

The Most Holy Place was a 15-foot (4.6-m) cube, containing only the ark of the covenant (Ex. 25:10–22; 37:1–9). It was here that Yahweh would descend to meet with his people in a cloud theophany (divine appearance). The high priest could enter only once a year, on the Day of Atonement (see note on Heb. 9:7).

The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

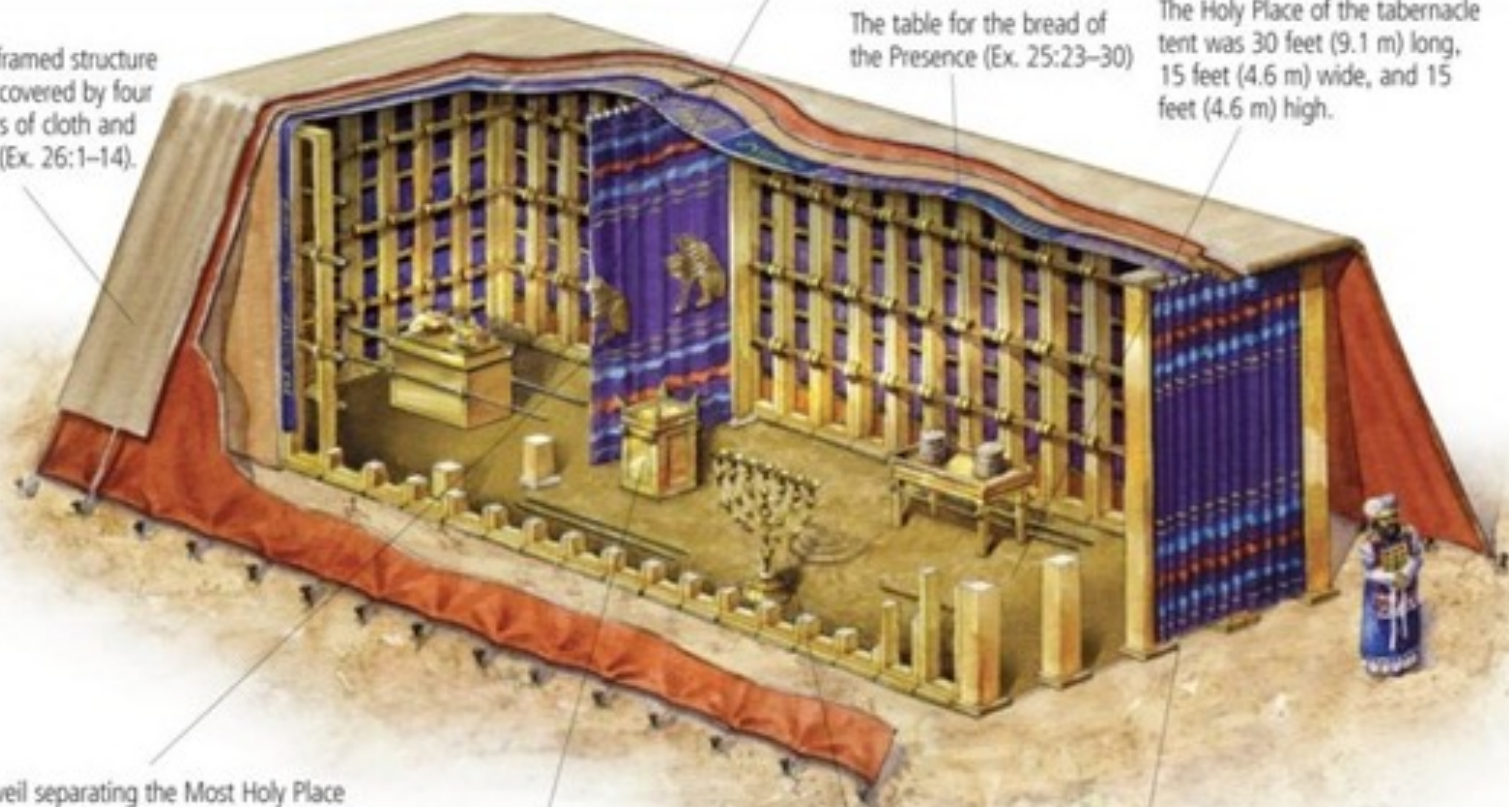
The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.

