

**STORY**

8/21/04

Worship in the Temple - Exodus 35-40; Lev. 24; Num. 6, 15

TEACHER PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that You lovingly keep and protect our pastors, teachers, fellow members and the whole Christian Church on earth. Keep all of us from false teaching and a careless attitude toward Your holy Word. Lead us week after week to Your house of worship for the strengthening of our souls. May Your blessing of peace fill my soul with comfort and confidence to do my best in teaching this precious Word to Your children. Keep me and all of Your children in Your care until we stand before You face-to-face and praise You forevermore in our heavenly home. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Tabernacle - a portable tent used by the Israelites as their worship place of the LORD Jehovah.

Bezaleel and Aholiab - the head artisans(craftsmen) that directed the building of the Tabernacle.

Laver - large basin used by the priests to wash in.

OUTER AIM

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INNER AIM

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BACKGROUND

God described in minute detail the way in which the Israelites were to worship Him. He prescribed every feature of their worship: the place, the building, the time, the priesthood, the services and sacrifices. As long as they were in the wilderness, their place of worship would be a tent, which could easily be taken down, carried and put up again. The LORD Himself gave to Moses a pattern which the builders strictly followed in the building of the Tabernacle. Everything associated with the worship of God was to point to the coming Messiah.

Ex. 35:4-9

The LORD instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to bring Him an offering. This offering will be from "whoever is of a willing heart," prompted by God's love for him. This offering should consist of gold; silver; bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn; fine linen thread and goat's hair; ram's skins dyed red; badger skins; acacia wood; oil for the light; spices; onyx stones.

Ex. 36:2-7

The leaders of the building project were chosen by God (cf. Ex. 35:30-35). When they received the gifts of the people from Moses they found that there was "much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do."

See Rupprecht Vol. 1, pgs. 192-210 for specific details and pictures of the various furnishings built and placed into the temple and the clothing worn by the priests.

Tabernacle measured: 45l 15w 15h and was erected in the west end of a courtyard. The Tabernacle consisted of two parts: The holy place and the holy of holies.

The holy of holies was separated from the rest of the Tabernacle by a heavy four-inch thick curtain and was kept completely dark. In it stood the ark of the covenant. This was a chest covered inside and out with gold. The cover of the ark was called the mercy seat made of gold. On the ends of the cover were the figures of two cherubim (angels). They faced each other with their wings outspread. Inside of the ark of the covenant were the two stone tablets of the Law; a jar of manna; and Aaron's rod. Only the High Priest could enter the holy of holies and this only once a year on the Day of Atonement, when he sprinkled the blood of the sacrificial lamb on the mercy seat as a picture of Christ's shed blood atoning for (covering) our sins before God.

The holy place was the rest of the Tabernacle which contained the altar of incense on which the priests burned incense every morning and evening; the table of showbread, on which 12 loaves of bread were placed every Sabbath and left there for a week; and the seven-branched golden lampstand. These candles were lit every night and were the only source of light in the holy place. Only Priests were allowed in this part of the tabernacle.

The courtyard measured 150 x 75 feet and was surrounded by a canvas screen about eight feet high. The courtyard contained the altar of burnt offering on which two lambs were offered every day, one in the morning and one in the evening. The fire on the altar was kept burning constantly. In the courtyard was the bronze laver (basin) in which the priests washed their hands and feet before performing their priestly duties. All the Israelites were allowed to gather in the courtyard of the tabernacle.

The priesthood was ordained by God. Aaron was the first high priest chosen by God and the LORD commanded that his sons serve as priests. Special garments were to be worn by the priests when they performed their many duties. The high priest was to wear two onyx stones and a breastplate, inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. . .six on each of the stones. He also wore a gold plate on his forehead with the inscription: "Holiness to the LORD."

The sacrifices were of two kinds: bloody sacrifices and bloodless sacrifices. Cattle, sheep, goats, turtledoves and pigeons were offered as bloody sacrifices. The bloodless sacrifices consisted of offerings of meal, cakes, grain, salt, oil and wine.

Exodus 40:34-38

God's appearance was in the cloud by day and in the fire by night. If the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the children of Israel could go on in their journeys, if the cloud remained over the tabernacle, the people remained where they were.

