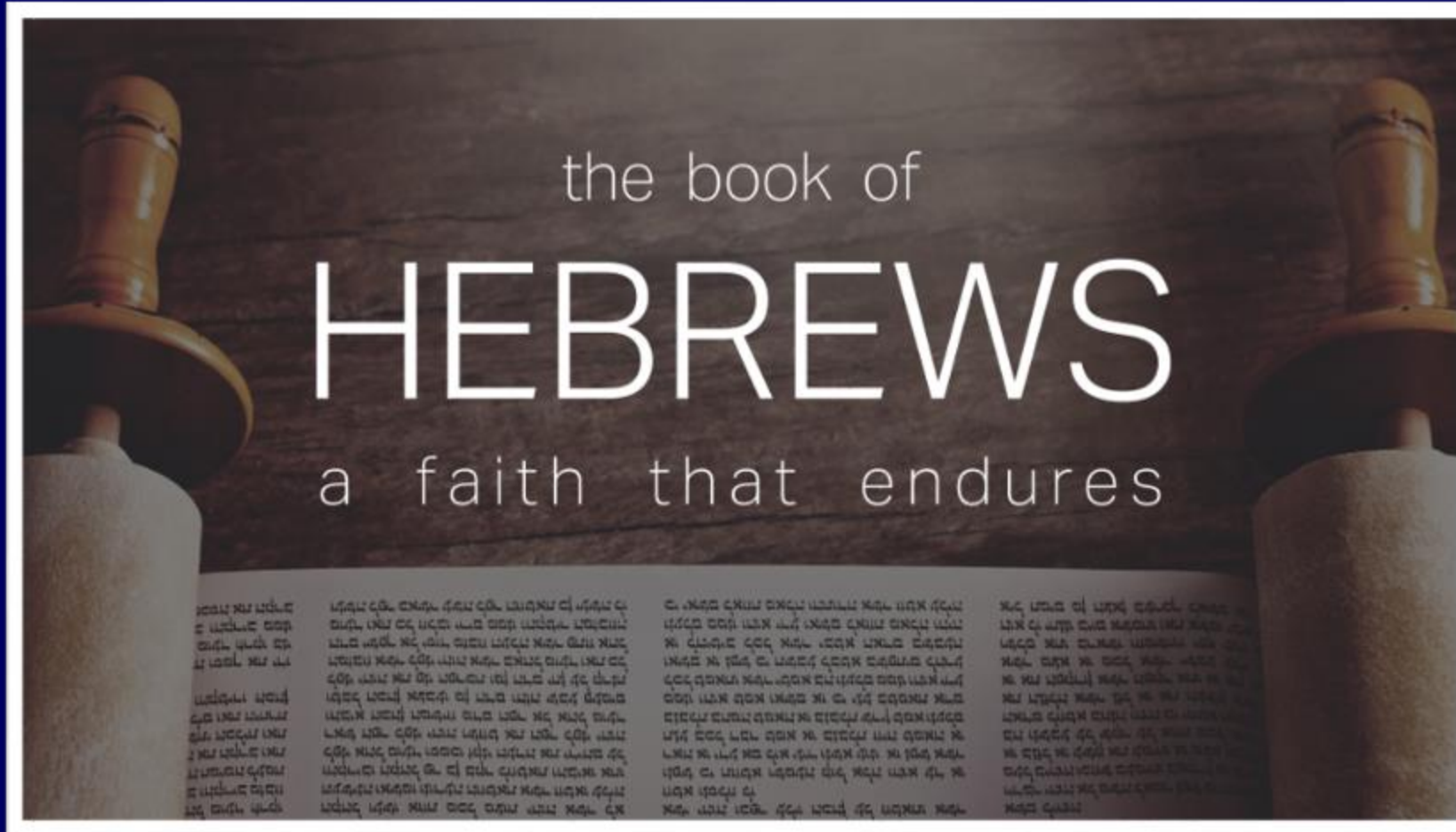




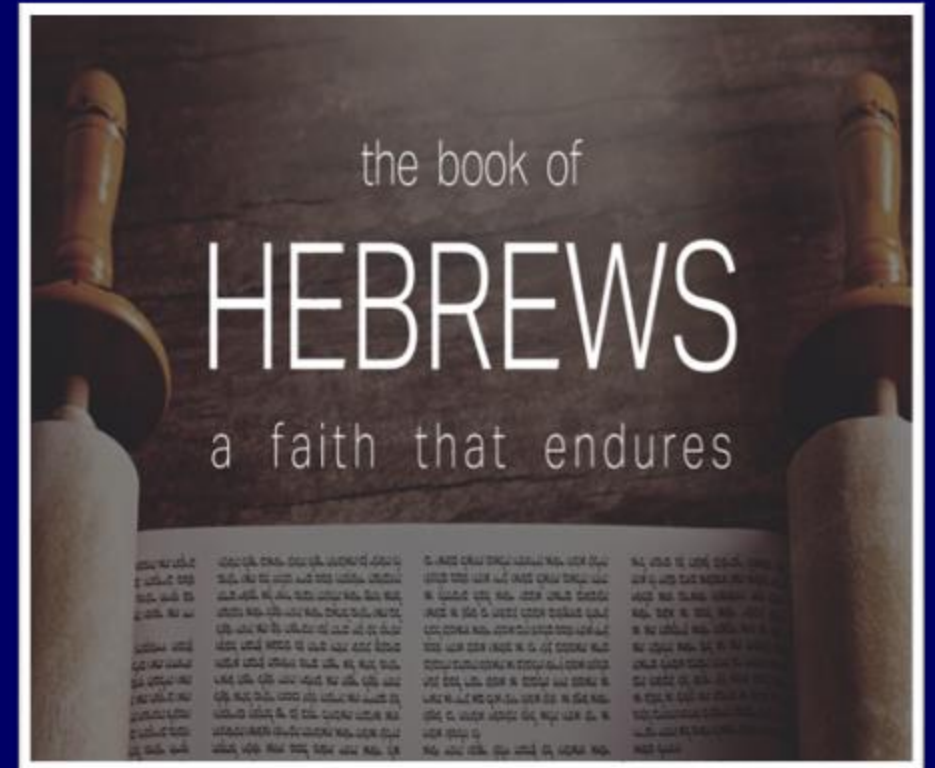
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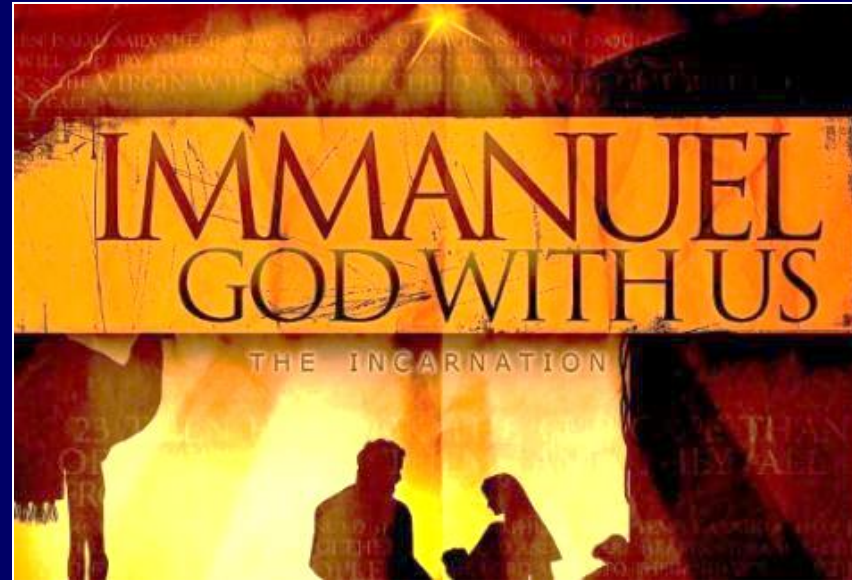
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