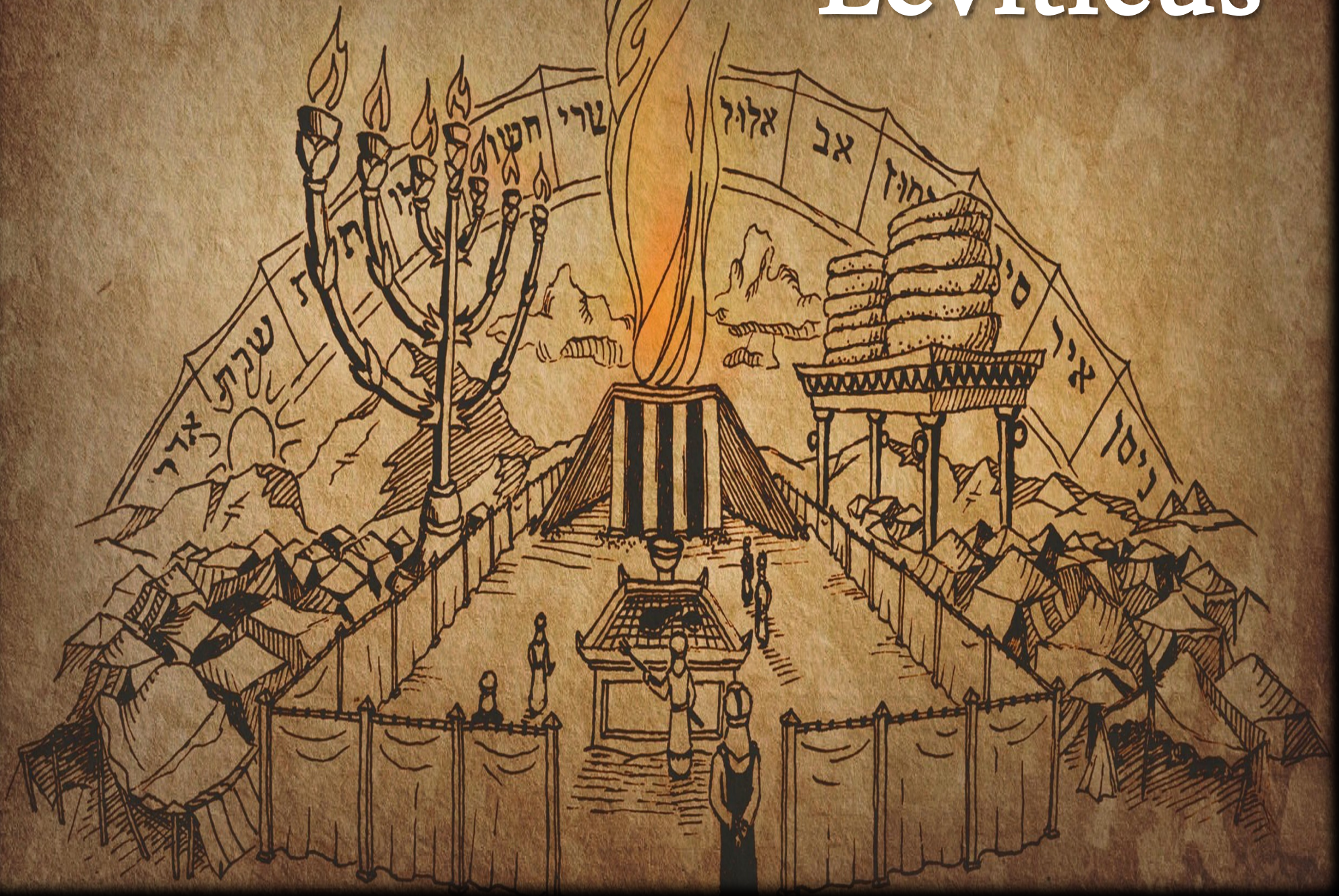
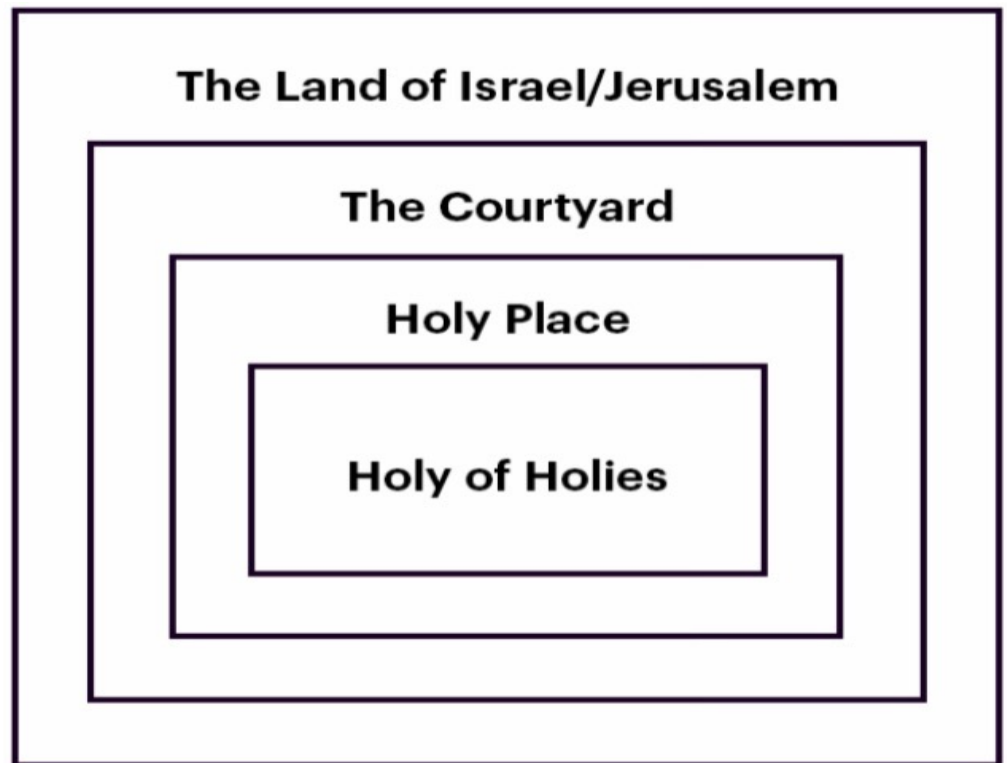