Numbers 6:22-27

The same blessing given by the LORD to His people over 3,000 years ago is still bestowed upon each of us at the close of our worship services. The LORD assures us that HE will keep and protect us from all harm (safe in His arms); the LORD smiles upon us with His undeserved love in Christ Jesus washing away our sins; the LORD lifts up His countenance (face) to look at us and give us His peace which passes all understanding. We are at one with God. Note the threefold blessing which definitely reminds us of the Trinity and of the threefold work of God's goodness and mercy toward us. God the Father planned our Salvation and sent His Son; God the Son came into this world to take our place and live a perfect life of obedient love, (satisfying God's justice) and die upon the cross (paying our punishment); God the Holy Spirit takes the powerful Gospel and creates faith in

our hearts to believe this message. He also strengthens and preserves us in that faith through the Gospel.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I thank You that You have made me, redeemed me and brought me to saving faith. Your work alone has saved me. I thank You for my church and Sunday School, for my pastor and teachers who faithfully bring me Your holy Word. Keep them in Your care so that they always teach what is true and right to the glory of Your name. Help me to always love to come into Your house to worship You and hear Your Word. May Your Word be my constant guide day and night. Strengthen me in all areas of my life, especially in my worship of You and my praise of Your glorious salvation given to me. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESENTATION

APPLICATION

1. God prepared a place for His Old Testament people to worship Him: the Tabernacle. The ark of the covenant in the holy of holies was the sign of His presence. He has given us houses of worship today also. He is present in His house in His Word.
2. The heavy, thick curtain separated the people from the holy of holies. Only the high priest could go in with the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it on the mercy seat. Jesus is our high priest and sacrificial lamb who had His shed blood spread on the cross for us. There is now nothing that separates us from our loving Heavenly Father. Hebrews 7:26-27
3. All the daily sacrifices for the sins of the people pointed ahead to the one sacrifice that would obtain forgiveness for the whole world; Jesus' blood. "... without shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22 "...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:7
4. What a privilege to hear the same message of God's grace and peace as the Old Testament believers. When we come to church we hear the Good News of a Savior who has come to suffer and die for us. As we leave God's House we hear Him pronounce the same blessing of grace and peace upon us that He announced through Aaron over 3,000 years ago. The unchanging God has unchanging grace and mercy for us which give peace to our hearts and lives.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

I John 1:7 - "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Middle

Hebrews 10:14 - "For by one offering He(Jesus) has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

Upper

Psalms 27:4 - "One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD."

