

Types and Shadows:

“... the law has but a shadow of the good things to
come” (Hebrew 10:1 ESV)

THE TABERNACLE

The Regulations of The Law

- *The regulations of the Law of Moses foreshadowed what was to come, in Christ.*
- Col 2:16-17
 - So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.
 - NKJV

The Tabernacle and Priesthood

- ◎ *The Tabernacle and priesthood were a shadow of greater heavenly things.*
- ◎ Heb 8:4b-5
 - ... there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."
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The First, and The Greater

⦿ Heb 9:1-2

- Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared:

⦿ Heb 9:11-12

- But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.
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The Pattern Given to Moses

⦿ Ex 25:8-9

- And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

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⦿ See also Exodus 25:40, 26:30, Numbers 8:4, Hebrews 8:5

Chapters in The Law Focused on The Tabernacle... about 57

- ⦿ Exodus 25-31
 - Instructions for the offerings, the structure, the furnishings, the priests garments, etc.
- ⦿ Exodus 35-40
 - The collection, construction, erection and dedication of the Tabernacle.
- ⦿ Leviticus 1-27
 - The priests, sacrifices and rituals of the Tabernacle service.
- ⦿ Numbers 2-10, 15-19, 28-30
 - Order in camp and service of the Tabernacle, offerings and regulations,

The Purpose of The Tabernacle

⦿ Ex 25:8-9

- And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

⦿ Ex 29:43-46

- And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory. 44 So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. 45 I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.
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Materials for The Tabernacle -- How

⦿ Ex 25:1-3

- Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

⦿ Ex 35:20-22

- And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. 21 Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.
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Materials for The Tabernacle -- Who

- ⦿ Ex 35:21-22, 25, 27, 28, 29
- ⦿ Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart,
- ⦿ All the women who were gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun,
- ⦿ The rulers brought onyx stones,...spices and oil
- ⦿ The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.
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Materials for The Tabernacle -- What

◎ Ex 25:3-9

- And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; 4 blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; 5 ram skins dyed red, *badger* skins, and acacia wood; 6 oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 7 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. 8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

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- KJV “badger skins” LXX “blue skins” NIV 2011 “durable leather” ESV “goatskins”

Materials for The Tabernacle -- Why

● Ex 25:3-9

- Gold: Great value; great beauty; great desire; durability; refined purity
- Silver: Value, beauty, desire, more common
- Bronze: Less value; less beauty but still polished lustre; refined strength and durability

Materials for The Tabernacle -- Why

● Ex 25:3-9

- Blue thread: Divine order, God's commandments, holiness -- see Numbers 15:37-41. (All the golden furnishings of the Tabernacle were wrapped in blue for transit.)
- Purple thread: Royal authority, wealth and power – see Judges 8:26 or Mark 15:17. (The bronze altar was covered with purple for transit)
- Scarlet thread: Sin and redemption (by blood) – see Joshua 2:19, Isaiah 1:18, Hebrews 9:19
- Fine linen: Purity, quality, righteous deeds – see Revelation 19:8 (much higher thread count than any modern linen)

Materials for The Tabernacle -- Why

● Ex 25:3-9

- goats' hair: coarse woven fabric, probably black; like felt, often used for tents
- ram skins dyed red: leather without hair, like Moroccan leather
- Durable/fine leather: unknown Hebrew word; “blue” in the LXX; perhaps goatskin
- acacia wood: durable rot and insect resistant wood available in Egypt and the Sinai

Materials for The Tabernacle -- Why

● Ex 25:3-9

- oil for the light and anointing: (olive oil is sometimes a symbol of the Holy Spirit)
- spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense: (prayers of the redeemed)
- onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate: (beauty, permanence, engraving *on the heart*)

God's Presence Among Men

⦿ Ex 25:8-9

- And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

⦿ Gen 3:8

- And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

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God's Presence Among Men

⦿ Gen 4:13-14

- Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence;

⦿ Gen 4:16

- So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
 - NIV

⦿ Ex 25:30

- 30 And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me regularly.
 - ESV

God's Presence Among Men

◎ John 1:14-15

- 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"
 - NKJV
- “dwelt” = NT:4637 skenoo (skay-no'-o); from NT:4636; to tent or encamp, i.e. (figuratively) to occupy (as a mansion) or (specifically) to reside (as God did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol of protection and communion):
- KJV - dwell.
 - (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary..)

