

Set Apart: God's People & Presence

Intro to Leviticus

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Then beginning with **Moses** and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in **all the Scriptures**.

--- Luke 24:27

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures (OT), **which are able to give you wisdom for salvation** *through faith in Christ Jesus* --- 2 Tim. 3:14-15

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Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2] And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

[3] So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Exodus 25:8-9

And let them make me a sanctuary, **that I may dwell in their midst**. [9] Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle (cf. Heb. 8:5; 9:23), and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

Numbers 9:18

At the command of YHWH the people of Israel set out, and at the command of YHWH they camped. **As long as the cloud rested (Ex. 25:8 “dwell”) over the tabernacle,** they remained in camp.



Genesis 1-2: Seven days begin with: “And God said...”

Day 1 (1:5); Day 2 (1:8); Day 3 (1:13); Day 4 (1:19); Day 5 (1:23); Day 6 (1:31); Day 7: God rests (2:1-3)

Creation
(Gen. 1:1-2:3)

Exodus 25-31: Seven speeches begin with: “And

YHWH spoke to Moses...” #1 (25:1); #2 (Ex. 30:11); #3 (Ex. 30:17); #4 (Ex. 30:22); #5 (Ex. 30:34); #6 (Ex. 31:1); #7: sabbath (Ex. 31:12)

Tabernacle
Designs
(Ex. 25-31)

Exodus 40: Seven acts of obedience:

“...just as YHWH commanded Moses.”

Act #1 (40:19); #2 (40:21); #3 (40:23);
#4 (40:25); #5 (40:27); #6 (Ex. 40:29);
#7: God dwells/rests (Ex. 40:32-35)

Tabernacle
Completion
(Ex. 39-40)

1 Kings 8: Seven petitions by

Solomon w/ the completed temple:

“Blessed be YHWH who spoke to my father David.” Petition #1 (8:31-32);
#2 (8:33-34); #3 (8:35-37a); #4
(8:37b-40); #5 (8:41-43); #6 (8:44-
45); #7: seven day feast (8:46-53)

Temple Completion
(1 Kings 6-8)

GOD’S HOUSE & THE #7

Ezekiel 28:13-14

¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God.

Every kind of precious stone covered you:

carnelian, topaz, and diamond,

beryl, onyx, and jasper,

lapis lazuli, turquoise and emerald.

Your mountings and settings were crafted in gold;
they were prepared on the day you were created.

¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub,
for I had appointed you.

You were on the holy mountain of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