Numbers 6:24-26 - "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

HYMN CHOICES

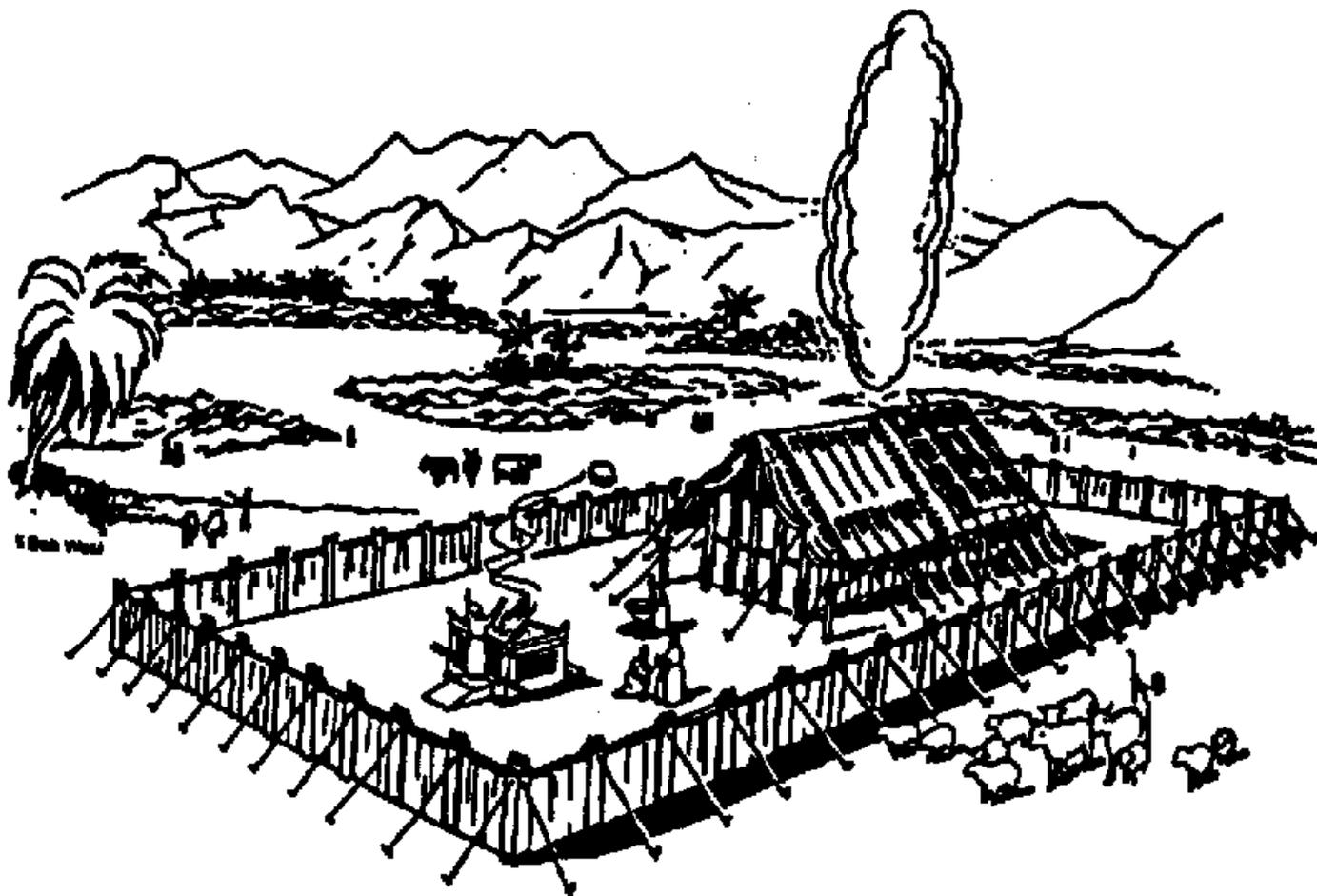
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing - TLH #50

To Thy Temple I Repair - TLH #2

For Many Years, O God of Grace - TLH #639

Worship in the Tabernacle

Exodus 35-40; Leviticus 24; Numbers 6, 15



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The Story

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The children of Israel brought back to Moses so much in offerings that Moses had to stop them from bringing more. They had given more than was needed!

Then all the workers made curtains, a special golden box with angels of gold on top, a table for

showbread, a golden lampstand, and an altar covered in gold to burn incense and a bronze bowl.

The priests wore special clothes also.

They brought all that they had made to the tabernacle and Moses blessed them.

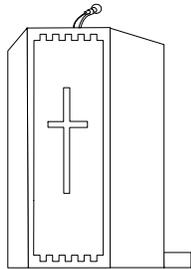
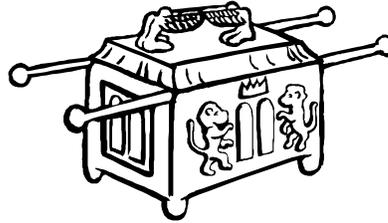
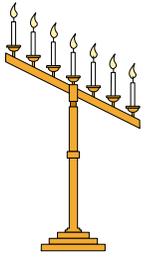
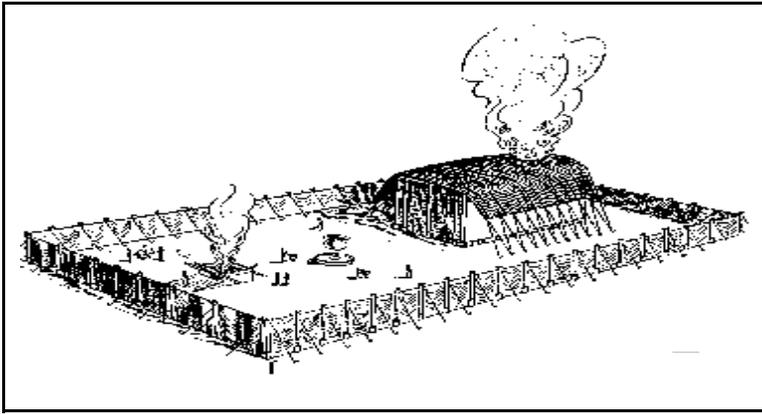
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And the LORD spoke to Moses, "This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

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Draw lines to place the pictures where they belong.



