

The Tabernacle.

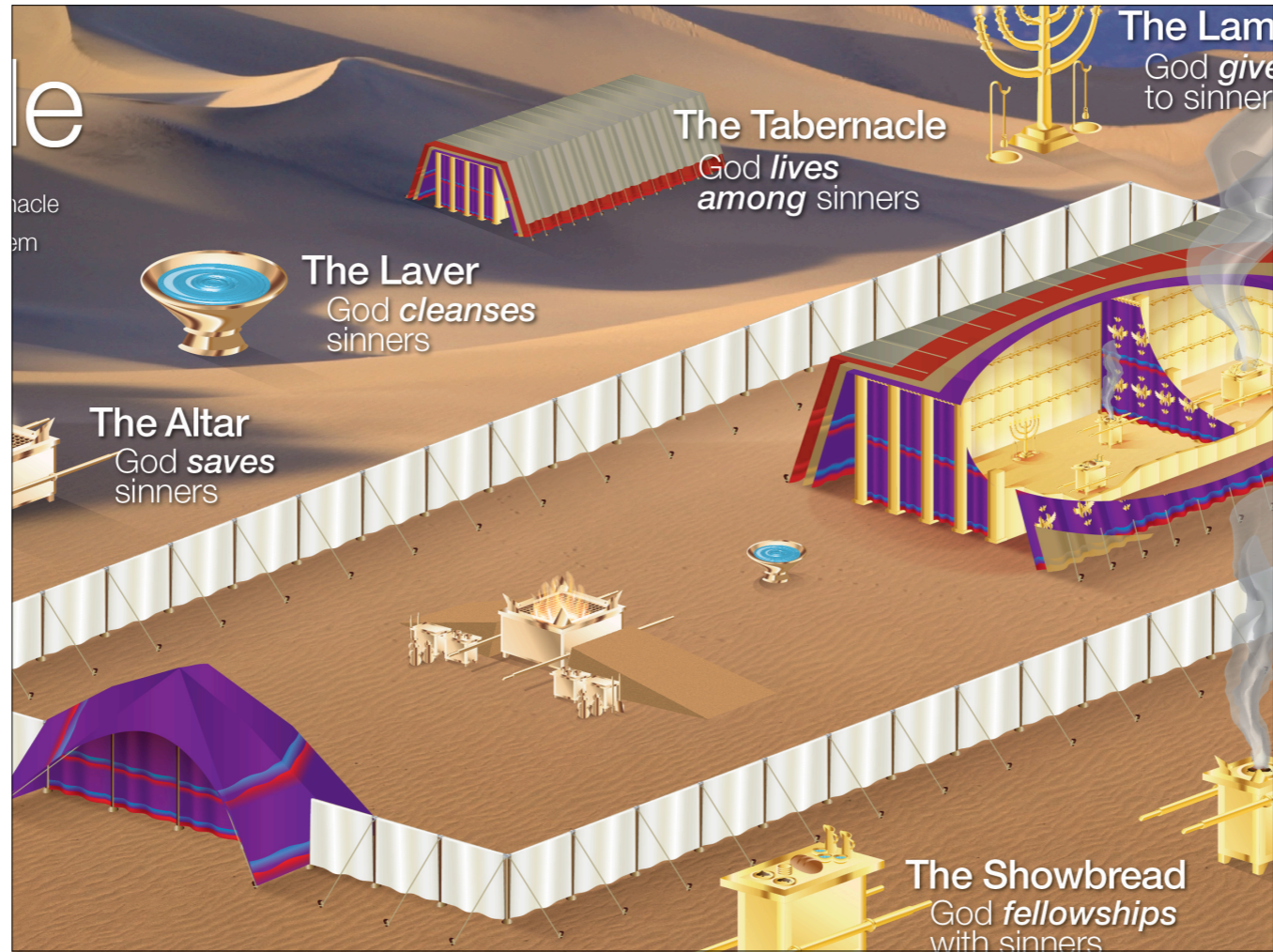
God's plan to teach the people about worshipping him. About holiness. About who he is.