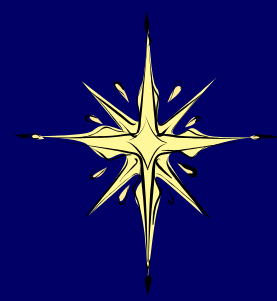
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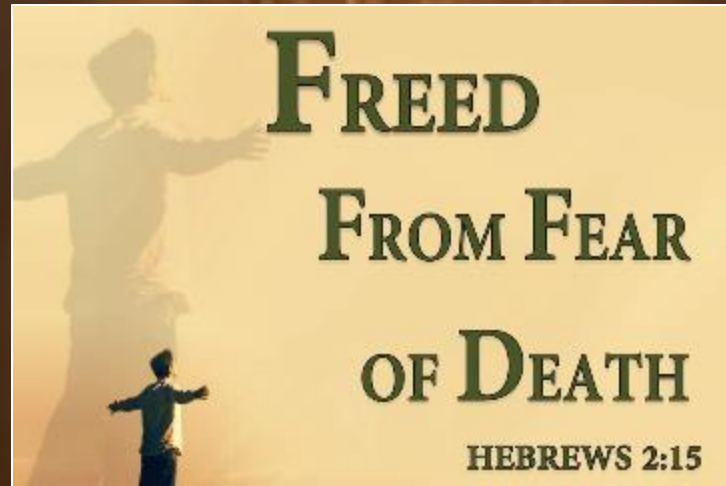
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Romans 8:29–30