God's Presence Among Men

⦿ Rev 21:1-3

- Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

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God's Presence Among Men

- Eden
- The Tabernacle of Moses
- Jesus Christ
- The New Jerusalem

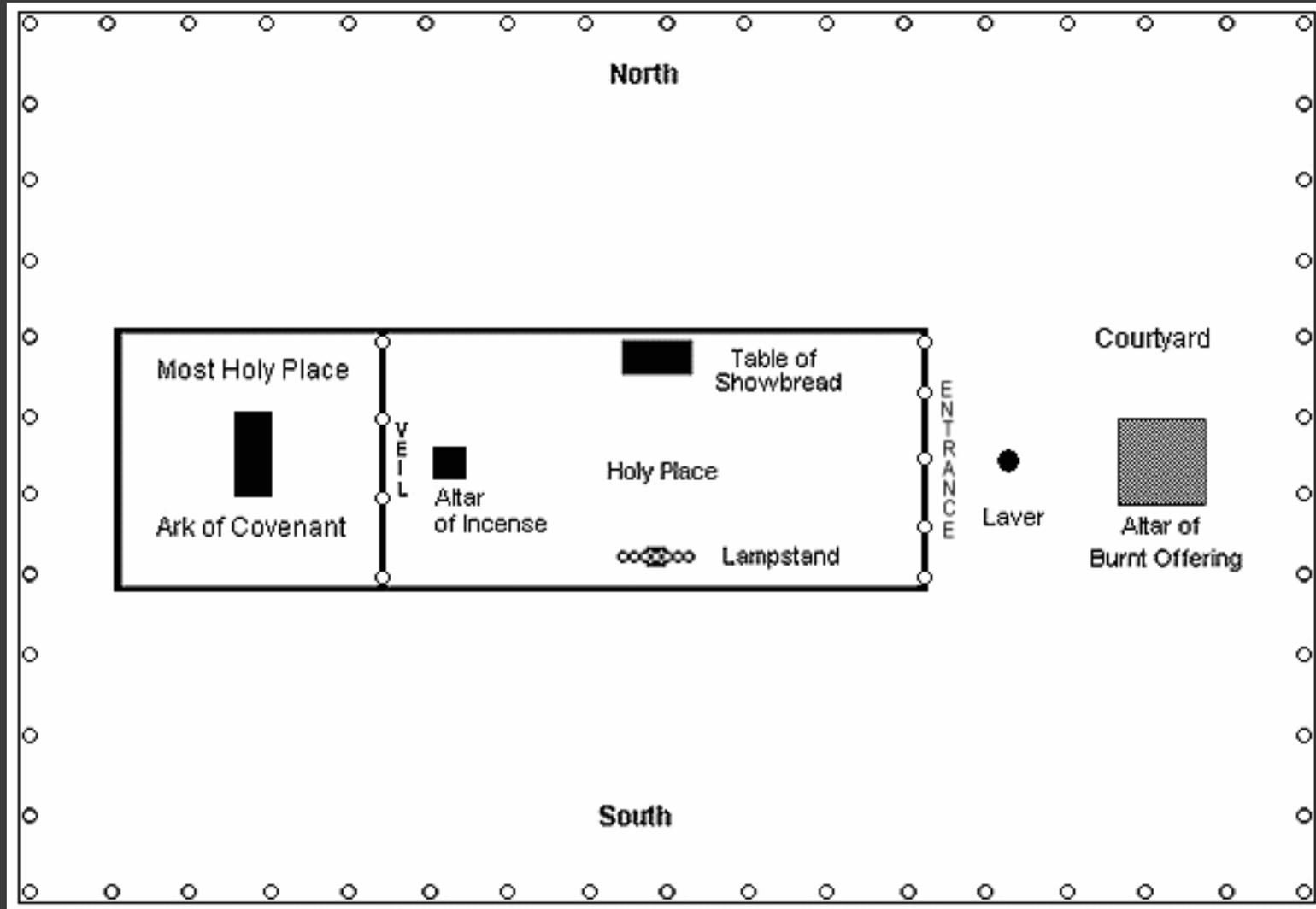
Eden and The Tabernacle

- Presence of the Lord
- Fruit trees, Tree of Life, Tree of “knowledge ...”
- Eastward in Eden, sword at the East
- Gold, aromatic resin, Onyx
- Skin for covering Gen 3:21
- Cherubim
- Bread Gen 3:19
- Work, take care of Gen 2:15
- Tunics Gen 3:21
- Presence of the Lord
- Trees – Almond, Pomegranate
- Facing East
- Furnishings, incense, priest’s regalia
- Skin (same word) for covering tabernacle Ex 25:5
- Cherubim
- Bread Ex 25:30
- Levites work, take care of Lev 3:7-8
- Tunics Ex 28:4