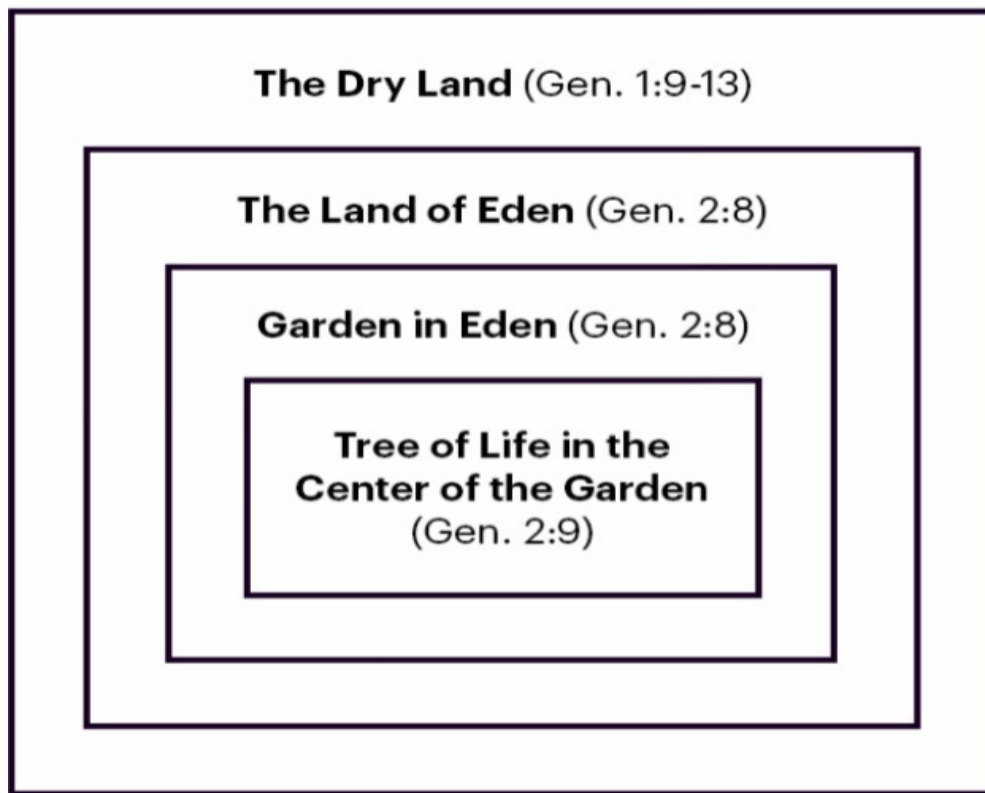