The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue, purple, and scarlet dyed yarns woven with fine twined linen and embroidered with cherubim (Ex. 26:31–33). It hung on four golden pillars.

The altar of incense (Ex. 30:1–5; 37:25–29)

The golden lampstand (Ex. 25:31–40; 37:17–24)

The veil that formed the entrance to the tabernacle was similar to the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place, except that cherubim were not embroidered on it. It was suspended on five golden pillars (Ex. 26:36–37).



## INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

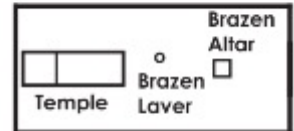
Pillar of  
Smoke

The  
Temple

Pillar

American  
Football Field

Size comparison  
(approximate):



Court of the  
Tabernacle

## TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Curtain  
enclosure

Court of the  
Tabernacle

Brazen  
Laver

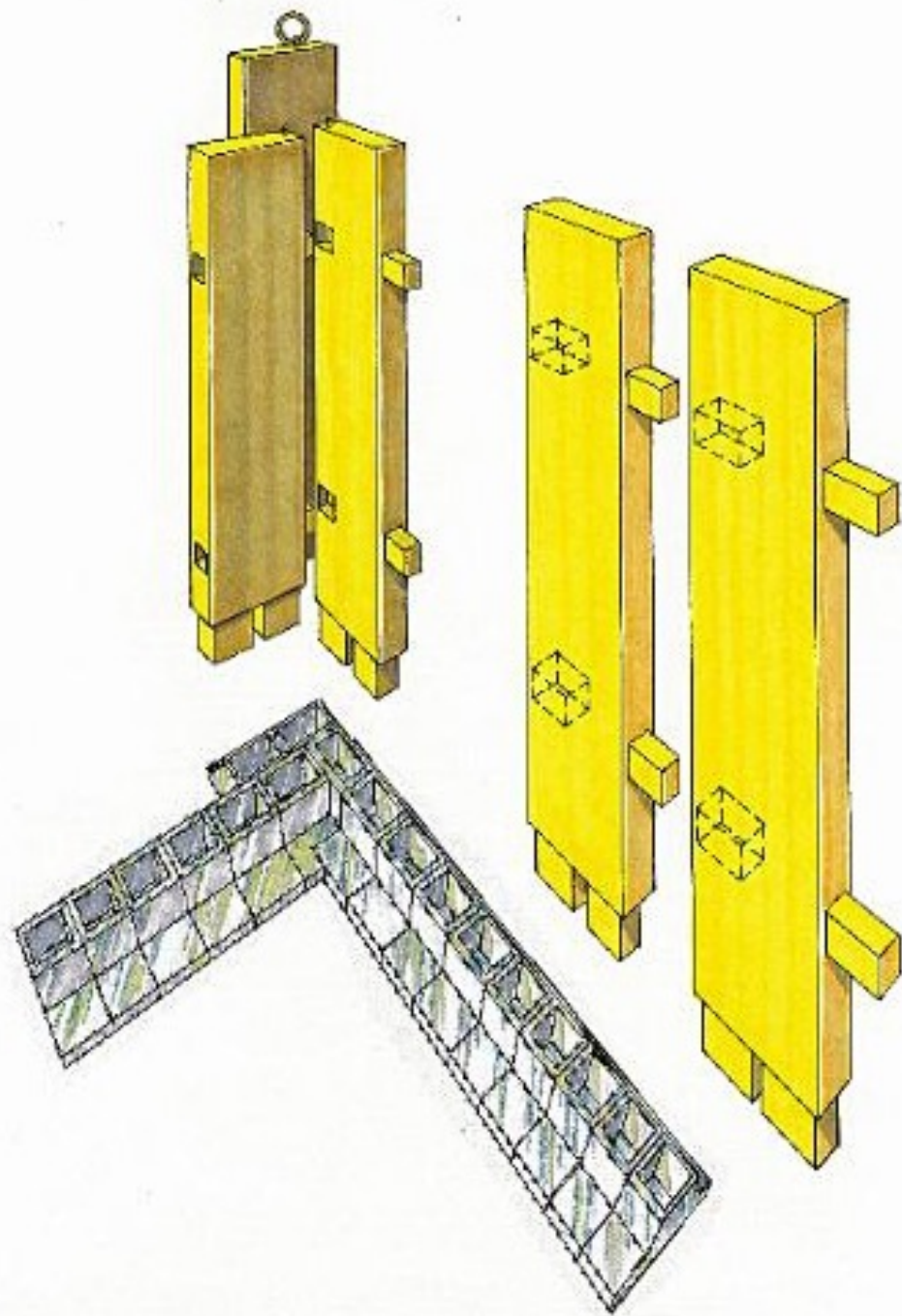
Brazen  
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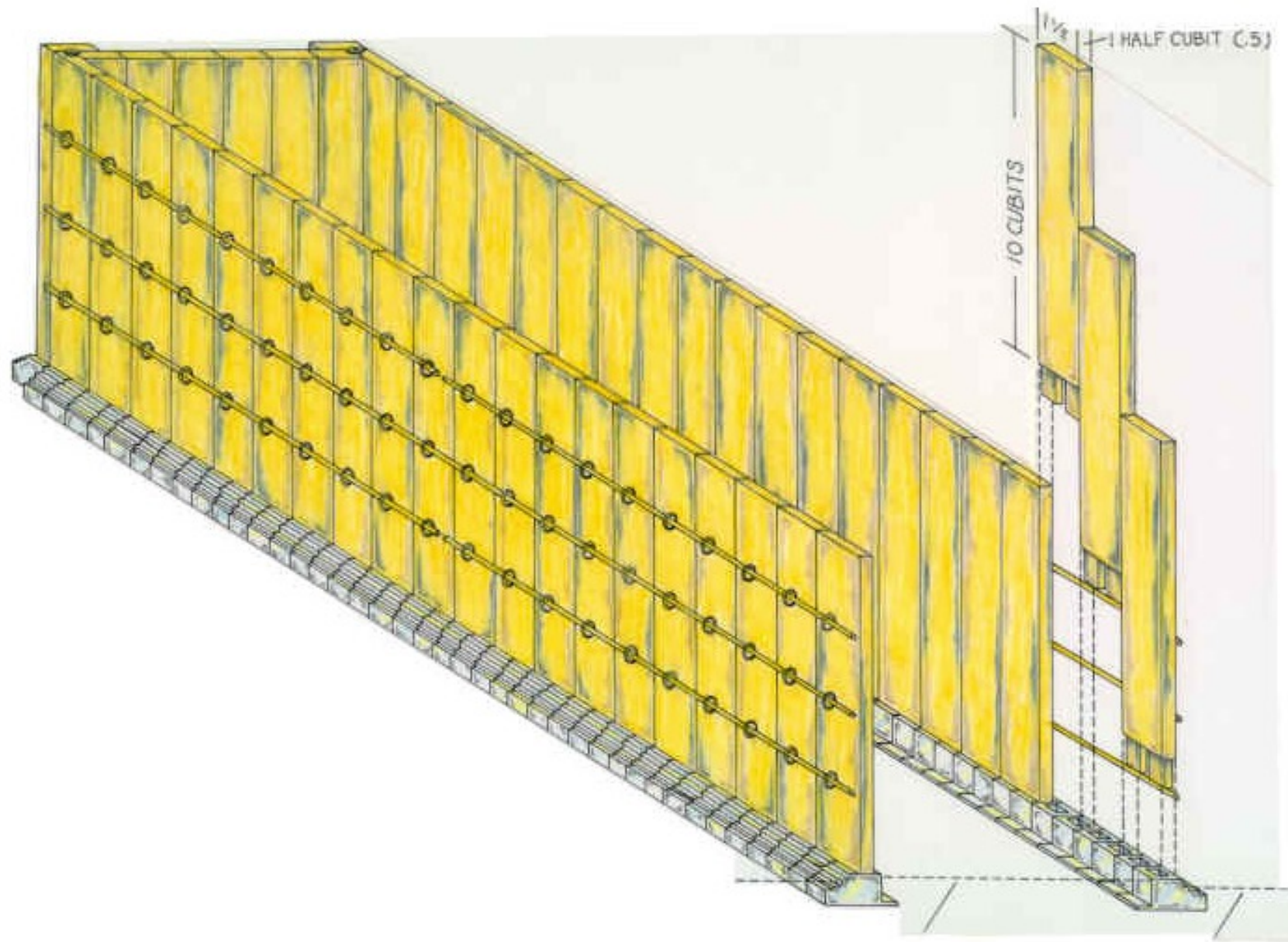
Slaughter  
Tables