Activity Two - The children of Israel were told to burn sacrifices for their worship. These sacrifices pointed to the coming Savior Who would take away the sins of the world. Use the letters to fill in the names of Jesus below. The picture will help with the name.



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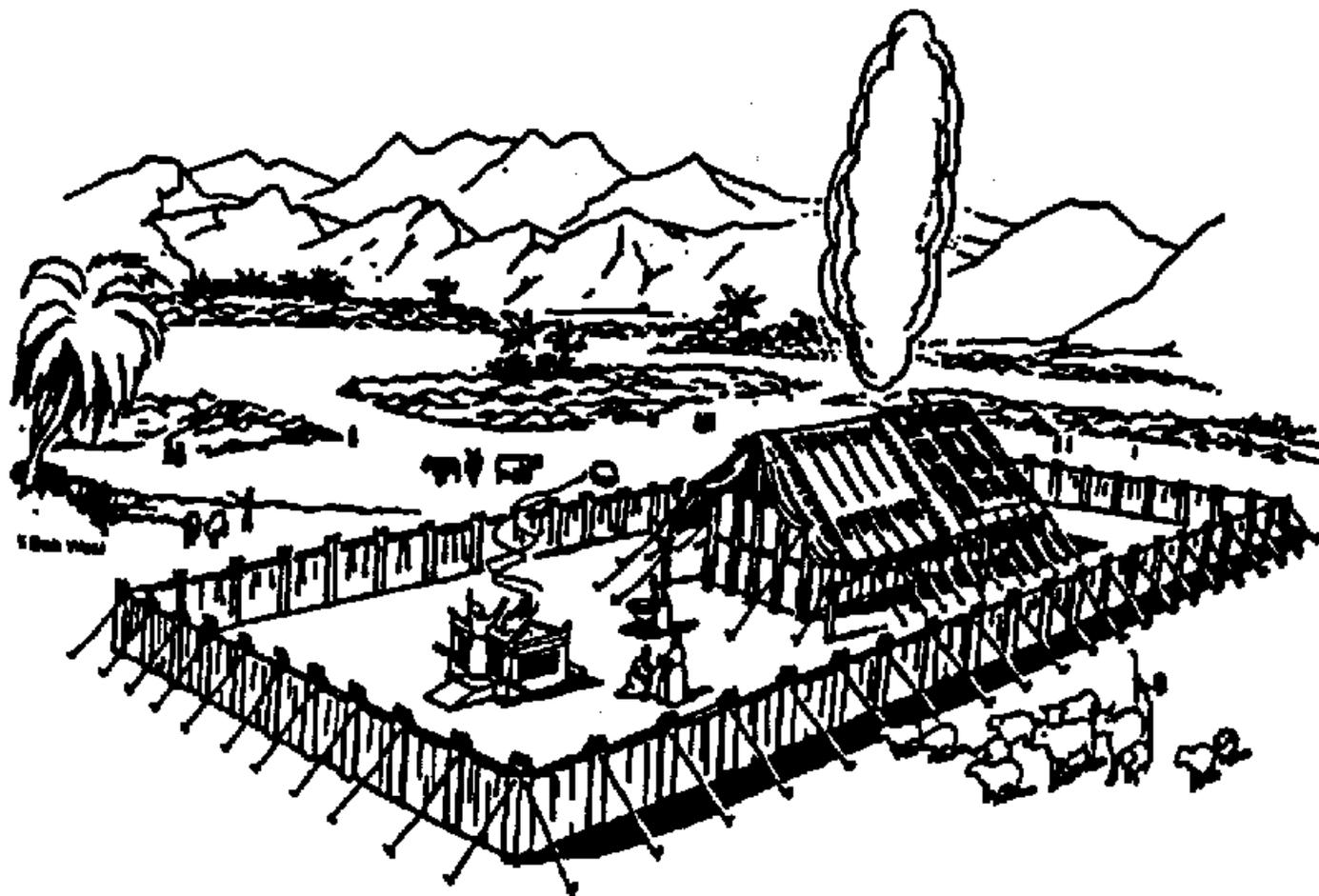
Hymn & Prayer - TLH #2, v. 1 & 6

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They made an ark or box of wood and overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside with wooden poles covered with gold so

that the ark could be carried.