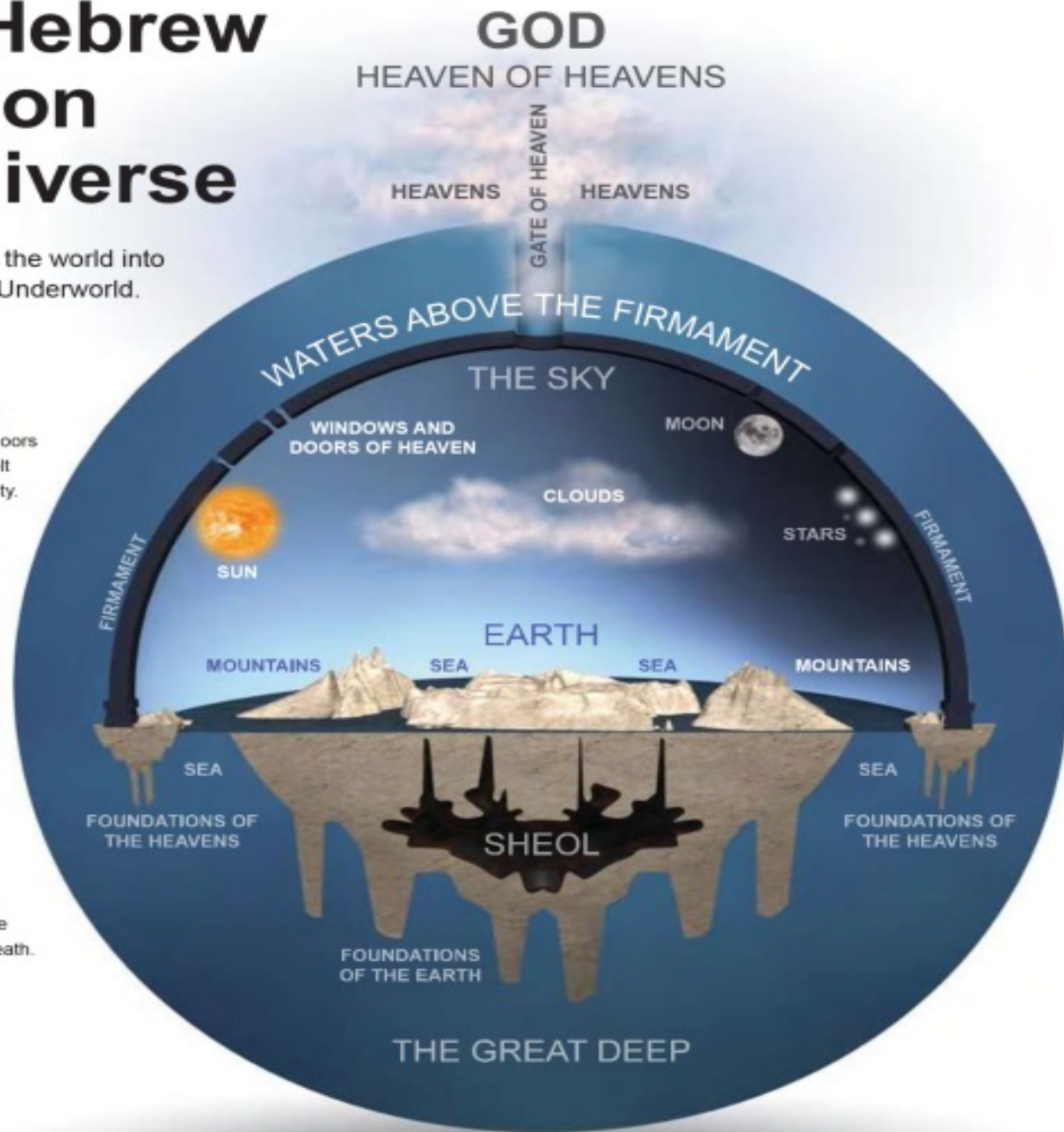
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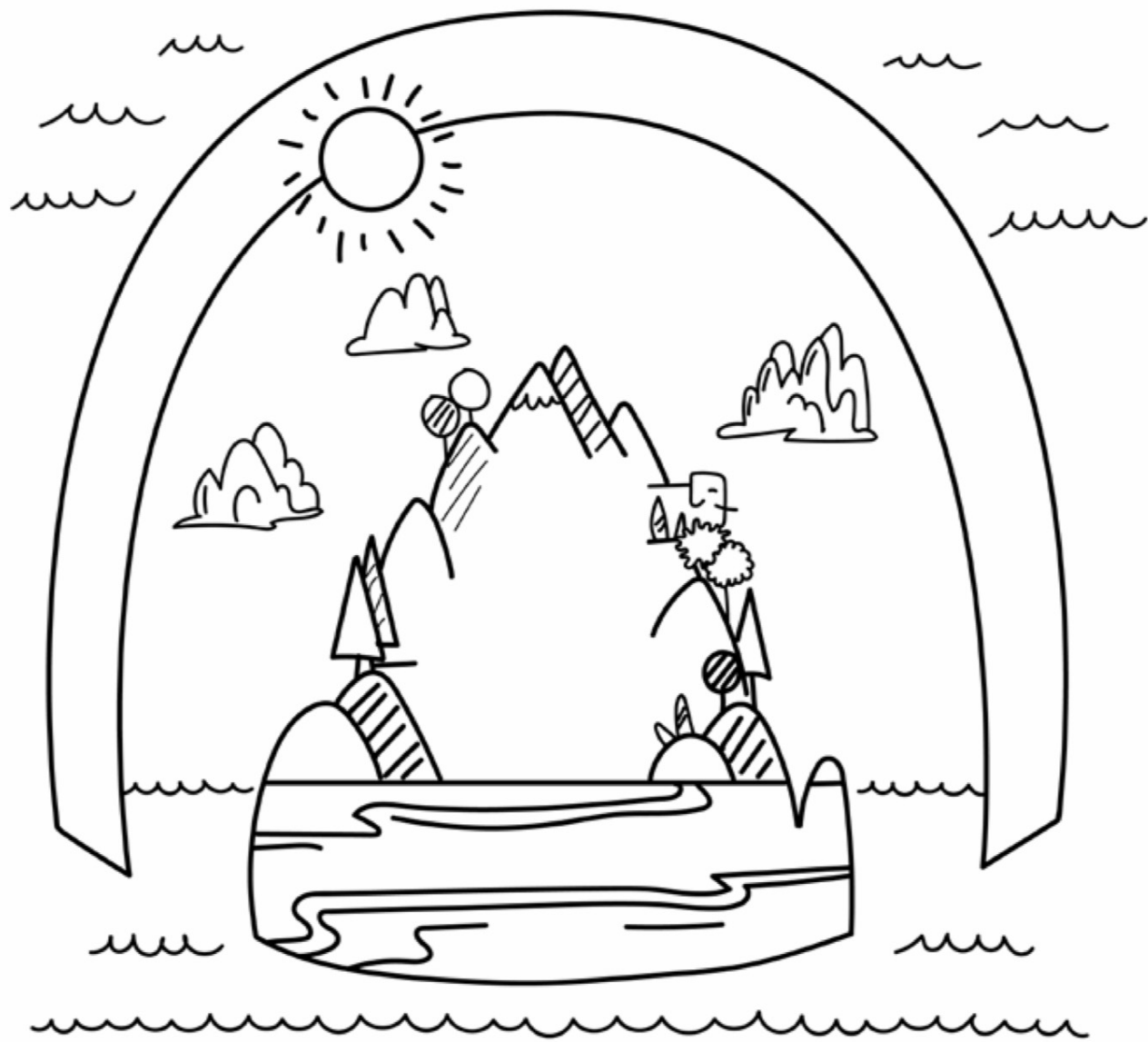
