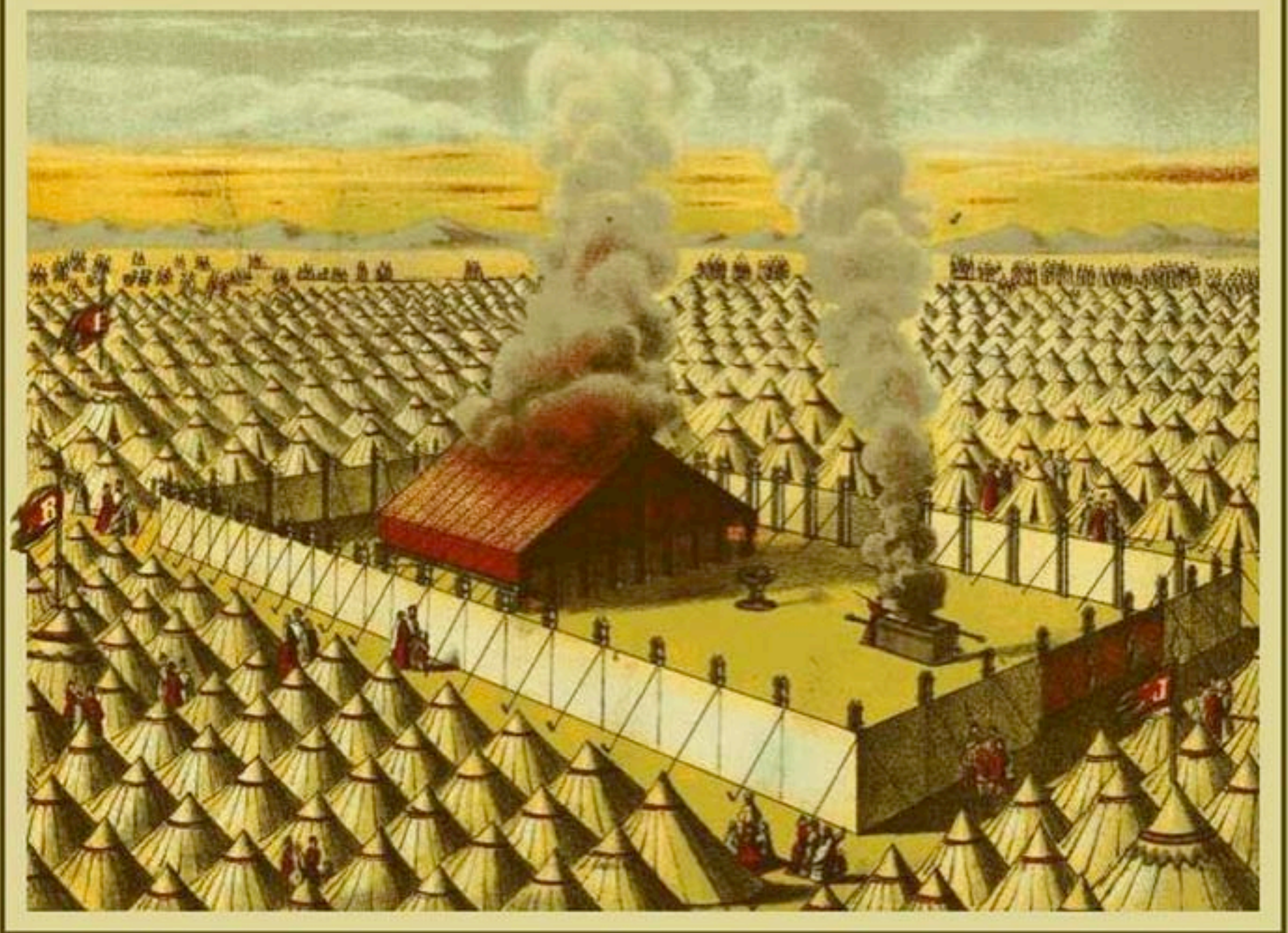


# **Welcome to the study of the Tabernacle**