About what's right

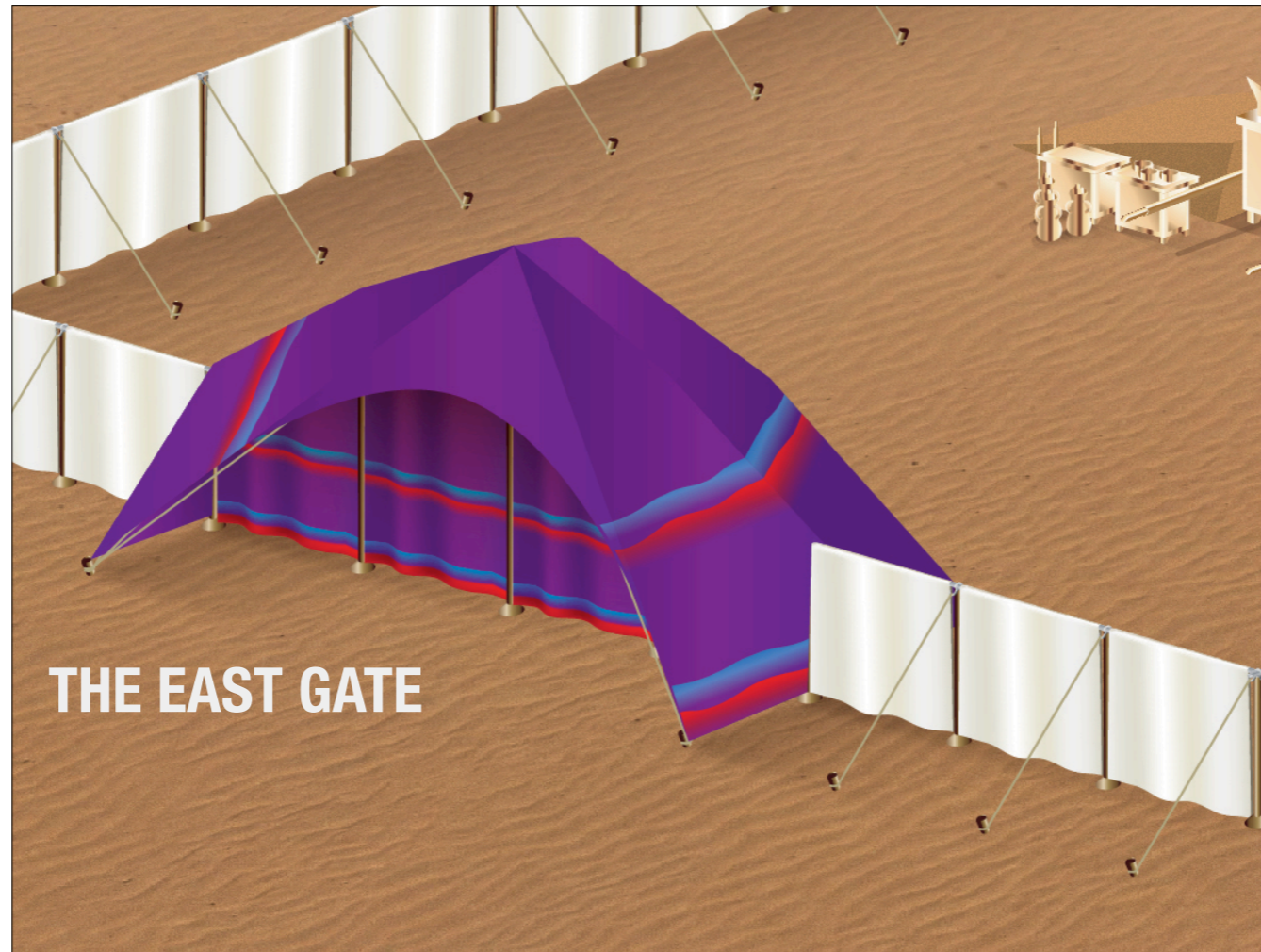
Beginnign to set precedence for what worship is, sacrifice, and giving life



At Timna Park, 20 miles (32 km) north of Eilat in the Arabah, a life-size replica of the biblical tabernacle has been constructed. While no original materials (e.g., gold, silver, bronze) have been used, the model is accurate in every other way based upon the biblical description.



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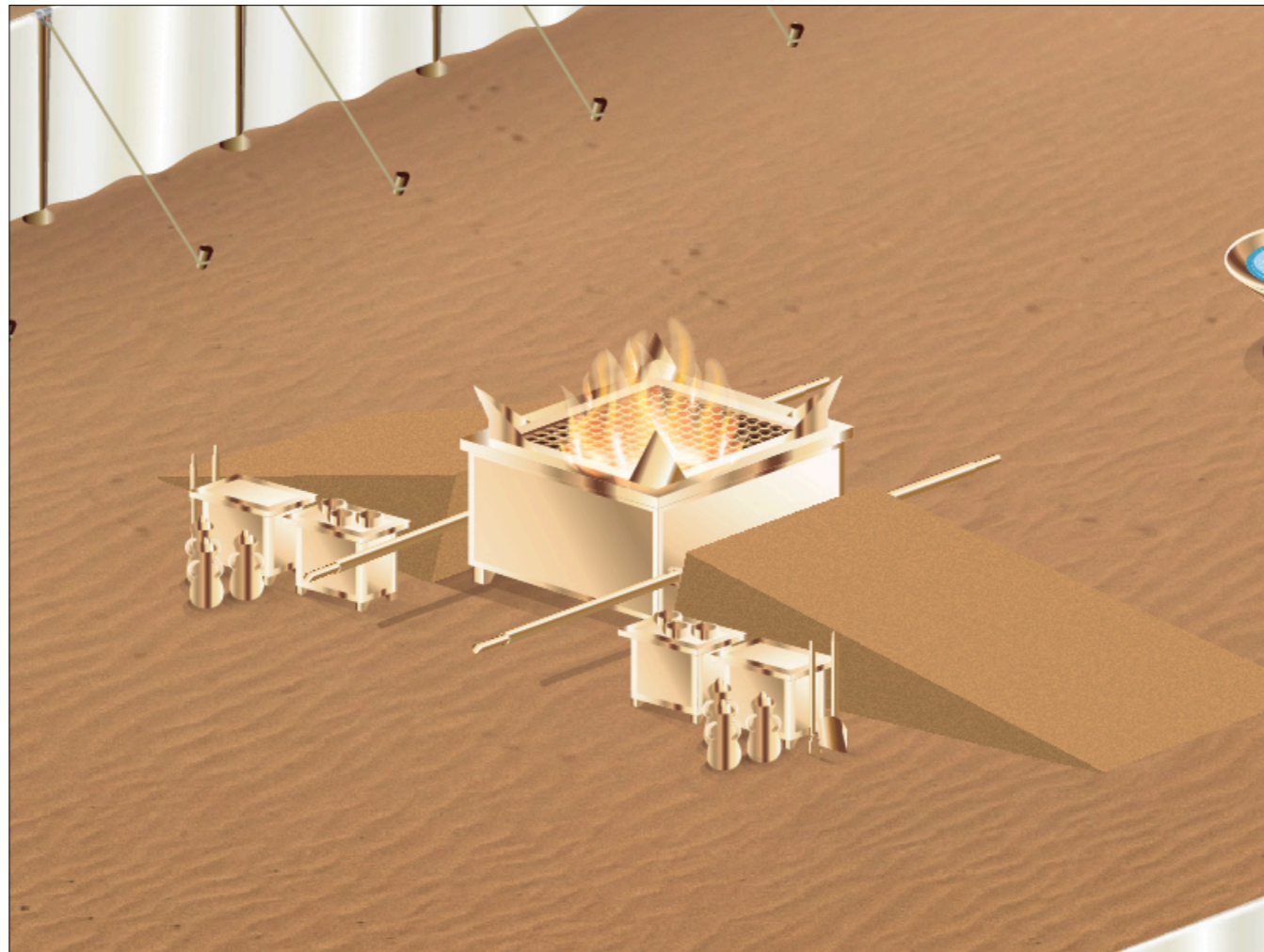
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Exodus 38

