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SERIES STUDY GUIDE

TEMPLE

“DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS
I WILL RAISE IT UP.”



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EPISODE I

THE TEMPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



HYPODEIGMA - A SIGN, REPRESENTATION, FIGURE, COPY - AN EXAMPLE FOR IMITATION. OF THE THING TO BE IMITATED.

THIS GREEK TERM IS USED TO INDICATE HUMAN BEHAVIOR THAT SHOULD EITHER BE EMULATED OR AVOIDED (JOHN 13:15; HEB 4:11; JAS 5:10; 2 PET 2:6).

PATTERN - τύπος
TYPOS, MOLD, MODEL, OUTLINE, SKETCH,

THIS TERM IS USED FOR THE MODEL (HEBREW *tahnîṭ*) (EXOD 25:39, QUOTED IN ACTS 7:44; HEB 8:5).

A TYPOS, THEN, IS A REPRESENTATIONAL PLAN NOT ACTUAL.

THE PATTERN - EXODUS 25

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEMPLE (SANCTUARY) BEGIN WITH THE ARK (37:1-9), WHICH IS GOD'S THRONE, FROM WHERE HE WILL MEET AND SPEAK WITH MOSES (25:22).

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (EX. 25:10–22; 37:1–9)

IT CONTAINED WITHIN IT THE TWO STONE TABLETS OF THE TESTIMONY (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS).

“A GOLDEN JAR HOLDING THE MANNA, AND AARON’S STAFF THAT BUDED” (HEB. 9:4).

IT WAS BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM, THAT THE LORD WILL SPEAK TO MOSES (V. 22; NUM. 7:89).

“ENTHRONED” UPON THE CHERUBIM (PS. 80:1; 1 SAM. 4:4; 2 SAM. 6:2; ISA. 37:16).

THE HEBREW NOUN FOR THE LID OF THE ARK, KAPPORETH—LITERALLY TRANSLATES “COVERING”—IS FROM THE VERB KAPHAR, MEANING “TO ATONE” OR “TO COVER.”

JESUS IS OUR KAPHAR; OUR COVERING, OUR ATONEMENT!

ATONEMENT POINTS TO THE ATONING DEATH OF CHRIST THROUGH WHICH THE SINNER IS RECONCILED TO GOD, IN A RESTORED RELATIONSHIP. (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4).

GOD COVERS OUR SINS, THE DEMANDS OF THE LAW ARE COVERED BY HIS MERCY AND GRACE

POINT ONE: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD BECAUSE OF HIS NATURE

THE TABLE FOR THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE



THE WOODEN TABLE, OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD (EX. 25:23–30; 37:10–16),

THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE CONSISTED OF 12 FLAT LOAVES OF BREAD, SYMBOLIZING THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL (LEV. 24:5–9).

THEY WERE NOT TOUCHED DURING THE WEEK, BUT ON THE SABBATH THEY WERE EATEN BY PRIESTS (LEV 24:9) AND REPLACED WITH 12 FRESH LOAVES.

THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE TEACHES THAT WE CAN COMPLETELY DEPEND ON GOD FOR BOTH TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL FOOD.

THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, BREAD IS A SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION OF GOD'S LIFE-SUSTAINING PROVISION.

POINT TWO: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD FOR PROVISION

THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND



THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND (EX. 25:31-40)

LIGHT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO SUSTAINING LIFE.

GOD HIMSELF IS THE SOURCE OF THAT LIGHT (CP. PS. 104:2; PERHAPS JAMES 1:17). THIS LIGHT LIKELY SIGNIFIED THE DIVINE PRESENCE JUST AS THE LUMINOUS CLOUD OF THE SHEKINAH GLORY (EXOD. 24:15-18; 40:38; 2 CHRON. 5:13-14; 7:2).

JESUS IS "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" AND HIS FOLLOWERS WILL HAVE "THE LIGHT OF LIFE" (I.E., THE TRUTH THAT BRINGS LIFE; JOHN 8:12).

