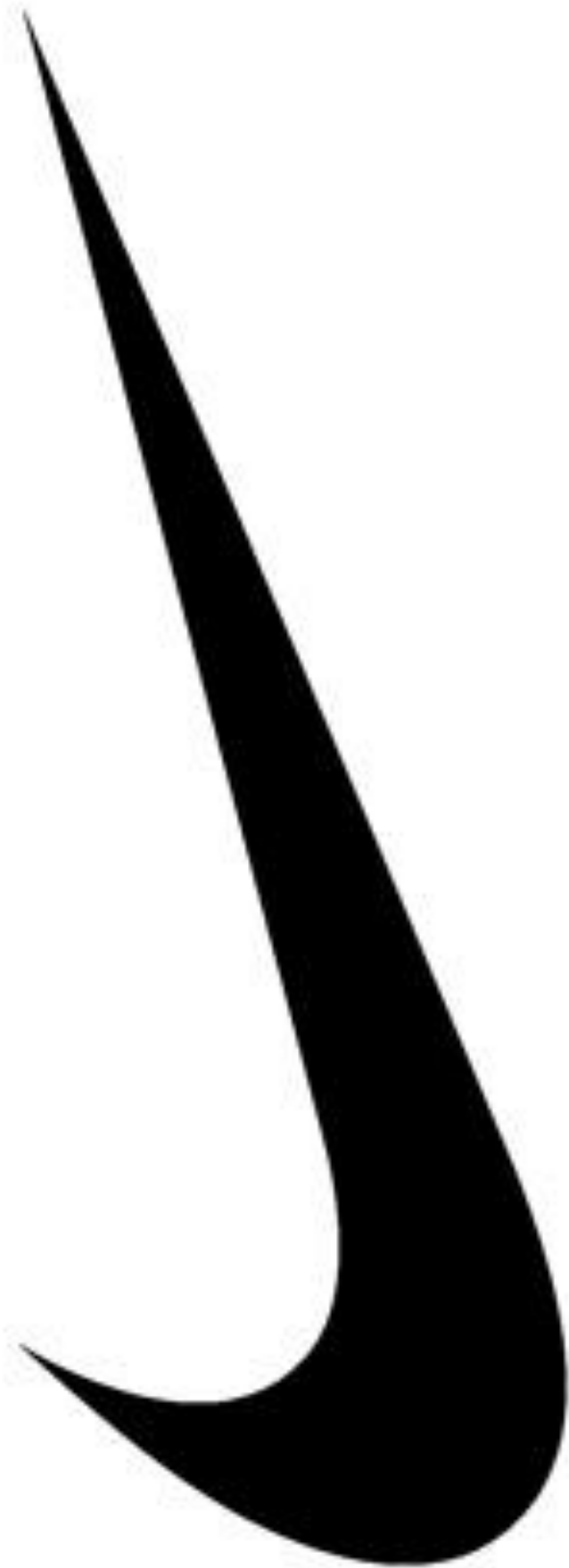


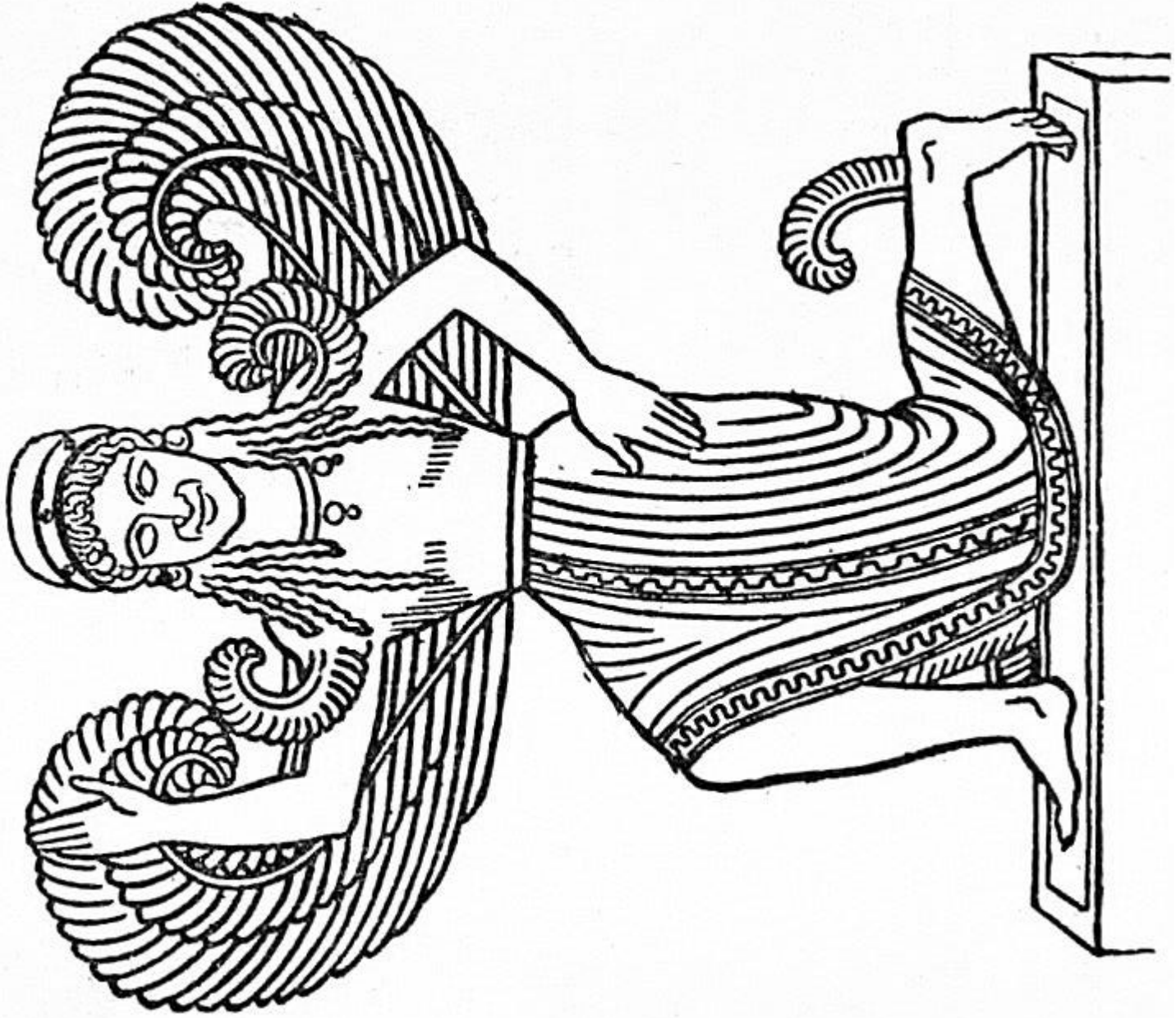
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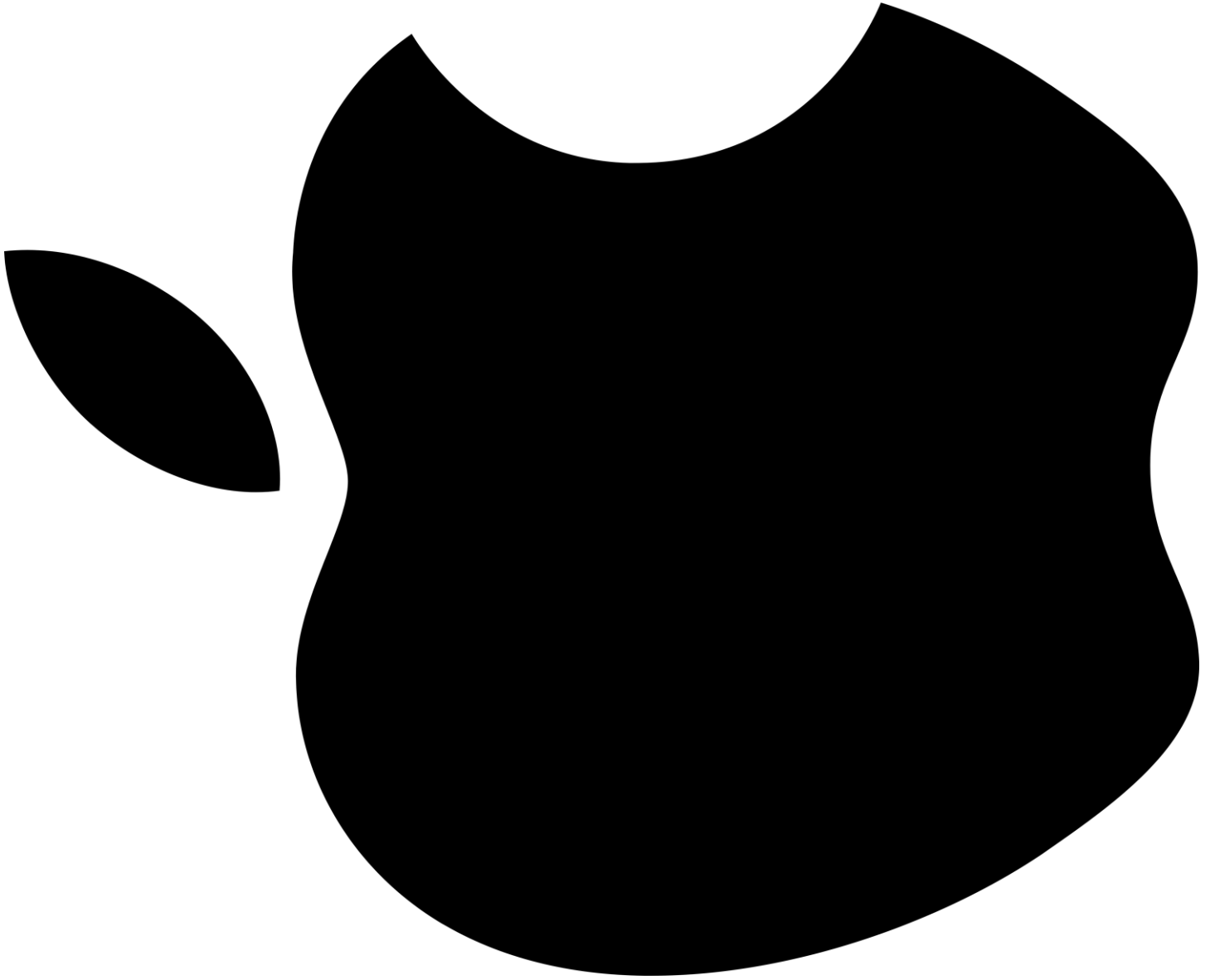
- Good afternoon! It is so good to see you all! My name is Lisa and I'm a retired nurse from the Northeastern corner of WA. I love Jesus and His sanctuary, and so I traveled here to take you on this incredible journey.
- Do you mind if I start with a quick prayer? (Thanks/Be our guide/Holy Spirit/draw us closer to you)
- 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:
 - (1) Historical: how the sanctuary was made and used
 - (2) Jesus How the sanctuary prophesies His life
 - (3) 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.