Entrance  
Curtain

# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

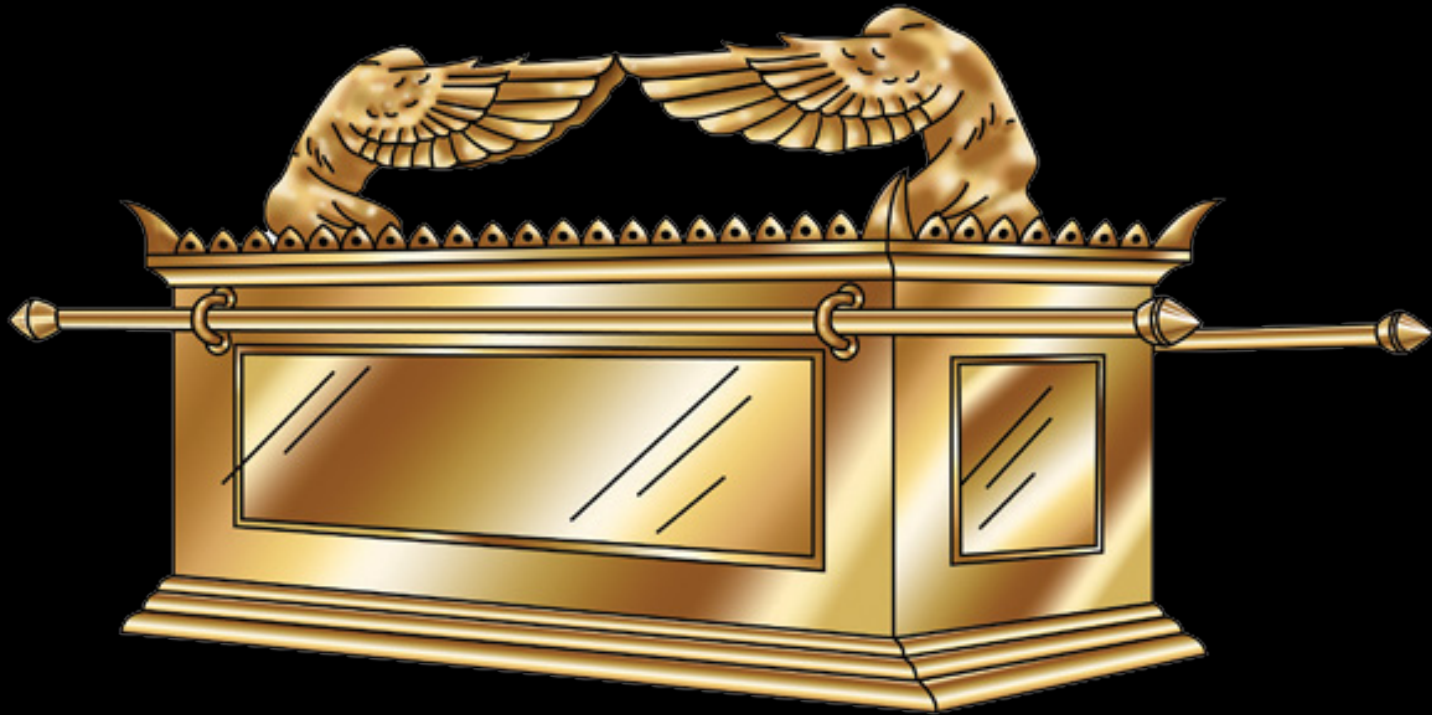