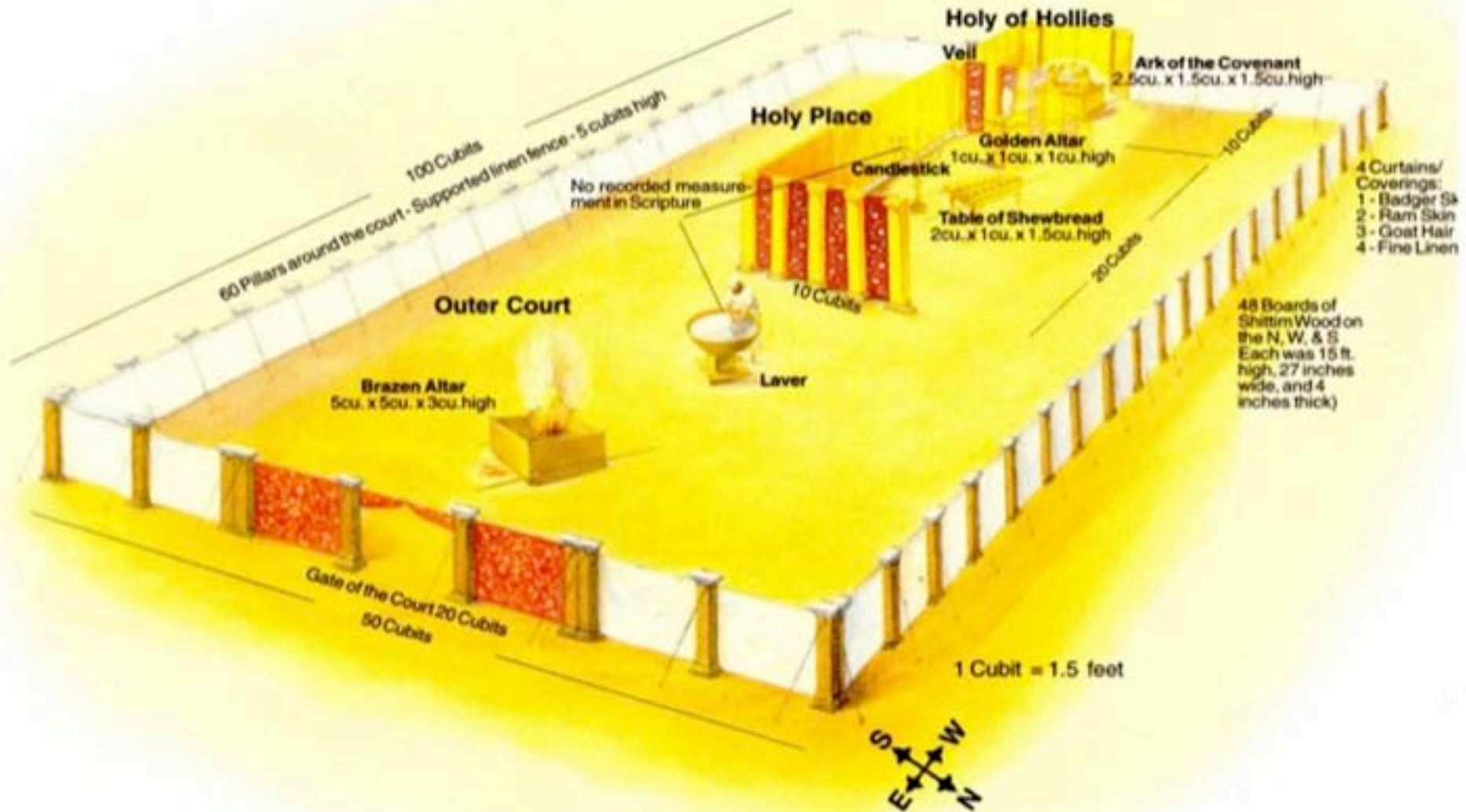
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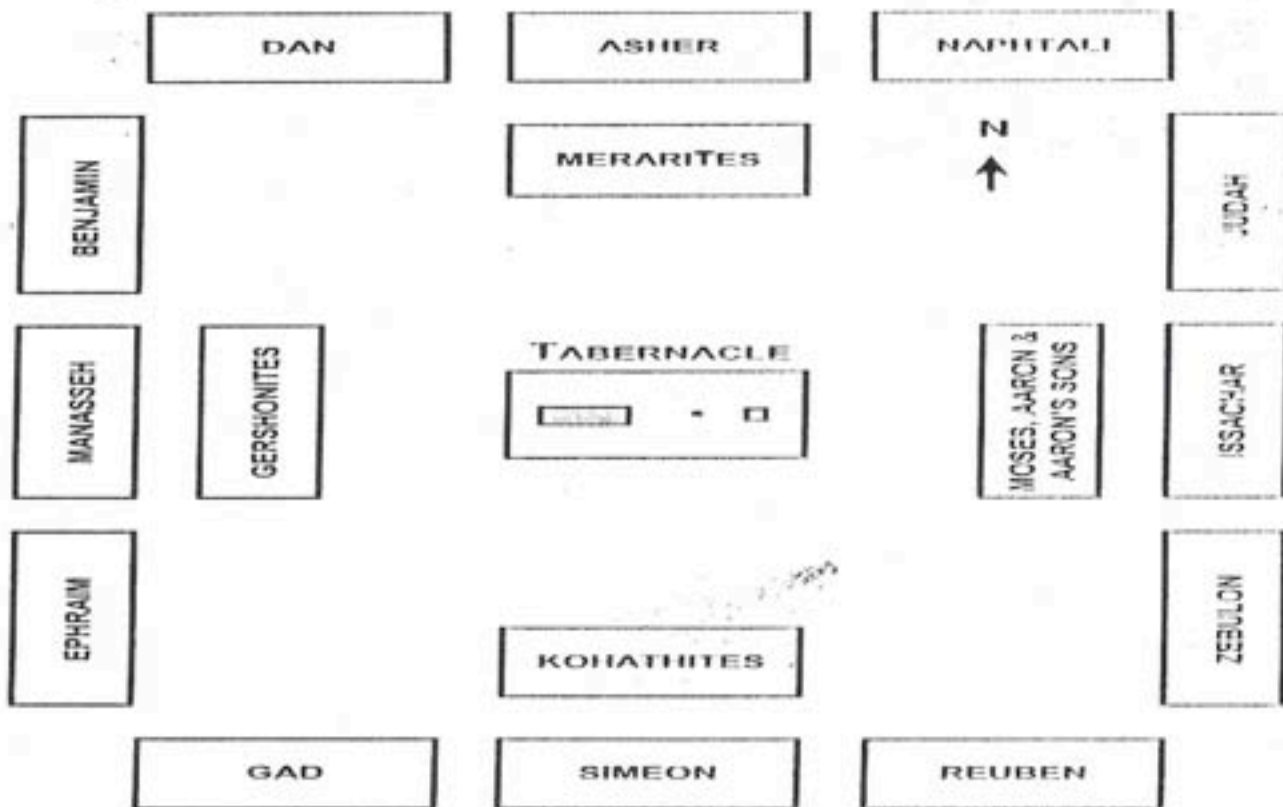