18 And the screen for the gate of the court was embroidered with needlework in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It was twenty cubits long and five cubits high in its breadth, corresponding to the hangings of the court. 19 And their pillars were four in number. Their four bases were of bronze, their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their fillets of silver.

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1. The Brazen Altar

2. stood on a mound (like Christ on the cross)

3. Christ is Brass — covering the wood

4. The spiritual description for brass is given above, which conforms to the symbol of the altar in the plan of salvation. Attention to detail shows, the sacrifice rests only upon the grate made of brass, and does not touch the altar. The only part of the sacrifice touching the altar is the blood sprinkled on the horns. A symbol of Christ's blood covering our sins.

5. There is a resemblance between the ark and the altar. Both are constructed of wood, which determines their shape. The ark is covered with pure gold, the altar with brass. Some may think the altar is covered in brass because it can take more heat, which is not true. Brass melts at 1650 degrees F, while the melting point of gold is 1950 degrees F.

6. Studying the ark we have seen wood represents people. This is why brass, representing Christ covers the wood. If brass was not protecting the wood, it would be in danger of being destroyed by the fire consuming the sacrifice. The altar made of wood, covered with brass supports the grate. A symbol of man's role in salvation. After Jesus provided the sacrifice, it was up to human agents to spread the news of the gospel. In a spiritual sense, man has a supporting role in the plan of salvation.

Bronze Altar

Exodus 27 "You shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits[a] long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits. 2 And you shall make horns for it on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze. 3 You shall make pots for it to receive its ashes, and shovels and basins and forks and firepans. You shall make all its utensils of bronze. 4 You shall also make for it a grating, a network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. 5 And you shall set it under the ledge of the altar so that the net extends halfway down the altar. 6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7 And the poles shall be put through the rings, so that the poles are on the two sides of the altar when it is carried. 8 You shall make it hollow, with boards. As it has been shown you on the mountain, so shall it be made.

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THE BRAZEN ALTAR

1. Horns symbolise power

2. Sin offering — atonement

3. "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." (Leviticus 17:11)

4. "The law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." (Hebrews 9:22)

5. "The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" (Hebrews 9:13-14)

6. Stark contrast to other religions

7. Other near east religions during that time would sacrifice children, babies

8. Giving up a lamb would represent so much more — **that should be me**. That should be my child. That should be my family. But instead our amazing gracious God, takes this lamb instead. It's clearly not a representation but you have an understanding of how gracious and good God is.

9. GOD SAVES SINNERS — JESUS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

10. NOW: Christ has paid for us, we are saved! Welcomed into his presence

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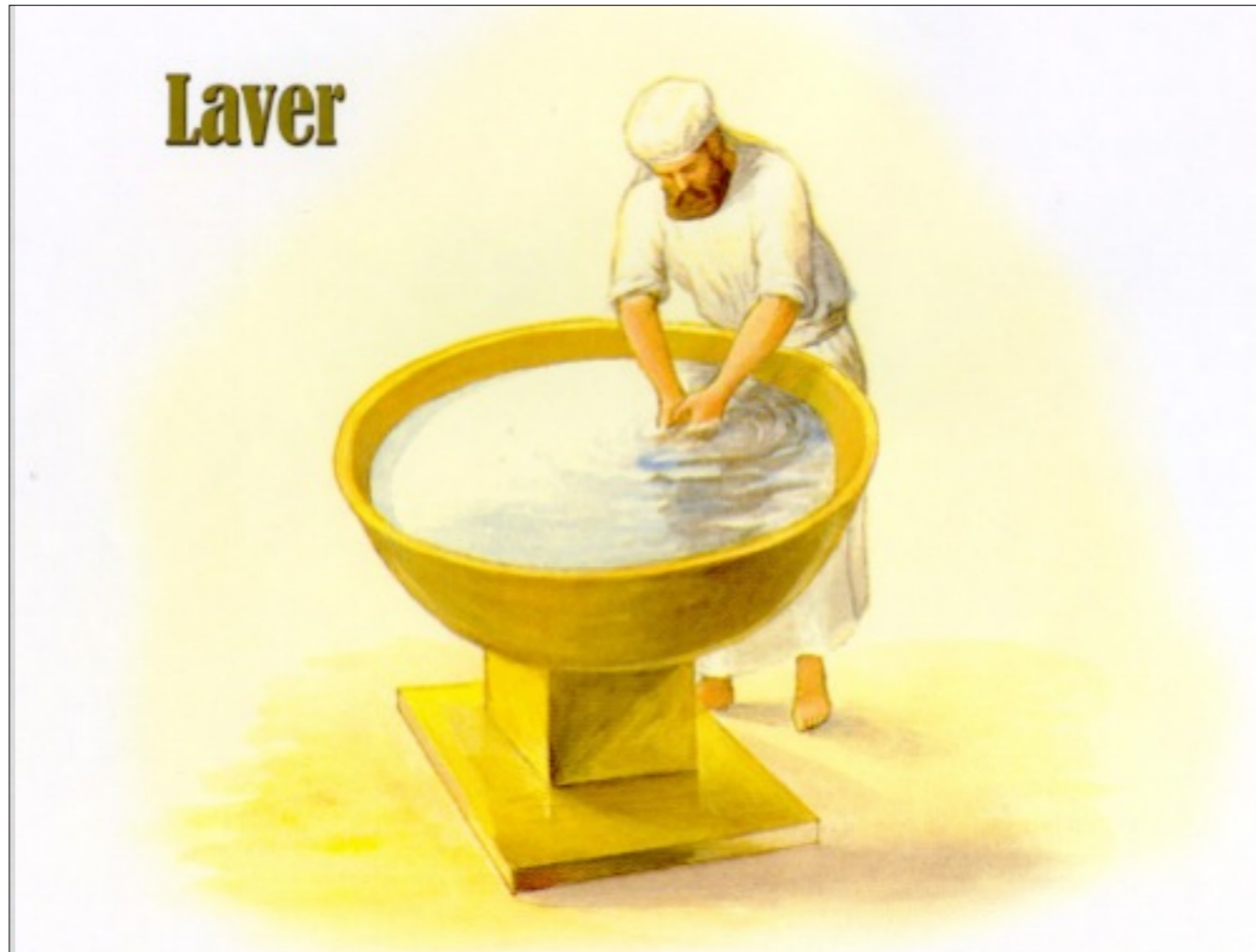


