

# *Understanding God*

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## Exploring the significance of God's dwelling place in our lives

The Tabernacle represents God's desire to dwell among His people, serving as a **sacred meeting place**. It illustrates His love and commitment, inviting us to experience His presence intimately. By studying the Tabernacle, we deepen our understanding of the relationship between the divine and humanity.



# The Five Sacred Elements

Exodus 26 reveals God's detailed blueprint for the Tabernacle, each element carrying profound symbolic meaning

V I-6

Fine Linen Curtains with Cherubim: Representing purity and heavenly beings watching over the sacred space

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Goat Hair Curtains: A protective layer symbolizing God's covering and shelter

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Ram Skins Dyed Red & Hides: Symbolizing sacrifice and ultimate divine protection

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Wooden Frames and Bases: Providing structure, stability, and spiritual foundation

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The Veil and Entrance Curtain: The Veil and Entrance Curtain

# Goat Hair Curtains - Layer of Protection (v.7-13)

## The Second Covering

- Eleven curtains of goat hair formed the protective tent over the fine linen curtains.

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- Each curtain measured 30 cubits by 4 cubits , larger than the inner curtains for complete coverage.

Five curtains joined together, six curtains joined together, with bronze clasps connecting the sets.

- The extra length created a fold at the front and overhang at the back for weather protection.

**Symbolic Meaning: Goat hair represents God's protective covering over His people, shielding the sacred from the profane world outside**



# The Innermost Sacred Layer

Verses 1-6 describe divine unity through golden clasps joining separate curtains.



Fine twisted linen represents:  
purity and righteousness of those approaching God's presence.

Blue, purple, and scarlet yarn symbolize:  
heavenly royalty and divine majesty.

Cherubim designs represent:  
heavenly beings guarding God's holiness.

The innermost curtains reveal God's desire to dwell among His people in beauty, purity, and heavenly splendor, protected by cherubim guardians.



# Tabernacle Materials

## Gold

Represents **divine glory** and richness in faith.



## Silver

Symbolizes **purity** and redemption in scripture.



## Bronze

Signifies **strength** and enduring faithfulness in trials.





# Tabernacle Furnishings

## Ark

The **sacred chest** of God's covenant promise.



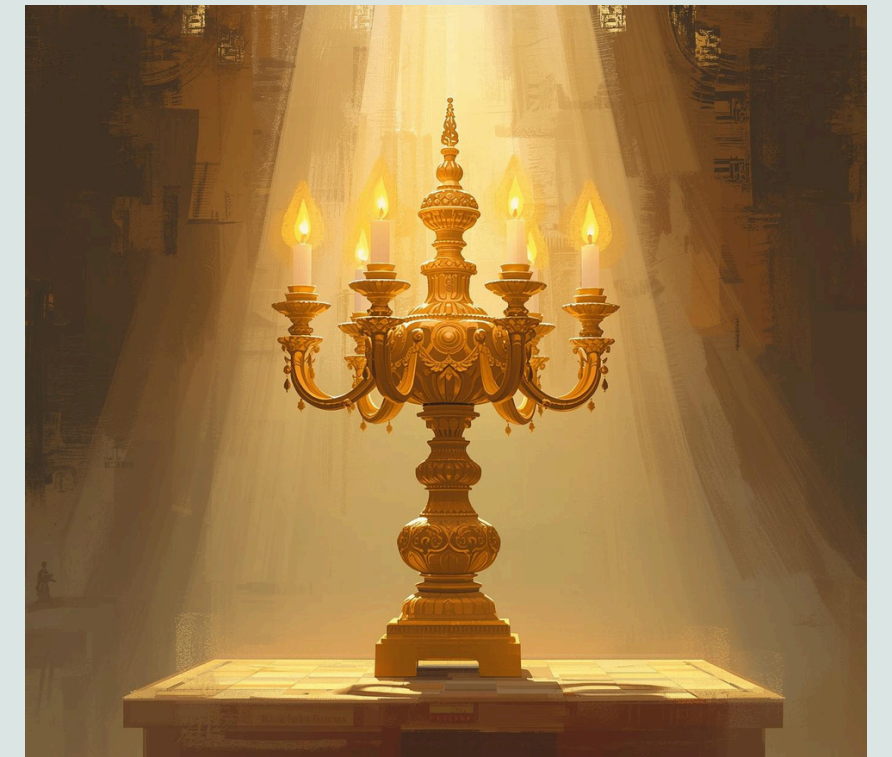
## Table

The **display of bread** symbolizing God's provision.



