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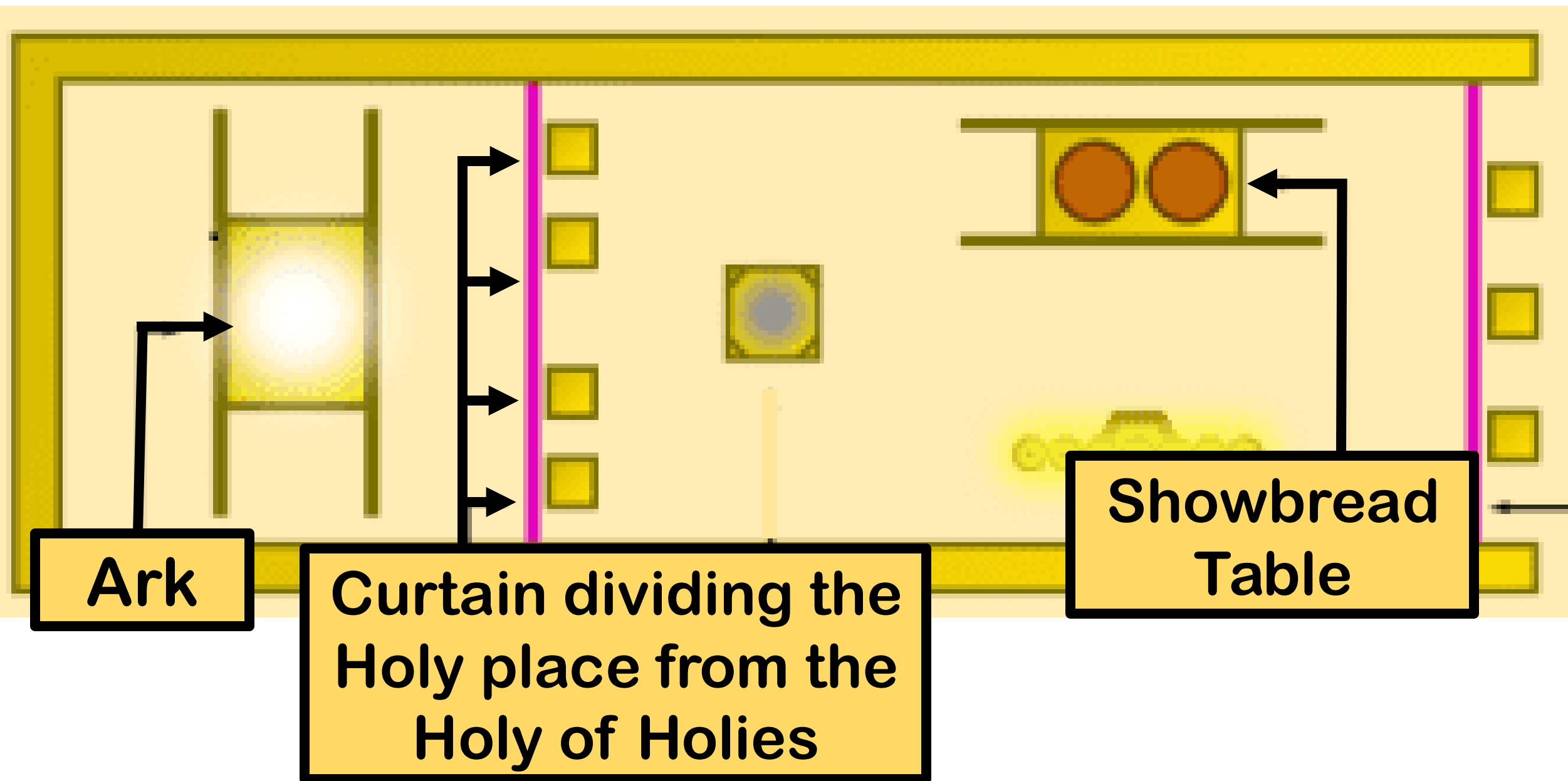
Bread on the Table

Exodus 25:23-30;
Exodus 37:10-16

Two Principles of Interpretation

- 1. Scripture meant something to the original audience; and the meaning is found in that context.*
- 2. “Progressive revelation” means the definitive interpretation of the Old Testament is found at the New, often “in Christ”.*





The Table

- Exodus – “the table” (Exod. 25:27, 30)
- Numbers – “the table of the Presence” (4:7)
- Leviticus - “the pure table” (24:6)
- 2 Chronicles “the ceremonially clean table” (13:11).
- 1 Kings – “the golden table on which was the bread of the Presence” (7:48).

Leviticus 24:5–9

“Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. 6 “You shall set them in two rows, six to a row, on the pure gold table before the Lord. 7 “You shall put pure frankincense on each row that it may be a memorial portion for the bread, even an offering by fire to the Lord. 8 “Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the Lord continually; it is an everlasting covenant for the sons of Israel. 9 “It shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the Lord’s offerings by fire, his portion forever.”

“The shewbread was renewed every sabbath day, with much ceremony. “Four priests,” says the Mishna, “enter, two of them carrying the piles of bread, and two of them the cups of incense. Four priests had gone in before them, two to take off the two old piles of shewbread, and two to take off the cups of incense. Those who brought in the new stood at the north side facing southwards; those who took away the old, at the south side, facing northwards. One party lifted off and the other put on, the hands of one beings over against the hands of the other, as it is written, Thou shalt set upon the table bread of the Passover always before me”

Acts 17:24–26

“The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things...”

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Psalm 111:5

*“He has given food to those who fear
Him; He will remember His covenant
forever.”*

“In the ancient Near East sharing a special meal together was an act of friendship and personal communion. The host undertook solemn responsibility to serve and protect his guest while they enjoyed the meal. Thus God invites Israel to share a meal with Him and enjoy His protection.”

Vern Poythress, The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses pp. 19-20.

David Eats Showbread

1st Samuel 21:6

“So the priest gave him consecrated bread; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the Lord, in order to put hot bread in its place when it was taken away.”

Mark 2:23–28

And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 25 And He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry;

Mark 2:23–28

26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?”

27 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

28 “So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

“You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 “He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.”

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An illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a white beard and hair, wearing a red robe and holding a wooden staff. He is walking towards the right, leading a group of five black silhouettes of people (men, women, and children) who are also walking towards the right. The background shows a desert landscape with rolling hills, some green bushes, and a bright, hazy sky with clouds. The overall style is simple and illustrative.

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Matthew 4:4

*“But He answered and said, “It is written,
‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on
every word that proceeds out of the mouth
of God.’ ”*

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