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2 Corinthians 5:8

“we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”



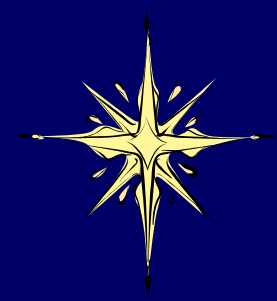
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²¹ “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² But if I *am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.”



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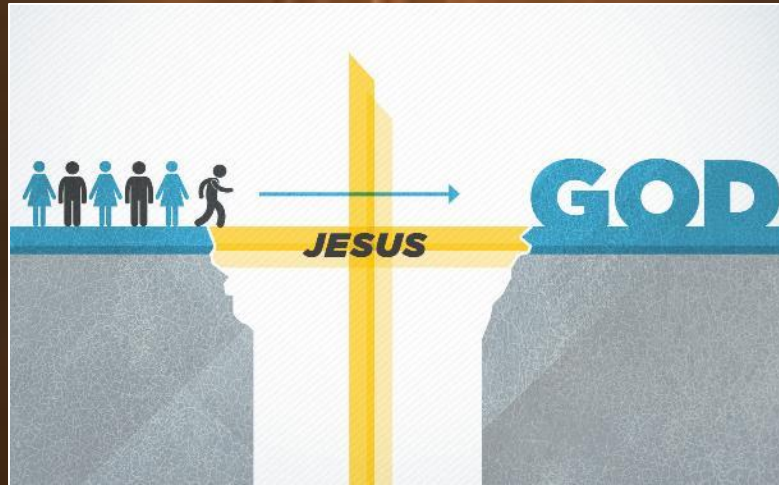
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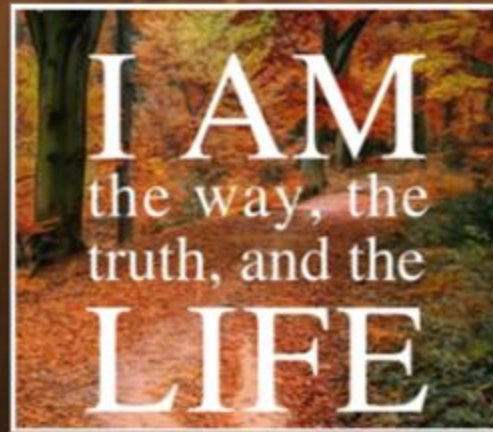
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John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”



Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must *[dei]* be saved.”



Luke 4:43

“But He said to them, “I must [*dei*] preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”



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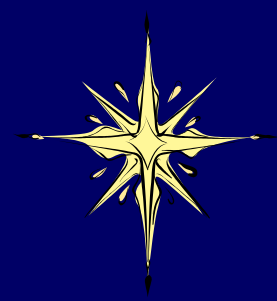
Mathew 7:13-14

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”