# Ark of the Covenant

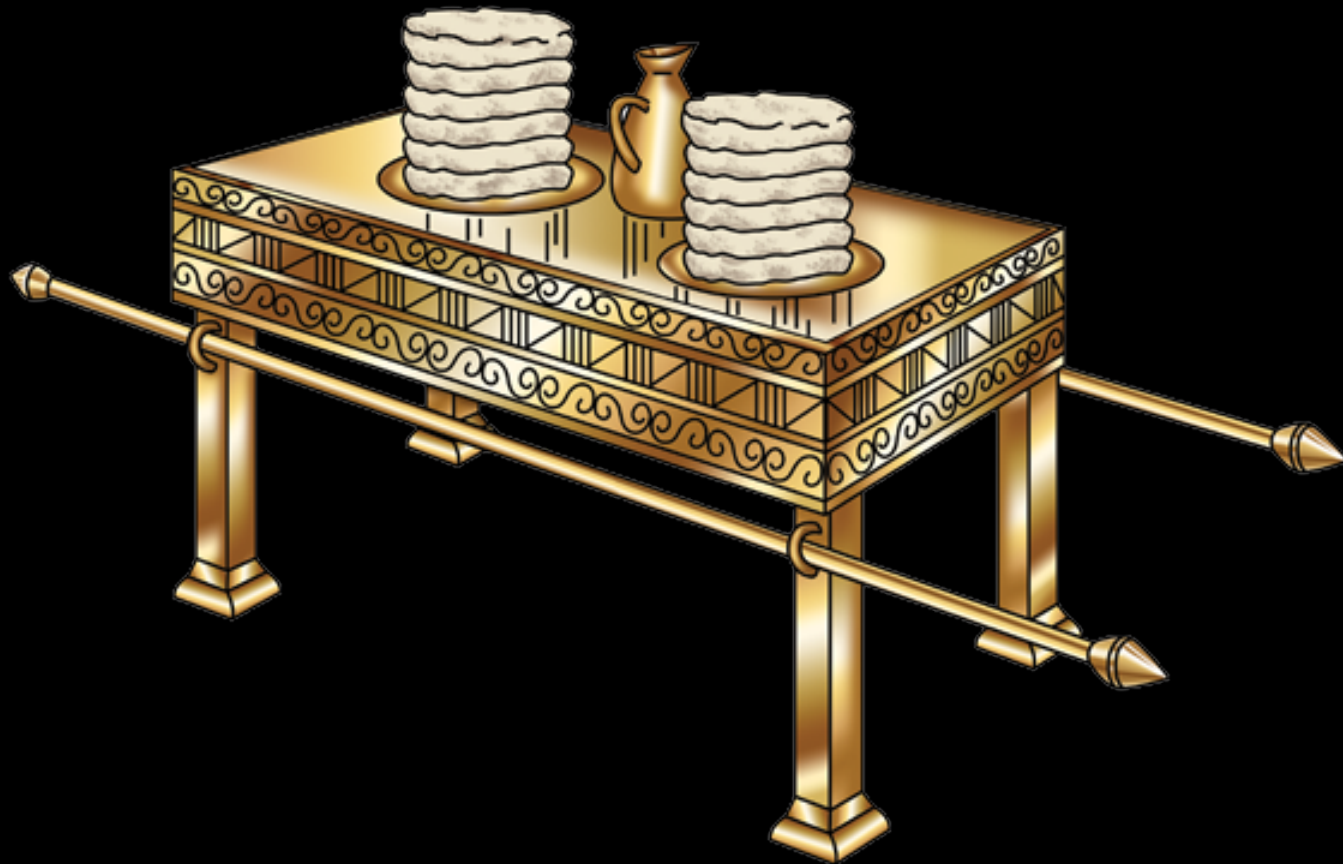
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Exodus 25:10–16



