

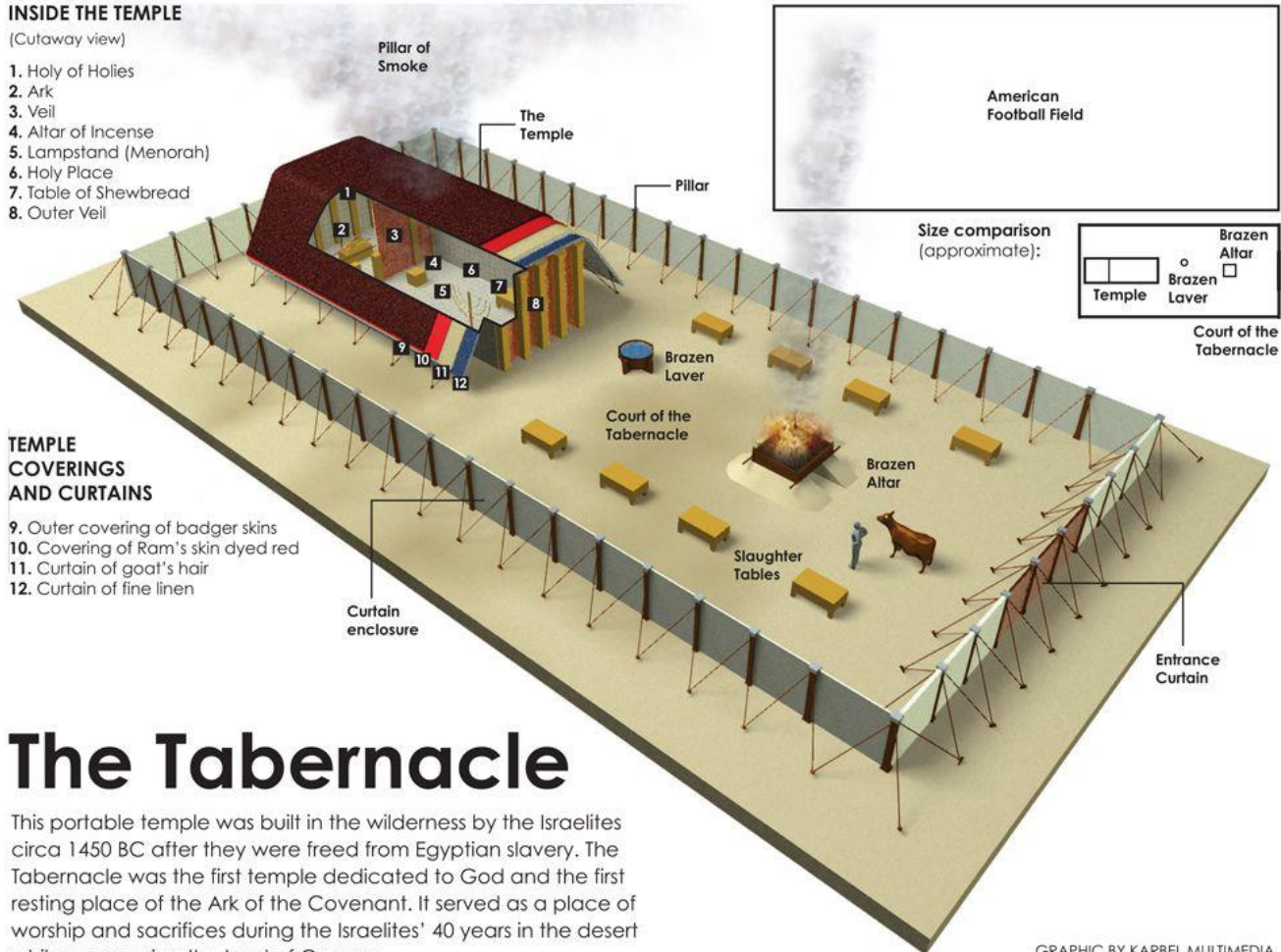
The Amazing Tabernacle (Part 3)