1. JESUS WAS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE
2. ONCE AND FOR ALL
3. WE FEEL THE SAME THOUGH, THIS MAN HAS TAKEN OUR PLACE
4. HIS BLOOD WAS SHED FOR US



1. The Laver (Bronze Basin)
- 2.

Laver



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2. priests washed hands and feet there before entering in the holy place
3. sanctification
4. washed by the Word —
5. representing Christ
6. representing his Truth in his words
7. representing the Holy Spirit
8. GOD CLEANSSES SINNERS — THROUGH CHRIST'S SACRIFICE
9. NOW: We are cleansed, and being sanctified — no longer separated

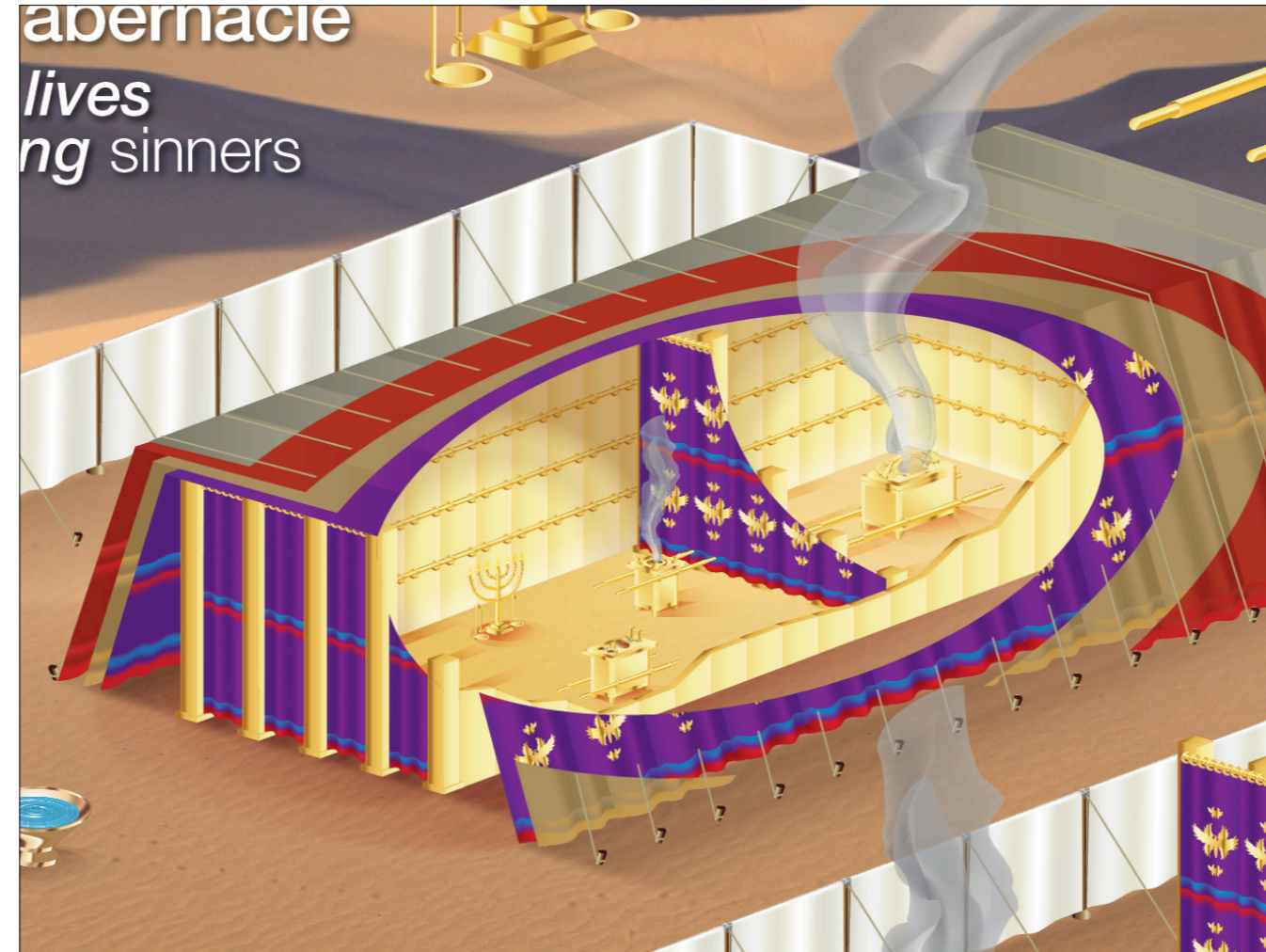
Exodus 30

17 The Lord said to Moses, 18 "You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, 19 with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. 20 When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the Lord, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die. 21 They shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they may not die. It shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his offspring throughout their generations."