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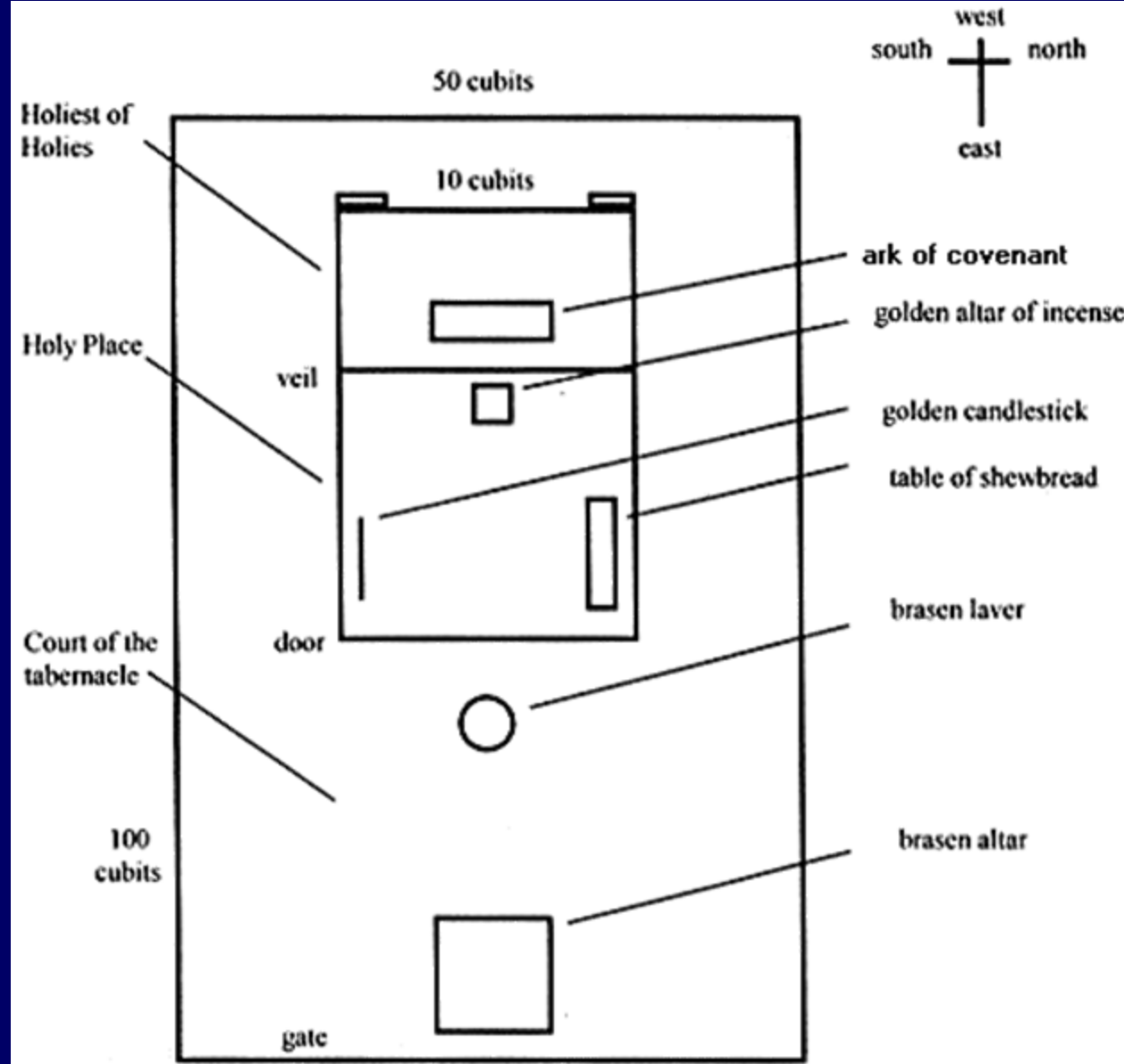
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Tabernacle Diagram



Ark of the Covenant



Hebrews 10:5-7

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John 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” [*tetelestai*] And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.



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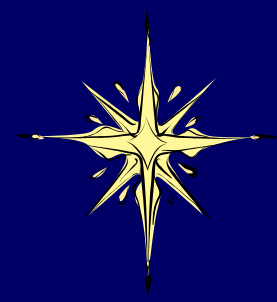


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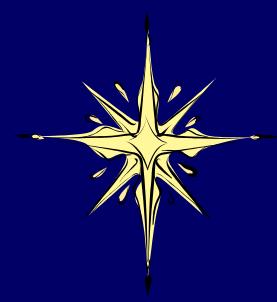
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