Exodus 25, 26, 30; Leviticus 24, John 6, Heb 9

INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil



TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Curtain enclosure

Entrance Curtain

The Tabernacle

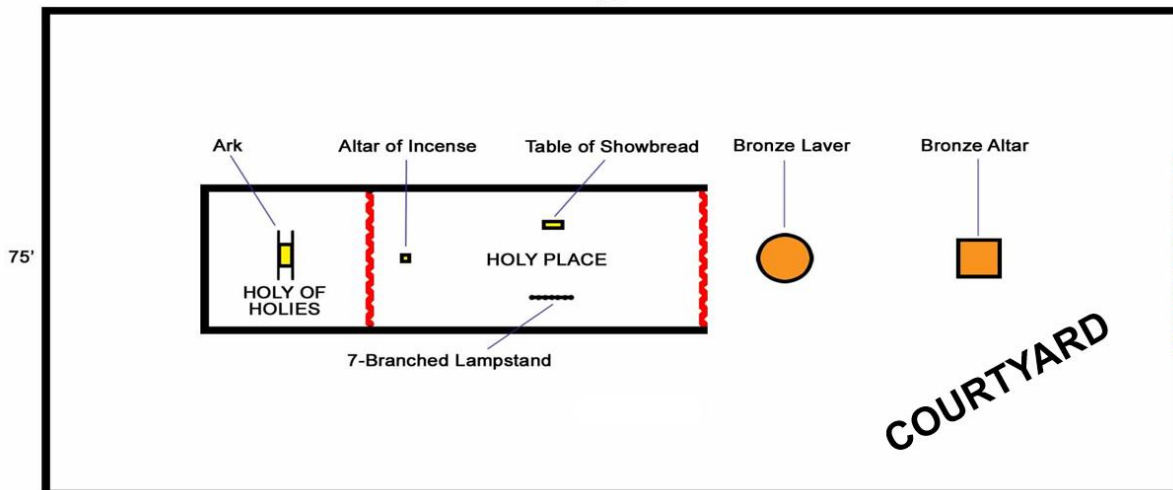
This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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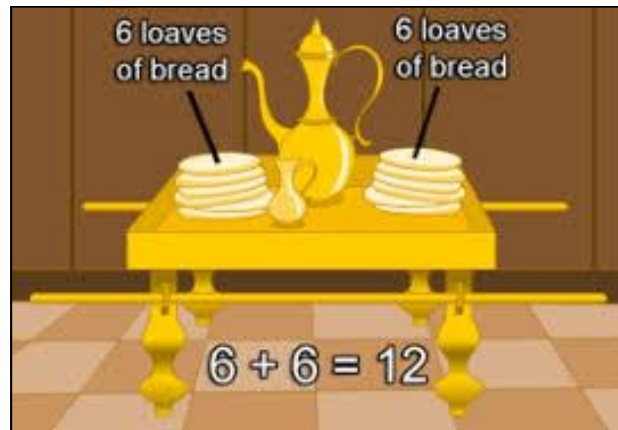


Tabernacle Complex

150'



THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE (aka: Showbread)



BREAD FOR THE TABERNACLE [FROM LEVITICUS 24]

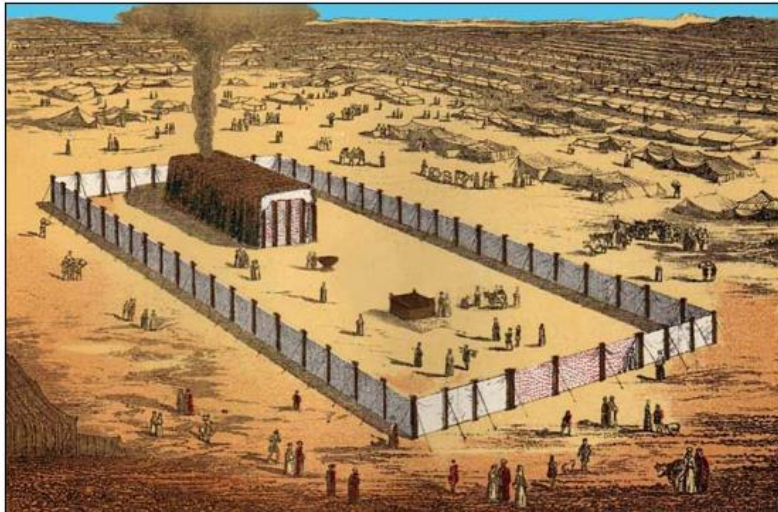
⁵“You shall take fine flour and bake twelve loaves from it; two tenths of an ephah shall be in each loaf.⁶ And you shall set them in two piles, six in a pile, on the table of pure gold before the LORD. ⁷ And you shall put pure frankincense on each pile, that it may go with the bread as a memorial portion as a food offering to the LORD. ⁸ Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the LORD regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant forever. ⁹ And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of the LORD's food offerings, a perpetual due.”