Leviticus

The illustration depicts the interior of the Tabernacle as described in Leviticus. On the left stands the seven-branched menorah (golden lampstand) with flames. In the center is the table of showbread, covered with twelve loaves. To the right is the large, ornate altar of incense. In front of the altar is the bronze laver. The entire sanctuary is enclosed by a curtain and supported by gold pillars. Hebrew labels identify various parts: 'שֶׁמֶרֶת' (Shemeret), 'חֲשׂוֹן' (Chashon), 'אֵלּוּל' (Elul), 'אַב' (Av), 'נְחוֹז' (Nehoz), 'סִי' (Si), 'דָּלוּ' (Dalui), and 'נִיסַן' (Nisan). A large flame is shown rising from the altar area. The scene is set against a background of stylized mountains and clouds.



Psalm 15:1

YHWH, who can dwell in
your tent? Who can live on
your holy mountain?



Leviticus within the Pentateuch

(A) Genesis: prologue (separation/blessings/land)

(B) Exodus: 1a: leaving Egypt;

1b: building the tabernacle

(C) Leviticus: the tabernacle service

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1b': preparing to enter Canaan

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LEVITICUS

GOD GRACIOUSLY PROVIDES A WAY
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Leviticus 17:11

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“Atonement” or “kippēr”

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“at-one-ment” so “atonement” (thank Tyndale)

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“purify”, “purge”, NOT “reconcile” or “forgive”

- the results will be such but **the word rendered
“atonement” in Leviticus is not a covering but about
purification of the holy items.**

“In context, this verbal action is accomplished by applying
blood to something sacred (sancta).”

— John H. Walton (PhD, Hebrew Union College)

Offering	Animals & materials	Use of blood	Priestly portions	Lay portions	Purpose
Burnt (ascension) (1:3-17)	Cattle, sheep, goats, birds	Splashed on altar sides	No	No	Atonement + petition or praise
Grain (tribute) (2:1-16)	Fine flour, olive oil, frankincense, salt	NA	Yes	No	Often mirrors accompanying offering
Fellowship (3:1-17)	Cattle, sheep, goats	Splashed on altar sides	Yes	Yes	Underscores fellowship w/YHWH + Israelites
Purification (4:1-5:13)	Cattle, sheep, goats, birds, flour	Incense altar (curtain) + base of altar	Usually	No	Atonement for specific sins + purification
Reparation (5:14-6:7)	Cattle, sheep, goats, birds	Splashed on altar sides	Yes	No	Atonement for specific sins