## Lampstand

The **light source** representing God's eternal guidance.





# The Table of Showbread - Bread of the Presence

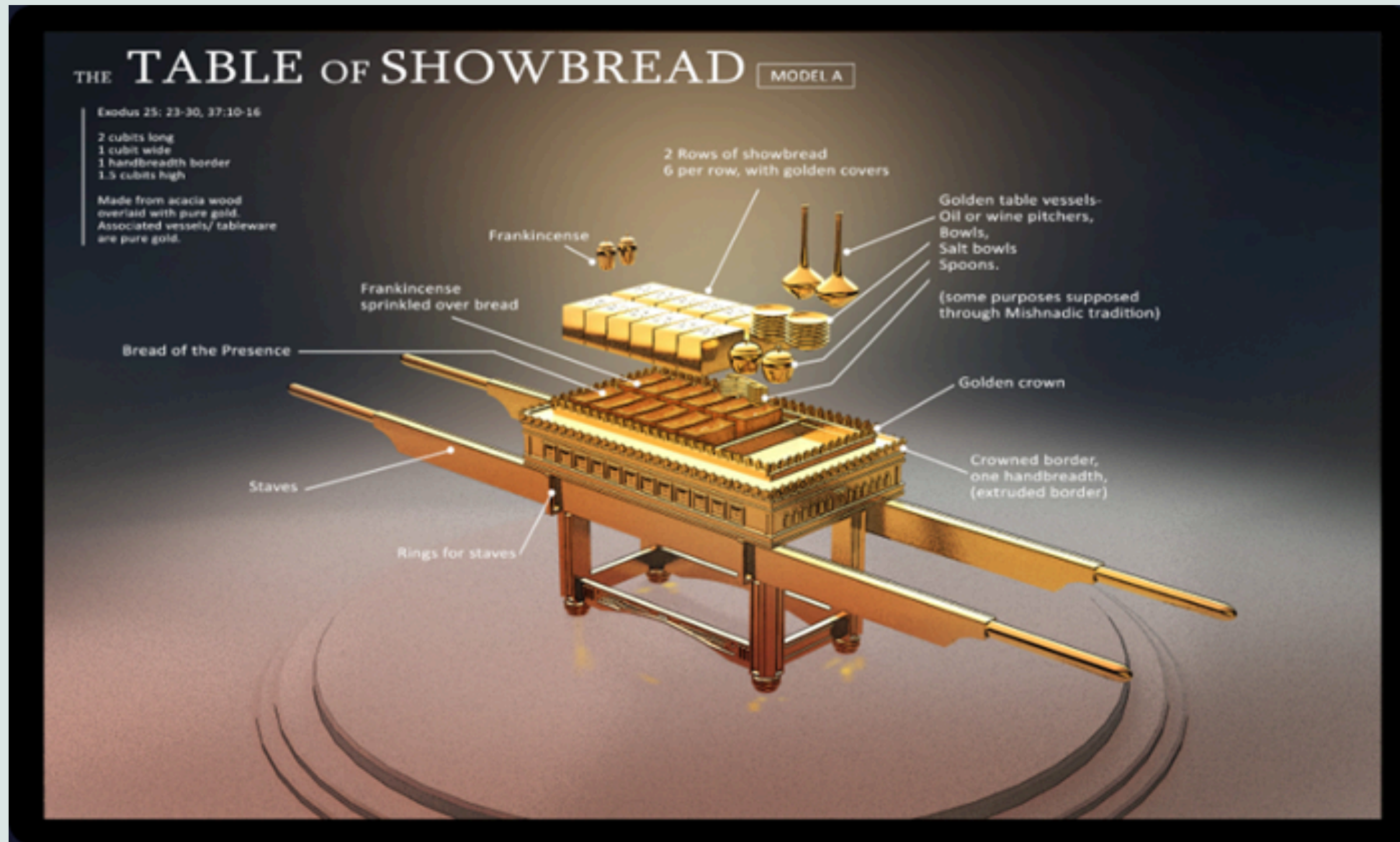
## The Bread of God's Presence

Golden acacia wood table overlaid with pure gold, representing God's eternal provision.