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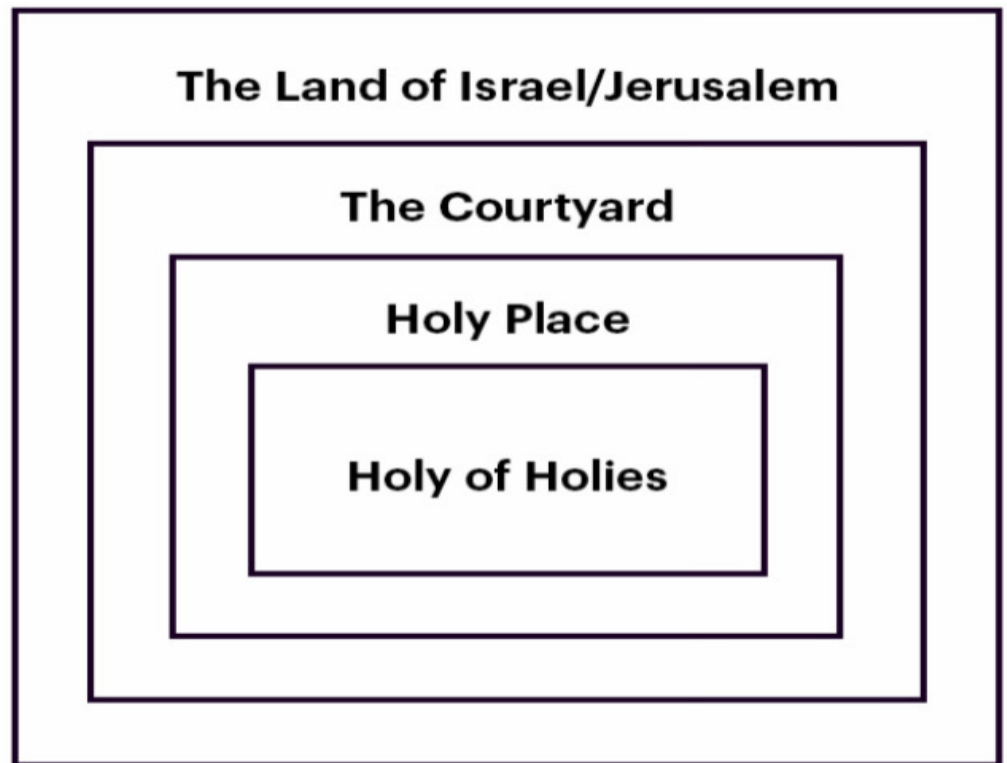
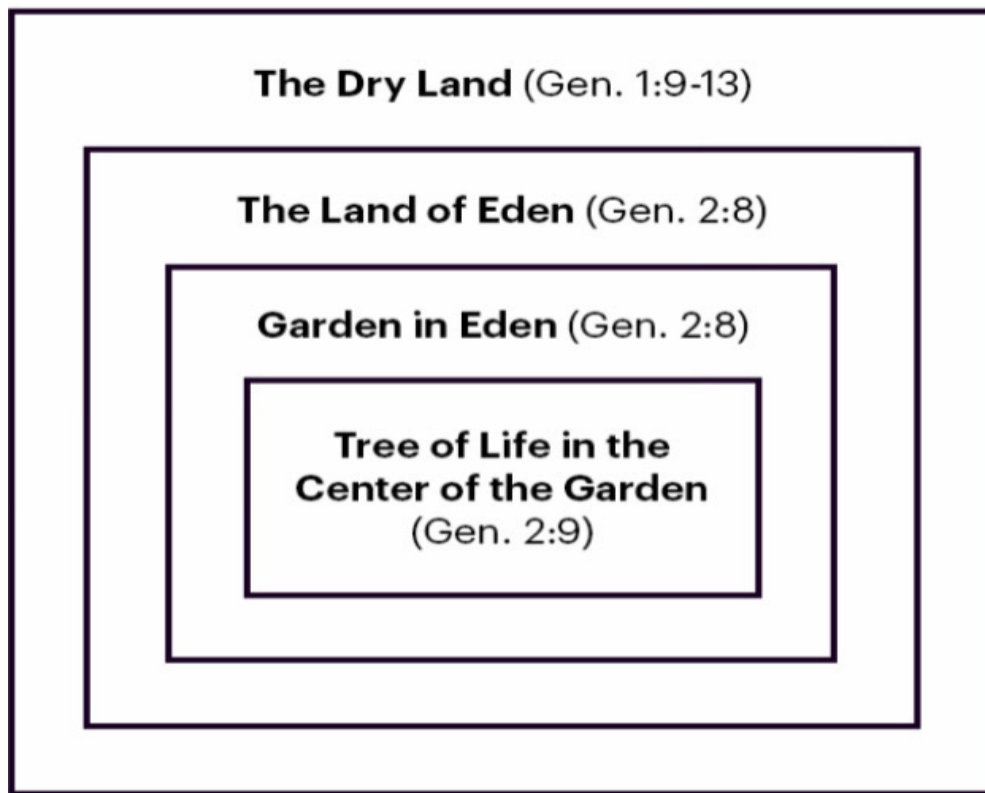