Priests Before the Holy One

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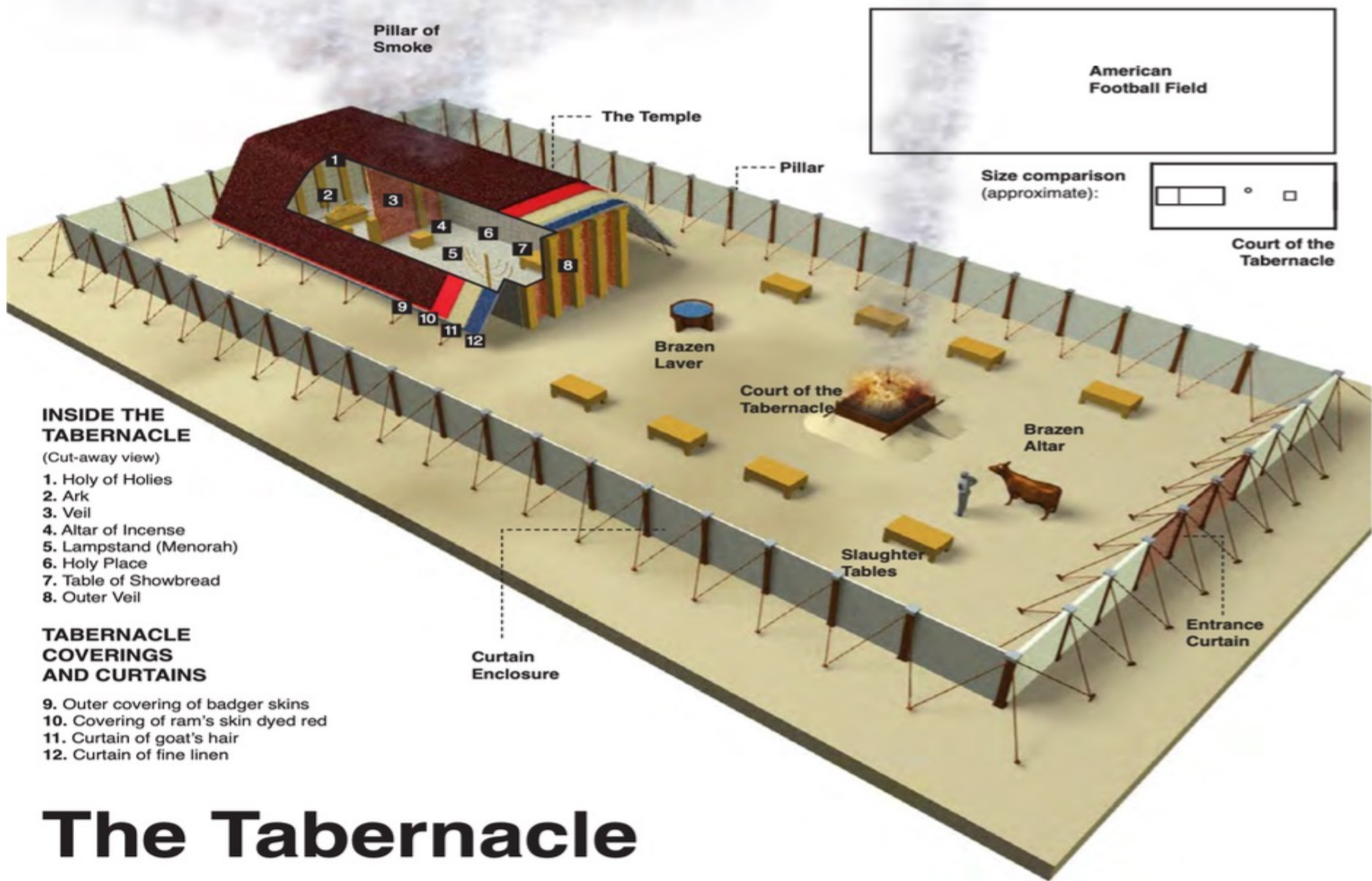
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Aaron & his sons lay hand on goat. + Moses mediates

vv22-29 ordination offering (a type of fellowship offering)

- The meat is eaten by the offerors & by Moses (v29)

vv25-28 unleavened bread/fat is offered by the priests to God

vv23-24 just as blood on the tabernacle objects (sancta) made them holy so does blood on the priests make them holy.