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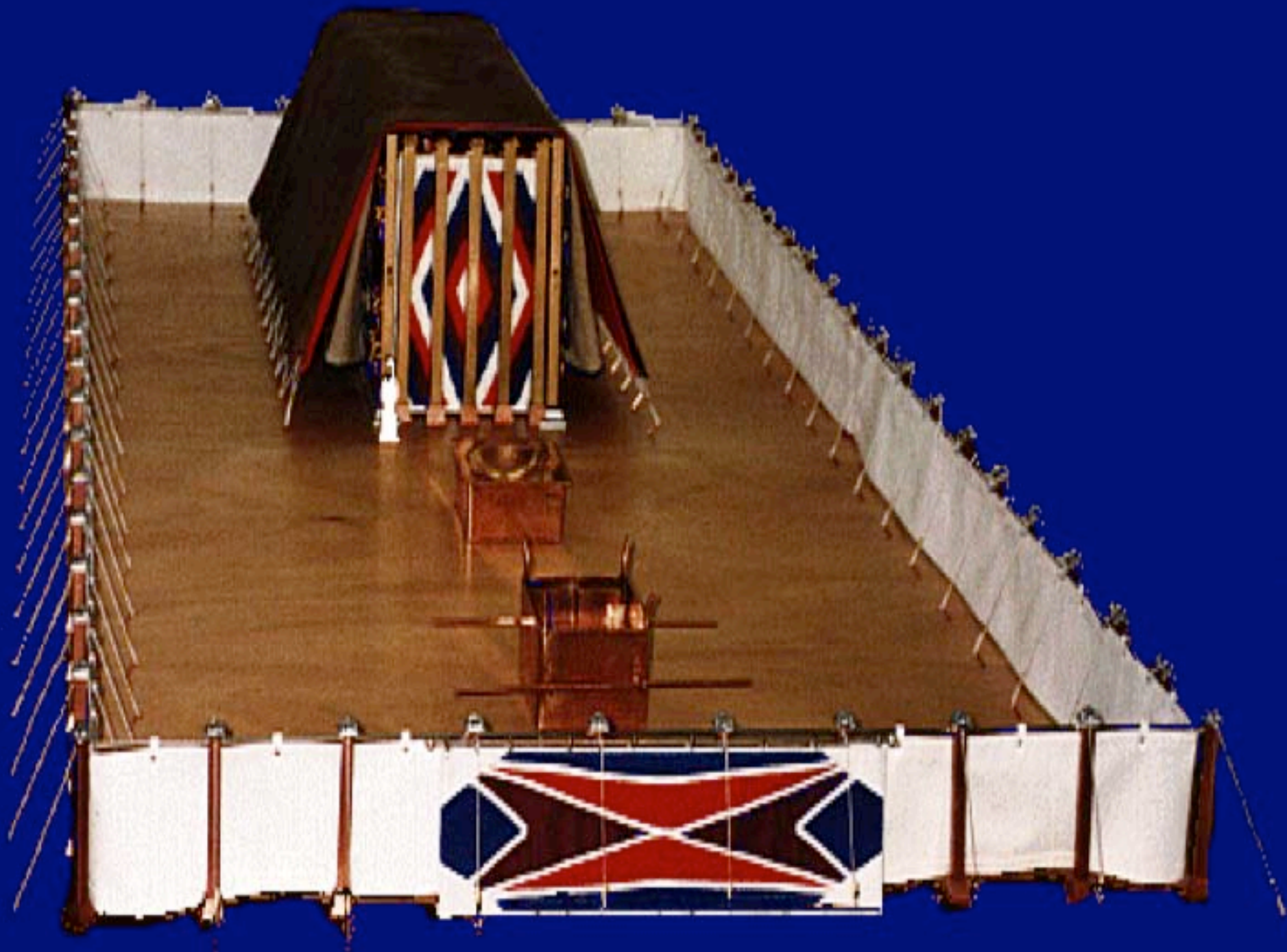