The Tabernacle



The Tabernacle, overall



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The Tabernacle Faced East

- The One Gate was on the east
- Ex 27:13-16
 - The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits. 14 The hangings on one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets. 15 And on the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets.
 - 16 "For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long
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East, remember Eden

◎ Gen 3:23-24

- therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

◎ Gen 4:16-17

- Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.
 - NKJV

East, consider Abram

◎ Gen 12:7-9

- 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. 9 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.
 - NKJV See also Genesis 13:1-4
- Bethel=House of God, Genesis 28:19, 31:13, 35:1-7
- Ai=Heap of ruins, Joshua 8:28-29

The East Facing Tabernacle, The West Facing Worshiper

- Approaching the tabernacle meant facing the sunset.
- There is a reminder of paradise, lost
- For the worshiper, the house of God is ahead (to the west), the heap of ruins behind (in the east).

1 John 2:8b the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

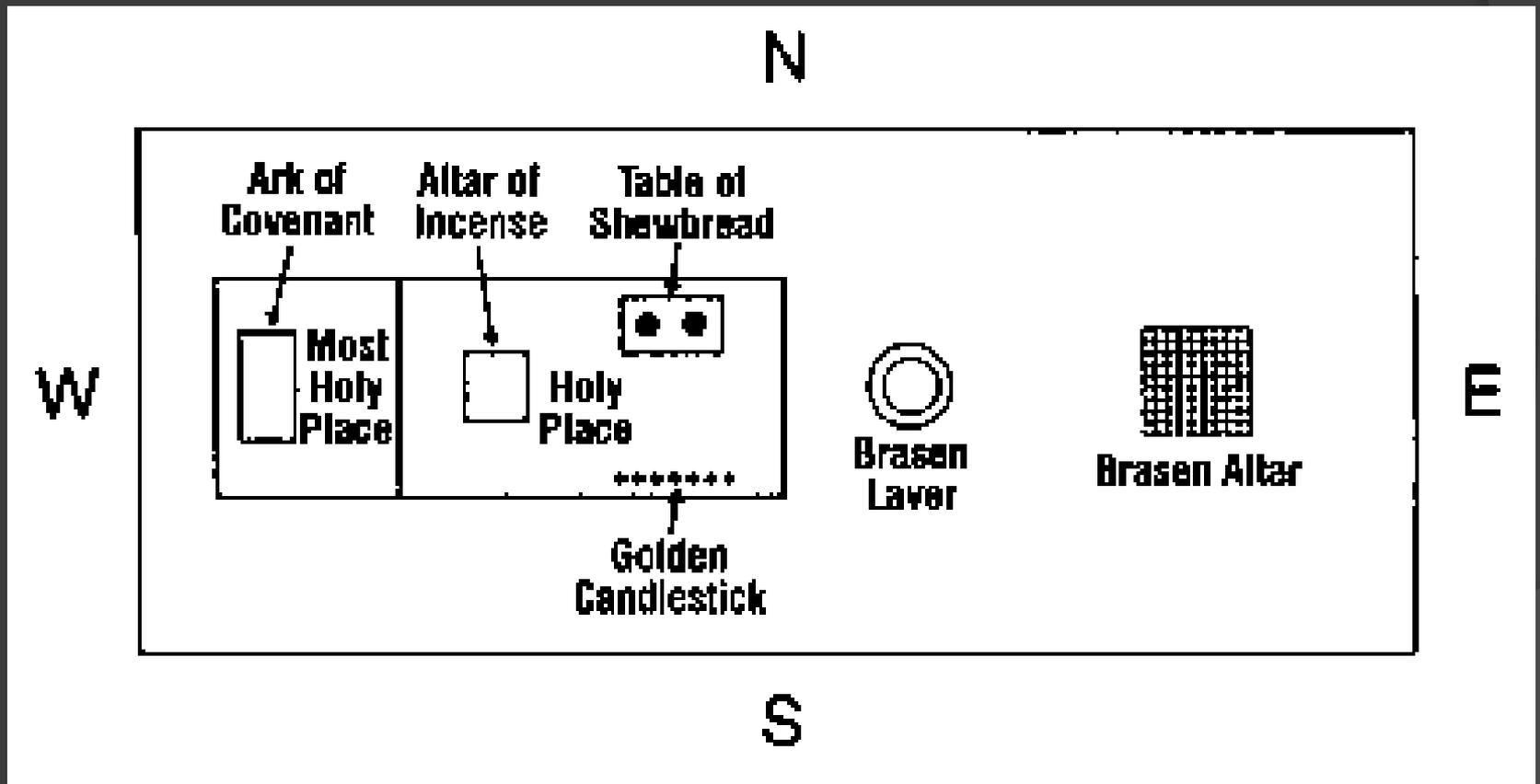
◎ Human error Ezek 8:15-16

- 15 Then He said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Turn again, you will see greater abominations than these." 16 So He brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house; and there, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the Lord and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun toward the east.

