

THE EXODUS

A Dwelling Place for God

Exodus 25:1-9; 31:1-11; 36-38; 40

Lesson 9

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Exodus – outline

- ▶ The Exodus (1-18) – God’s power
- ▶ The Law (19-24) – God’s holiness
- ▶ The Tabernacle (25-40) – Fellowship with God
 - The Tabernacle (25-27, 30-31, 35-40)
 - The Priesthood (28-29)
 - The Golden Calf (32-34)

Understanding the Law of Moses

- ▶ The Law of Moses – the O.T. era after Exodus 19
- ▶ The Law of Moses today: all or some or none
- ▶ The Sabbath controversy
- ▶ Genesis 12:1-3, 7
 - Blessing – salvation by grace through faith
 - A Great Nation – Israel (holy)
 - Blessing for the nations – the Church era
 - The coming Seed – Jesus Christ

The Exodus

- ▶ The fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham (Exodus 2:12)
- ▶ The exodus, after 430 years in exile
- ▶ The Great Nation established at Sinai

Israel at Mount Sinai

- ▶ A detour that is not a detour (Exodus 13:17-22)
- ▶ Arrival at Mount Sinai as promised (Exodus 3:12)
- ▶ Redemption with great acts of judgment (Exodus 6:6)
- ▶ The Law of Moses is given

God's Law is Israel's Constitution

- ▶ The beginning of the Great Nation
 - Moral, civil and ceremonial laws
 - Commandments – penalties – rewards
 - A dwelling place for God
 - A priesthood – family of Aaron in the tribe of Levi
 - No king (yet)
- ▶ A temporary plan
 - Jeremiah 31:31-35 – a New Covenant nation
 - Galatians 3 – a tutor

The Law as a Tutor

- ▶ The progressive nature of revelation
- ▶ The Tutor is in place to “bring us to Christ”
- ▶ The Law is a revelation of salvation and Christ
- ▶ The dwelling place of God – a revealing revelation

A Dwelling Place for God

- ▶ God will dwell among His people
- ▶ God is holy
- ▶ God is accessible by blood – by “great judgments”

The Preparation

▶ Divine initiative

- Make a tabernacle “that I may dwell in their midst;” (25:8)

▶ Divine pattern

- Exactly as shown – tabernacle and furniture (25:9)
- Heb. 8:2, 5 – a “copy of heavenly things”
- Heb. 9:11-12 – “a greater and more perfect tent”

