

## The Overview

Good afternoon! It is so good to see you all! My name is Lisa and I'm a nurse from the Northeastern corner of WA. I have traveled here to take you on this incredible journey through the sanctuary because I am in love with Jesus & the sanctuary.

When my sons were 9-13 years old, they memorized the book of Exodus for an international competition. I realized if they were going to memorize it, I needed to understand it! So we studied the sanctuary and it radically changed our lives. I will share some of that with you as we journey.

If you don't mind, I will start with a quick prayer (Thanks/Your Words/Holy Spirit fill and guide us.)

Today we will step back in time, about 3,000 years ago, and walk through the Mosaic sanctuary. It was built according to the instructions given to Moses in Exodus. The directions were given in cubits, the distance from the tip of the finger to the elbow. We used an 18" cubit.

We have 5 stations, with a total travel time of 1 hour & 15 minutes.

We will focus on 3 main points:

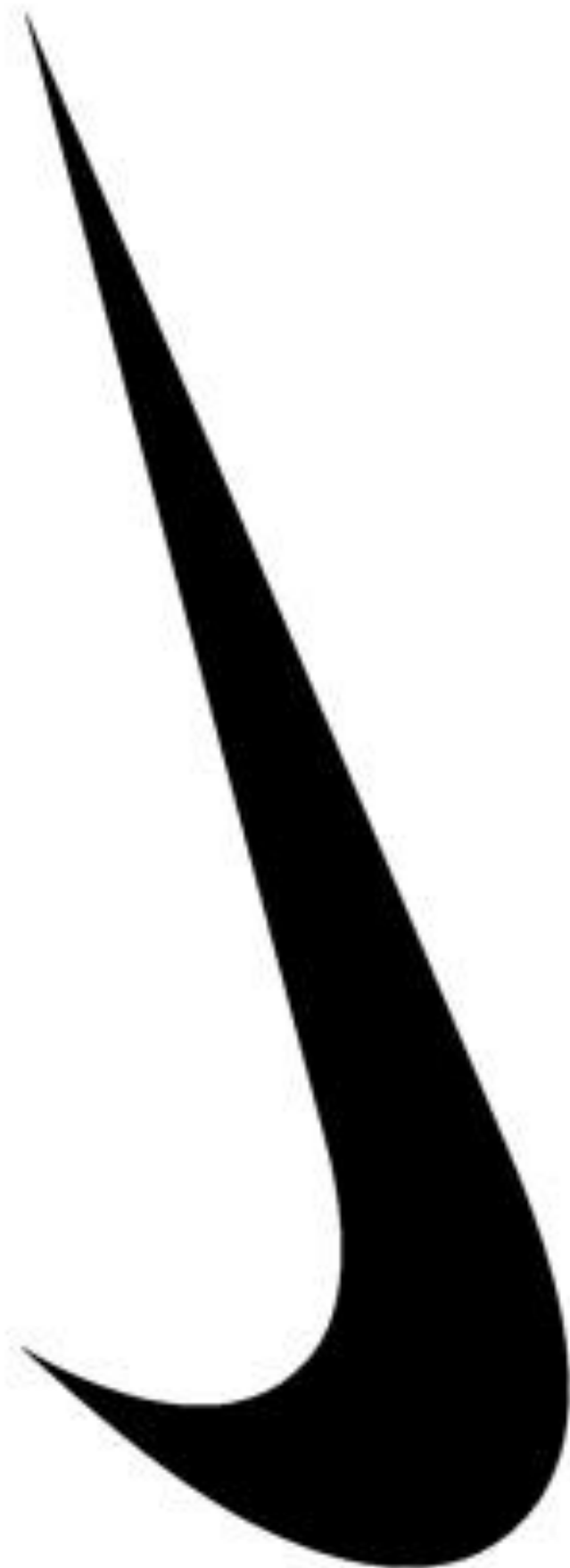
Historical: how the sanctuary was made and used

Jesus How the sanctuary prophesies His life

How the sanctuary applies to you and I today in 2024

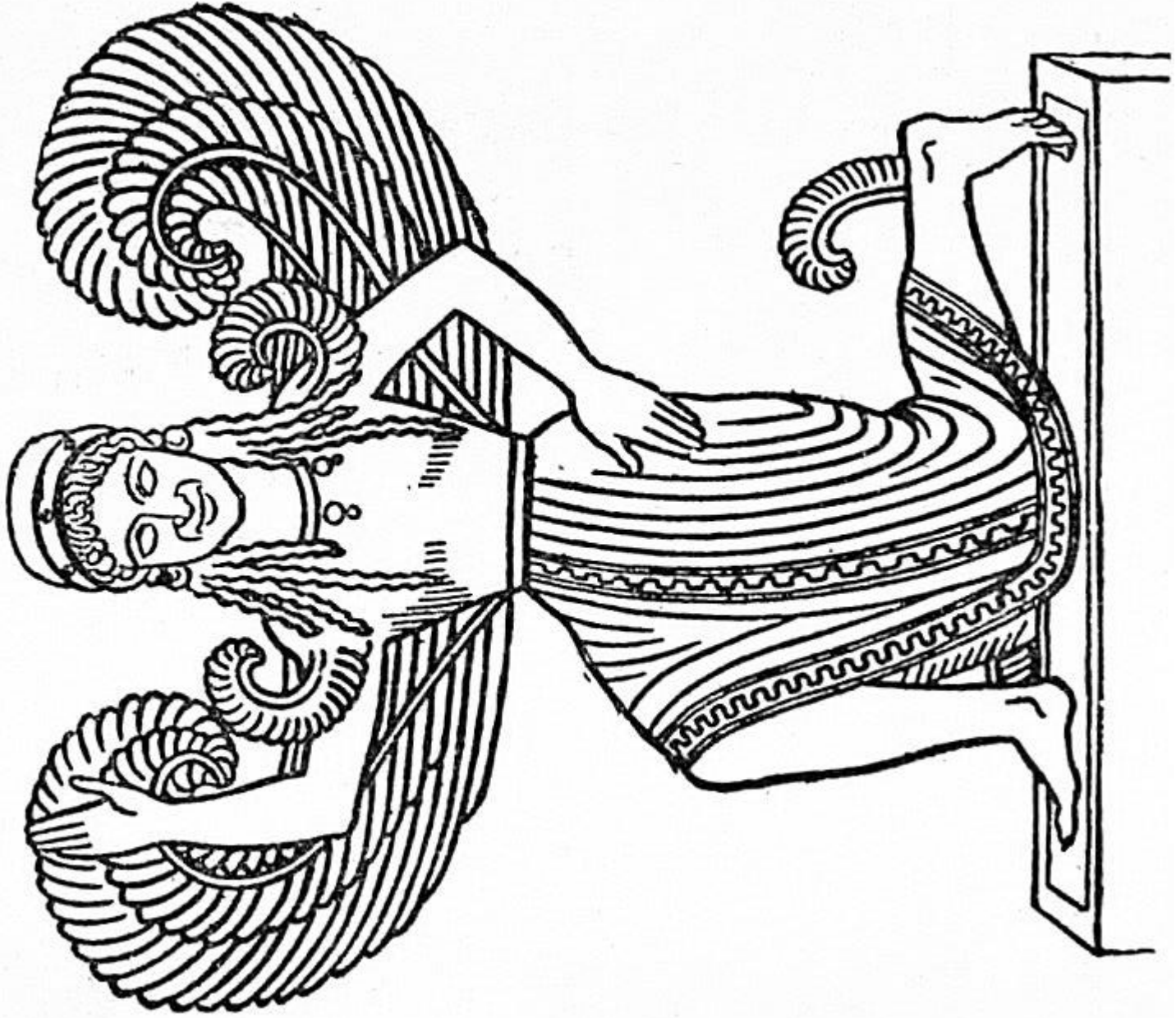
Because we are going to look at 3 levels of symbology in the sanctuary, let me give you a practical example in our world of 3 levels of symbols. What does this symbol represent? Nike! And what does Nike represent?