The mercy seat on top of the ark was also of pure gold with two angels on each side facing each other with their wings touching. This ark of the covenant was placed in a special room called the Holy of Holies.

Other furnishings of the Holy Place outside of the Holy of Holies included a table for showbread, a golden lampstand, and an altar covered in gold to burn incense.

The area outside of the Holy Place had an altar of burnt offerings made of wood covered with bronze. Once again all of these furnishings had to be made to be moveable and were exactly the size the LORD commanded. There was also a bronze basin or large bowl on a pedestal.

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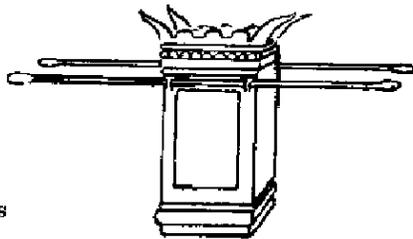
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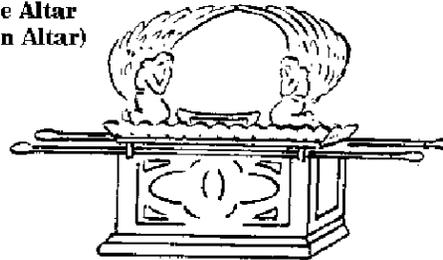
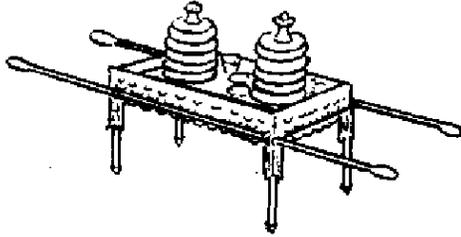


Incense Altar
(Golden Altar)