JESUS EXPLAINED TO JOHN THAT, THE SEVEN CANDLESTICKS ARE THE SEVEN CHURCHES. (REV. 1:12-20) JUST AS JESUS IS LIGHT, WE ARE SEEN AS LIGHT.

POINT THREE: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD'S LIGHT IN DARK TIMES

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE



THE WOODEN ALTAR, OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD (EX. 30:1–10; 37:25–28),

THE ALTAR AND THE FRAGRANT INCENSE IN THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY WERE AN EXAMPLE OF THE WORK OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST IS PERFORMING FOR US. (HEB. 8:5; 3:1)

THE SMOKE OF THE INCENSE REPRESENTS OUR PRAYERS, MADE FRAGRANT BY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST.

THE INCENSE WAS ALWAYS ASCENDING, MEANING THAT AT ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT, WHEN A STRUGGLING PERSON CRIES OUT FOR HELP, OR GIVES THANKS AND PRAISE FOR HELP RECEIVED, HIS PRAYER IS HEARD.
WE CAN CALL ON JESUS BECAUSE,

HEBREWS 7:25 ESV

25 JESUS IS ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTMOST THOSE WHO DRAW NEAR TO GOD THROUGH HIM, SINCE HE ALWAYS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM.

JUST LIKE THE SMOKE WAS NOT RESTRICTED BUT HAD EASY, DIRECT ACCESS TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD;

WE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO GOD THROUGH OUR PRAYERS.

POINT FOUR: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD IN COMMUNICATING

THE BRONZE LAVER (BASIN)



WATER REPRESENTS THE WASHING NEEDED FOR CLEANSING.
JESUS CHRIST WAS BAPTIZED AND HE ALSO BECAME OUR BAPTISM.

ROMANS 6:3-11

THE WASHING SECURES CLEANSING AND GIVES US ACCESS

POINT FIVE: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD THROUGH REDEMPTION

REFLECTION

DO YOU NEED CLEANSING FOR THE SINS YOU HAVE COMMITTED?
YOU ARE MORE THAN YOUR MISTAKES, YOU ARE A CREATED BEING WITH A DIVINE PURPOSE.

THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING



EX. 27:1-8 BRONZE ALTAR.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE ALTAR IN THE ENTIRE TEMPLE, ONLY ONE PLACE OF SACRIFICE.

WHAT GOD PROMISES IN THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, HE PROVIDES IN THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING

JESUS DIED ON CALVARY FOR OUR SINS
HE IS THE ATONEMENT OF OUR SINS.