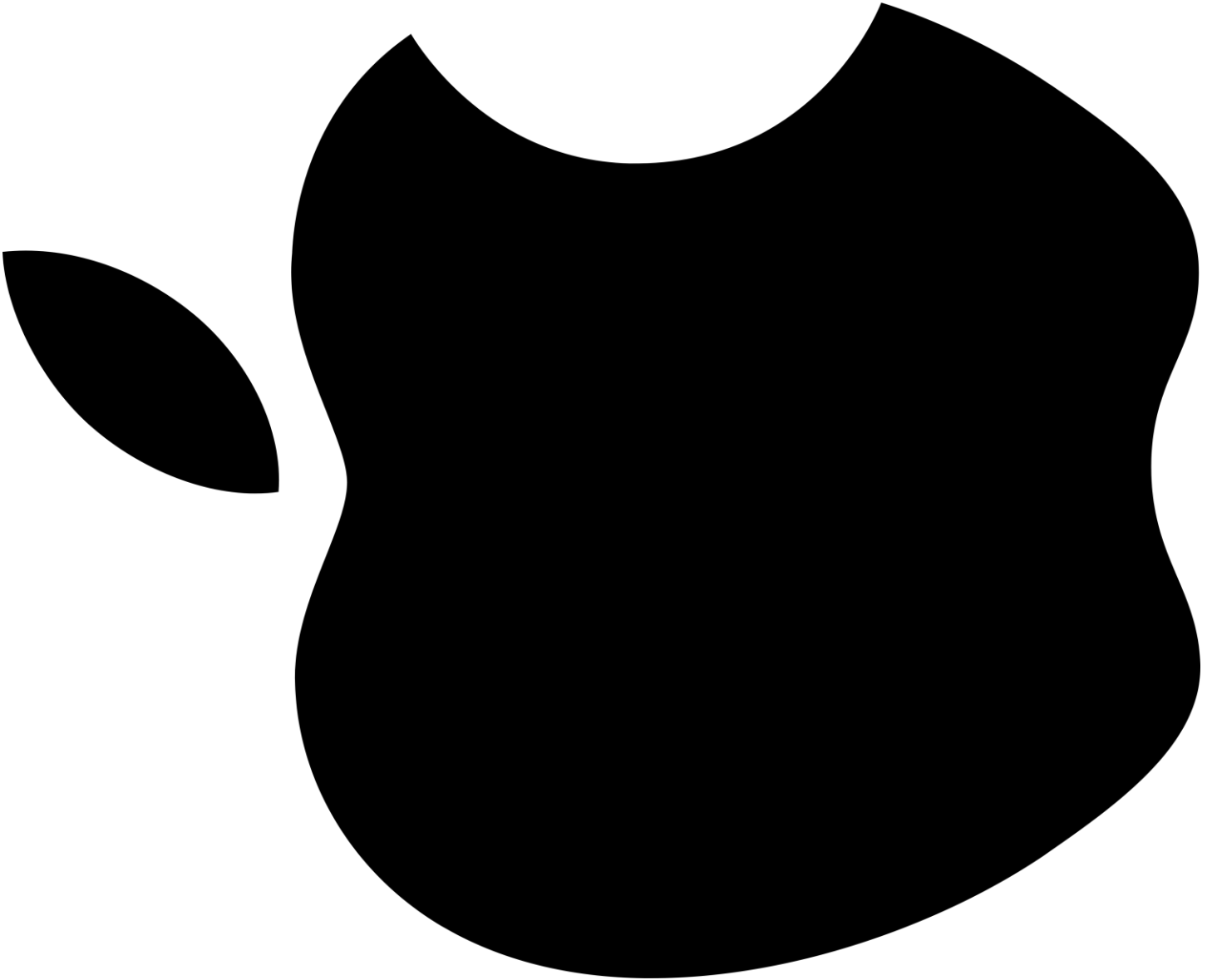
The Greek and Roman Goddess of Victory. What about this symbol? Apple! And what does a bite out of an apple represent? The story of Adam and Eve... Now that we understand levels of symbology, let's head back to the sanctuary.

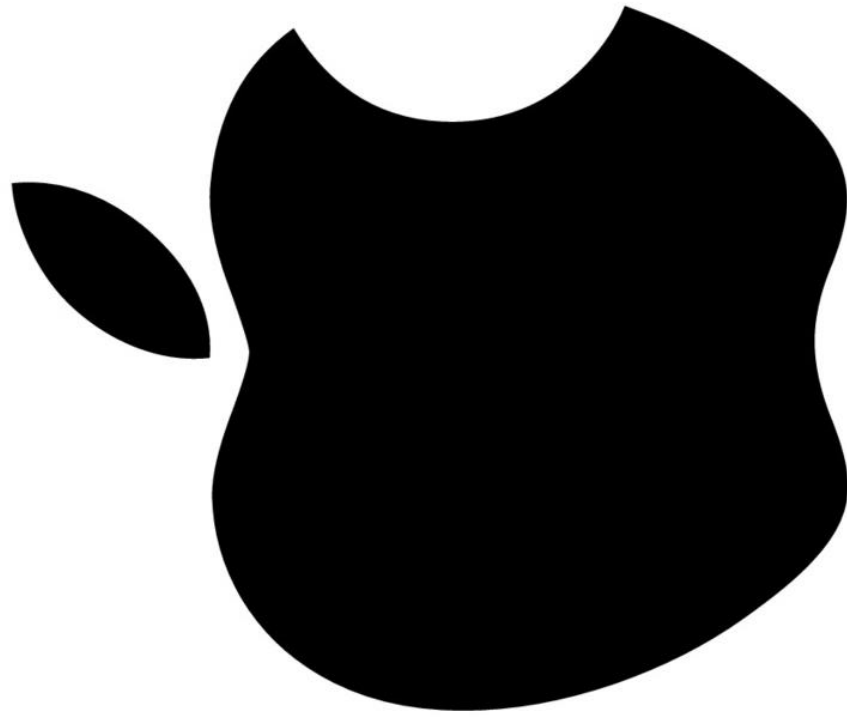




# Nike: Greek & Roman Goddess of Victory







Apple





1) So why does the Sanctuary even matter? Great question! Let me tell you:

God loves people and relationships, and so He created Adam and Eve to be in close relationship with Him. They loved to walk and talk together face to face. God warned them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:17 If you eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you will surely die. But Eve was deceived by Satan, she ate the fruit, and Adam followed. They were naked and ashamed and hid from God. Their sin separated them from God.

God didn't want them to hide. (Like we fear police officer.) He wanted them to love to spend time together, so He told them He had a plan. Jesus would come to earth and die for their sin, so they could live eternally with Him if they wanted to repent and return to a relationship with God. Right then, a lamb was sacrificed as a sin offering to show them Jesus would die for their sin.

While they waited for Jesus to come, God said in Exodus 25:8: "Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." Just like the sanctuary showed the children of Israel how to dwell with God, it shows us how to dwell with God today.

Psalms 77:13 – "Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary

The sanctuary shows us God's power and glory to transform our lives. In the sanctuary we see 3 areas & 3 curtains that separate us from experiencing God's full presence. But the sanctuary system shows us God's power and pathway from our miserable sin, into His presence and glory.