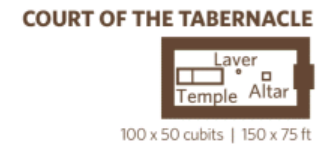
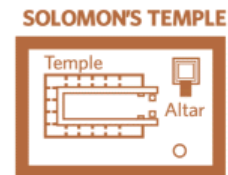
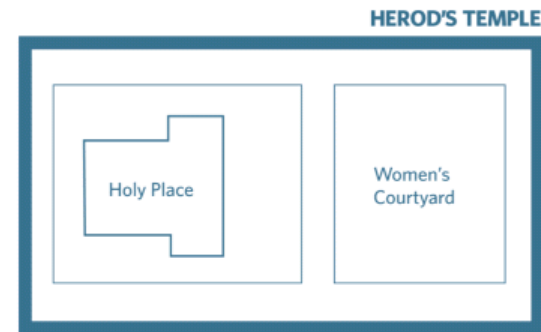
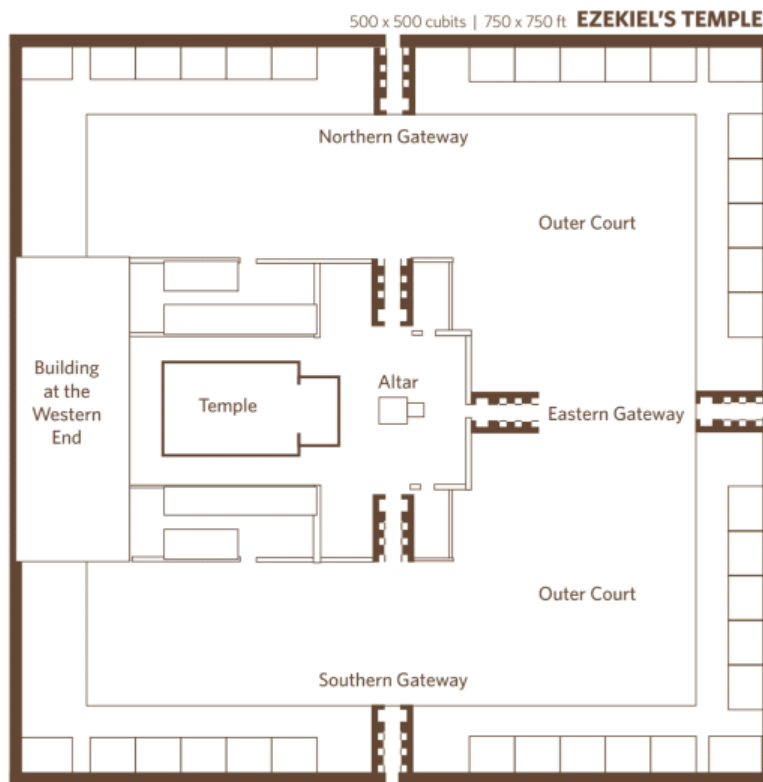
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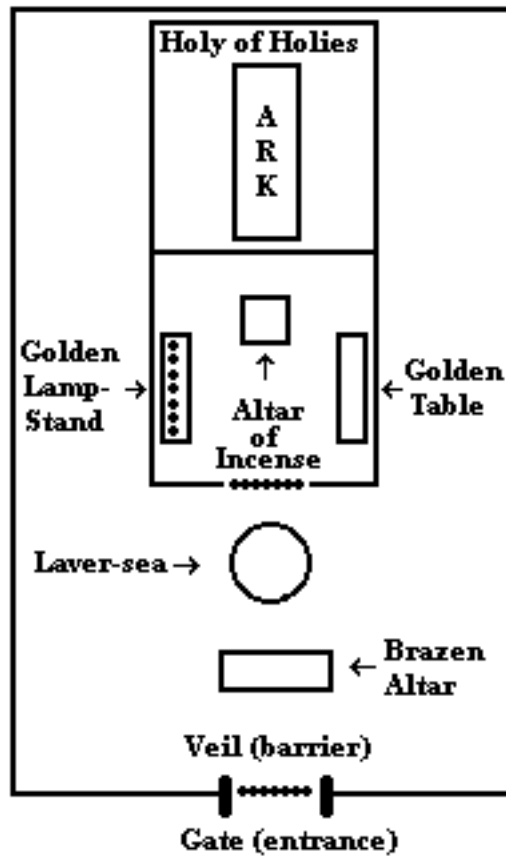
- Defined by God – (25:3-7)
- Supplied by God – (3:21-22; 11:2-3; 12:35-36))
- Hearts moved (by God) – (25:2; 35:4-29)

▶ Divine skills

- Bezalel and Oholiab (35:30-36:1)
- All men who work (31:6; 35:25; 36:8)