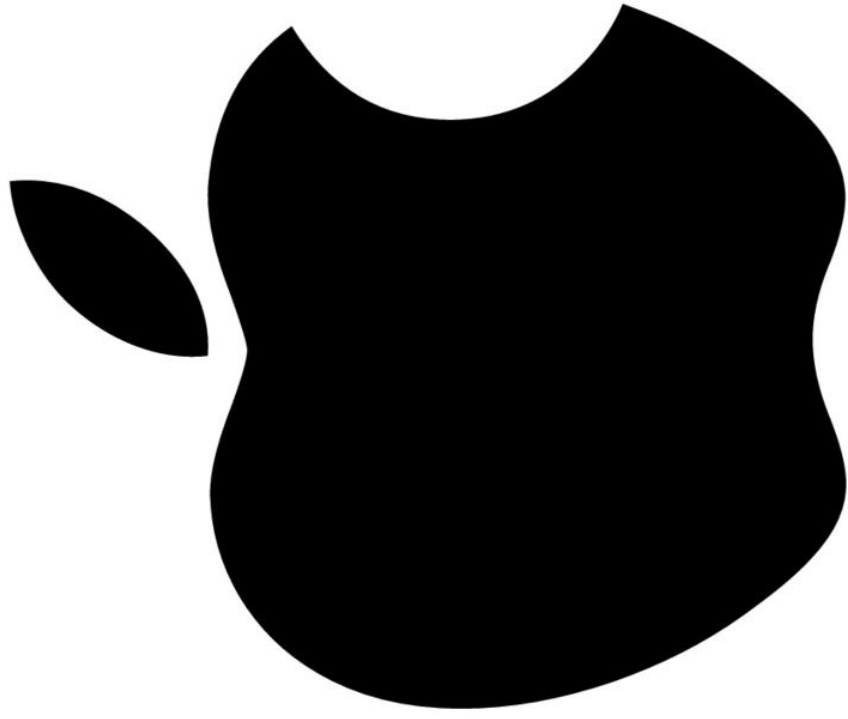




Nike: Greek & Roman Goddess of Victory







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. But Eve was deceived by Satan, she ate the fruit, and Adam followed. Their sin separated them from God.
- Isaiah 59:2 says “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you.” God still loved His children and wanted to dwell among them again, and so He told them He had a plan to be close again. Jesus would come to earth and die for their sin.
- Gen 3:15 “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”
- 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.
- Psalm 77:13 – “Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary.”
- The sanctuary is not some lifeless relic of ancient worship, but rather a wonderful art gallery, where, by the hand of the master-artist God Himself, the marvelous plan of redemption is portrayed in beautiful figures.
- 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) Let’s go back to History. I have a tricky question: what was the 1st sanctuary?