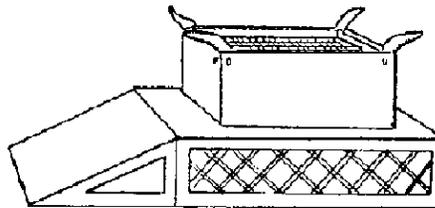


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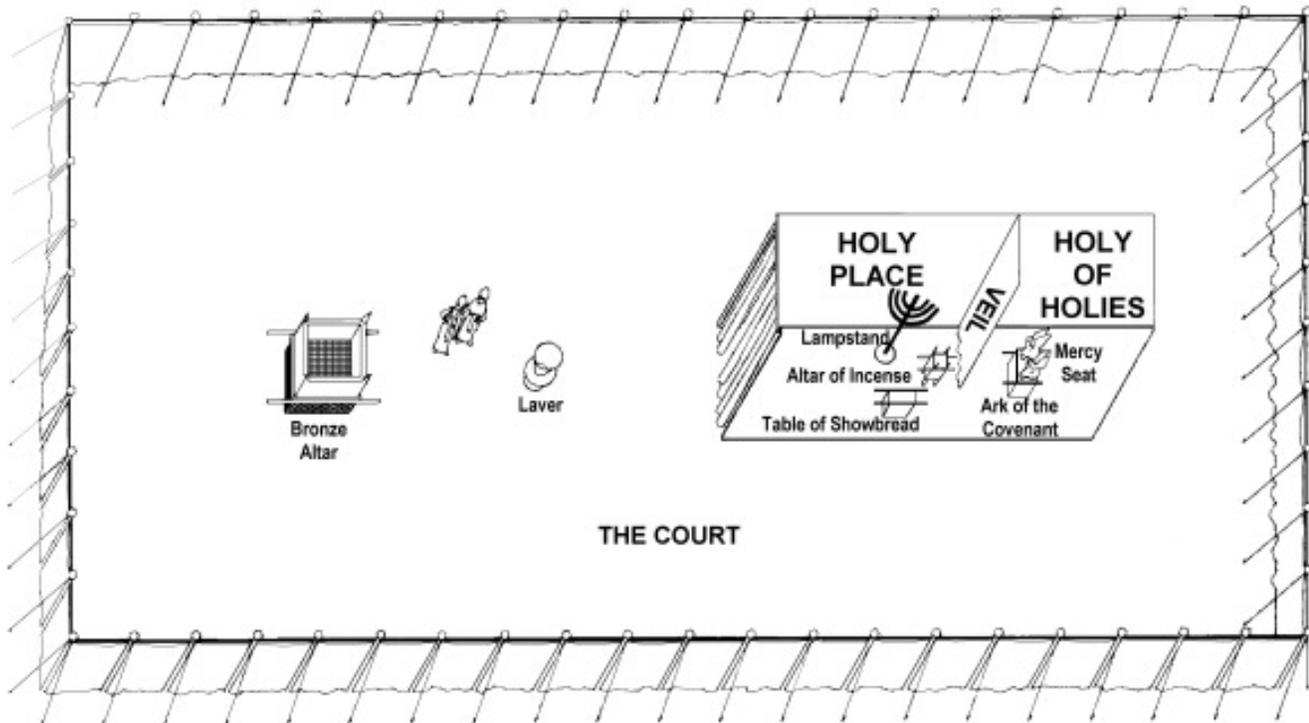
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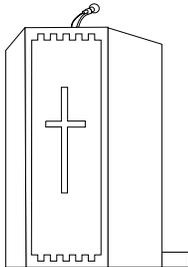
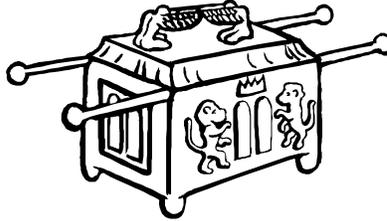
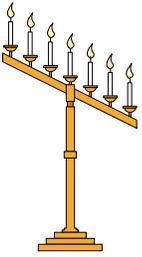
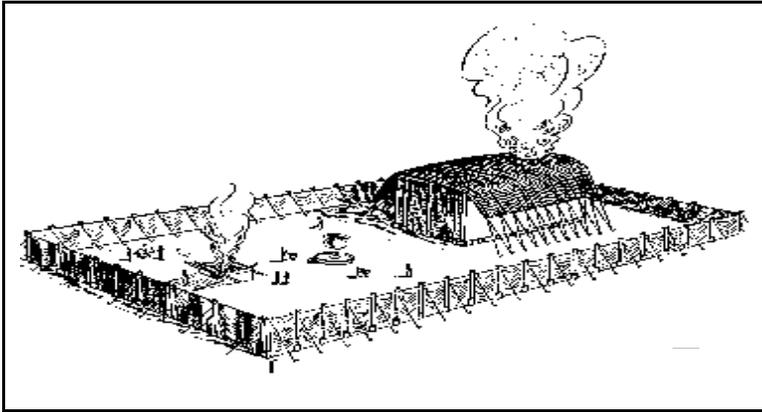
The Ark of the Covenant
(Mercy Seat and Cherubims)



Brazen Altar (Sacrificial Altar)



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Passages

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Hymn & Prayer - TLH #2, v. 1-2, 6

To Thy temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy seat.

I through Him am reconciled,
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Abba, Father, give me grace
In Thy courts to seek Thy face.

From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today." Amen.

Worship in the Tabernacle

Exodus 35-40; Leviticus 24; Numbers 6, 15

Do you know what the picture shows? It is the Tabernacle of the Children of Israel when they were in the wilderness coming from Egypt to Canaan.

Why did the LORD command Moses and the Children of Israel to make this tabernacle?

What would all the sacrifices, offerings and worship services point toward?