◎ God's truth Rev 21:23-24

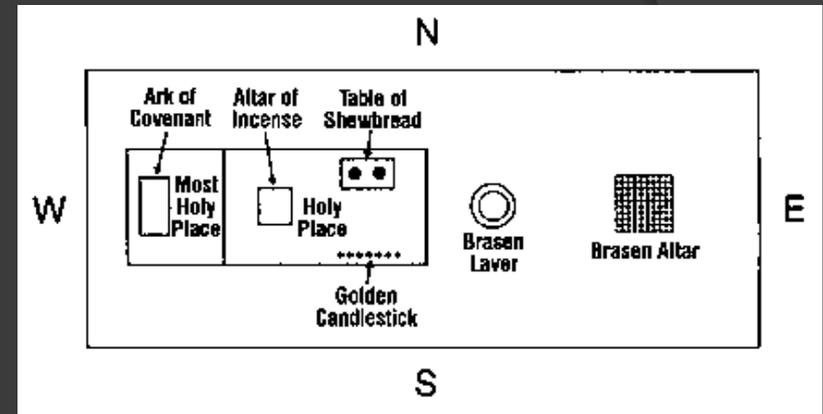
- The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.
 - NKJV

The Tent of Meeting was completed, Exodus 39:32-43



One Tabernacle, 3 Areas

- Courtyard
- Holy Place
- Most Holy Place



- Matt 28:19
- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 1 Thess 5:23
- Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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How lovely...

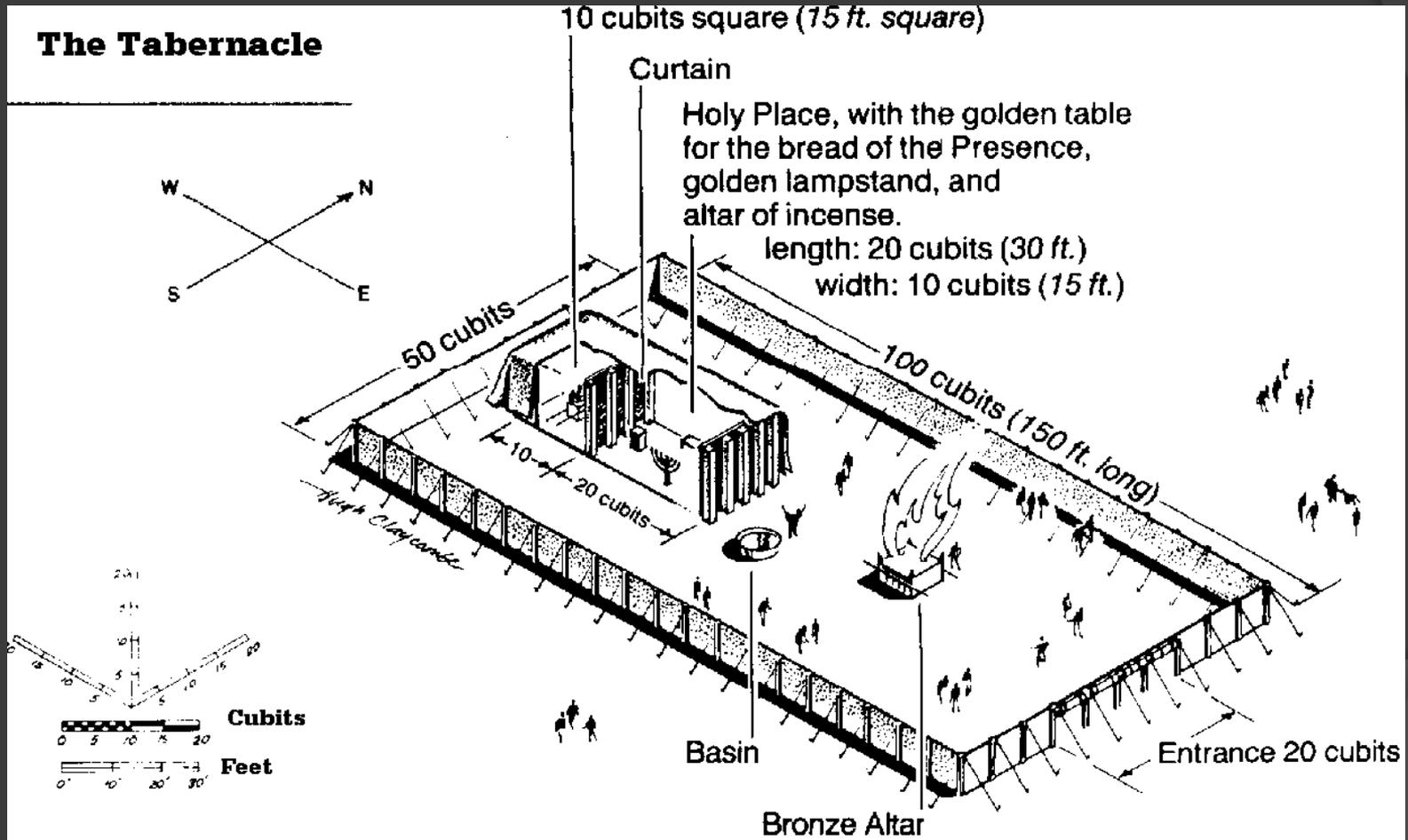
- ⦿ Ps 84:1-2
- ⦿ How lovely is Your tabernacle,
- ⦿ O Lord of hosts!
- ⦿ 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints
- ⦿ For the courts of the Lord;
- ⦿ My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