It is important to understand that forgiveness is not overlooking, ignoring, or covering our sins. Sin killed Jesus. Sin hurts & kills us! God doesn't want us to die or live in our miserable sin another day! God wants to save us FROM our sin and bring us into a close relationship with Him.

2) Exodus 25:9 tells us the sanctuary was built after a pattern. What was that pattern?: Heavenly

Heaven: Hebrews 8:1-2 "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

So the original sanctuary is in heaven, and Jesus is currently the High Priest in heaven!

Thus the earthly sanctuary shows a piece of heaven and what Jesus is doing in heaven!

3) The Mosaic Sanctuary in Exodus.

God brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. He wanted to take them to the Promised Land, but He first needed to teach them to obey so they would follow His leading. God reminded them of His law by writing the 10 commandments on stone with His own finger on Mt. Sinai. As Moses came down from the Mt, carrying the commandments, he saw God's people worshipping a calf they had made from gold! They were thanking the calf for bringing them out of Egypt! Moses threw the commandments to the ground, and broke the stone, signifying they had broken the commandments. Moses went back up the mountain, received the commandments again, & the instructions to build the sanctuary on earth, according to the pattern in heaven, so they could come to God.

The Israelites were so excited to build the sanctuary, they freely offered up their own jewelry, cloth, mirrors, & more. They built the sanctuary in just 6 months.

On the day of dedication they all gathered. Fire came down from heaven, consumed the sacrifice, and was to be used in the sanctuary service. No strange fire from elsewhere was to be used.

God's glory filled the Holy Place in the form of a cloud. They could SEE God's glory. They could SEE God's presence with them. During the day the cloud would shade them from the hot desert sun, and at night it was a pillar of fire that would keep them warm.

When it was time to move, the cloud would rise up, the Levites would pack the sanctuary up, the Children of Israel would follow the cloud, and where it stopped, the Levites would set it back up.



Did you know God wants to do the same thing with us today? He wants to dwell with us, meet our needs, and guide us.

#### 4) Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 5-6)

One day David looked out from his fine palace and realized God was still in a tent! David wanted to build a temple for God. But Nathan the prophet told David he could not because he had been a man of war.

However, David helped plan the temple, and His son Solomon built it when he was king next.

This temple was so much more beautiful & 2x longer, 2x wider, and 3x higher than the Mosaic. So it took 7 years to build.

They had so much reverence for the temple and the site, that they wouldn't use tools on site. They did the work somewhere else, and brought it to the temple to be quietly and reverently put into place.

Once again, at the dedication, God's glory came down in fire, consumed the sacrifice, & filled the Most Holy Place with His presence.

Solomon's Temple only lasted 372 years. What happened?

The children of Israel professed to follow God, but did whatever they wanted and did not obey Him. Because they left God, 3 things happened: (1) their city was destroyed, (2) their temple was destroyed, & (3) they were taken as slaves to Babylon. Have you heard of Daniel and his 3 friends? A man by the name of Ezekiel was also taken slave. God gave Ezekiel a vision of what the next temple was supposed to be:

#### 5) Ezekiel's Temple (Ezekiel 40- 48)

God wanted the Israelites to realize their sin had resulted in slavery, but God still wanted to dwell with them & help them build an even better temple!

The court of the temple was 1 mile on each side.

God promised He would fill this temple with His presence, just like He had the others.

God, through Jeremiah, told the Israelites they would be in captivity in Babylon for 70 years. At the end of the 70 years, just as God prophesied, the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem.

Many of the Jews didn't want to go back because they had settled into their new country, and they knew it would take a lot of work to rebuild their city and temple. So only a few Jews returned.

Unfortunately, they never built Ezekiel's temple.

#### 6) Instead, they built Zerubbabel's Temple (Ezra 1-6)

It wasn't finished until 25 years later. Zerubbabel's temple was nothing compared to Solomon's.

At the dedication, God's presence did not come down. The old people wept!

But in Haggai 2:9 God said "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

A word study in the Bible of the word glory shows it means "the presence of God."

The greater glory would be the presence of Jesus Himself, in body, inside the temple!

Herod spent 46 years remodeling the temple and thus it was later called Herod's temple.

#### (7) We have talked about the temple historically, and now I will show how it prophesies Jesus:

One day, as Jesus walked into the temple, he saw people selling animals in the temple. He could not believe the Jews had turned the temple of God into a marketplace to make money! He flipped the tables and chased the money changers out and said, "Take these things and make not my father's house an house of merchants. They asked him "What sign do you show us, seeing you do these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, "destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this

temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body.” (John 2:16-21)

Jesus said He Himself was the temple -this is spiritually – meaning Jesus is the presence of God.

8)And that brings us back to how it affects Us: Spiritually You and I are each God’s temple.

1 Cor 13:16-17 – Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, God shall destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”

Rev 3:20 – “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door; I will come in to him.” That is the entire point of the sanctuary: God loves us so much that He wants a close relationship with us! He wants to come so close: He wants to live inside our hearts and minds.

9)Acts 2: Jesus’ Disciples in Upper Room Dedicating Themselves to God

The Holy Spirit came down as tongues of fire

10)2 Cor 13:5: Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobates?

The word reprobate means a false friend. Have you ever had someone who said they were your friend but turned on you? Likewise Christ has true friends and false friends.

Peter was a terrible false friend. He was Christ’s own disciple and after supper Peter told Christ he would die for Jesus before he betrayed him. And yet that very night Peter cursed and 3x denied he ever knew Christ! But Peter went and wept bitterly, repented, lived faithfully to Christ after that, and died for Christ.

I thought I was a true Christian, but when I studied the sanctuary I discovered that I was a reprobate – a false friend. I said I believed and loved Jesus, but I lived my life doing what I wanted. So today we can examine ourselves, and if we find ourselves to be a false friend, we can repent and come to God.

11) When the Israelites saw their sin separated them from God, and they wanted to come to God they would bring a sin offering. A Levite would bring a bull, and a common Israelite would bring a lamb or goat. If they were too poor they could catch 2 wild doves. If they were too feeble they could bring fine flour – and manna – a fancy word for bread - fell daily from heaven on the ground – so they could just get some. A way was made for ANYONE to come to God who wanted to.

12)So today, what is the 1st step to leave our miserable sin behind and choose a close relationship with God & eternal life with Him?

Isaiah 53:6- “All we like sheep have gone astray, each one to his own way.” I don’t have to be a terrible criminal to be a sinner. I sin when I simply do what I want, instead of what God wants.

Likewise, today, when I realize I have sinned by living my way, the 1st step back to God is to decide to turn towards Him. The only sacrifice I need to bring is my broken contrite heart.

Psalms 51:17: “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart.”

As a nurse I see we all have beating hearts, so let’s bring our sin offering into the sanctuary.

Psalm 110:4-5 says “I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter his courts with praise. I will say this is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

## The Courtyard

(1)The Israelites entered through THE GATE.

This one gate was the only way in and out of the sanctuary.

In John 10:9 Jesus said, "I am the door. If any man enter in, he shall be saved."

When we come to God, we must come through the door, Jesus Christ, by believing & following Him.

The gate had various colors intertwined to represent the beautiful character of Jesus;

Red? Jesus' blood. White? Jesus' righteousness. Purple? Jesus' royal kingship. Blue? Number 15: Jesus' law – some Jews still wear blue tassels to remind them to keep the law of God.

(2)This is the Altar of Sacrifice.

It was made out of acacia wood and covered in brass. It had 4 horns on the corners for putting blood on them, & it had 4 rings for putting poles through and carrying it.