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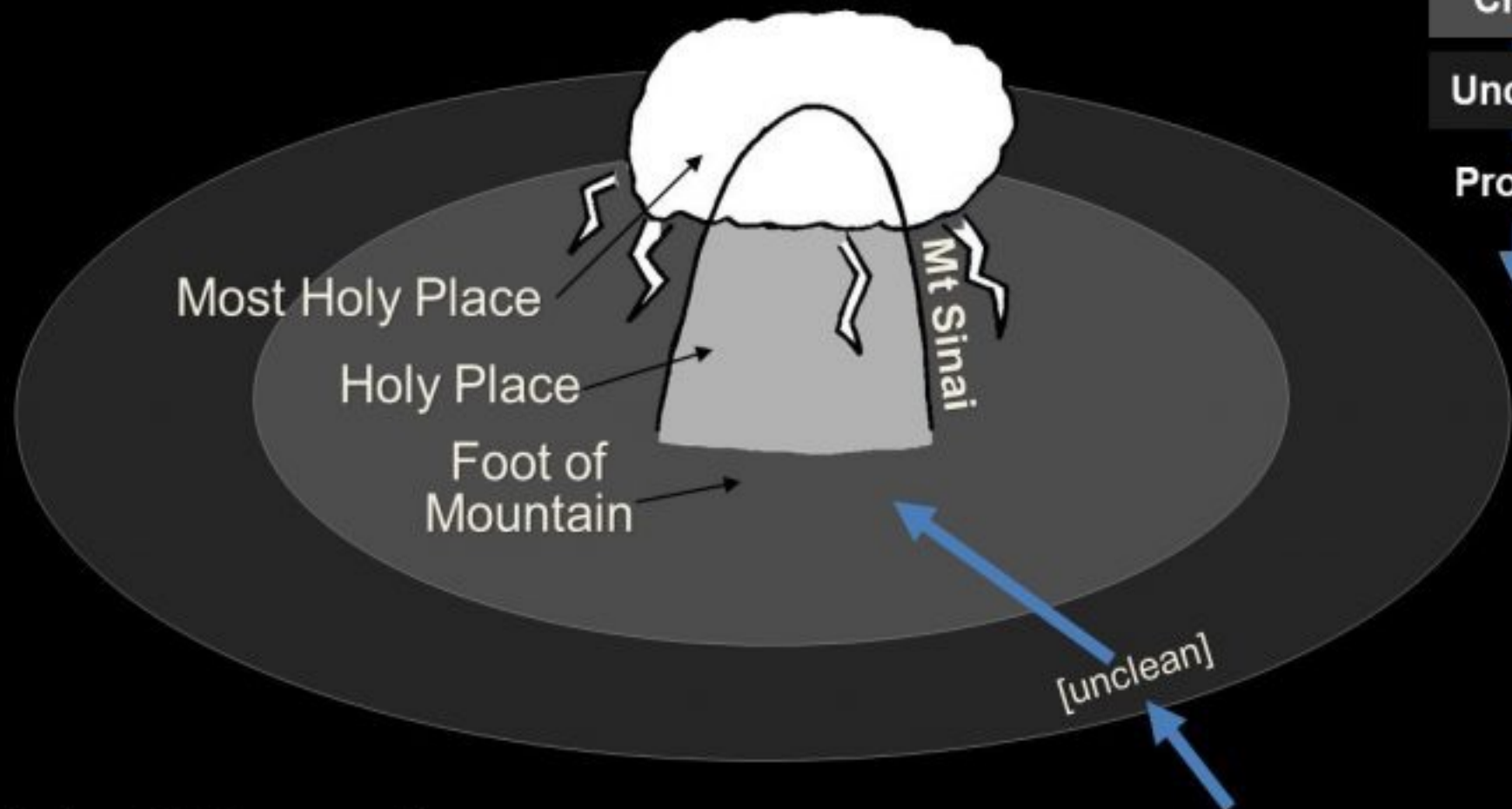
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Exodus 19:10-11; cf. Lev. 9:4