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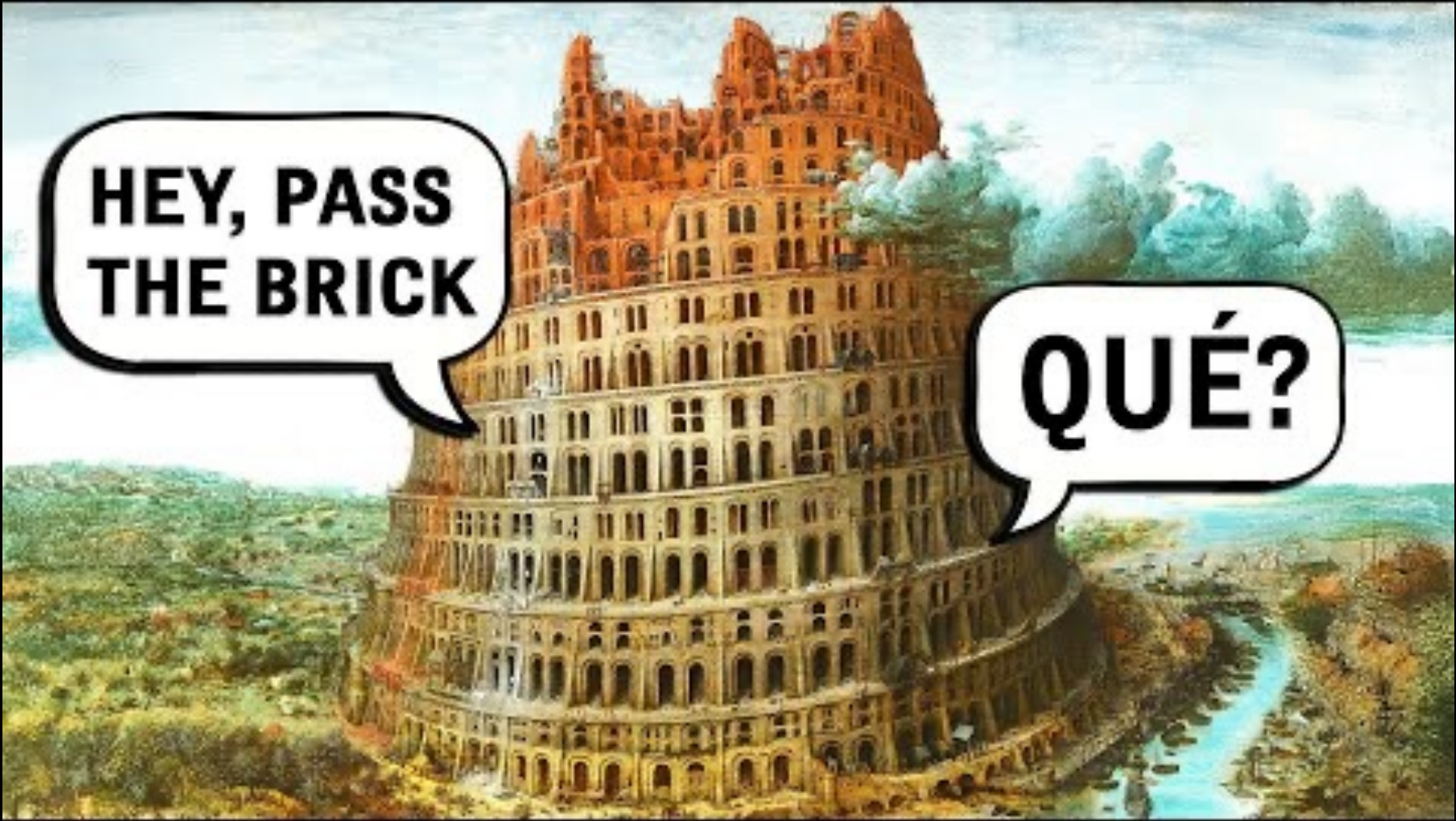
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Genesis 4:16