- Each loaf made with fine flour, representing the people's offering to God

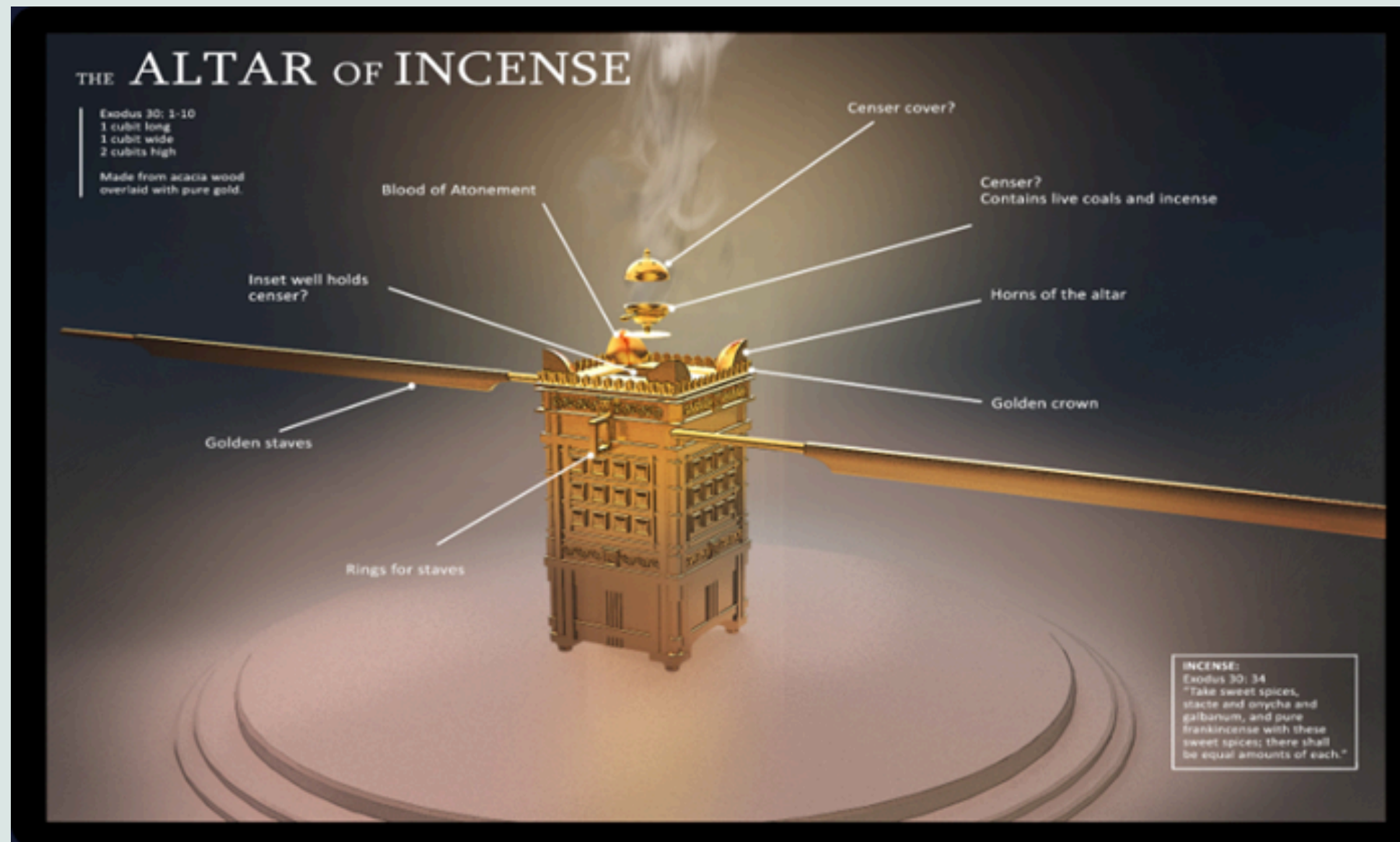
Frankincense and wine accompanied the bread as memorial offerings before the Lord.

Positioned on the north side of the Holy Place , constantly before God's presence.



**Spiritual Meaning:** The showbread represents God's continuous provision and fellowship with His people, foreshadowing Christ as the "Bread of Life" who sustains us spiritually.

# The Golden Altar of Incense - Prayers Ascending



## The Sacred Altar of Prayer

- Acacia wood overlaid with pure gold measuring one cubit square and two cubits high.
- Four golden horns at the corners symbolizing strength and divine power.
- Special incense blend burned twice daily creating sweet fragrance before the Lord .
- Positioned before the veil that shields the Most Holy Place and Ark of the Covenant.