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**THE BRONZE LAVER:
JESUS CLEANSSES US
WE ARE CLEANSED &
BEING SANCTIFIED**



1. Holy Place, Most Holy Place. A perfect cube
2. Inside the Holy Place, where the priests could go —
3. The Altar of Incense
4. The Bread of his Presence (or the Showbread)
5. The Lampstand



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1. The Golden Lampstand (in the Holy Place)

- 1.continually burning lamp stand
- 2.only light in the Holy Place

3.Almond: Almond in Hebrew means "the awakening one", because the almond tree was the first tree to awake from the sleep of winter and blossom. It spoke of the speedy and powerful result of light.

2.Pure Gold is representation of the perfection and deity of Christ, and 7 the represents number of completeness

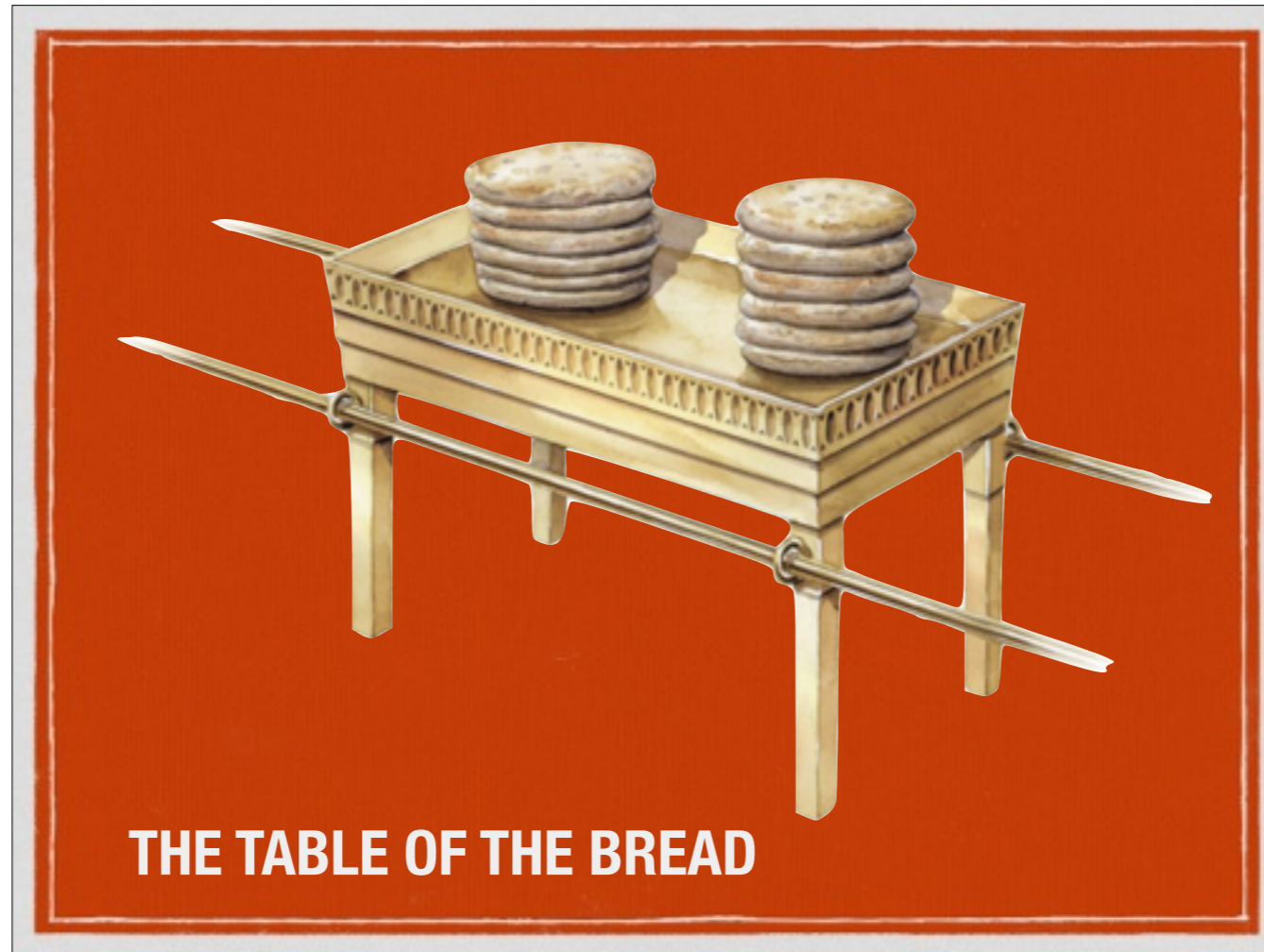
3."I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

4."I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)

5.NOW: Our worship, he lights us, illuminates what we need to change

EXODUS 25:31 "You shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of hammered work: its base, its stem, its cups, its calyxes, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. 32 And there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; 33 three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx and flower, on the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 34 And on the lampstand itself there shall be four cups made like almond blossoms, with their calyxes and flowers, 35 and a calyx of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand. 36 Their calyxes and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it a single piece of hammered work of pure gold. 37 You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it. 38 Its tongs and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 It shall be made, with all these utensils, out of a talent[e] of pure gold. 40 And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