# The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle



# Position of the Tabernacle in Israel's Camp (Numbers 2 & 3)





## **Introduction:**

**The Tabernacle was a structure built by the Children of Israel under the supervision of Moses, around 1450 B.C.**

**The layout of the Tabernacle and the materials of its construction were specified in great detail to Moses by God at Mount Sinai, a few weeks after the children of Israel had left hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt (the Exodus).**



The Tabernacle was a portable construction, made by wise, skillful workmen and transported by one tribe (the Levites) through the 40 years in the desert wilderness and on into the land of Canaan.

**The purpose of the following instruction is:**

**1. To describe the layout, structure and furnishings of the Tabernacle.**

**2. To relate these pictures (**symbols**) from the book of Exodus (the second book of the Bible) to the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament.**

## Historicity -

The first five books of the Bible were written down by Moses; they are called the Torah, the Hebrew word for 'law'.

Jesus **said** He had come not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17).

**John, one of Jesus' disciples, tells us that "the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).**

**The word 'truth' here is *alethia* in Greek, meaning 'reality'.**

**The 'truth' John speaks of is Jesus Christ as the Word, who was God and who became flesh and (DWELT) tabernacled among us (John 1:1,14).**

**(The Greek word sometimes translated as 'dwelt' here is more literally translated 'tabernacled').**

**Therefore, the Tabernacle is a picture, a foreshadow of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**In the book of Exodus, when God dictates to Moses the detailed design of the Tabernacle (some 1450 years before the birth of Jesus), He speaks forth a description of just who and what the coming Messiah (the Christ) would be.**

**In the four gospels, particularly in John's account, Jesus shows Himself to be the reality of every item in the Tabernacle.**

**The real Tabernacle of God with men is therefore the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Text:** Exodus 25:8-9 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

**A. Spiritual Significance of the Tabernacle -**



**Hebrews 8:1-2** "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an 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."

**B. Relationship of Christ to the writings of Moses -**

**Luke 24:6-7** "He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

**John 5:39** "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

**John 5:46 “For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.”**

**John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”**

## I. The Purpose Of The Tabernacle -

**Exodus 32:1-6** “And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto

me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD. 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play."

## A. Physical Symbol of the Presence of God

**Numbers 17:7-8** “And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. 8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.”

**Exodus 25:8** “And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”

## **B. To Foreshadow The One In Whom all the Symbolism and Sacrifices would be Fulfilled -**

**Hebrews 9:22-26 “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with**

hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."



## **C. To Represent a Divine Means through which sinful humanity could approach a holy God -**

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."**

## II. The Provision Of The Tabernacle -

**Exodus 25:1-7 "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, 5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate."**

**2 Corinthians 9:7** "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

**Deuteronomy 8:18** "But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

Exodus 35:5-6 "Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass, 6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,"

Exodus 25:2 "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering."

### III. The Position of The Tabernacle -

**A. What position did the tabernacle have in relation to the camp as a whole?**

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**B. Who was to camp at the entrance of the tabernacle?** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. How were the twelve tribes distributed around the tabernacle?** \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. The Pattern of the Tabernacle -**  
**Exodus 25:9** "According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

**Acts 7:44** "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen."

**A.** Revelation 8:3 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne."

**B.** Revelation 11:19 "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

**C.** Revelation 15:5 "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:"



**D. Revelation 21:3** "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

**Conclusion:** 1 Corinthians 6:19

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

Ephesians 2:22 "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."