Then Cain went out from
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land of Nod , east of Eden.



A painting of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, showing its characteristic tilt. The tower is depicted in a detailed, classical style with many arches and windows. It is surrounded by a lush, green landscape with trees and a winding river in the foreground. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image. The first speech bubble, on the left, contains the text "HEY, PASS THE BRICK". The second speech bubble, on the right, contains the text "QUÉ?".

**HEY, PASS
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QUÉ?

You were in Eden, the garden of God.
You were on the holy mountain of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

-- Ezk. 28:13a, 14b (cf. **Genesis 1-3**)

Joseph died at the age of 110. **They
embalmed him and placed him in a
coffin in Egypt.**

-- Genesis 50:26 (CSB)

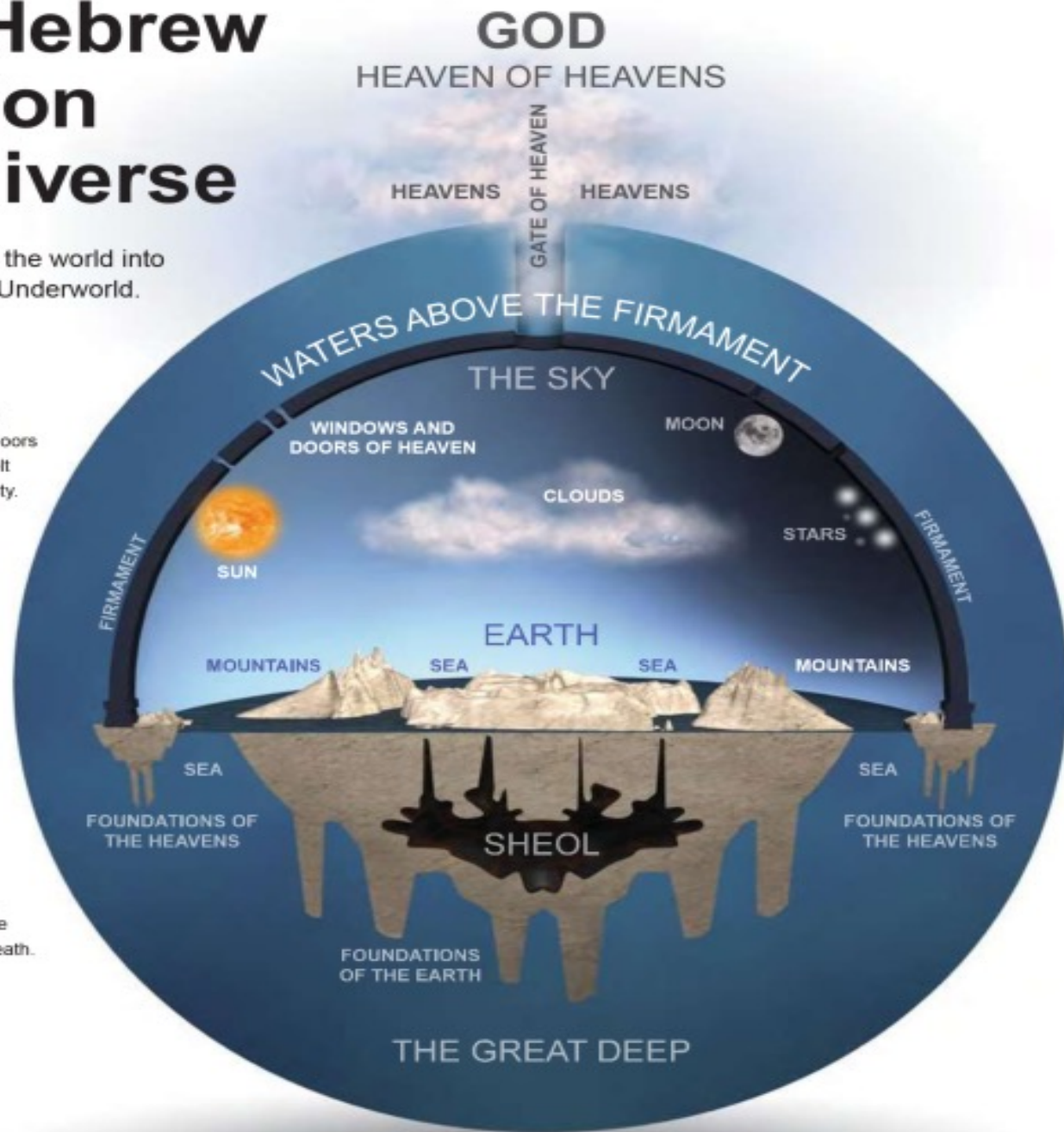
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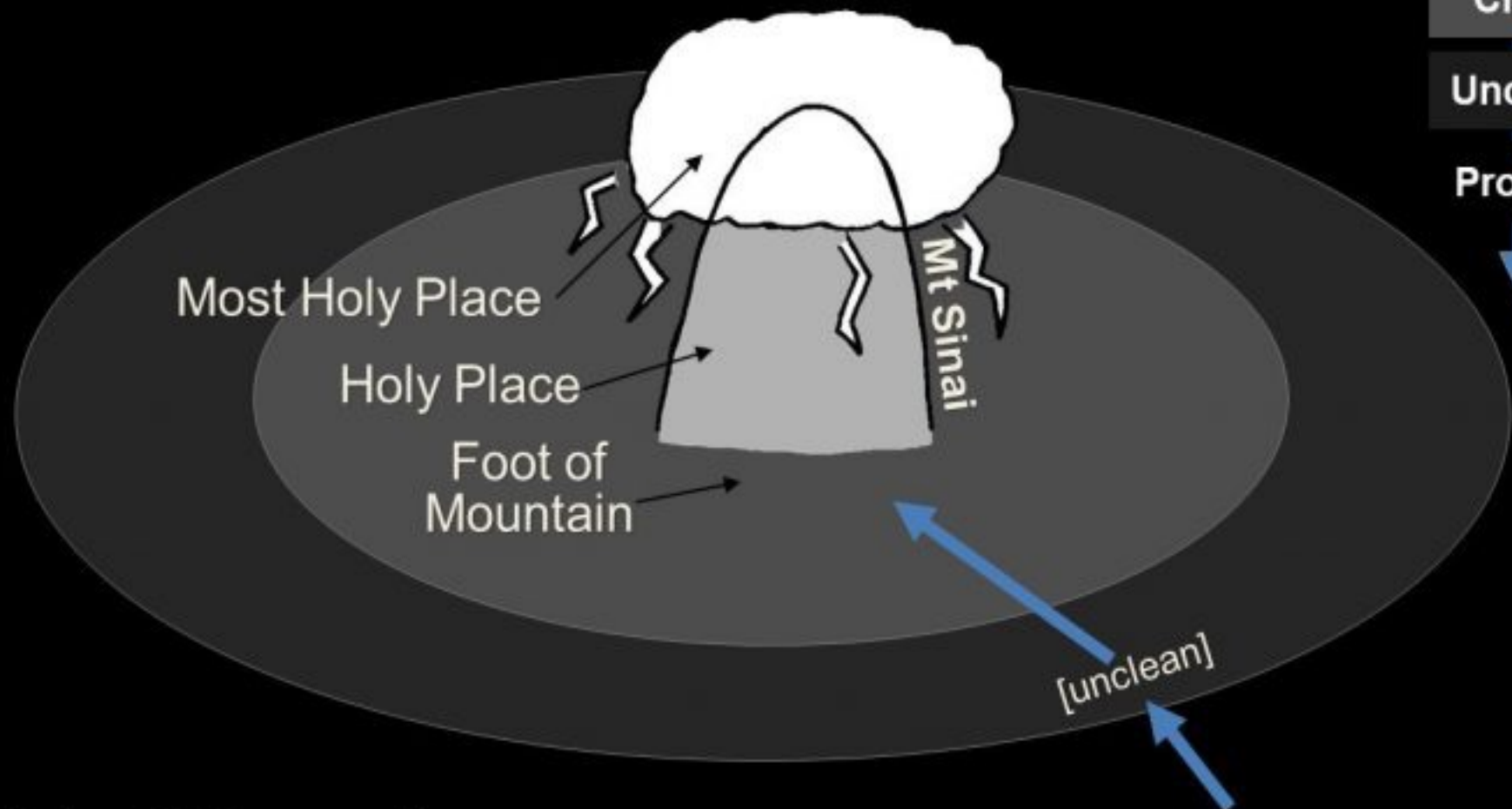
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Mt Sinai



