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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



HEBREWS 8

8 NOW THE POINT IN WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS THIS: WE HAVE SUCH A HIGH PRIEST, ONE WHO IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF THE MAJESTY IN HEAVEN, 2 A MINISTER IN THE HOLY PLACES, IN THE TRUE TEMPLE THAT THE LORD SET UP, NOT MAN.

THE REAL TEMPLE CAN ONLY EXIST IN A REAL PLACE, NOT A FIGURATIVE PLACE.

“SEE THAT YOU MAKE EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN THAT WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.”

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).

THE WORD ALSO APPEARS IN REFERENCE TO THE SHAPE OR PATTERN OF THE TEMPLE (HEB 9:23; EZEK 42:15).

PATTERN - τύπος

TYPOS, MOLD, STAMP, STATUE, IDOL, ANY MARK LEFT BY A BLOW, MODEL, OUTLINE, SKETCH, DECREE, VERDICT

THIS TERM IS USED FOR THE MODEL (HEBREW *tahnîṭ*) OF THE HEAVENLY TEMPLE THAT MOSES IS TOLD TO MAKE (EXOD 25:39, QUOTED AT 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) WAS THE ONLY PIECE OF FURNITURE IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE; THE ARK AND ITS CONTENTS WERE KEPT HIDDEN FROM VIEW AT ALL TIMES. THE ARK ITSELF WAS A WOODEN CHEST, OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD, MEASURING 3.75 FEET LONG, 2.25 FEET WIDE, AND 2.25 FEET HIGH (1.1 M X 0.7 M X 0.7 M). IT CONTAINED WITHIN IT THE TWO STONE TABLETS OF THE TESTIMONY (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS). THE AUTHOR OF HEBREWS ADDS THAT IT ALSO CONTAINED “A GOLDEN JAR HOLDING THE MANNA, AND AARON’S STAFF THAT BUDDED” (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.”

YOM KIPPUR IS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT—THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST ENTERS THE HOLY OF HOLIES (MOST HOLY PLACE) WHERE THE ARK IS LOCATED AND SPRINKLES IT WITH BLOOD FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.

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).

THIS IS FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING WE NEED TO KNOW WHO GOD IS,
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), WAS 3 FEET LONG, 1.5 FEET WIDE, AND 2.25 FEET HIGH (1 M X 0.5 M X 0.7 M). IT HELD THE 12 LOAVES (LEV. 24:5–9) OF THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE, WHICH WERE HOLY (1 SAM. 21:4). WOODEN POLES, OVERLAID WITH GOLD, WERE INSERTED THROUGH THE RINGS OF THE TABLE WHEN THE TABLE WAS TRANSPORTED.

THE TABLE (37:10–16) IS ONE OF THREE ITEMS IN THE HOLY PLACE (40:4–5); LIKE ALL THE ITEMS, ITS PIECES ARE TO BE EITHER OVERLAID WITH GOLD (25:24–26, 28) OR MADE OF IT (V. 29;). THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE CONSISTED OF 12 FLAT LOAVES OF BREAD, SYMBOLIZING THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL (LEV. 24:5–9). FACING THE LAMPSTAND, THEY ENJOYED THE PERPETUAL LIGHT OF DIVINE BLESSING. 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.

WHEN JESUS TOLD THE HUNGRY CROWDS THAT HE WAS THE BREAD OF LIFE, HE WAS TEACHING HIS FOLLOWERS THAT HE ALONE WAS THEIR TRUE SOURCE OF LIFE, BOTH IN THIS PRESENT WORLD AND IN THE EVERLASTING LIFE TO COME.

HE IS THEIR MANNA, THEIR LIFE SOURCE IN THE DESERT OF THE THEOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL AND MORAL DEPRAVITY.

HE SENT FROM HEAVEN TO SUPPLY ALL THEIR NEEDS.

THE TRUTH HE BRINGS IS LIFE SUSTAINING AND TRANSFORMING.

THE BREAD OF LIFE THAT JESUS REPRESENTS NEVER PERISHES, SPOILS, OR RUNS OUT.

MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.

POINT TWO: TEMPLE GIVES US ACCESS TO GOD FOR PROVISION

THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND



THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND (EX. 25:31–40) WAS MADE OF PURE GOLD, HAMMERED OUT OF ONE SOLID PIECE. RESTING ON A BASE, THE CENTRAL STEM HAD SIX BRANCHES, THREE ON EITHER SIDE, TOGETHER CARRYING SEVEN LAMPS. THE LAMPSTAND WITH ITS BRANCHES WAS MODELED ON A FLOWERING ALMOND TREE.

LIGHT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO SUSTAINING LIFE.

GEN 1:3 THEN GOD SAID, “LET THERE BE LIGHT”; AND THERE WAS LIGHT.