- ⦿ Ps 84:10
- ⦿ For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.
- ⦿ I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
- ⦿ Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
 - NKJV

How lovely...

- ⦿ Ps 84:3-4
- ⦿ Even the sparrow has found a home,
- ⦿ And the swallow a nest for herself,
- ⦿ Where she may lay her young —
- ⦿ Even Your altars, O Lord of hosts,
- ⦿ My King and my God.
- ⦿ 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house;
- ⦿ They will still be praising You.
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The Barrier around the Court

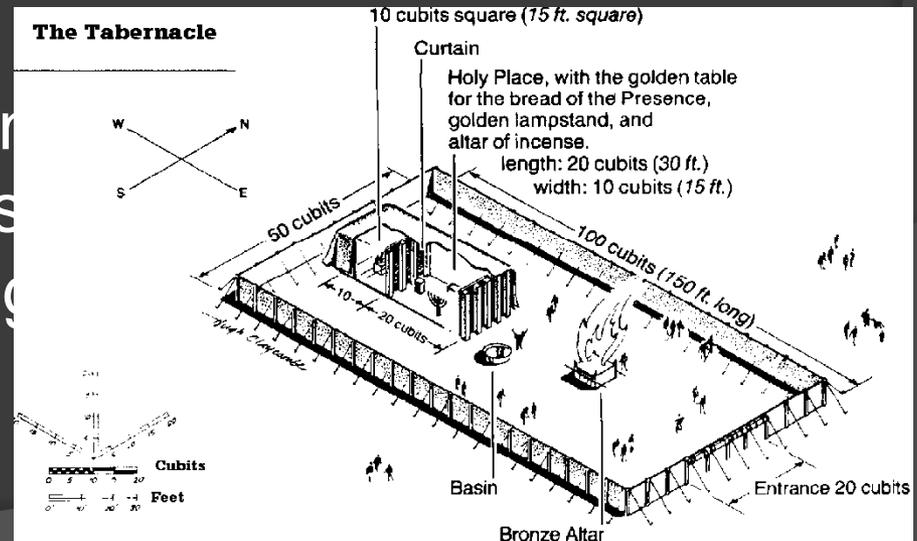


The Barrier around the Court

- A wall of fine linen

- 100 cubits east to west X 50 cubits north to south, 5 cubits high
- 60 posts of bronze on bronze bases with silver hooks and bands. 20 north, 20 south, 10 west

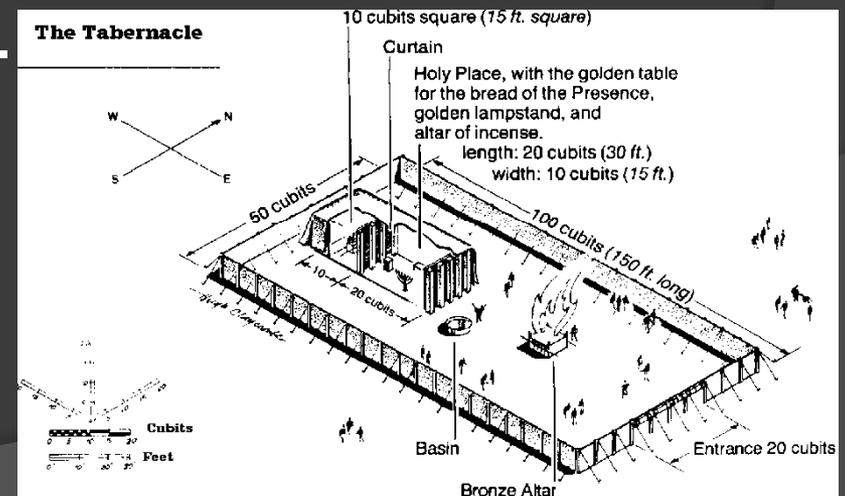
- A gate of 20 cubits or
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The Barrier around the Court

- A gate screen on the East, with partitions of 15 cubits on each side. 4 bronze posts for the gate, and 3 posts on each side, with silver hooks and bands.
- Ex 27:16 twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.