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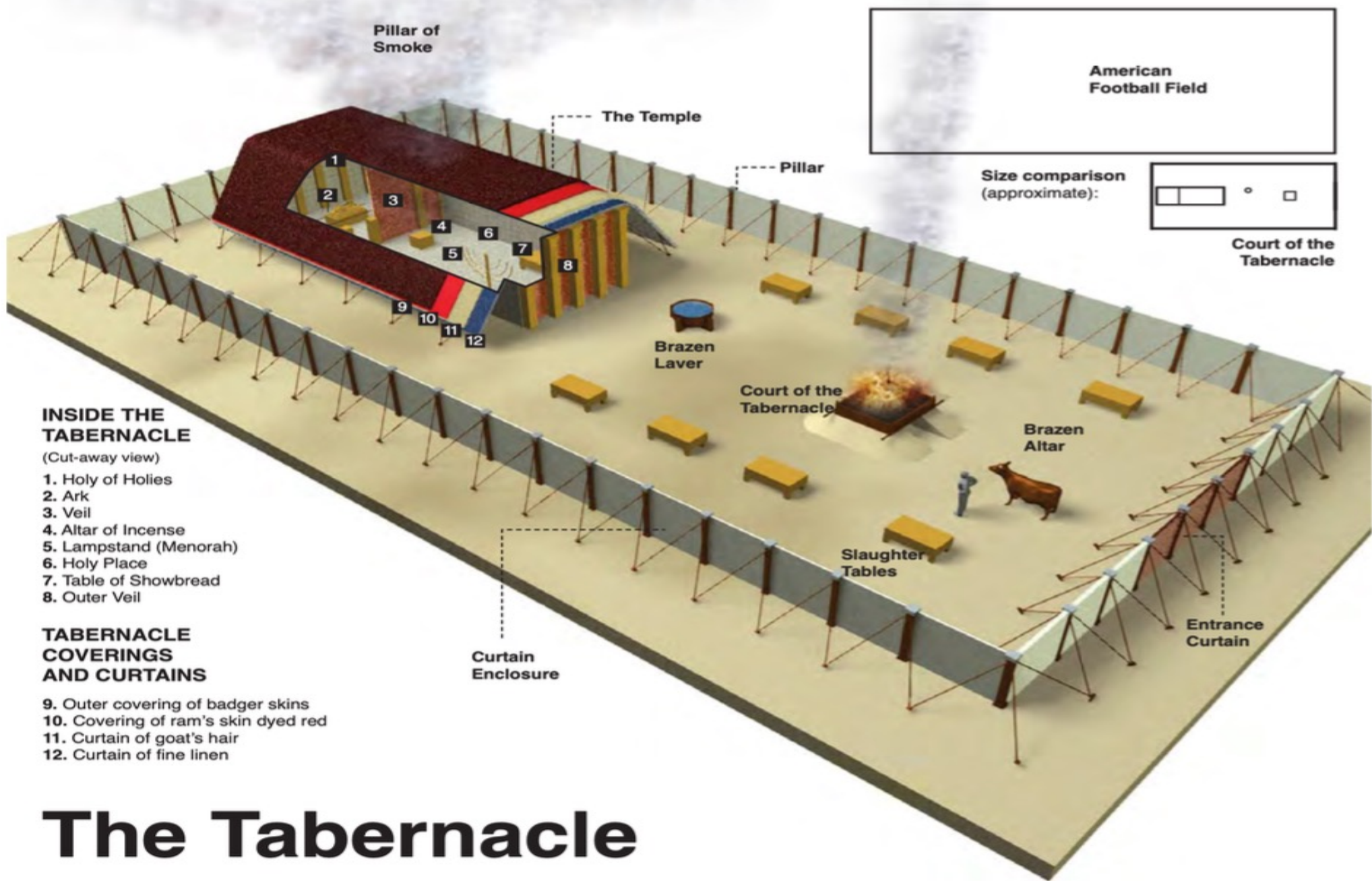