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Nations

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1 Kings 8:10-11

10 When the priests came out of the holy place, **the cloud filled YHWH's temple**,
11 and because of **the cloud**, the priests were not able to continue ministering, **for the glory of YHWH filled the temple**.





Ezekiel 10:18

Then the glory of YHWH
went out from the
threshold of the house, and
stood over the cherubim.

Ezekiel 43:1a, 4-5

Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east. [2] And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east. [4] As the glory of YHWH entered the temple by the gate facing east (Gen. 4:16), [5] the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the *inner court*; and behold, the glory of YHWH filled the temple (cf. Ex. 40:34-35; 2 Chron. 7:1).

Psalm 24:3-4

3 Who may ascend the mountain of YHWH? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not appealed to what is false, and who has not sworn deceitfully.

Psalm 15:1

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

Psalm 27:4

4 I have asked one thing from YHWH;
it is what I desire: to dwell in the
house of YHWH all the days of my life,
gazing on the beauty of YHWH and
seeking him in his temple.

Isaiah 6:1-6

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GOD GRACIOUSLY PROVIDES A WAY
FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE



Leviticus 1:1

Then YHWH summoned
Moses and spoke to him
from the tent of meeting

Numbers 1:1a

YHWH spoke to Moses in
the tent of meeting in the
Wilderness of Sinai,

Leviticus within the Pentateuch

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

(B) Exodus: 1a: leaving Egypt;

1b: building the tabernacle

(C) Leviticus: the tabernacle service

(B') Numbers: 1a: dedicating the tabernacle;

1b: preparing to enter Canaan

(A) (A') Deuteronomy: epilogue (separation/blessings/land)