(3)The Israelites had many different offerings and services throughout the year.

The Whole Burnt offering was offered daily at 9am & 3pm.

At that time the priest sacrificed a perfect lamb for the entire congregation. He sprinkled the blood upon the horns in the Holy Place and burned the whole lamb on the altar of sacrifice.

John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

This lamb represents Jesus dying for our sins.

Did you know that from prophecy Jesus knew the exact day and hour He would die? Daniel 9:26 prophesied the year, the Passover prophesied the day, 9am prophesied the time He was nailed to the cross & 3pm prophesied the time he would die. And that is exactly what happened to Jesus!

The Lamb was sacrificed on the North side of the courtyard, just like Jesus was killed on the North side of Jerusalem.

While the priest offered these sacrifices, the people faced the sanctuary and prayed. This represents our need to worship God every morning and evening – a true friend spends time together!

But it gets even deeper: We also are the sheep. Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray..."

Just as Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice, we are to offer ourselves as a sacrifice.

Rom 12:1 "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

1 Cor 15:31- "I die daily."

Gal 2:20 "Gal. 2:20 says I am crucified with Christ;

nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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Because the burnt offering was offered twice a day, it burned continually and the fire never went out. This represents us living as a continual sacrifice to God through continual obedience.

(4) Besides the Communal Burnt Offering, God also instituted an individual sin offering

If an Israelite sinned, restoration was first completed, and then an offering was brought to the courtyard. For example, if a man stole his neighbor's sheep and then sold it, he would repay his neighbor 4 sheep & bring a sin offering to the courtyard.

Sins committed in ignorance were also still sins, & the man was still guilty. Lev 5:17-19: "If a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he whist it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish for a trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him."

The great news is, Jesus died for all our sins! When we come to Jesus, He shows us our sins, and we gladly confess them and cut them out of our lives! We hate sin! We don't want sin! We love Jesus! We want Jesus!

(5) So let's go through the steps of a Sin Offering because there are amazing lessons to learn!

The common sinner laid his own hands & weight on the head of the lamb & confessed his sin.

Isa 53:5: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities."

The Israelite then cut the throat with his own hand, admitting he killed Jesus by his choice to sin.

Romans 6:23- "The wages of sin is death." We sin, but God sustains our life, giving us time to repent. Thus, we forget, the wages of sin IS death. Sin kills us.

A sin offering acknowledged sin results in death, and Jesus was dying in place of the sinner.

The priest caught the blood in a bowl & sprinkled it on the horns of the altar of sacrifice & poured it at the base.

This represents how our sin cursed the earth. (Jer 17:1 Our sins recorded on horns)

Gen 3:17: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake."

Next, the Israelite cut out the kidneys and fat from the lamb. Fat represents sin. Are you ok with me sinning the same sin against you every day and telling you sorry? Of course not! But you see, I've done it my whole life, my mom, dad, grandparents... I can't stop. That's why the sinner handed the fat to the priest, representing Jesus, and he put it on the altar and burnt it. Jesus has the power to give us victory over sin!

The sin was gone – turned into ashes!

The priest would take some of the meat from the sacrifice into the holy place, and eat it there.

Thus the sins were bore by the priest, and transferred into the Holy Place and recorded there.

At the end, the animal's body was burned outside the camp, representing Christ being killed outside the temple.

(6) The Ashes were collected and taken outside the courtyard.

As the Israelite walked toward the courtyard, he saw the ash and was happy Jesus would destroy his sin and give him victory! But the ash was also a warning:

Malachi 4:3 "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this." There are only 2 groups of people: righteous and wicked. Either we cut out sin now and God destroys our sin so we are righteous, or we keep sinning, are wicked, and are destroyed with our sin when Jesus comes again.

Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth & forsaketh them shall have mercy. We WANT to confess our sins – we want our sin destroyed not ourselves.

(7) Let's think about the sin issue. Why all of these sacrifices? Did God really want sacrifices?

1 Samuel 15:22: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

What God really wants, for the sake of our own happiness and eternity, is for us to listen and obey.

Sometimes we think it is impossible to obey – but if we had to take our pet and kill it when we sinned, or give \$1000, do you think we would still choose to sin? Probably not! And that was God's goal: to realize sin costs a lot, including death, and so to instead choose obedience and life.

(8) And Why Don't We Offer Sacrifices Now for the Forgiveness of Sins?

Luke 23:46: "and the veil of the temple was torn in two, and Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father into your hands I commit my Spirit.' Having said this, He breathed His last." At the exact moment of the 3pm sacrifice, Jesus died, fulfilling the prophecy that He was the lamb dying for the sins of the world. Thus, God tore the veil of the temple in two to show the sacrifices were to end.

(9) This Lavar was made from solid brass mirrors the Israelite women gave and filled with water.

They gave up worldly beauty to worship God. When we choose God, we leave the world's fake & fancy beauty, for the simple & modest beauty of Christ's character.

1 Timothy 2:9 "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but which becometh women professing godliness with good works."

The priests were dedicated here at the age of 30 as they began their priestly ministry. They were washed with water and then would use the water to wash before offering sacrifices and before entering the Holy Place.

Luke 3:16 - "John said, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.'"

At the age of 30, Jesus began his priestly ministry with baptism by immersion in water. At the same time the Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove.

Likewise, we are baptized by immersion in water and filled with the Holy Spirit when we give our lives to God. When I was 12 I was baptized by water but just kept right on sinning because I didn't know about the baptism of the Holy Spirit – it is as simple as asking the Holy Spirit to fill me and guide me.

(11) Now Notice the 5 tall pillars at the entrance to the Holy Place.

Gold represents heaven. Rev. 21:21 "streets of gold."

The brass bases represent earth and corruption – notice it is throughout the courtyard.

Jer 6:28: "They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters." Rev 1:15: "And His [that's Jesus'] feet like unto fine brass."

John 1:14- "And the Word [Jesus] was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Jesus lived up in heaven, but humbled himself, came down to earth, & was born in human flesh as a man! He fulfilled the courtyard furniture: being baptized at age 30, lived the perfect life, and died as the sacrificial lamb.

After completing his priestly ministry in the courtyard on earth, Jesus ascended back up to heaven.

1 Peter 2:21- "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

We are to follow Jesus' steps in the courtyard also, but we don't start in heaven, we start out in the "Wilderness of Sin" (Exodus 17). So we follow Christ's example from the opposite side. We come through the door by believing in Jesus, we confess and cut out our sin and live as a living sacrifice, we are baptized by immersion in water & the Holy Spirit. But the power of God is even greater!

2 Peter 1:4- "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Did you catch that we escape the corruption, the brass, and take on the gold: we are to become partakers of the divine nature!?!? This is the power and glory of God we see in the pillars!

Just as Jesus became human to dwell with us, now we become partakers of His divine nature to dwell with Him! That is, He lives inside of us. What an amazing prophecy and promise!!!

(12) In conclusion:

Remember how sin separated us from God? In the courtyard we see God's plan cut the sin out of our lives.

1 John 1:9- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, AND to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness."

(14) Let me share my testimony of how the courtyard changed my life:

For decades I lived what I consider a “normal” Christian life. I loved and believed in Jesus, but I kept sinning the same sins everyday. For some reason I thought I just brought my lamb to the gate and handed it over to Jesus and he did everything. When I studied the courtyard of the sanctuary, I realized I needed to cut out my sin, offer myself completely to God, and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

So I decided to cut the sin out of my life & let Jesus cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

So as we leave the courtyard, our sin has been confessed & forsaken, we are clean in Jesus.