See if you can remember these questions and find the answers in today's lesson.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Help us to listen and learn today's lesson about Old Testament worship. Help us also to learn that You, O Lord Jesus, are the only way of salvation. Send Your Holy Spirit to be with us and our teacher so that the lesson taught will bring Your true message to our hearts. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Story

(Taken from Exodus 35-40, Leviticus 24 and Numbers 6:15)

Sabbath Regulations

Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, "These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do: work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

In Exodus and Numbers we hear about men who were collecting sticks on the Sabbath and they were stoned for their disobedience to this law.

Offerings for the Tabernacle

Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel asking for those with a willing heart to bring offerings for the building of the

tabernacle. He also asked people to give of their talents. Many people were needed to work on the outside and inside of the tabernacle, on all the cloth hangings and garments to be worn by the priests, and also on the furnishings for the inside. The LORD would give exact directions to follow.

The children of Israel left Moses and brought back articles for the tabernacle. Men and women brought jewelry of gold, silver and jewels, spices and oil, cloth, skins, and wood. People skilled at certain tasks also came forward to work. Men and women with a willing heart brought material for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.

God called two men, Bezalel and Aholiab, to be overseers of the tabernacle workmanship and building. The LORD used their special



abilities and gave them willing and able hearts to fulfil His plans. Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.

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Building the Tabernacle

Then all the artistic workers made curtains woven of fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread with designs of cherubim on them. They were made the size the LORD had told Moses and were held together by gold clasps.

They made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle and a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above that. Boards covered in gold and held together with gold bars and silver sockets made up the outer sides of the tabernacle. All of the tabernacle had to be made in such a way that it could be taken apart and carried with them as they roamed in the wilderness.

The Ark of the Covenant or Testimony

Then Bezalel made the ark of wood and overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold all around it. He made wooden poles covered with gold so that the ark could be carried.

The mercy seat was also of pure gold with two cherubim on each side, facing each other with wings touching, covering the mercy seat. This ark of the covenant was placed in a special room called the Holy of Holies. This area was only visited once a year and only by the High Priest.

Other Furnishings

Other furnishings of the Holy Place outside of the Holy of Holies included a table for showbread, a golden lampstand, and an altar covered in gold, to burn incense. This area was only visited by the priests who burned incense for offerings.

The area outside of the Holy Place had an altar of burnt offerings made of wood covered with bronze. There was also a bronze basin or large bowl on a pedestal. Once again all of these furnishings had to be made to be moveable and were exactly the size the LORD commanded.

How the Priests Were Dressed

The garments of the High Priest were made with blue, purple, and scarlet thread. They made an ephod and breastplate of gold, blue, purple and scarlet thread and woven linen. Bells of pure gold were put on the hem of the robe. Onyx stones set in gold were engraved with the names of the twelve sons of Israel and then placed in the breastplate. This ephod and breastplate were worn by the High Priest. All of the priests wore a turban of linen on their head and a sash of linen with blue, purple and scarlet thread woven into it.

The Work Completed

Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses. They brought all that they had made to the tabernacle and Moses blessed it and placed it in the tabernacle as the LORD had commanded him to do.

The Cloud and the Glory

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night.

The Priestly Blessing

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.'"

Laws Concerning Offerings

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Outer Aim - The LORD established sacrifices and services for the welfare of His people and to the glory of His Name.

What God's Word Tells Us - Everything in the Old Testament worship pointed to Jesus, the coming Messiah. In the Bible passages below underline the names and works of Jesus that reflect this worship in the tabernacle. *(There may be more than one in each.)*

Hebrews 8:1 - "We have such a High Priest, Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man."