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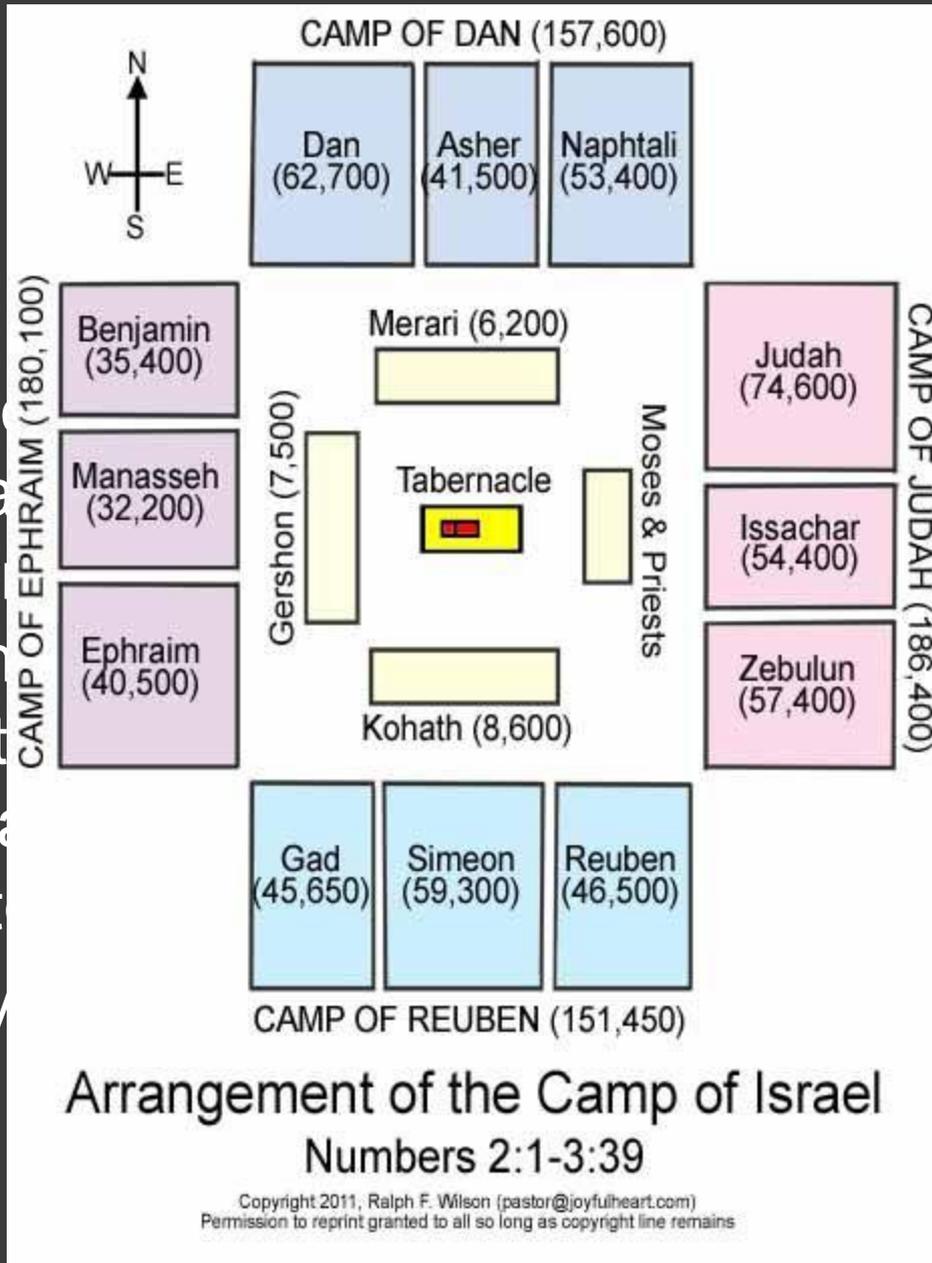
- Num 2:1-3
- And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2 "Everyone of the children of Israel shall camp by his own standard, beside the emblems of his father's house; **they shall camp some distance from the tabernacle of meeting.** 3 On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, those of the standard of the forces with Judah shall camp
 - NKJV