²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. (Acts 17:25)

³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

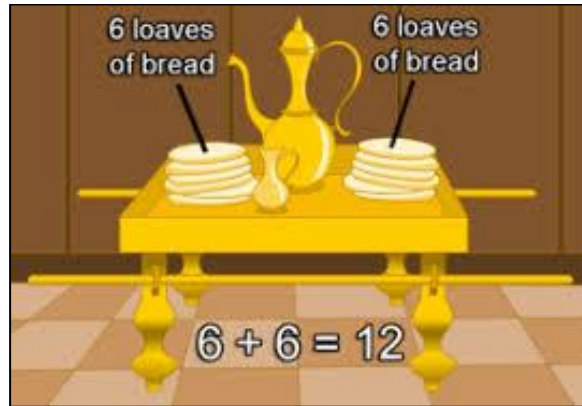
.... ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6)

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE



Exodus 30

30 "You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. ² A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. ³ You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and around its sides and its horns. And you shall make a molding of gold around it. ⁴ And you shall make two golden rings for it. Under its molding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. ⁵ You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. ⁶ And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. ⁷ And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, ⁸ and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. ⁹ You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. ¹⁰ Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."



Bread for the Tabernacle

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The VEIL

Exodus 26: 31-33

³¹ “And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. ³² And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. ³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.

Matthew 27:50-51

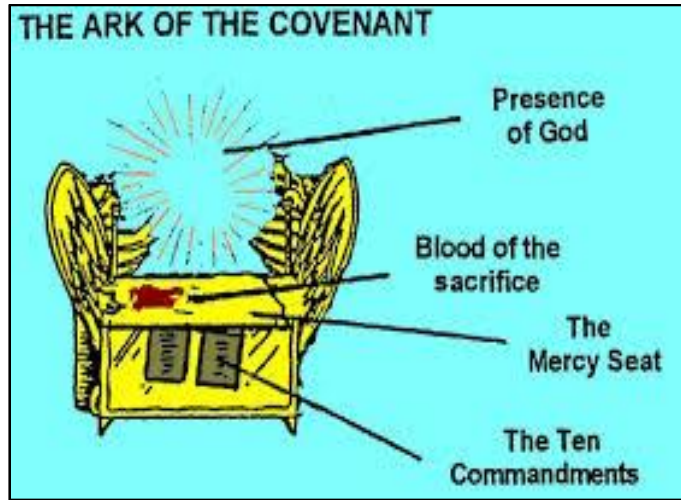
⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Hebrews 9:12, 24

¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.



The Ark of the Covenant

¹⁰ “They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. ¹¹ You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a molding of gold around it. ¹² You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. ¹³ You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. ¹⁴ And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. ¹⁵ The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. ¹⁶ And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.

¹⁷ “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. ¹⁸ And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹ Make one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat shall you make the cherubim on its two ends. ²⁰ The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. ²¹ And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony that I shall give you. ²² There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony, I will speak with you about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.

TABERNACLE COMPONENTS	WHAT'S GOD LIKE?
Entrance Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He provides only one-way in to worship and commune with Him. No individualized workarounds. • He is the Creator. We are the creatures. Clear boundary
Outer Courtyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He <u>wants</u> worshipers to come and participate. His idea • Provided priests as His intermediaries to serve laypeople
Bronze Altar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He provides a way to expiate (remove) sin & propitiate (satisfy) His wrath. • He provides the innocent blood for us to become clean (righteous in His eyes).
Bronze Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He washes us clean (with the blood on the priest's hands) • He provides "the Sea" and a way to pass through the waters—and live!
The Holy Place (2 Rooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is mysterious, dangerous and remote • But He provides His immediate presence to priests who are now clean/righteous
Golden Lampstand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will never leave His people in darkness. In His presence there is light & life that cannot be overcome. • It's a welcome sign that says He is home with us. He, Himself, is the perfect light. He's redeemed us from darkness.
Bread of the Presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God desires intimate fellowship with His people. The bread is always present. God is always present. • He is our provider in all circumstances (even in the wilderness, He provided supernatural manna)
Altar of Incense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wants to hear our prayers and answer/intervene in our lives • Our prayers are like a pleasing fragrance to Him
The Ark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He wants atonement with us. • We can enter into His presence