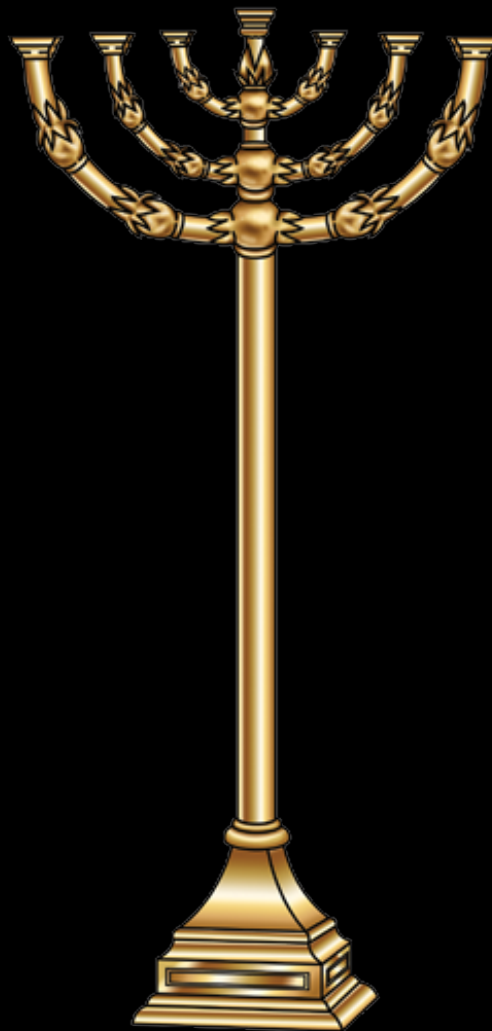
# Table of Showbread

Exodus 25:23–30



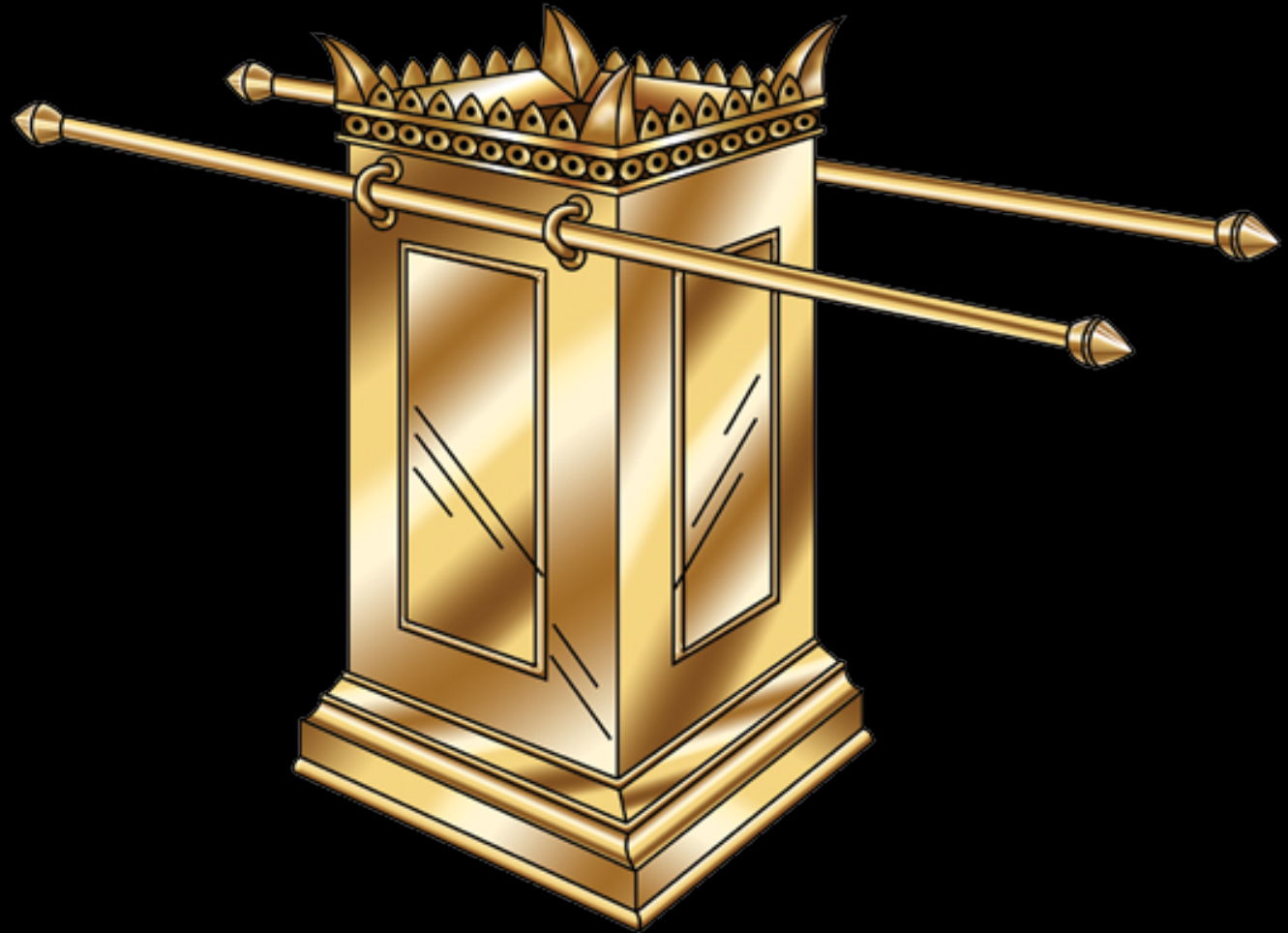
# The Golden Lampstand

Exodus 25:31–40



# The Altar of Incense

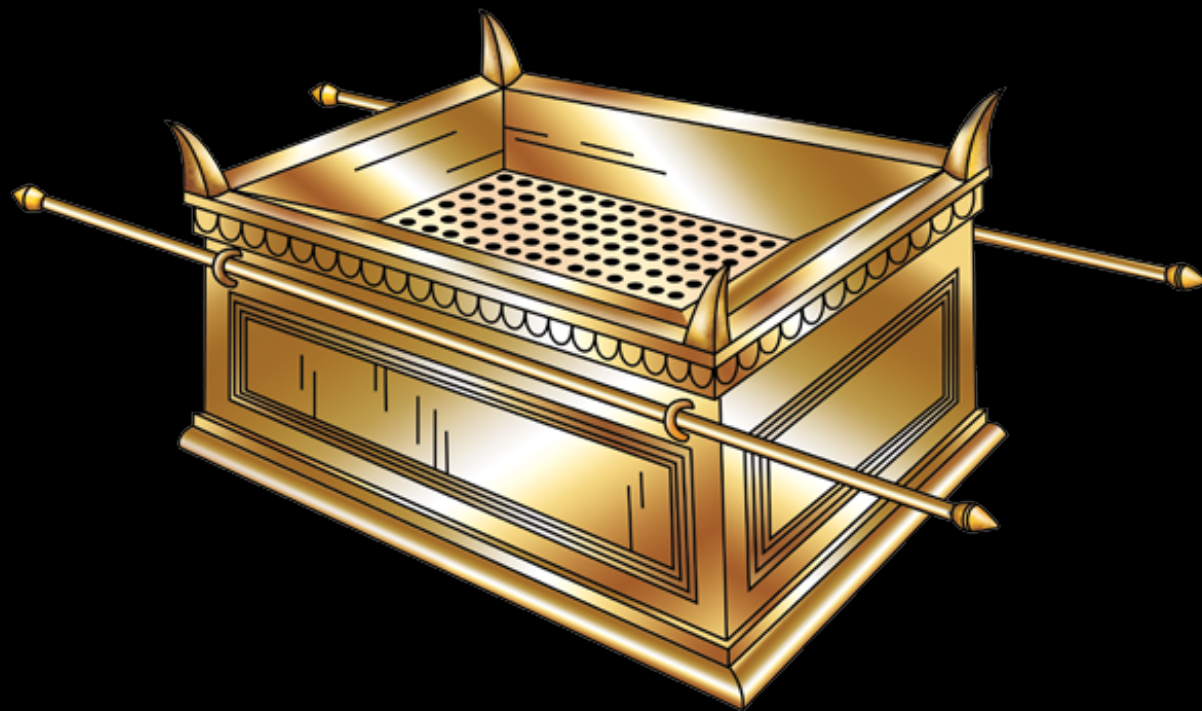
Exodus 30:1–10; 30:34–38