The Barrier around the Court

- Num 3:38-39
- Moreover those who were to camp before the tabernacle on the east, before the tabernacle of meeting, were Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary, to meet the needs of the children of Israel; but the outsider who came near was to be put to death.
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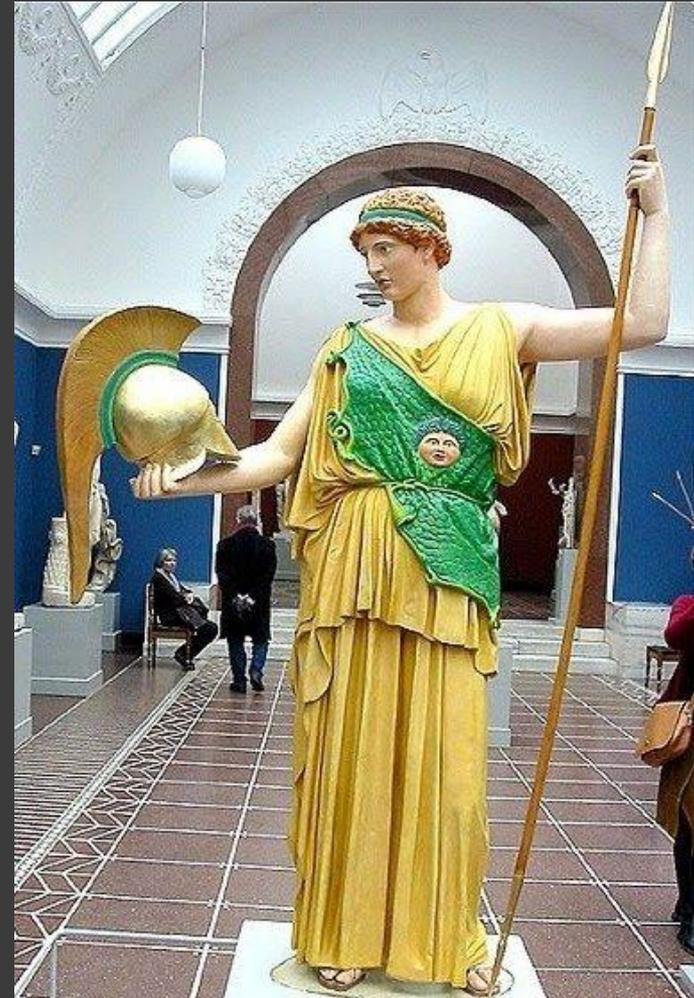
- Note that the tribes of Israel camped 3 on each side of the tabernacle. Recall that the heavenly city where God tabernacles among men echoes this arrangement.
- Rev 21:12-13
 - Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.
 - NKJV

The Gate to The Courtyard

- Ex 27:16
- "For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets."
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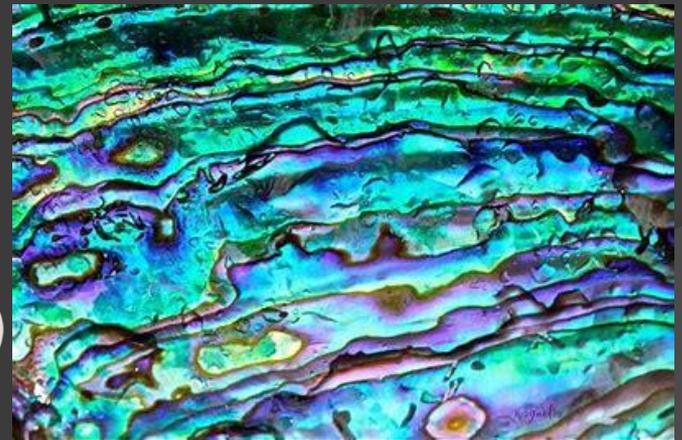
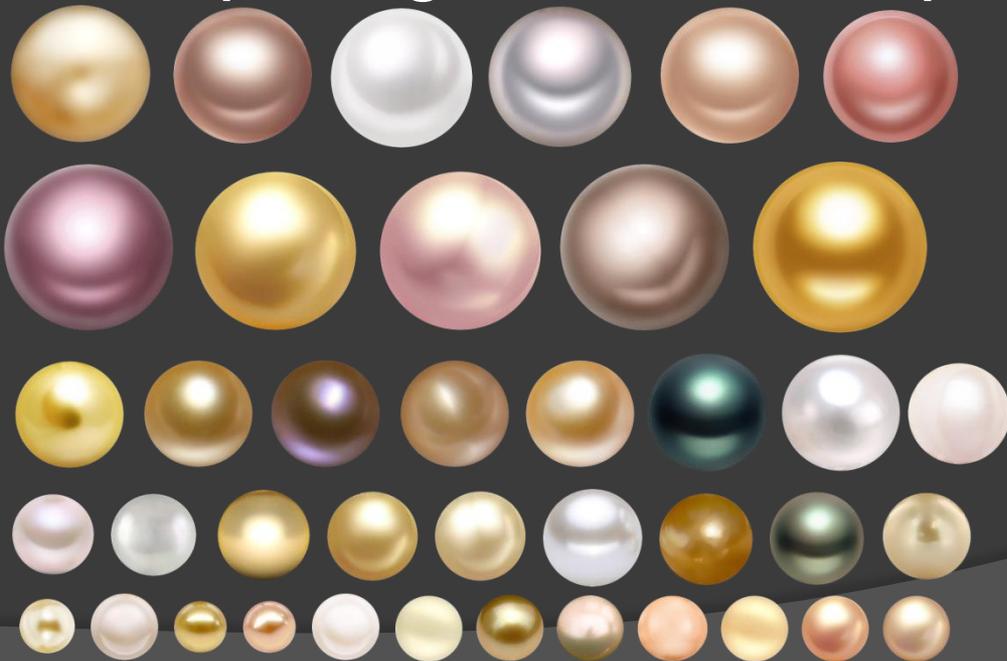
Colors in Antiquity