Now that we are free from sin, let's go to the holy place to discover how to live the holy life!



## Holy Place

(1) The Holy Place is an exciting place to be! Holy means set apart for God's use – perfect – whole. When we come to Jesus, we decide to set ourselves apart for God's use. He takes our sin away & we are now perfect, without sin, and whole because we are filled with Him. Because it seems impossible to overcome sin and live for God's glory, God shows us how.

(2) The courtyard is surrounded by brass pillars with silver capitals holding a fine white linen curtain. Rev 3:12 – “Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God.” The pillars represent those who overcome sin by the power of God!

On top are silver capitals – just like we have round things on the top of us. They represent God's pure words. Psalms 12:6 – “The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver.” It is hearing the pure words of God that bring us into the courtyard to discover how to have a relationship with God.

The white curtain represents Jesus' robe of righteousness – the perfect life He lived. Just as the sanctuary is surrounded by Christ's robe of righteousness, Jesus wants to surround us with His robe of righteousness – He wants us to live His righteous life. God can't lie, so He can't put his robe of righteousness around me if I am still sinning. That is why He first cuts the sin out and washes us, so he can put his robe of righteousness around us and tell the truth when he says we are doing right.

Rev 19:8 “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”

Here, in the sanctuary, we see no brass representing corruption/earth. We see these wallboards of gold which represent the life of faith required for heaven.

At the bottom of each board are two silver boards. We have 2 feet too! So here in the Holy Place Jesus teaches us how to take the pure words of God from our head to our feet – how to walk in them.

The real power is in Jesus, so we will see how to have a relationship and connect with Jesus' power.

(3) Only the Priests could enter the Holy Place, and only after washing at the laver.

Every Sabbath the Levites baked 12 loaves of bread, covered them in frankincense – a preservative - and placed them on the Table of Shewbread. They would burn the old frankincense on the altar of sacrifice and eat the old bread. The bread was continually on the table.

Every day at the 9am and 3pm sacrifice the priest also filled the candlestick with oil and trimmed the wicks so the candlestick was continually burning.

Every day at 9am and 3pm the priest would bring coals from the altar of sacrifice with fresh incense to the altar of incense to keep the incense going up continually. The wonderful smell filled the Holy Place and wafted out into the courtyard and the camp, reminding people of how wonderful God is.

This altar also has 4 horns for putting the blood of sacrifices on. Sometimes the blood of sin offerings was brought into the Holy Place and applied to the horns of the altar and sprinkled before the veil. This represents the record of sins being transferred from the sinner to the Holy Place.

Notice the priests attended the fires morning & evening and these 3 pieces of furniture all are continually in use. We are reminded we need to set times for morning and evening worship. Then just as Jesus is continually at work, we need to be in continual with Him.

(4) In the courtyard, we saw how Jesus fulfilled His high priest responsibilities while on earth.

Jesus then ascended into heaven, into the Holy Place, to fulfill His high priest responsibilities here.

Hebrews 1:3- “when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 8:1-2 “We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” So, where in the Holy Place did Jesus come and sit?

(5) This is the Table of Shewbread. Notice it has two crowns. Kings wear crowns and sit on?: Thrones. John 6:35: "Jesus said, I am the bread of life." John 14:9 "He that hath seen me has seen the Father." We see this is a throne with Jesus & His Father on it. We will see another throne in the Most Holy. Isaiah 14: Satan wanted to sit on the throne on the North of the mount of congregation. All the furniture in the sanctuary is in a straight line, except for these 2 pieces of furniture. The Table of Shewbread is on the North. Satan wanted to be God so he could do what he wanted and so we would obey his words. Satan speaks deceptive lies - so we need to be careful whose words we obey.

(6) The Table of Shewbread represents God's Word – the Bible. Just like my words are me. Matt 4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. The first step to living the holy life is reading the Bible. Just as the 12 loaves were baked fresh every Sabbath morning, we are to gather together as a congregation to study the Bible. It also shows our need to not just look at the Bible, but to have it come inside and change us. Manna, bread, daily fell from heaven and the children of Israel individually collected 1 omer each morning as their food for the day. It melted when the sun came up, so they had to get it first thing! I need to read God's texts and be fed before I pick up my cell phone and start my work. Every day God is sending us 1,000s of Bible texts. If I don't read and answer my husband's texts, we will not have a good relationship. It is the same with God. To be a true friend – to have a real relationship – we need to spend quality time together. If I were to feed you only one grape for breakfast and one for supper, how many would want to live in my house? That is what I did for decades. I read a cute devotional book – 1 Bible verse and man's thoughts – each morning and then sinned all day, and another in the evening, and sinned all night. Just like 2 grapes are not enough for a day, 2 Bible texts are not enough either! On 1/1/2017 my husband, 3 sons, and I committed to reading the Bible individually for an hour each morning. It was torture at first! But soon we were addicted and it radically changed our lives! That may sound like a huge commitment, but if I were to make a deal with you, that I would give you a million dollars every day if you would read your Bible every morning for an hour, would you take me up on my deal? Of course! And what is worth more? A million dollars or a relationship with God? So spending an hour a day reading God's Word is totally worth it. Sometimes we can find the Bible boring or not understand it. As we look at the furniture within the sanctuary, all are in a straight line except for these 2. They are across from each other because they go together. Psalm 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Because the Bible is Holy Spirit's words, I need him to help me understand it. So before I open the Word of God I need to ask the Holy Spirit to speak to me. The Holy Spirit, represented by fire, will light up the Bible for us. I need to ask the Holy Spirit to come inside me and speak to me each day before I even get out of bed or else I will sin before I get to the living room! I tell him I promise to obey, and that if I forget, because I am be very stubborn, to please remind me that I have promised to obey.

(7) Here is the Candlestick hammered into an almond tree out of 1 talent pure gold – about 100 pounds. In John 15:5: Jesus said "I am the vine, ye are the branches." - notice the vine and branches. In John 15:1 Jesus said, "My Father is the vinedresser." The Holy Spirit is represented by the oil & fire as seen in Zechariah 4 & Acts 2. The candlestick shows us an amazing unity - of God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, & us! The 2nd step in victory over sin is being completely united with God. Our part is to invite Him inside, listen to Him as He speaks to us through our thoughts, and obey Him. If I am by myself and see a pan of brownies, I will immediately gobble up the entire pan! But if I am united with God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and read the Bible, I will have their thoughts to remind me the sugar will

make me irritable with my family, depressed, and attack my immune system and cause me to become sick. Now I have the mind of Christ and I don't want that terrible brownie!

In John 9:5 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

In Matthew 5:14,16 Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." When united with God, we are filled with God, and the world sees God in us. We are missionaries to glorify God by taking His light and truth to the world.

(8) This is the Altar of Incense.

The incense ascends with our prayers. Rev 8:4 "And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."

Isa 59:1,2 "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." How exciting to know God is powerful to hear and answer! But notice sin blocks God from hearing and answering our prayers. That is why our sin has to be cut out in the courtyard before entering the Holy Place.

1 Thessalonian 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." When I was a child I didn't see how I could kneel all day in prayer. I learned from my marriage what it means to pray without ceasing. My husband and I love to spend time together – specifically to drive on long road trips. Sometimes I'll talk, sometimes he talks – especially when he sees a cool tractor or car that he likes, sometimes we listen to something and talk about it, and other times we are just quiet enjoying each other's presence. It is the same with God. He is with us every day and wants to be our best friend. I didn't use to do this, but now I ask God, "What would you like me to wear?", because he knows the weather better than the weatherman. When it is time to eat breakfast say, "Thank you God for providing me with food this morning. What would you like me to eat today for my health & for your honor and glory?" He knows my body better than my doctor! When I make my plans for the day I can say, "God, what do you want me to do today?"