- 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 was a model to show us God’s work in the heavenly sanctuary!
- I have another tricky question for you. Where in the Bible is the first sacrifice?
- When Adam and Eve sinned they lost their robe of Christ’s righteousness and were naked. God clothes them with a robe of animal skin. Where did the animal skin come from?
- So we see, right after sin, God instituted sacrificial lambs as a figure of their repentance and Jesus’ death for their sin. This was done on an individual and family level. But while in Egypt, the children of Israel fell into idolatry, and so God instituted the sanctuary system - for the sacrifices to be done on a community level, to unfold even more details of His grand plan of salvation.

3) Here is an easier question: what was the 1st sanctuary on earth? The Mosaic Sanctuary in Exodus. God brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and into the desert to dwell with Him. 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?
- Even though God told the children of Israel how to dwell with Him, they kept choosing to worship idols instead. So God allowed 3 things to happen so they would learn how sad life is without Jesus: (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 125 years later. God sent Nehemiah and Ezra to encourage and help them. 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."
- The greater glory would be the presence of Jesus Himself, in body, inside the 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! 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 He 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)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.
- When the Israelites saw their sin separated them from God, and they wanted to come to God, they chose one of their perfect lambs or kids (baby goat), and started walking through the camp toward the sanctuary – toward God. But what if they were too poor? God made a way for everyone! They could catch 2 wild pigeons or 2 doves. But what if they were too feeble? Then they could bring a little handful of flour – and manna fell daily from heaven. A way was made for ANYONE to come to God who wanted to
- 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."

10) Let me share my testimony of how the sanctuary changed my life:

- 10 years ago, my 3 sons were part of an Exodus competition. They were 8-11 years old, and I realized if they were going to memorize it, they needed to understand it! So we studied the sanctuary. What used to be a very boring sanctuary to me, thrilled my soul and changed my life. I fell in love with the sanctuary, and even deeper in love with Jesus!
- I want to be free from the sin that so easily entangles me, I want to come close to Jesus. I see we all came today and we all have our sinful contrite hearts ready to bring as our sacrifice to God.
- So I'm going to turn and head into the sanctuary. Please, follow me, and if you know the song sing with me:
- 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

Welcome to the Courtyard! Once again we will experience (1) History (2) Jesus (3) How it applies to me

(1)The Israelites entered through THE GATE.

- This one gate was the only way into 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

(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, in quality time.
- But it gets even deeper: 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 "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."
- 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!

- 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.
- If the sinner was a priest, he would bring a bull – because his sin was great because of his great influence. The blood from the bull was taken into the Holy Place and put before the veil & on the horns of the altar of incense. Thus the priest’s sins were transferred into the Holy Place.
- 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.
- 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.
- Gen 3:17: “Cursed is the ground for thy sake.”
- Next, the Israelite cut out the kidneys and fat from the lamb. Fat represented sin, so it represented the sinner’s choice to cut sin out of his life. Because would you be ok with me sinning the same sin against you day after day and just repeatedly telling you sorry? Of course not! The fat was burned on the altar of sacrifice to show sin being totally eradicated from his life.
- 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.

- When we give our sin to God, He eliminates it from our lives. As the Israelite walked toward the courtyard, he saw the ash and was encouraged that his sin would be destroyed! All the ash also warned that those who didn’t repent, would be destroyed with their sin in Earth’s final fire.
- 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.”
- That is why we WANT to confess our sins! We WANT our sins destroyed – not ourselves destroyed.
- Proverbs 28:13 “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth & forsaketh them shall have mercy.

(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 that the Israelite women gave.

- 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 lavar was filled with water. The priests used 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.”

- Jesus was baptized by immersion in water, and at the same time the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the form of a dove. Likewise, we are to be baptized by immersion in water and filled with the Holy Spirit when we give our lives to God.

(10) The courtyard is surrounded by brass pillars with silver capitals holding a fine white linen curtain.

- The pillars represent those who overcome sin through God's power.
Rev 3:12 – "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God."
- The silver capitals represent God's pure words that the redeemed speak.
Psalms 12:6 – "The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver."
- 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.
- 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."

(11) Now Notice the 5 pillars at the entrance to the Holy Place. There is something peculiar about them.

- They have brass bases on the ground, but then tall golden pillars that point to heaven.
- 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."
- Brass in the courtyard represents corruption & the earth where Jesus walked with his feet.
- Rev. 21:18 says, "and the city was pure gold." The Holy Place filled with gold represents heaven.
- Now watch this amazing symbology! 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, & took on human nature as a man! He completed His earthly priestly work on earth by living a perfect life, being baptized, and being the sacrificial lamb.
- After completing his priestly ministry in the courtyard on earth, Jesus ascended back up to heaven.
- So what does that mean for us? 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 camp as corrupt people. 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 man to dwell with us, now we become partakers of His divine nature to dwell with Him! 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."
- The altar of sacrifice represents forgiveness of sins, & the laver represents Jesus cleansing us from all unrighteousness.
- We are then without sin and can dwell with God again through His Holy Spirit being in us!