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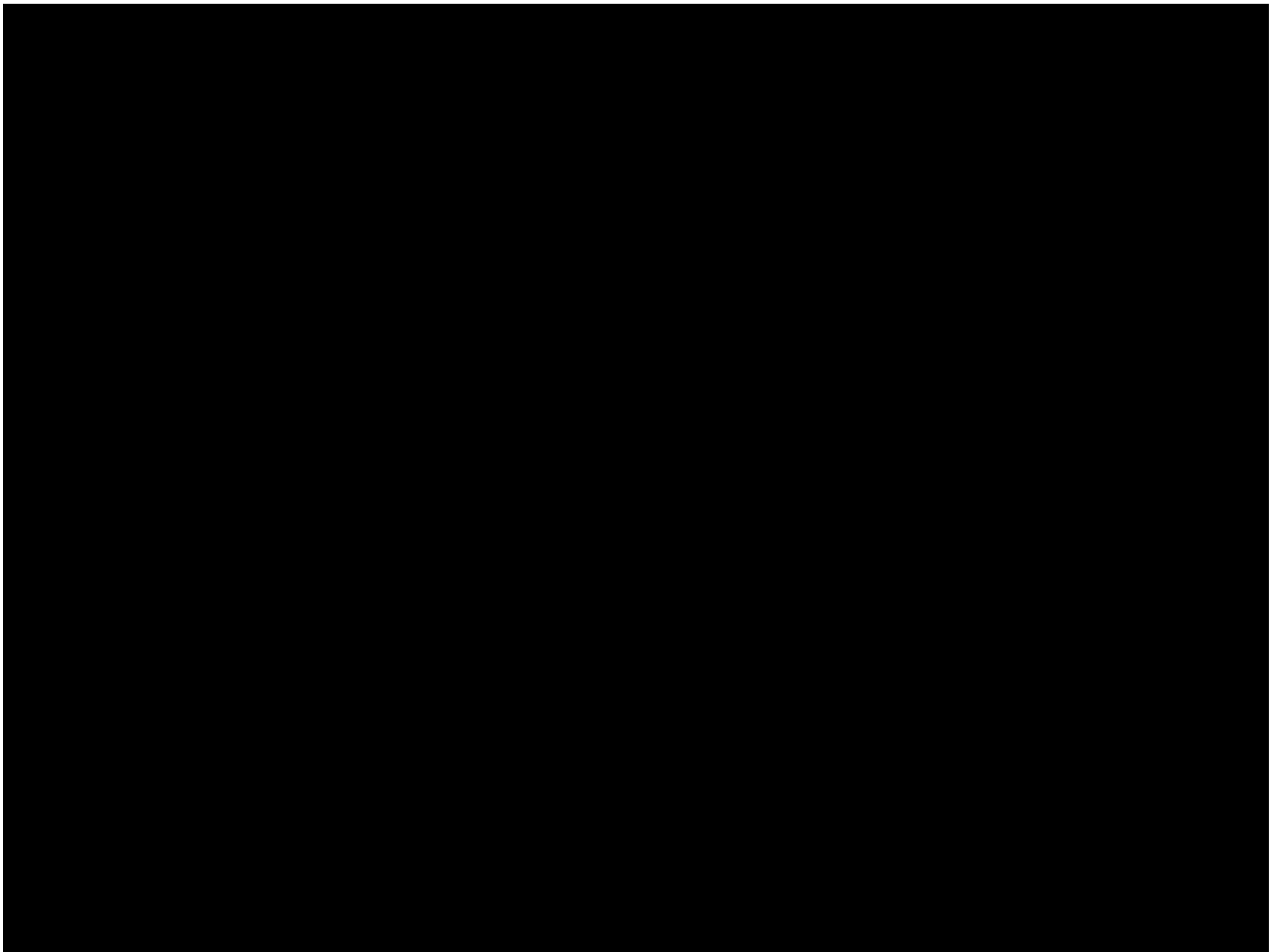
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