Several years ago I really learned how personal of a relationship God wants with us. My husband was helping a customer, and I was trying to help my husband in his small engine mechanic shop by putting a nut on a bolt. I tried for 10 minutes and I couldn't! I was ready to give up and the Holy Spirit spoke with the thought of, "Why don't you ask me to help you?" I said, "That would be silly!" He said, "Why don't you try?" So I said, "Ok, God would you please help me put this nut on this bolt. And it went right on! In that moment I learned God wants a personal relationship with me, He is just waiting for me to ask Him.

(9) Let's look at Jesus' work as the High Priest in the Sanctuary.

Table of Shewbread: We see Jesus is the bread of life, He is the Word of God, on His throne.

Altar of Incense: We see Jesus is listening and answering prayers.

Candlestick: We see God wants to bring all of us together. He is the light of the world, living in us, through His Holy Spirit, so we are the light of the world. We see He is the vine, we are the branches, in close relationship.

(10) God tells us how we can know if we know Him.

1 John 1:3,4: "Hereby do we know that we know him if we keep His commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 3:6-8 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

(11) Let me share with you my testimony of how the Holy Place changed my life:

For years I struggled with wanting to get rid of sin, but finding myself still sinning the same sins: irritation, depression, & stressing. In the Holy Place I found the secret for living the life of victory.

Reading God's Word for 1 hour each morning & in evening

Asking God to come inside me and listening and obeying Him

Spending the day talking and listening to God.

When I did this, I discovered instantaneous victory over sin! When I failed, I could look back and see how I had neglected at least one of these aspects.

IF EXTRA:

Notice the layers that covered the Holy Place.

The outer badger skin represents Jesus having no outward beauty when He came to Earth.

And what do you think the Ram's skin dyed red represented? Jesus' blood

And the White Goat's hair? Jesus' righteousness.

The Inner covering was the same colors as the gate with angels embroidered on it – which represents the many characteristics of Christ. The angels here represent the angels surrounding God's throne in heaven.

Even the layers that cover the Holy Place apply to us and show us the pathway to salvation: we are born in a human body, cleansed by the blood of Jesus, covered with His robe of righteousness, and then God comes into our hearts and fill us with His beautiful character!

Notice the beautiful angels embroidered on the veil to the Most Holy Place.

Angels are embroidered on the front gate, the veil into the Holy Place, and the veil into the Most Holy.

Heb 1:14 says, "They are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation."

In the sanctuary we see angels guiding us, at each step, to come into a close relationship with God.

## Most Holy Place

(1) Only the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place, and only on the Day of Atonement – Day of Judgement.

“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and that will by no means clear the guilty; Exodus 34:6-7

Why does God judge? Do you want to go to heaven if people lie to you, steal your things, and murder you? Do you want to be there if everyday you are forced to do things you hate? That is why God has a judgement. He keeps His heavenly home safe, but he won't force us to do things we hate.

(2) This is the Ark of the Covenant

Once again it is made with Acacia wood and overlaid and inlaid with gold.

It contained the 10 commandments as the law of heaven – the standard of judgement.

The 10 commandments have the most holy place in God's sanctuary in heaven:

guarded inside the ark of the covenant: God's rules, for God's kingdom, for all eternity. This law has always been in the heavenly sanctuary and is the standard of judgement – that is why Lucifer and his angels were kicked out of heaven & Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.

We have each broken the law of God and deserve death, and thus God has:

(3) The Mercy Seat that Covers the Ark of the Covenant.

Notice it is called a seat, and it has a crown. So there is a throne in the Holy Place, & another throne in the Most Holy Place. As we will see, each throne is used by God during different time periods.

The mercy seat was made of pure gold, hammered into shape & covered with two cherubim.

Ezekiel 28: Lucifer was a covering cherub – but he was kicked out from heaven because he no longer guarded the law of God, but rather broke it and encouraged others to also. Lucifer was a false friend.

The mercy seat gives us a plan of mercy: to repent of our sins and return to being God's true friend as shown by keeping His law.

(4) The Torah, the 5 books of Moses, were stored on the outside of the ark.

It contained the history from God creating the world to bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt.

It also contained the laws of health, government, and the sanctuary service.

(5) Since our body is the temple of God, what is the most important part of our body? Heart & Mind

The Ark represents our heart & mind.

In Hebrews 8:10 God said, “I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”

God wants to come so close! He wants to live inside of us & write His law on our hearts & minds so we love it! Then we will love to keep God's law!

(6) There were 3 items inside the Ark of the Covenant:

10 commandments representing God the Father as the law giver

Manna – bread – which represents Jesus.

Aaron's rod – which represents the Holy Spirit.

We want all 3 dwelling within our hearts! Then we truly are the temple of God, partakers of the divine nature, because God is dwelling inside of us!

(7) Let me show you Aaron's Rod represents the Holy Spirit. Moses and Aaron had family problems.

God told Moses to lead the people, and He told Aaron to help him. One day, their cousin Korah accused Moses and Aaron of being bad leaders to lead them out into the desert to die. Korah found 250 other men to join him in the rebellion.

Before, when Moses tried to help God, he killed and buried an Egyptian in the sand. But this was disobeying the law of God and he went out in the wilderness to learn how to get sheep to obey so he could learn to obey God. Now, instead of taking matters into his own hands, Moses asks God what to do.

Moses tells the men to come before the tabernacle with their censers. He tells the people to get back. God opened the ground, swallowed up Korah & his family, & fire from heaven killed the 250 men.

Then God told each tribe to bring a rod with their name, and Aaron to bring his rod with his name on it, into the tabernacle overnight. The next morning only Aaron's rod had leaves, flowers, and almonds! Aaron's rod was placed inside the ark to remember God leads His people.

Psalms 23:4 "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things." So Aaron's rod represents the Holy Spirit that comforts and guides us.

Today we don't have Moses and Aaron to guide us. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us.

When the Holy Spirit comes inside us, we instantly bloom & produce the fruit of the Spirit.

In Genesis God said, "Let there be light," and there it was instantly by the power of God's Word alone

2 Corinthians 5:17: "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature." It is not through evolution, but rather through creation by the power of God's Word that we are instantly a new creature in Christ.

Gal 5:22,23: fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control.

We can test ourselves to see if the Holy Spirit is inside of us and we are true friends of God. If not, we can simply ask God to come inside our hearts and choose to obey Him.

(9) So let's see what the High Priest did on the Day of Atonement:

The High Priest would bath and put on plain white linen garments. This was the garment of the common priest, and represented the righteousness and humility of Jesus to become common.

The high priest would gather 3 special animals in the courtyard that day: 1 bull & 2 goats.

Lots were cast for the goats: (that was like flipping a coin or drawing straws)

One was the Lord's (represented Jesus), and the other the scapegoat. (It escaped being sacrificed.)

I used to wonder why Jesus was represented as a goat here, & not a lamb. Matthew 25: God separated the sheep (those who obey & go to heaven) from the goats (the wicked who die).

2 Cor 5:21 says "For he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin." On the Day of Atonement Jesus is represented by the goat because He BECAME sin – wicked – for us. Jesus became the goat.

(10) In the courtyard, the high priest offered the bull as a sin offering for himself and his family.

He would then go to the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place & collect coals and incense for His censor.

He would then go into the Most Holy Place & sprinkle blood 7x eastward 7x on top.

(11) Next, The high priest returned to the courtyard and offered the Lord's goat as a sin offering.