Leviticus Outline

(1-7) Sacrifices

(8-10) institution of priesthood/inauguration of cultus

(11-15) clean/unclean in daily life

(16) Day of Atonement

(17-20) Holy/profane in daily life

(21-22) Legislation for the priesthood

(23-27) Festivals/sacred time

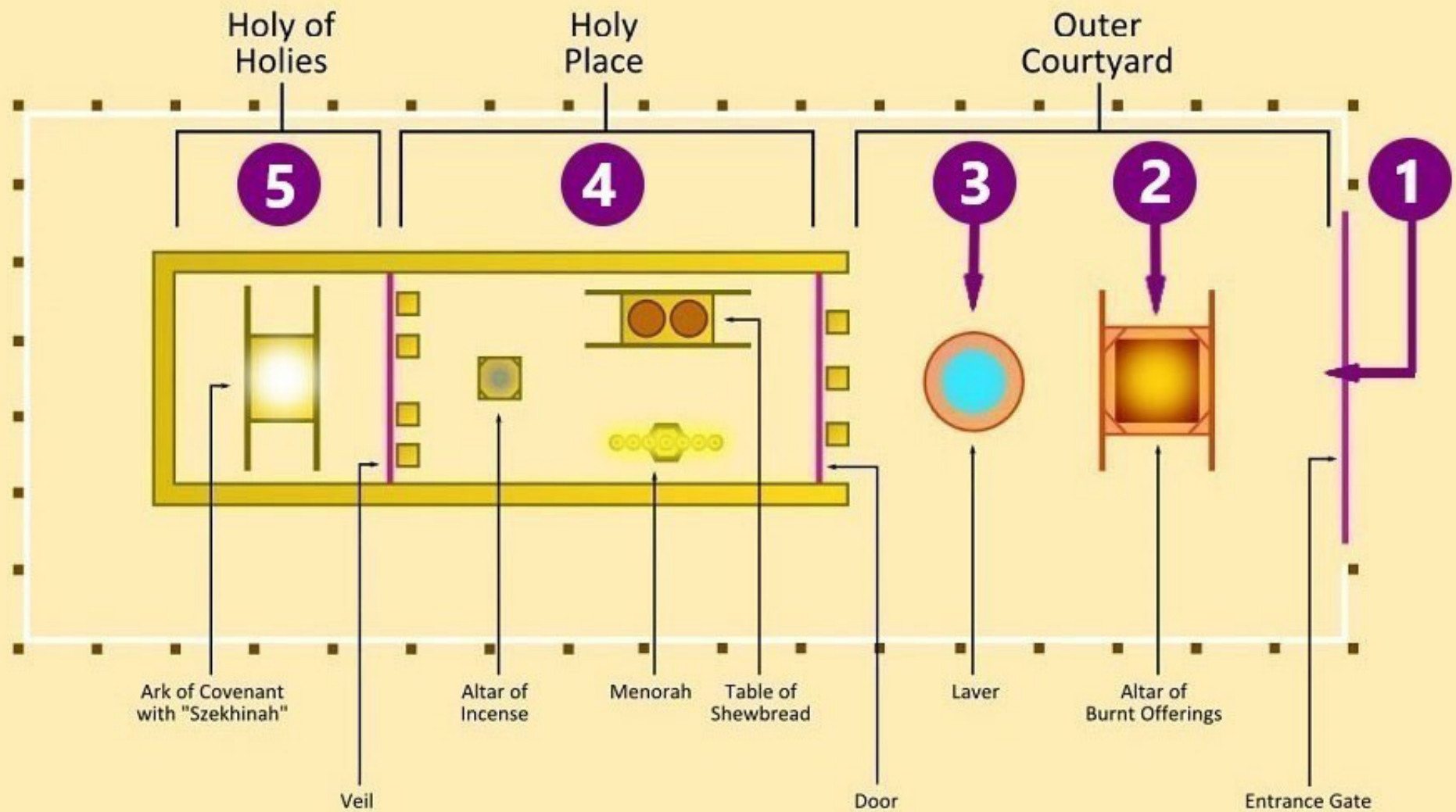
Approaching God + atonement

Judgment/cleansing of everything

Communion w/God + holiness

A Pattern for Worship by Way of the Tabernacle

Five Steps From Entrance to Encounter



Leviticus 16:12-14

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Leviticus 19:1-2

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