- Jeremiah 10:3-5 For the customs of the peoples are futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.
4 They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.
5 They are upright, like a palm tree, And they cannot speak; They must be carried, Because they cannot go by themselves. Do not be afraid of them, For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do any good.”



The Gate and Gates

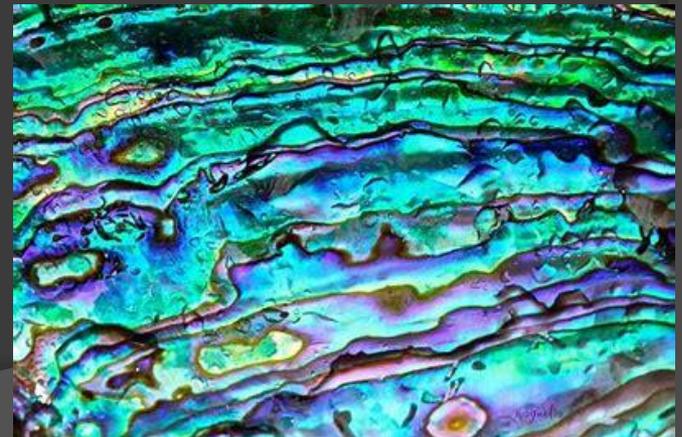
- Revelation 21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.



The Gate and Gates

◎ PEARL COLOR

- White is the most popular pearl color, and the one most commonly used to describe pearls in general. Yet, pearls come in a wide variety of colors ranging from white to black, golden to yellow, blue to pink, and just about every hue in between.



The Gate for the Tabernacle

- ⦿ For Israel encamped, this was the “city gate” – where the community leaders sat.
- ⦿ The law-giver and the high priest camped at the gate, to be accessible to Israel.
- ⦿ John 10:7-9
 - 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.
 - NIV

The Gate and 4 Posts

- 8. It is not possible that the Gospels can be either more or fewer in number than they are. For, since there are four zones of the world ... while the Church is scattered throughout all the world, and the "pillar and ground" of the Church is the Gospel ...; it is fitting that she should have four pillars, , it is evident that the Word... He that sitteth upon the cherubim ..., has given us the Gospel under four aspects, but bound together by one Spirit. ... For the cherubim, too, were four-faced, and their faces were images of the dispensation of the Son of God. For, ... "The first living creature was like a lion," symbolizing His ... royal power; the second [living creature] was like a calf, signifying [His] sacrificial ...order; but "the third had, as it were, the face as of a man,"-an evident description of His advent as a human being; "the fourth was like a flying eagle," pointing out the gift of the Spirit ... And therefore the Gospels are in accord with these things, among which Christ Jesus is seated.
 - Irenaeus ca 175 AD (from Ante-Nicene Fathers, Volume 1, PC Study Bible)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

- ⦿ Ps 100
- ⦿ Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
- ⦿ 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.
- ⦿ 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- ⦿ 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
- ⦿ Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- ⦿ 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
- ⦿ And His truth endures to all generations.
 - NKJV