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THE TABLE OF THE BREAD

1. Table of the Bread (in the holy place)
2. Bread of the presence, because it was always in the presence
3. The priests would eat it, not just leave it
4. What a sign of fellowship
5. Look forward to the day when you would share the bread with God
6. Jesus sharing his bread
7. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. ... Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die." (John 6:35, 49-50)
8. "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'" (Matthew 26:26)
9. NOW: We eat with Christ. We worship with him. We dine with Him

Shewbread — presence bread — presence of the Lord

EXODUS 25:23 "You shall make a table of acacia wood. Two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a moulding of gold round it. 25 And you shall make a rim round it a handbreadth[d] wide, and a moulding of gold round the rim. 26 And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and fasten the rings to the four corners at its four legs. 27 Close to the frame the rings shall lie, as holders for the poles to carry the table. 28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, and the table shall be carried with these. 29 And you shall make its plates and dishes for incense, and its flagons and bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold. 30 And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before me regularly.

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1. Golden Altar of Incense

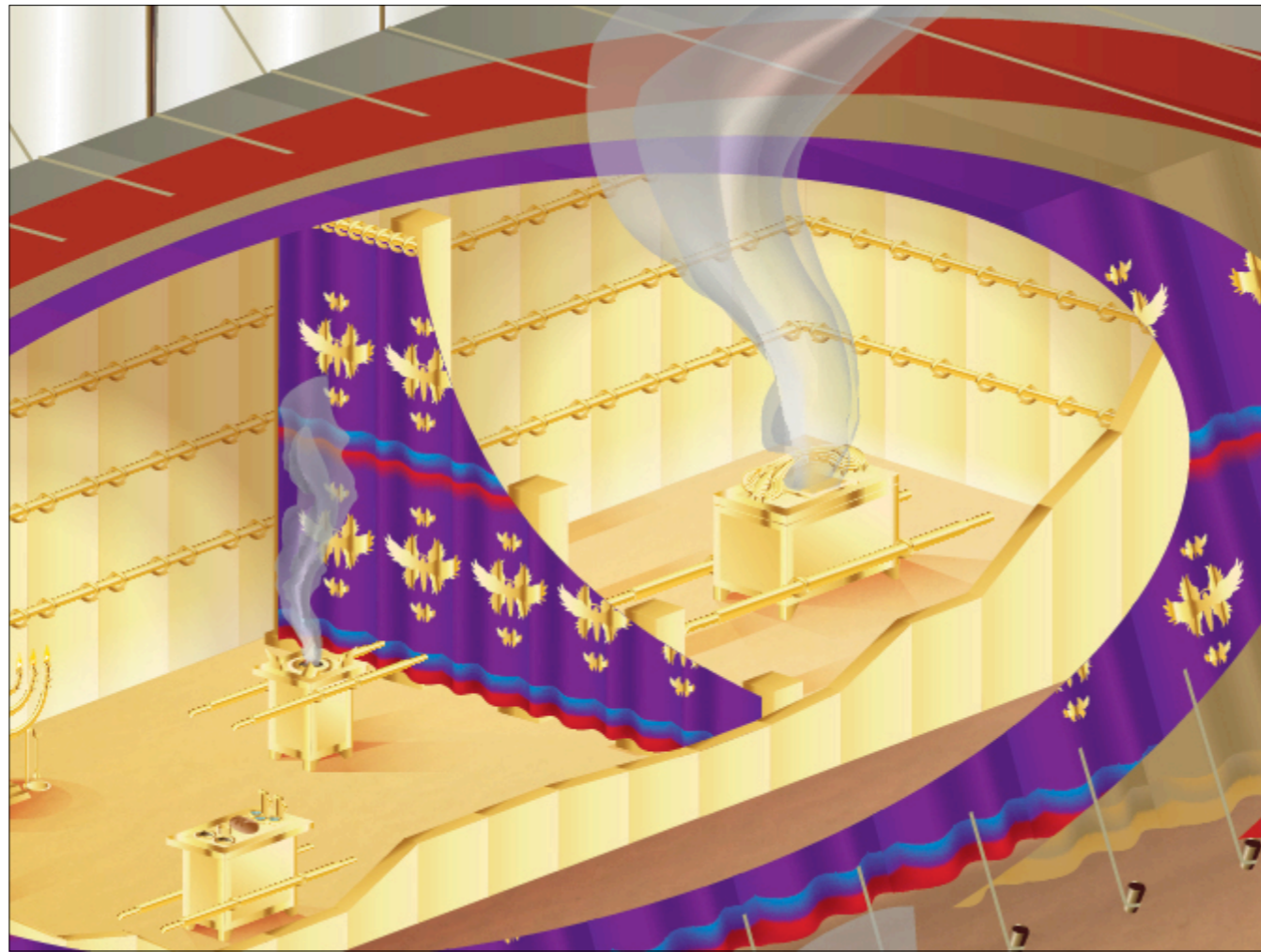
2. God commanded the priests to burn incense on the golden altar every morning and evening, the same time that the daily burnt offerings were made. The incense was to be left burning continually throughout the day and night as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. It was made of an equal part of four precious spices (stacte, onycha, galbanum and frankincense) and was considered holy.
3. The incense was a symbol of the prayers and intercession of the people going up to God as a sweet fragrance. God wanted His dwelling to be a place where people could approach Him and pray to Him.
4. "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice." (Psalm 141:2)
5. "...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." (Isaiah 56:7)
6. Constant prayer
7. Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

EXODUS 30:1 "You shall make an altar on which to burn incense; you shall make it of acacia wood. 2 A cubit[a] shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth. It shall be square, and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it. 3 You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and round its sides and its horns. And you shall make a moulding of gold round it. 4 And you shall make two golden rings for it. Under its moulding on two opposite sides of it you shall make them, and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. 5 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. 6 And you shall put it in front of the veil that is above the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is above the testimony, where I will meet with you. 7 And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, 8 and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the Lord throughout your generations. 9 You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it. 10 Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. With the blood of the sin offering of atonement he shall make atonement for it once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord."