(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. I thought that was normal. For some reason I had 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 was coming to Jesus, I was confessing my sins, I had been baptized, but I had not killed the lamb myself and cut out the sins myself to hand to Jesus.

- 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, what is next then? Let's go find out! Each step of the path is more amazing!

Holy Place

Welcome to the Holy Place! Once again we will experience (1) History (2) Jesus (3) How it applies to me.

(1) Only the Priests could enter the Holy Place after washing at the laver.

(2) 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!

(3) 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.

(4) The Holy Place is an exciting place to be! After all.... It's holy...

- Who wants to guess the definition of holy? Set apart for God's use – perfect - whole
- When we come to Jesus, we have decided 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 tells us how.
- As we saw in the pillars – it is by becoming partakers of the divine nature – by uniting with God.
- Remember the silver capitals which represent the pure word of God? They were on top of the pillars, representing in our minds. We heard the pure words of God in the courtyard. Here, in the sanctuary, we see two silver feet at the bottom of each gold column. We have 2 feet too! So here in the Holy Place Jesus teaches us how to walk in holiness.
- The real power is not ourselves, but rather Jesus. So let's see what Jesus is doing.

(5) As we mentioned in the courtyard, Jesus completed His high priest responsibilities while on earth.

He then ascended into heaven, into the Holy Place to complete 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?

(6) 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 14:7 "He that hath seen me has seen the Father."
- The bread also specifically represents God's Word, the Bible: John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
- Satan wanted to sit on the throne on the North so (1) He could be God and do what he wanted & (2) he wanted his words to be listened and obeyed.
Satan speaks deceptive lies - so we need to be careful whose words we listen and obey.
- The 12 loaves of bread were baked fresh every Sabbath, and the priests would eat the old bread. This represents gathering 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.
- In my life, I have to read the Word of God every morning first thing. Before I pick up my phone and read those texts, I must read the texts from God. He is sending us thousands of Bible texts per day! If I don't

read my husbands texts, we aren't going to have a good relationship – and it's the same with reading God's texts to us. And when my husband sends me a great picture text, I forward it to all my friends and family! Likewise, when we read the word of God, we will forward His amazing texts to our friends and family.

- Will you be satisfied if you eat one grape for breakfast? Of course not! Likewise one text in a devotional book won't work! We need to be filled full with God's bread.
- Have you ever heard someone say they can't understand the Bible? If you stand in front of the Bible, blocking the light, you won't be able to read it. But if we move back, and pray for the Holy Spirit to light up the word of God, we will understand it and we will love it!

(7) Next we will look at the Candlestick

- This was a beautiful golden artist's masterpiece. It was hammered from 1 talent of gold (about 100 pounds) into the shape of an almond tree with 7 branches, each ending in a lamp shaped like an almond nut that had pure olive oil.
- The priest tended to the candlestick every morning and evening to keep the light burning at all times.
- In the candlestick we see an extremely intricate coming together – a unity - of God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, & us represented!
- 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.
- 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."
- Thus the candlestick is beautiful symbology of unity: God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and us. There must be complete & consistent unity to walk in victory over sin.
- This is what it means to be partakers of the divine nature: united with God. This is the power!
- When united with God, we are missionaries to glorify God by taking His light and truth to the world.

(8) This is the Altar of Incense.

- Notice it is an altar, like the altar of sacrifice, but of incense. The wonderful smell filled the Holy Place and wafted out into the courtyard and the camp, reminding people of how wonderful God is.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1 Thessalonian 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." When I was a child I didn't see how I could kneel all day in prayer. But now I understand this verse refers to spending all day walking and talking with God, as my best friend. When I see a beautiful sunrise I can say, "Thank you God for your gift to me of this beautiful sunrise! When it is time to eat breakfast I can 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?" When I make my plans for the day I can say, "God, what do you want me to do today?"

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

- Hebrews 1:3 said Jesus entered the Holy Place when he had purged us from our sins – so after His death when he ascended to heaven.
- In Revelation 1:12, speaking of Christ, John says "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me, and being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks." So, in AD95 we see Jesus in the Holy Place.
- Let's review what He is doing at each piece of furniture:

- 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) Did you notice the priests attended the fires morning & evening & the fires burned continually?

- Once again we are reminded we need to set times for worship morning & evening, & then live in continual communion with Him.

(11) In the Holy Place we again see how God is taking away sin so we can dwell with Him in heaven forever.