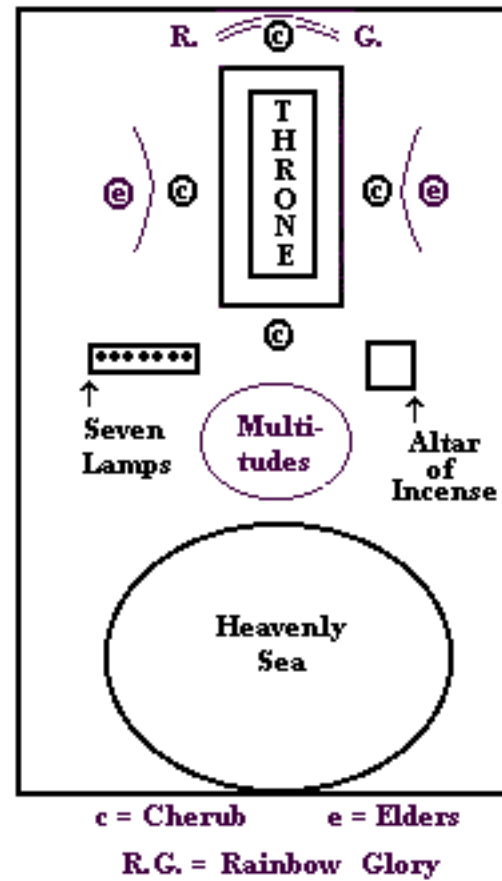
Temple Size Comparisons





Earthly Tabernacle

(not to scale)



Heavenly Temple

The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

- ▶ **Two chambers (26:33)**
 - Holy Place – entry to the dwelling place of God
 - Most Holy Place – dwelling place of God
- ▶ **Holiness of God**
 - Apartness – Separate from all that is sinful and profane
- ▶ **Holy Place**
 - Accessible to priests but not to common people
 - Furnishings required maintenance
- ▶ **Most Holy Place – Holy of Holies**
 - “Throne of God” – mercy seat
 - Presence of God
 - Limited human access

The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

- ▶ God in the midst of His people
- ▶ Accessible and inaccessible
- ▶ Image of the heavenly tabernacle
- ▶ Exodus 20:20 – “God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”



The Ark of the Covenant

- ▶ A container for the Testimony (25:21; 31:18)
- ▶ The mercy seat
 - Hebrew (KAPPORET) – Neither mercy nor seat
 - Place of atonement – place of reconciliation of enemies
 - Solid gold — covered with animal blood
- ▶ Cherubim
 - Genesis 3:24 – guarded entrance to the Tree of Life
 - Flaming swords – death to those who would enter
- ▶ There I will meet with you
 - Just and the justifier (Rom. 3:26)
 - Animal blood will not bring the people of God into the Holy of Holies



A Table for Bread

▶ Bread

- Lev. 24:5-9 – 12 loaves as a food offering to the LORD
- Aaron and his sons were to eat it in a holy place

▶ Figure of Christ

- An offering to God
- Union with Him for those who would enter presence of God – “Bread of the presence” (Ex. 25:30)



The Lampstand

- ▶ The light in the Holy Place (27:20-21)
- ▶ Figure for the Word of God
- ▶ Figure for the 7 Spirits before the throne in heaven (Rev. 4:5)
- ▶ Special mention of the pattern in heaven (25:40)
- ▶ Figure for the Lord Jesus – the light of the world



The Incense Altar

- ▶ In front of the veil
- ▶ Fragrant incense before the LORD
- ▶ Unique incense formulation (30:22-38)
- ▶ Make atonement on it with blood yearly
- ▶ Prayers of saints (Rev. 8:3-4)
- ▶ Intercessory ministry of Christ – based upon the blood (Heb. 9:11-15)



The Courtyard

- ▶ Courtyard with tables for sacrifices
- ▶ Bronze altar (Ex. 27:1-8)
- ▶ Bronze basin (Ex. 30:17-21)

The Glory of God

- ▶ Making the Tabernacle and articles (Ex 35:30-39:43)
- ▶ Assembling the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:1-33)
- ▶ The glory of God enters the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:34-38)
 - Cloud filled the Tabernacle – Moses not able to enter
 - Cloud left to lead
- ▶ The Tabernacle in the daily life of Israel
 - God’s presence – fear (Exodus 20:20)
 - The sacrifices and ceremonies – daily enacting the plan of salvation
- ▶ A figure of Christ – John 1:14 – “tabernacled” among us

A Dwelling Place for God

- ▶ The Tutor is in place
- ▶ God dwelling with His people
- ▶ God's "unfinished symphony" – awaiting Christ
- ▶ A test for the people – to expose sins
- ▶ A test for the people – to reveal faith
- ▶ God will provide – Gen. 22:2; 2 Chron. 3:1