He would go straight back to the Most Holy Place & sprinkle blood 7x eastward & on top again.

He would then go into the Holy Place and make atonement for the altar of incense by placing the blood of the bull & the goat on the horns of the altar & sprinkling it 7x around the horns.

Why 7X? Jesus shed his blood for us 7x: crown of thorns, stripes on His back, 2 hands pierced, 2 feet pierced, and the sword in His side.

(12) Finally the High Priest returned to the courtyard for the last animal: what was it? The scapegoat.



Once again it is a goat – it represents wickedness. All the sins were put on it, and unlike the other animals in the sanctuary system, it was not sacrificed.

Satan is the originator of sin, he is the truly wicked one, and he was not sacrificed for our sins, & he is guilty of all sin because he invented sin.

A strong common man then leads the goat far into the barren wilderness where it will die naturally.

Roman 6:23 “The wages of sin is death.” Satan dies naturally – death is the natural result of sin.

The children of Israel rejoice because sin has been completely removed!

When Jesus comes again, we will rejoice because all sin has been eradicated from the universe!

(13) Let's see How the Priest on the Day of Atonement Points to Jesus:

As we saw, Jesus completed his high priest duties in the courtyard when he was on earth, and then,

After He was crucified, He ascended into the Holy Place in heaven to do his priestly work there.

Thus, at some point Jesus must fulfill the Day of Atonement prophecy and enter the Most Holy Place to perform his priestly work there. When is that?

Remember how Daniel prophesied the exact year of Christ's death? Daniel prophesied a lot more than that!

He prophesied the timeline for the rebuilding of Jerusalem after their 70 year captivity, the kingdoms that would rule the world, the year of Jesus' baptism, and Daniel even prophesied the exact day Jesus would go from the Holy Place into the Most Holy Place!

Daniel 8:14 tells us: “Unto 2300 days, then the sanctuary will be cleansed.” The Day of atonement was the day the priest went into the Most Holy Place to cleanse the sanctuary of sin.

We don't have time to cover that prophecy today, but I tell you: Jesus is right now in the Most Holy Place cleansing the sanctuary.

So, what does that mean for us today?

(14) During the Day of Atonement, the children of Israel also had a special work to do:

They searched their hearts & confessed their sin to be right with God: so should we.

If the children of Israel did not confess all their sin, they were cut off from the children of Israel.

(15) Remember the basis of the sanctuary is to get rid of sin so we can be close to God again?

When I confess my sins in the courtyard, they are transferred to the Holy Place.

On the Day of Atonement all confessed sins are cleansed.

What if my sins aren't confessed? What if I'm still living in sin? I'm cut off.

The Most Holy Place reminds me we are living in the final day of judgement.

Revelation 14:7: “Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come.”

Daniel 7:10 The judgment was set, and the books were opened.

If when our record comes up, we have not confessed and forsaken our sins, then we have chosen to sin, & the wages of sin are death – to be permanently cut off from God's kingdom: from heaven.

Jesus is judging the books to see who are His real children. Who has put away sin and allowed God to come in & write His law upon their hearts and minds?

Today is the day for me to confess and forsake my sins, invite God into my heart, and live the victorious life.

Tomorrow may be too late. I may die, or the Day of Atonement may come to its end.

Jesus will soon put down his censor and say:

Revelation 22:11-14 “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every man according to his work... Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Our journey began with Adam and Eve living in the Garden of Eden and eating from the tree of life. When they sinned they lost their unity with God, the Garden of Eden, and the tree of life. We can regain unity with God today by choosing to obey, and when He comes we will gain Heaven and the tree of life.

(16) Let me share with you my testimony of how the Most Holy Place changed my life:

I used to believe in the American dream: get a good education, work hard, get rich, marry the guy of my dreams, raise perfect kids, travel the world, & be successful & happy!

I accomplished those things & experienced happiness in the moment, but it didn't last. Nothing in this world can ever fill us.

In the Most Holy Place I see that God alone can fill my heart. I love to live with God today and experience His happiness!

In my heart I truly feel the presence of a loving Father holding me, Jesus to bear my sins, and the Holy Spirit to guide me. As long as I am filled with God, I live in guaranteed victory & joy!

Wow Everyone! We have learned so much today inside the sanctuary!

The courtyard shows us how to get rid of sin that separates us from God,

the Holy Place shows us how to walk in victory with God, and

the Most Holy Place shows us how God lives inside us and is judging the world so He can come again soon to take His true children home. He will eradicate all sin from the world!

## High Priest's Garment

Now that we have stepped outside of the sanctuary, I would like to look at the entire sanctuary:

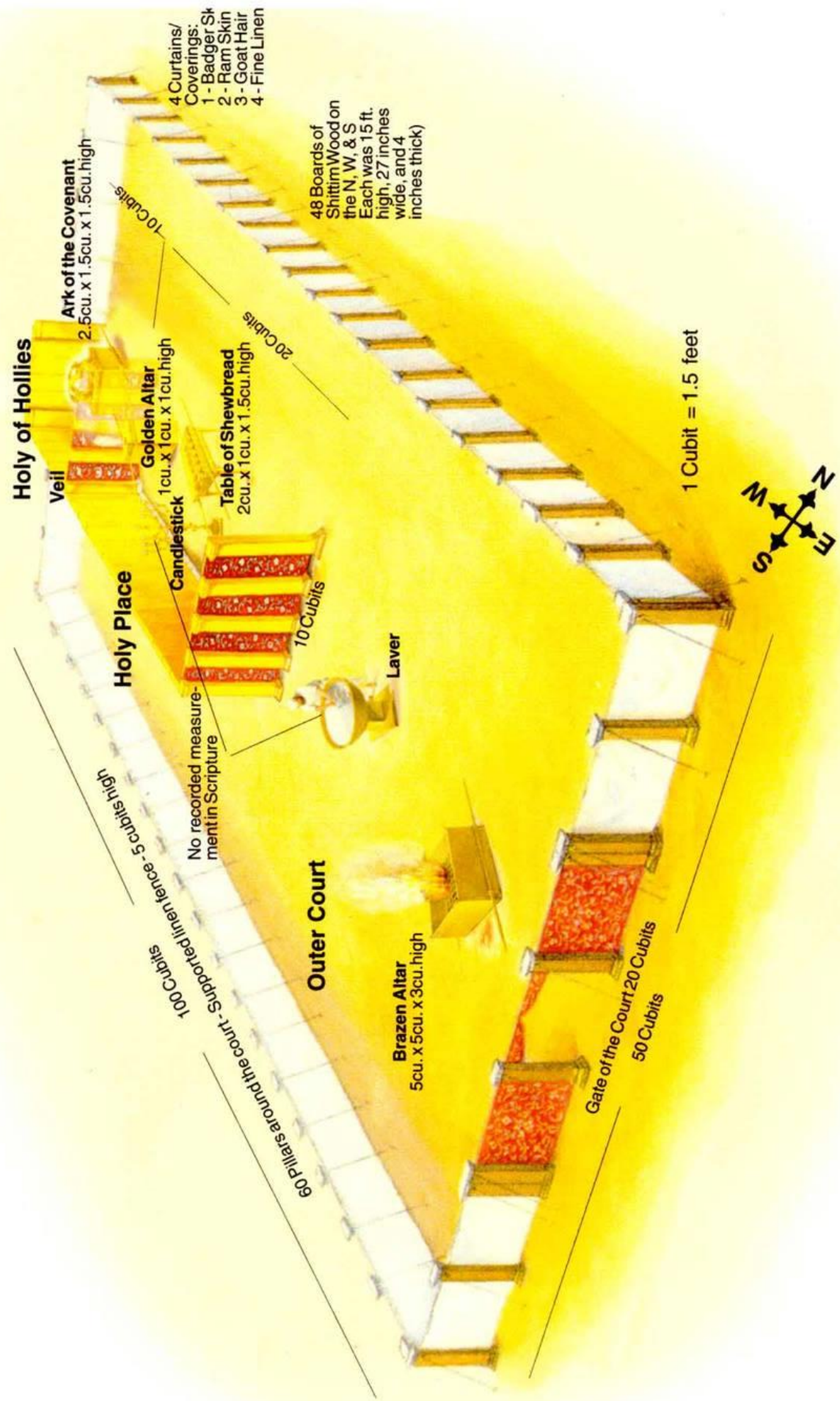
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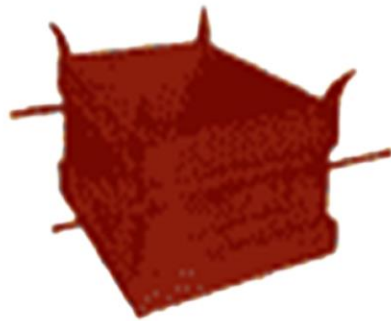
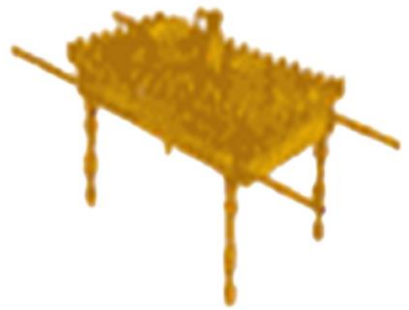
If we take just the furniture, we see it forms the shape of the cross.