- First of all, He is the high priest, giving us His true Word to guide us, He is the light lighting up our lives, and He listens and answers our prayers. He also sends angels to help us.
- We also see our part: to start and end our day with quality worship time with God, and to live all day with God! To be filled with His Holy Spirit, to live by His Word, to pray without ceasing, and then to be missionary wherever we go. When that is our life, Psalms 23 says, "He guides us in paths of righteousness for His names sake."

(12) 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.

(13) 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 sins I didn't want to commit.
- In the Holy Place I found the secret for living the life of victory.
- God showed me how I could abide with Him, and become partakers of His divine nature.
- (1) I must daily surrender to the Holy Spirit by asking Him to guide me and promising to obey Him. I must be united with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- (2) I must spend quality time reading God's Word every morning and evening.
- (3) I must live my day praying without ceasing – walking, talking, and listening to the Holy Spirit in everything.
- 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.

(15) So now we are walking with God in victory over sin:

- What could possibly be next?!?!?!?
- Let's turn the corner and discover the Most Holy Place God wants to bring us into with Him. The journey gets better at every step! The relationship gets even closer!

Most Holy Place

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

(2) This is the Ark of the Covenant

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

(3) The Ark of the Covenant was covered with the Mercy Seat.

- 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.

(4) The Torah, the 5 books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy

- 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
- 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 – that is why Lucifer and his angels were kicked out of heaven & Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.
- 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!
- In Genesis God said, "Let there be light," and there it was instantaneously, created 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.
- Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus." God wants to instantaneously write His law in our mind and heart. We only have to repent and surrender. He then creates us!

(6) A Pot of Manna was also inside the ark.

- Manna was Bread that God sent from heaven every morning to feed His people when they were in the wilderness. God takes care of our needs today too!
- The pot of manna, or bread, represents Jesus & His Word.
- Each morning they would kneel on the ground and collect the manna to eat. When the sun came up it melted. This represents our need to read God's word first thing in the morning.

(7) Aaron's rod

- Let me tell you the exciting story of Aaron's rod. Remember the story of the children of Israel worshipping the golden calf? This was not the last time the children of Israel rebelled...
- God told Moses to lead the people, and He told Aaron to help him. One day, their cousin Korah accused Moses and Aaron of leading them out into the desert to die. Korah found 250 other men to join him in leading the rebellion. Moses told them all to bring their own firepan, censor, and incense before the sanctuary of God, and let God show who the leader was.
- God opened the ground, swallowed up Korah & his family, & fire from heaven killed the 250 men.
- Then God told each of the 12 tribes to bring a rod with their name on it to the tabernacle. God would cause 1 rod to blossom so the people would know who God had appointed to lead the people. The next morning there were 11 normal dead rods, but Aaron's rod had beautiful almond blossoms and buds on it. 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.

- When the Holy Spirit comes inside us, we instantly bloom & produce the fruit of the Spirit.
- Gal 5:22,23: fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control.

(8) Notice within the ark, we have God the Father, Jesus & the Holy Spirit represented:

- God the Father represented as the law of God, Jesus represented by the Manna & The Holy Spirit represented by Aaron's Rod.
- 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!

(9) So let's talk about 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 of Jesus.
- The high priest would gather 3 animals in the courtyard: 1 bull & 2 goats.
- Lots were cast for the goats: (that was like flipping a coin or drawing straws)
- One was the Lord's (it represented Jesus).
- The other was the scapegoat (it represented Satan)
- I used to wonder why Jesus was represented as a goat here, & not a lamb. Because on the day of atonement, when the final sacrifice was made, Jesus became sin – as represented by the goat.
- Remember in Matthew 25 God separated the sheep from the goats? The righteous from the wicked?
- 2 Cor 5:21 says "For he had made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin." Jesus became sin - 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.

- All the sins were put on it, and unlike the other animals in the sanctuary system, it was not sacrificed.
- Satan was not sacrificed for our sins, & he is guilty of all sin because he invented sin.
- A strong 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.
- 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, where are they transferred to? The Holy Place.
- When are my sins cleansed from the sanctuary? On the Day of Atonement.
- 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 judgement is come."
- Daniel 7:10 The judgment was set, and the books were opened.
- Do you want me in heaven cursing at you and hitting you? This is why there is a judgement.
- This is why we need God's law in our hearts and minds TODAY!
- 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.
- Just as the Day of Atonement finished the yearly service, so Jesus is finishing His last priestly work. He 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!