OUT OF NOTHING, GOD SPOKE “LET THERE BE LIGHT,” IT IS LIKE A DIVINE LIGHT SWITCH BEING TURNED ON. LIGHT CAME! GOD DID NOT CREATE THIS WORLD BY HIS HANDS, BUT BY HIS WORDS. THE TEMPLE IS A REMINDER OF GOD'S SUSTAINING, TRUSTWORTHY WORDS OF TRUTH.

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

LIGHT THUS SIGNIFIES JESUS' GLORY, WHICH IS FULLNESS OF GRACE AND TRUTH. 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), WAS 3 FEET HIGH, AND 1.5 FEET LONG AND WIDE (1 M X 0.5 M X 0.5 M). IT STOOD IN THE HOLY PLACE BEFORE THE VEIL WHICH SEPARATED THE HOLY PLACE FROM THE MOST HOLY PLACE. IT WAS TRANSPORTED BY MEANS OF WOODEN POLES WHICH WERE OVERLAID WITH GOLD AND INSERTED THROUGH RINGS ATTACHED TO THE SIDES OF THE ALTAR. 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)

WE DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR; BUT THE SPIRIT ITSELF MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED. AND HE SEARCHES HEARTS KNOWING WHAT IS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, BECAUSE HE MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. (ROM. 8:26,27)

THE SMOKE OF THE INCENSE REPRESENTS OUR PRAYERS, MADE FRAGRANT BY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST ARE PRESENTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE THE FATHER. THE SMOKE APPEARS LIKE A CLOUD OF SMOKE BEARING THE PRAYERS AND FRAGRANT INCENSE UP BEFORE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (THE THRONE OF GOD).

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 UTTERMOST 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)



17 THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, SAYING: 18 “YOU SHALL ALSO MAKE A LAVER OF BRONZE, WITH ITS BASE ALSO OF BRONZE, FOR WASHING. YOU SHALL PUT IT BETWEEN THE TABERNACLE OF MEETING AND THE ALTAR. AND YOU SHALL PUT WATER IN IT, 19 FOR AARON AND HIS SONS SHALL WASH THEIR HANDS AND THEIR FEET IN WATER FROM IT. 20 WHEN THEY GO INTO THE TABERNACLE OF MEETING, OR WHEN THEY COME NEAR THE ALTAR TO MINISTER, TO BURN AN OFFERING MADE BY FIRE TO THE LORD, THEY SHALL WASH WITH WATER, LEST THEY DIE. 21 SO THEY SHALL WASH THEIR HANDS AND THEIR FEET, LEST THEY DIE. AND IT SHALL BE A STATUTE FOREVER TO THEM—TO HIM AND HIS DESCENDANTS THROUGHOUT THEIR GENERATIONS.”

JESUS PROMISES LIVING WATER JOHN 7:37-39 (NLT)

37 JESUS STOOD AND SHOUTED TO THE CROWDS, “ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY MAY COME TO ME! 38 ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME MAY COME AND DRINK! FOR THE SCRIPTURES DECLARE, ‘RIVERS OF LIVING WATER WILL FLOW FROM HIS HEART.’” 39 (WHEN HE SAID “LIVING WATER,” HE WAS SPEAKING OF THE SPIRIT, WHO WOULD BE GIVEN TO EVERYONE BELIEVING IN HIM. BUT THE SPIRIT HAD NOT YET BEEN GIVEN, BECAUSE JESUS HAD NOT YET ENTERED INTO HIS GLORY.)

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

ROMANS 6:3-11 ESV

3 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH? 4 WE WERE BURIED THEREFORE WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. 5 FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN UNITED WITH HIM IN A DEATH LIKE HIS, WE SHALL CERTAINLY BE UNITED WITH HIM IN A RESURRECTION LIKE HIS. 6 WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM IN ORDER THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO NOTHING, SO THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE ENSLAVED TO SIN. 7 FOR ONE WHO HAS DIED HAS BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN. 8 NOW IF WE HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST, WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM. 9 WE KNOW THAT CHRIST, BEING RAISED FROM THE DEAD, WILL NEVER DIE AGAIN; DEATH NO LONGER HAS DOMINION OVER HIM. 10 FOR THE DEATH HE DIED HE DIED TO SIN, ONCE FOR ALL, BUT THE LIFE HE LIVES HE LIVES TO GOD. 11 SO YOU ALSO MUST CONSIDER YOURSELVES DEAD TO SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.

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. THIS ALTAR MADE OF WOOD AND OVERLAID WITH BRONZE IS REFERRED TO LATER BY ITS FUNCTION: "THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING" (SEE 38:1-7). IT WAS A HOLLOW WOODEN BOX, OVERLAID WITH BRONZE, MEASURING 4.5 FEET HIGH AND 7.5 FEET LONG AND WIDE (1.4 M X 2.3 M X 2.3 M).