We see how Jesus fulfilled each of these steps for our salvation (explain)

We also see our steps in the pathway of salvation (explain)

# The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle





# Jesus:





# We come to Jesus:



We will now look specifically at the High Priest. As we have learned, Jesus is our High Priest.

(1) 1 Peter 2:9 says WE are also priests

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

God has called us out of the darkness of sin, into His marvelous light.

We are priests because we are to be working for the salvation of other souls – helping them remove sin from their life and come into a relationship with Christ.

So as we look at the high priest, we see both Jesus’s work, and our work.

(2) The White Robe was worn by the common and high priest

In Genesis Adam & Eve were clothed with Christ’s righteousness

When they sinned, they became naked. In Leviticus 18, God told the Israelites it was sinful to be uncovered and reveal nakedness.

Adam & Eve felt naked and ashamed and tried to cover themselves with fig leaves – which are actually pretty big leaves. But God came and covered them with robes.

In heaven what will we wear? White robes – Christ’s righteousness!

Thus the priests wore a white tunic from their neck to their feet to cover their nakedness.

As a royal priesthood, we are to cover our nakedness with clothing and the righteousness of Christ.

(3) The High Priest wore all these extra beautiful clothes. They are full of beautiful symbology.

Blue tunic: covered by the law of God so we know how to walk in His righteousness

Ephod: Christ’s many characteristics represented by these beautiful colors

Bells: to hear where God is working for us so we can be with Him.

Pomegranates: Highest producing fruit: packed full of red seeds & covered in white membrane.

(4) The breastplate of judgement had 12 stones on it, each had a tribe’s name engraved on it.

This represents Jesus, our high priest, holding us close to His heart. He loves us so much!

(5) The breastplate of judgement hung from these onyx stones.

They were also engraved with the tribes of Israel: 6 on one side and 6 on the other

It represents Jesus carrying our burdens

I used to think I could bear my burden, hold it in, and not let it show on the outside. But I have learned it will eventually erupt in a sinful attitude! So now, when I have a burden, I let go of it by telling Jesus about it. He carries my burden, guides me, and solves it.

(6) The Urim & Thummin were also on the breastplate

The priest would use them to know the will of God. One represented yes, and the other no.

Wouldn’t it be nice to know the will of God today? Did you know that we still can?

Both the Bible and Holy Spirit tell us the will of God!

James 1:5 – “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally... and it shall be given him.”

Isaiah 30:21 “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying. ‘This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.’”

We each have a still small voice in the back of our head. It is sometimes called the conscience, thoughts, or impressions. If we seek to obey God, He will guide make His way clear to us through His still small voice.

But we must be careful, because we have 2 voices in the back of our heads! For example, one tells us to tell the truth and the other tells us to just say a little lie – that it won’t really matter.

Just as Satan tempted and deceived Eve to sin, Satan is also talking to each one of us every day. Just like Eve, we may not realize it is Satan or realize the consequences of our choices.

So, how do we know which voice is whose?

-The Holy Spirit always agrees with the Bible and tells us to do what's right & obey God.

-The religion of Satanism has one law: "Do what thou wilt." Do whatever you want. Just do it.

In other words, every time I sit down at a table and eat what I want, say what I want, do what I want, go where I want, I am worshiping Satan. I have set myself up as the god and idol of my life. This is why it is so important that we talk to God nonstop and ask Him what He would have us do.

(7) On his head the Priest had a miter and gold plate.

It said "Holiness unto the Lord."

It showed he had decided in his mind to live holy for God.

It was on his forehead – the frontal lobe: the part of the brain that makes decisions.

Satan is destroying our frontal lobe – the command center - so he will have our entire bodies. Science shows what destroys the frontal lobe:

Illegal Drugs

Legal Drugs: marijuana, alcohol (spirits – but not Holy Spirit), nicotine

Caffeine: ½ cup of coffee reduced blood flow to brain by 40%

Sugar: is an alcohol. If I have sugar I get irritated at my family. Without sugar I am stable

Processed food/overeating/snacking

Syncopated music: even with name of Jesus destroys the electrical signals of heart and mind

Hollywood: wood used by Satanists to cast spells

Movies: full of murder, foul language, adultery, theft, lies

My boys came to when they were about 5 years old and told me we needed to get rid of our movies. I only had a few left that were old "G" rated that I didn't think had anything bad. They told me they all taught children to disobey their parents. That the kids were the smart ones and that their parents were stupid. As I thought about it, every movie I had ever seen taught disobedience to God's law. And so we burned them.

This may all seem overwhelming – but there is hope! I use to partake of all those things I mentioned, but through Jesus I have found the power over sin and I am free from those addictions.

I want to carefully protect my temple and my front lobe so I can choose God!

Joshua 24:15 As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

(8) How many have heard the High Priest had a rope tied around his ankle On the Day of Atonement when he went into the Most Holy Place, so he could be pulled out if he was struck dead from not being perfect?

I hate to disappoint you, but God didn't write that. If the High Priest obeyed God, he wouldn't need a rope around his ankle in case he was struck dead. He could have confidence to be with God.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us come boldly unto the throne

We can know what kind of relationship we have with God.

We can boldly come before Him if we love and obey Him!

(9) Today I see sin separates me from God & results in my misery & death.

Today I choose to repent of living my way, and follow God in all the details of my life. I choose to ask God to come dwell within my heart and mind.

If you would like to join me in that decision today, I invite you to bow your head with me.

Pray: I surrender. Thank you for the close relationship we have with you.

Thank you for letting me take you on this exciting tour through God's amazing sanctuary!

We have:

a free magazine for each family with Bible verses and deeper study on the sanctuary,

a box here for donations if like the children of Israel you would like to build this sanctuary with your freewill offerings – but the gospel is free so don't feel obligated!

there is a bookstore as you exit if you would like to study more.

a short survey for you to fill out

If you have any questions, I will be standing by as you exit. God bless you all!!