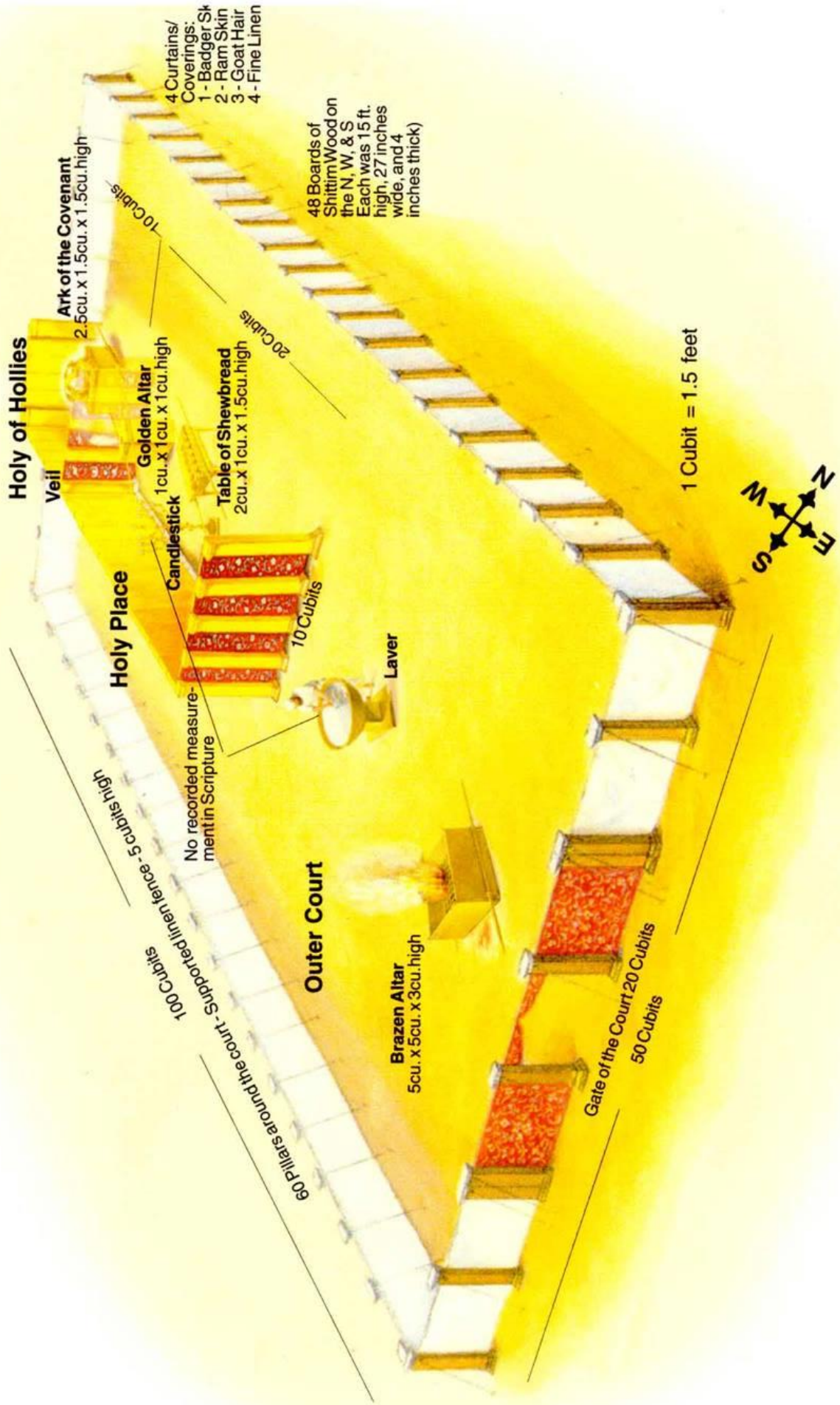
- The courtyard shows us how to get rid of sin that separates us from God,
- the Holy Place shows us how to walk in victory with God, and
- the Most Holy Place shows us how God comes inside of us & writes His law upon our hearts and minds. Only then are we safe and ready for heaven. It also shows God's plan to eradicate sin from this world and coming soon to take His faithful children home to heaven.
- We have 1 final station to wrap this beautiful package up!