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1. Holy of Holies
2. inner place
3. God appeared as a pillar of cloud or fire in and above the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies was a perfect cube — its length, width and height were all equal to 15 feet.
4. A thick curtain separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place. This curtain, known as the "veil," was made of fine linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn. There were figures of cherubim (angels) embroidered onto it. Cherubim, spirits who serve God, were in the presence of God to demonstrate His almighty power and majesty. They also guarded the throne of God. These cherubim were also on the innermost layer of covering of the tent. If one looked upward, they would see the cherubim figures.
5. "But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance." (Hebrews 9:7)
6. "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body ...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith." (Hebrews 10:19-22)
7. "For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ...But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Hebrews 9:24-26)



THE ARK OF THE COVENANT & THE SEAT OF MERCY

1. The Ark of the Covenant and the Seat of Mercy

2. Ark box

3. Seat of Mercy — no idol there, no image of God!

4. In the Ark — Reminders

Jar of Manna — God is provider — the people doubted

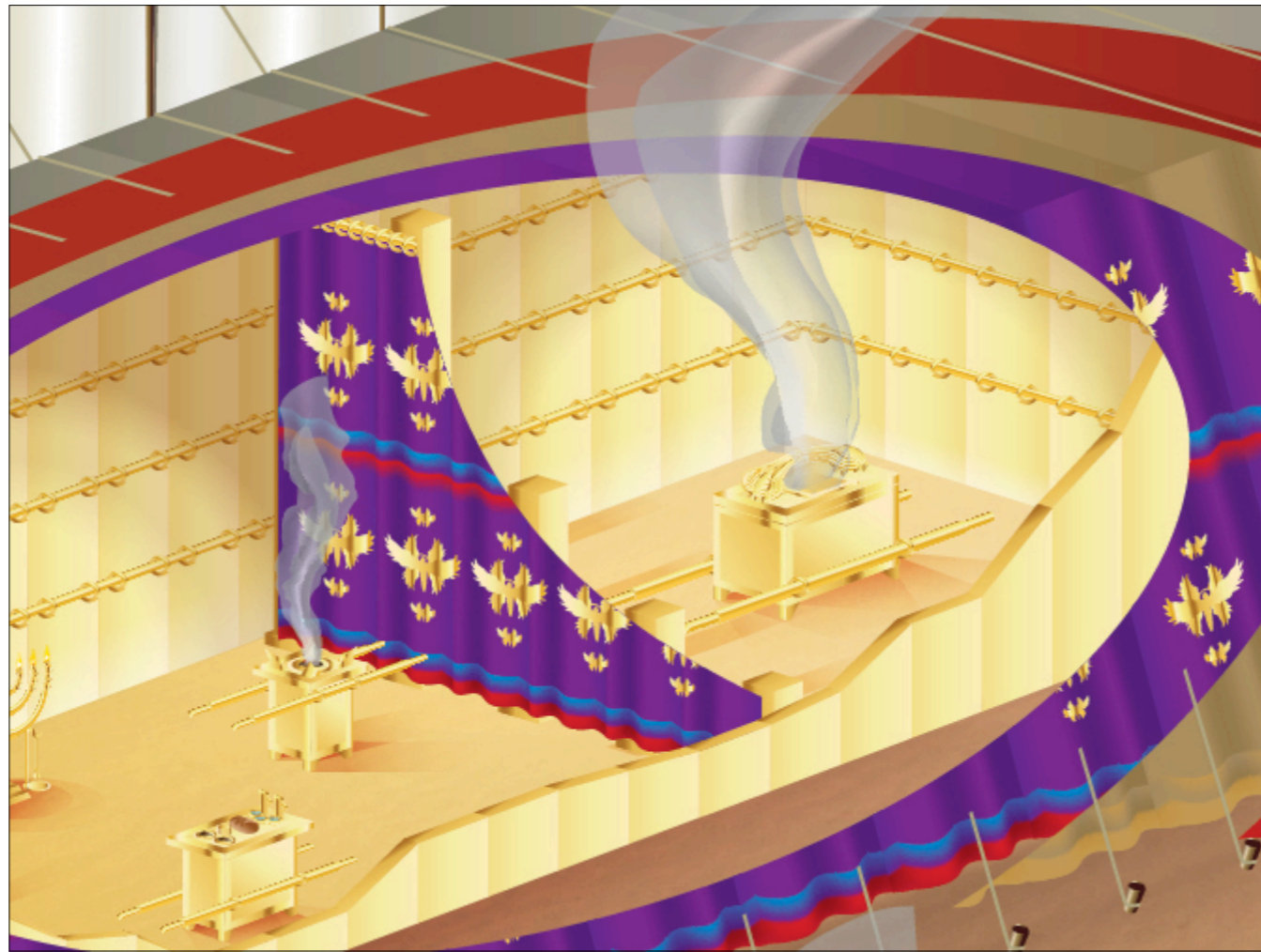
Staff of Aaron — God's authority — people rebelled and God showed he chose aaron

Ten Commandments — God's standards

5. These three articles were preserved in the ark throughout Israel's history as an unpleasant symbol of man's sins and shortcomings, a reminder of how they rejected God's provision, authority and right standard of living. It pointed to man as a helpless sinner.