THE ALTAR WAS PLACED BEFORE THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE WITH THE BRONZE BASIN BETWEEN THEM (40:6-7) AND THEY WERE THE ONLY TWO ITEMS INSIDE THE COURT AROUND THE TABERNACLE. THIS IS THE ALTAR WHERE THE PRIESTS WILL OFFER THE SACRIFICES THAT THE LORD COMMANDS ISRAEL TO BRING TO HIM (LEV. 1:1-7:38).

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

EX. 27:2 THE ALTAR IS TO BE MADE WITH HORNS ON EACH CORNER. THE FUNCTION AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HORNS ARE NOT EXPLAINED, BUT THEY ARE REFERRED TO WHEN BOTH ADONIJAH AND JOAB TAKE HOLD OF THEM IN ORDER TO SEEK REFUGE FROM SOLOMON (SEE 1 KINGS 1:50; 2:28).

GRABBING THE HORNS OF THE BRONZE ALTAR WAS A MEANS OF CLAIMING POLITICAL SANCTUARY, ALTHOUGH THIS DID NOT ALWAYS END AS HOPED (1 KGS 1:50-51; 2:28).

THIS IS WHERE ATONEMENT IS PROVIDED.

THIS ALTAR REPRESENTS THE NECESSARY SACRIFICE OF GOD FOR MANKIND.

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.

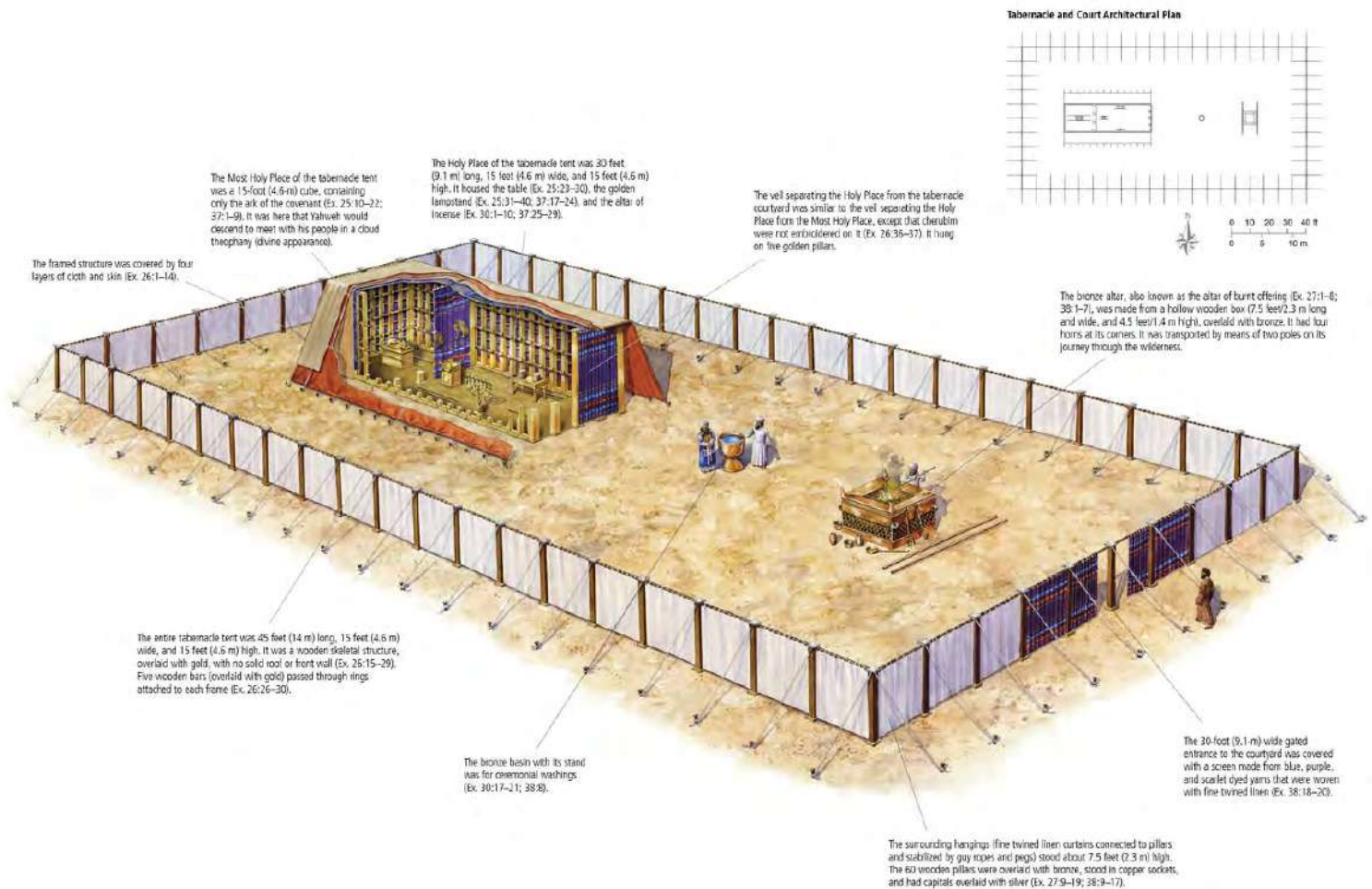
"AND HE HIMSELF IS THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS, AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY BUT ALSO FOR THE WHOLE WORLD."
1 JOHN 2:2