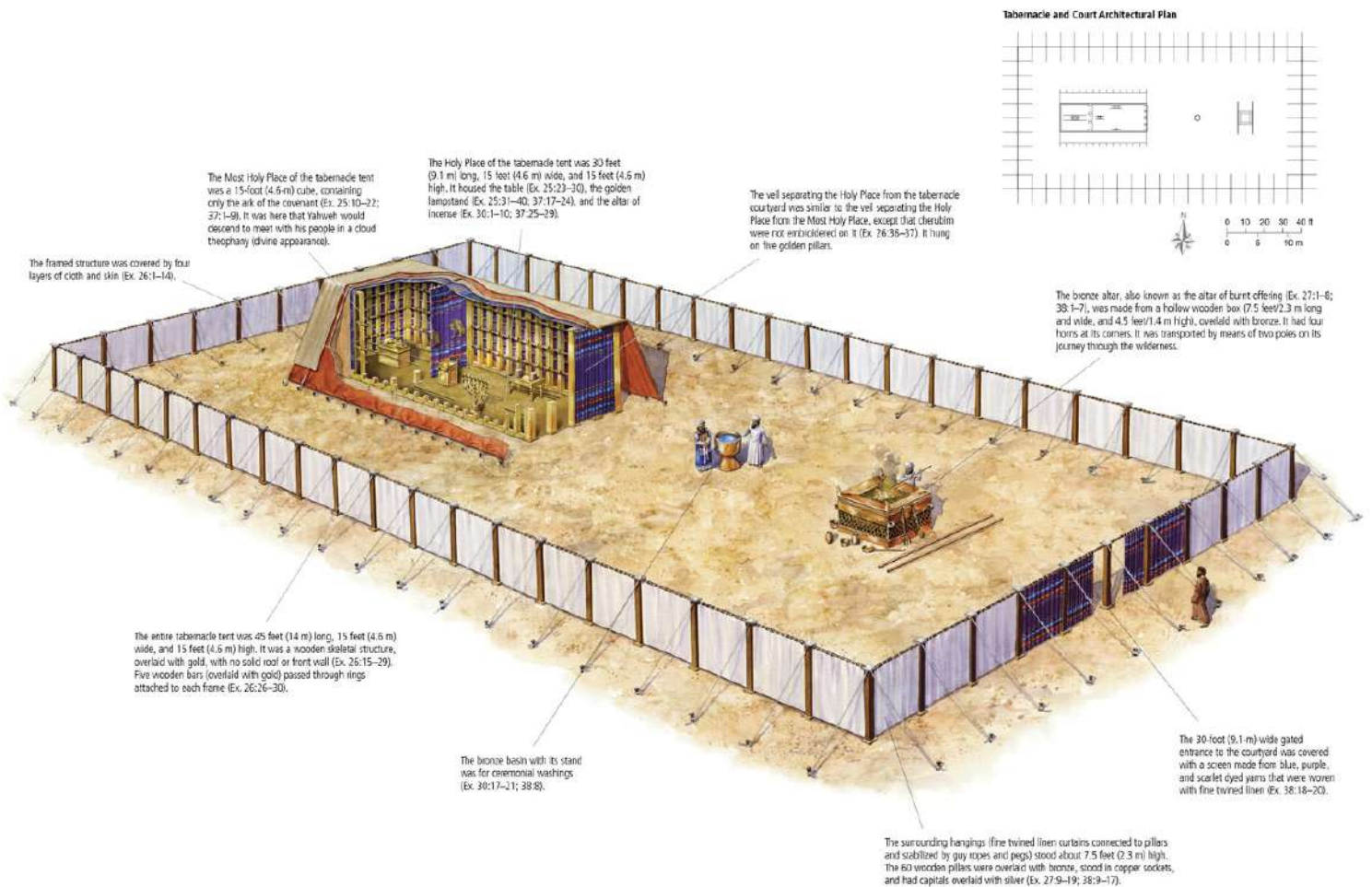
“AND HE HIMSELF IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS, AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY BUT ALSO FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.”
1 JOHN 2:2

“WHO GAVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS, THAT HE MIGHT DELIVER US FROM THIS PRESENT EVIL AGE, ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF OUR GOD AND FATHER,”
GALATIANS 1:4

BECAUSE OF THE ATONEMENT THROUGH THE DEATH OF THE LAMB WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD

POINT SIX: TEMPLE MEANS WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD AS RIGHTEOUS

THE TABERNACLE AND COURT



IT WAS THE FIRST MOBILE TEMPLE!