Exodus 25: 10 "They shall make an ark of acacia wood. Two cubits[b] and a half shall be its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside shall you overlay it, and you shall make on it a moulding of gold round it. 12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 13 You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. 14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them. 15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 And you shall put into the ark the testimony that I shall give you.

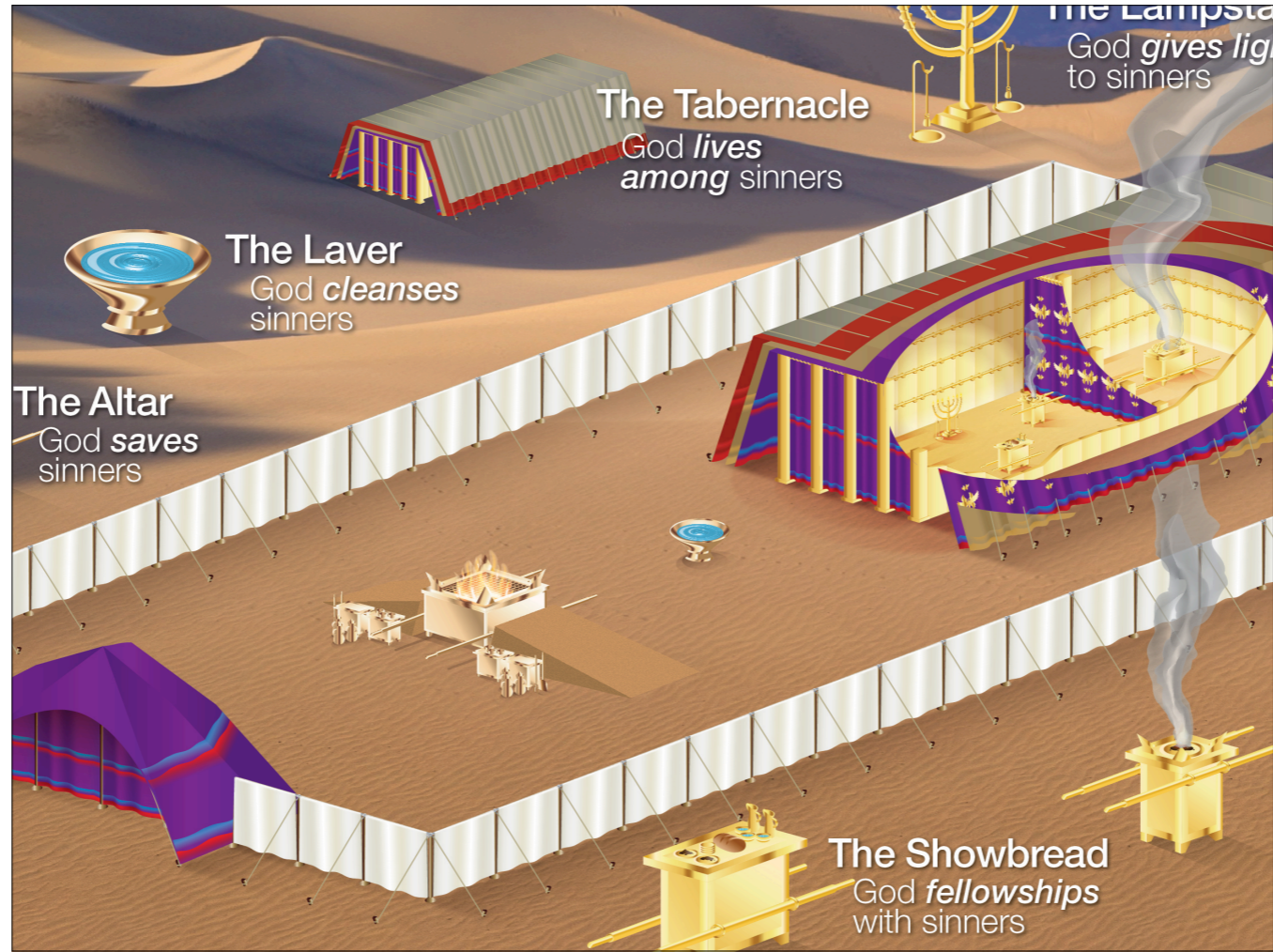
17 "You shall make a mercy seat[c] of pure gold. Two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. 18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work shall you make them, on the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 Make one cherub on one end, and one cherub on the other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



1. Matthew 27

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

3.



1. This earthly representation of approaching and understanding God

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36 Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Exodus 40:34-38

Shekinah

Dwelling. When the glory or presence of God dwells with us. Shekinah glory

a form of a Hebrew word that literally means "he caused to dwell," signifying that it was a divine visitation of the presence or dwelling of JEHOVAH God on this earth.

In John 1, the Word was made flesh and "dwelt" with us. The same idea of Shekinah glory.

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2 Corinthians 6:16

We are the temple of God

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:19-25

We can now boldly approach through God.

“My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst for evermore.”

Ezekiel 37:26-27

But the story doesn't end there. We, the church, are the body of Christ and therefore constitute the temple in which God is pleased to dwell. The *shekinah* of Yahweh now abides permanently and powerfully in us through the Holy Spirit. When Paul describes this in his letter to the Ephesians, he refers to Jesus Christ as the cornerstone, “in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (Eph. 2:21-22). Simply put, God's residence is “neither a literal temple in Jerusalem nor simply heaven, but the Church, of which the Gentile Christian readers in Asia Minor were a part” (Lincoln, 158).

He dwells in His church— his people. We are his temple, his tabernacle, no longer separated. Jesus is the cornerstone. He is our new heart.

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Proclaimed holy.
A dwelling place for the Spirit.
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