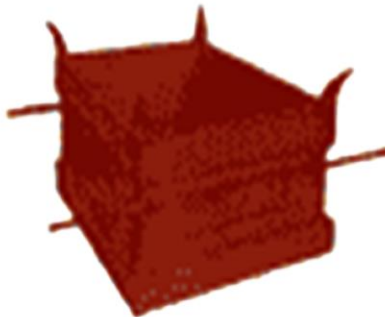
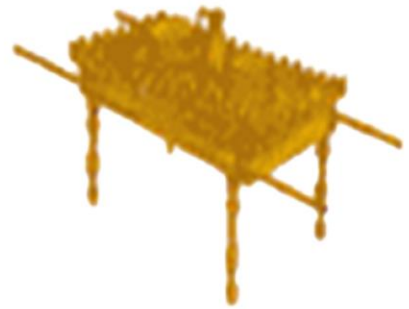
High Priest's Garment

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

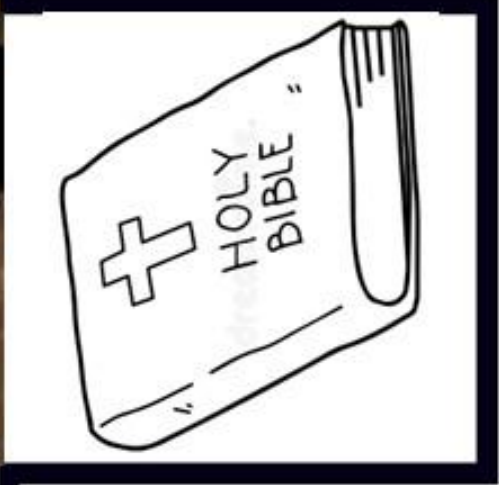
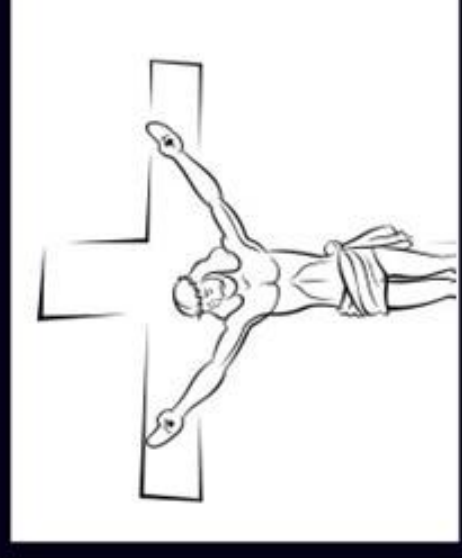
- Here we see the sanctuary that we just walked through
- If we take just the furniture, we see it forms the shape of the cross.
- We see how Jesus fulfilled each of these steps for our salvation (explain)
- We also see our steps in the pathway of salvation (explain)

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle

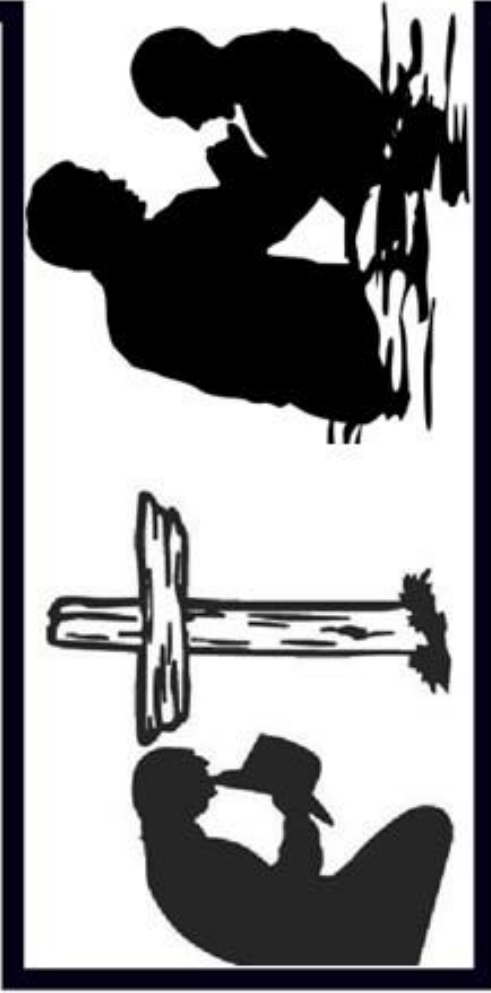




Jesus:



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 a royal priesthood

- “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;
- Remember how individuals & families offered sacrifices before the sanctuary system was instituted?
- Then the priests officiated during the time of the sanctuary system.
- The sanctuary service ended when Jesus died on the cross as the fulfillment of the lamb slain.
- And NOW it is back to the individual: we are the royal priesthood: we are to live doing God’s work.
- 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 characteristics represented by His 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 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.

-Satan only has one rule; He tells us: "Do what thou wilt." Do whatever you want. Just do it.

(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 be 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 so we will choose him. Science shows syncopated music, and movies destroy it – even if they put the word Christian in front of it. Drugs also destroy it, including caffeine and sugar. I want to carefully protect my temple and my front lobe so I can choose God!
- As we have seen today, we can decide to come to Jesus & live in His holiness
- 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.

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