"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



THE TABERNACLE COURTYARD WAS 150 FEET (46 M) LONG AND 75 FEET (23 M) WIDE, TOTALING 11,250 SQUARE FEET (1,045 SQUARE METERS). IT WAS THE FIRST MOBILE TEMPLE!

THE FOCUS ON THE TEMPLE (TABERNACLE) IS GROUNDED IN THE FACT THAT IT IS THE METHOD THAT THE LORD CHOSE TO DWELL IN THE MIDST OF HIS PEOPLE (SEE 25:8; 29:45).

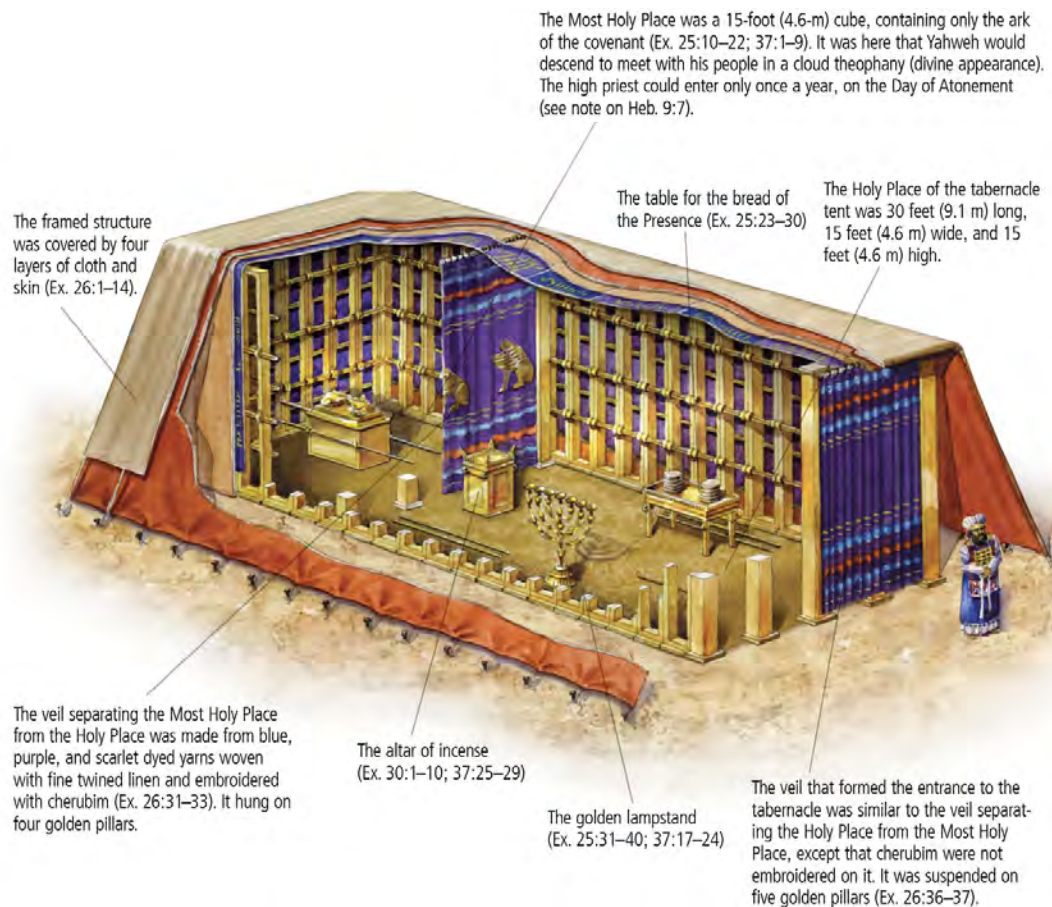
THE TEMPLE IS THE VESSEL THAT GOD USES TO DWELL AMONG THE ISRAELITES

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).



**THE SPECIFICS OF THE PATTERNS AND MEASUREMENTS IS TO GUARANTEE AUTHENTICITY OF THE OBJECT.
THIS TEMPLE IS LIKE NO OTHER**

**THE TEMPLE IS THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD WITH US.
THE TEMPLE IS THE FIRST VISIBLE SIGN OF EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US.
THE TEMPLE IS THE SHADOW OF THE INCARNATE JESUS**

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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