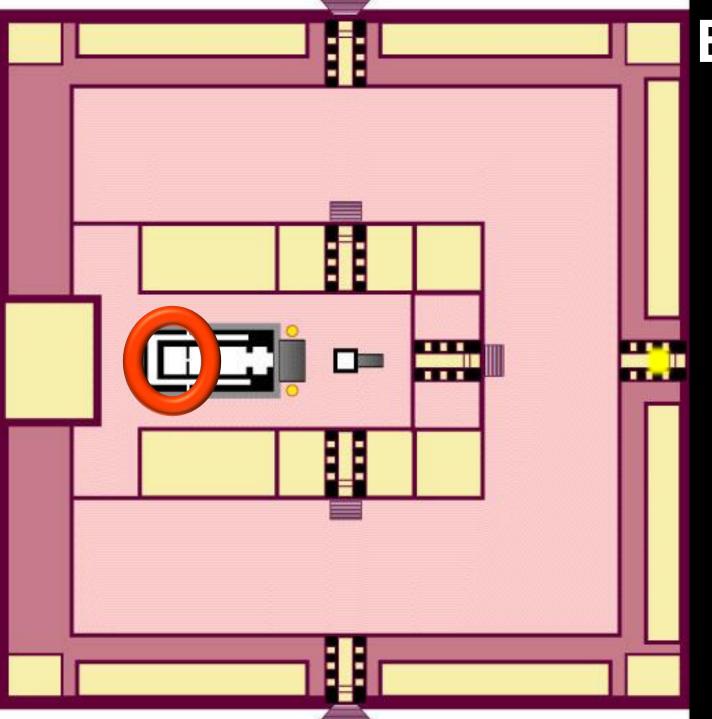
⁶ Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a man was standing beside me. 7 He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever.







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Ezekiel's Temple

Ezekiel
40-48
(One
Square
Mile)

14 "The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation.

16 "You will also suck the milk of nations And suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Romans 11:25-27 ²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ...

Romans 11:25-27 ²⁶ and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." 27 "This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

Isaiah 60:17a 17a "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron.

Isaiah 60:17b

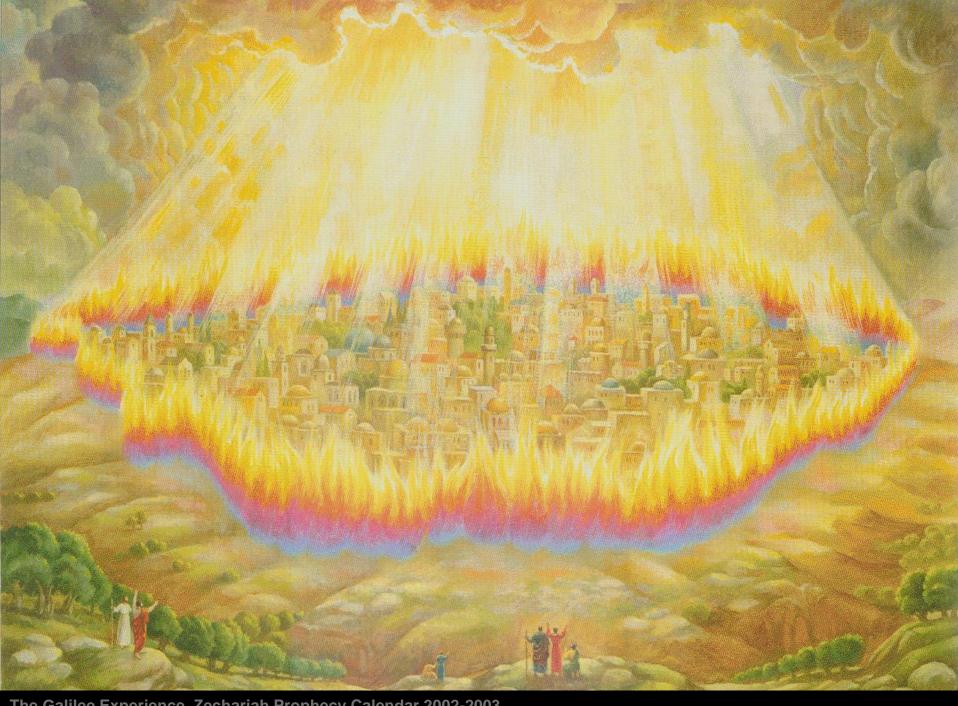
17b And I will make peace your administrators And righteousness your overseers.

Isaiah 60:18 18 "Violence will not be heard again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

Isaiah 60:19-20

19 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the LORD for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory. ...

Isaiah 60:19-20 ²⁰ "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over.



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Revelation 21:23, 22:5 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Isaiah 60:21

²¹ "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.

Mishnah—Sanhedrin 10:1 All Israelites have a share in the world to come, for it is written, Thy People also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land forever; the branch of my planting, the work of my hands that I may be glorified. (Isaiah 60:21)

Isaiah 60:22
²² "The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

Genesis 13:16 ¹⁶ "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.



Boundaries of the Land

Application ISAIAH 60:1-22

Focus on the destination, rather than the difficulty

Zechariah 13:8-9

8 "It will come about in all the land (better translation: all the world)," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. ...

Zechariah 13:8-9

⁹ "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God."

Romans 15:4

⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Hebrews 11:8-10

⁸ By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. ...

Hebrews 11:8-10

⁹ By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

Hebrews 11:8–10

10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 12:28-29

²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13:13–14

13 So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. 14 For here we do not have a lasting city,

Hebrews 13:13–14

14 but we are seeking the city which is to come.

John 14:2-3

² "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Philippians 3:20–21
²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ...

Philippians 3:20-21 ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

2 Corinthians 5:1

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband....

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ...

⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."...

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Hebrews 12:2

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Focus on the destination, rather than the difficulty.

This is very much part of the "Lord's" prayer, "Thy Kingdom come" and Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

CURRENT EXAMPLE:

Can you think of examples today where people

—Focus on the difficulty?

—Act according to that focus?

SPECIFIC APPLICATION:

—Where/when in your life do you find yourself focusing on the difficulty and acting accordingly?

—Where/when in your life do you find yourself focusing on Jesus and His promised Kingdom and acting accordingly.

PLAN OF ACTION:

What is something practical you could do in that situation to refocus your attention on the Messiah and His promises?

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