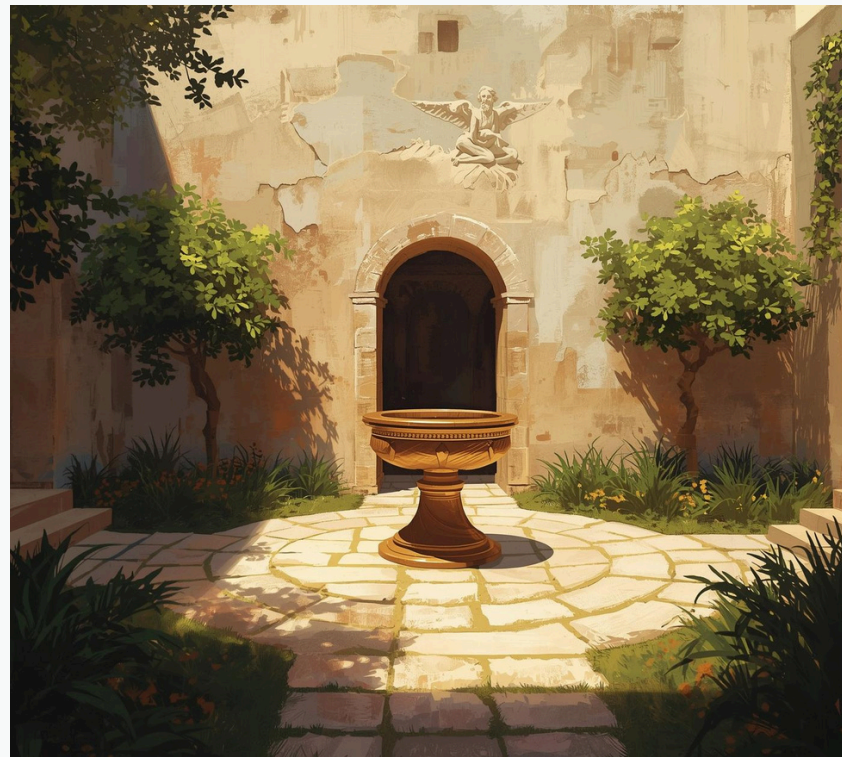
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# The Courtyard

## Bronze Altar

**Symbol of sacrifice** and divine worship



## Bronze Laver

**Purification water** for spiritual cleansing



## Sacred Space

**A place for connection** with the divine



45 feet long

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Length of the Tabernacle

15 feet wide

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Width of the Tabernacle

15 feet high

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Height of the Tabernacle





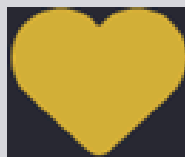
# Tabernacle Construction

— *Exodus 26; 36:8–38* —

## Ram Skins & Hides - Sacrifice & Protection (v.14)

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"Make for the tent a covering of ram skins dyed red , and over that a covering of fine leather ."



### **Sacrifice**

Red dye symbolizes the blood of sacrifice, pointing to ultimate redemption through Christ's blood.



### **Protection**

Ram skins provided weatherproof covering, representing God's protective care over His dwelling place.



### **Strength**

Fine leather outer layer symbolizes divine strength and durability of God's covenant with His people.



# Wooden Frames & Bases - Structure & Stability (v.15-30)

Foundation of the Sacred

Tabernacle Frame Structure



Acacia wood frames represent incorruptible strength and enduring faith.

20 frames on south and north sides, 6 frames on west side with 2 corner frames.

Silver bases symbolize redemption and the price paid for holiness.

Gold-plated bars connected the frames, creating unified structural integrity.

# The Veil & Entrance - Sacred Separation (v.31-37)

## The Veil (v.31-35)

- Blue, purple, scarlet yarn and fine linen with cherubim woven by skilled craftsmen.
- Hung on four gold-overlaid acacia pillars with golden hooks and silver bases.
- Separates the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place where God's presence dwells.
- Behind the veil: the Ark of the Covenant with the mercy seat and cherubim.

## Entrance Curtain (v.36-37)

- Embroidered screen of blue, purple, scarlet yarn and fine linen for the tent entrance.
- Supported by five acacia wood pillars overlaid with gold and golden hooks.
- Pillars set in five bronze bases providing stability and grounding.
- Controlled access to the Holy Place for authorized priests only.

Sacred Design: Both barriers create reverent approach to God's presence - the entrance Limiting access to the holy, the veil protecting the most holy.