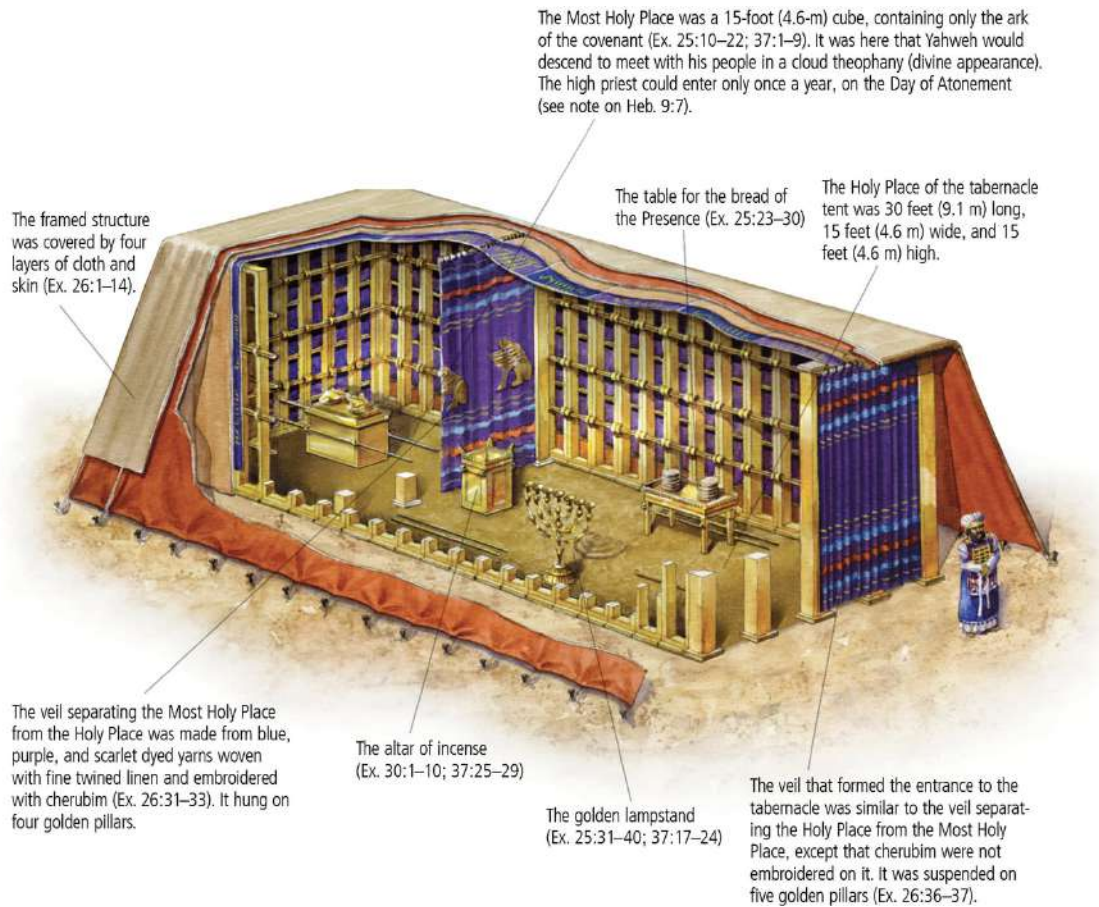
THE TEMPLE IS THE VESSEL THAT GOD USES TO DWELL AMONG THE ISRAELITES

TEMPLE IS A REMINDER THAT GOD IS PRESENT & NEAR

THE TABERNACLE WAS A PORTABLE TEMPLE—A “TENT OF MEETING”—WITHIN A MOVABLE COURTYARD (EXODUS 25–31; 35–40).

A (SANCTUARY) TEMPLE - THE HEBREW WORD USED HERE, MIQDASH, COMES FROM THE VERB QADASH (RENDERED “TO BE HOLY” OR “MAKE HOLY”) AND REFERS TO AN ENCLOSED SACRED SPACE DESIGNATED FOR THE PRESENCE OF YAHWEH.

TEMPLE —IS THE VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE COVENANT BETWEEN YAHWEH AND HIS PEOPLE (EXOD 25:8–9).



TEMPLE IS A REMINDER THAT GOD IS PRESENT & NEAR

POINT SEVEN: TEMPLE MEANS US SINNERS, HAVE ACCESS TO A HOLY GOD WHO MAKES US HOLY

REFLECTION:

NOW THAT YOU HAVE ACCESS, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO GOD? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED FROM GOD?

DO YOU NEED GUIDANCE IN YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU IN A DARK PLACE IN YOUR LIFE AND NEED SOME LIGHT?

ARE YOU WORRIED? ARE YOU STRESSED?

ARE YOU SCARED THAT YOU HAVE SINNED TOO MUCH TO RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE?

THIS IS THE REMINDER, YOU HAVE ACCESS

TEMPLE = ACCESS GRANTED

WHY, BECAUSE OF JESUS!

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