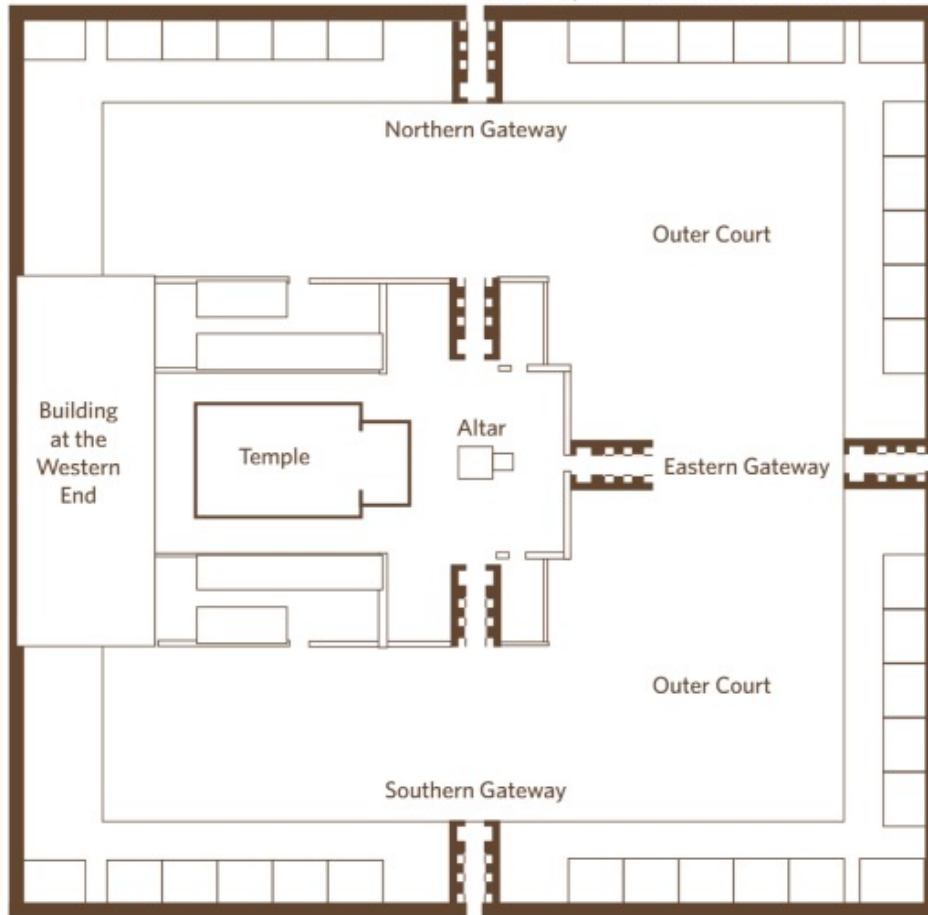
# The Bronze Altar

Exodus 27:1–8; 40:6, 10, 29

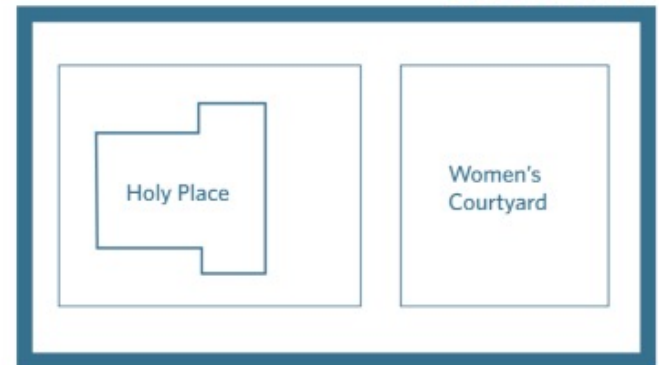


# Temple Size Comparisons

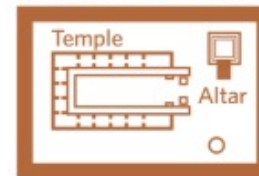
500 x 500 cubits | 750 x 750 ft **EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE**



**HEROD'S TEMPLE**



**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**



**COURT OF THE TABERNACLE**



100 x 50 cubits | 150 x 75 ft

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL FIELD**



100 x 50 yards | 300 x 150 ft