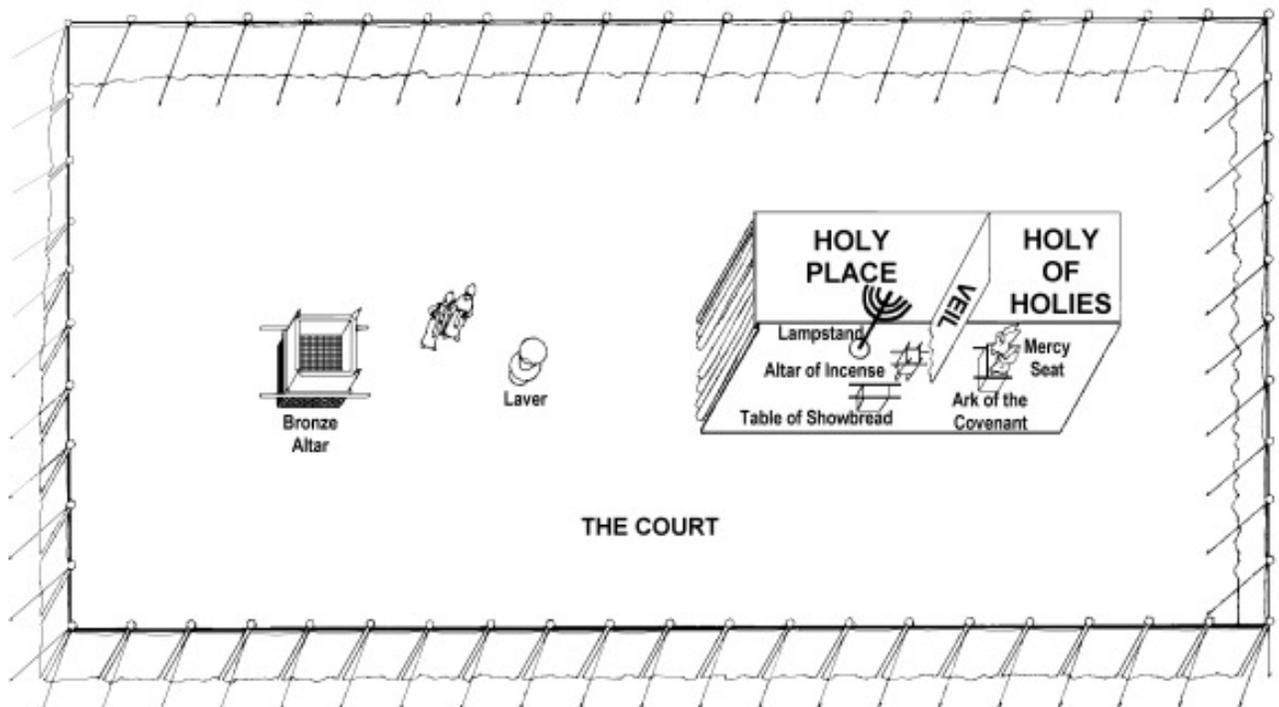
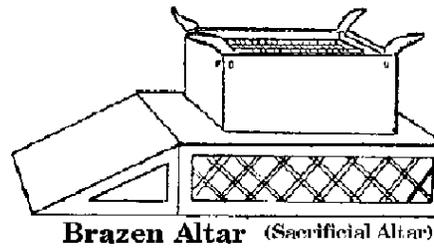
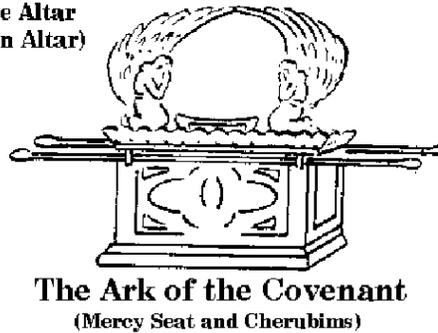
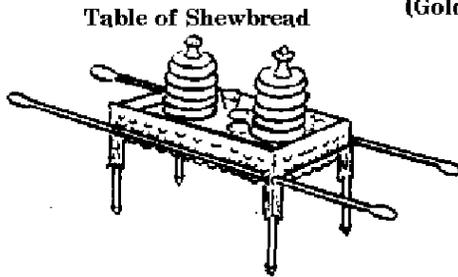
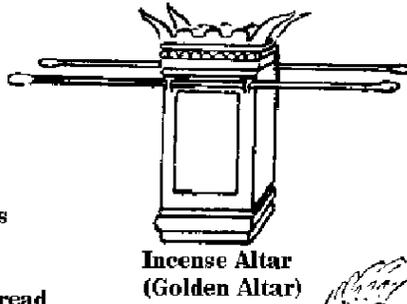
Hebrews 8:6 - "...as He is also Mediator of a better covenant."

Hebrew 10:19-20 - "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh."

1 Peter 1:18-19 - "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

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What the Story Tells Us - Place the items of the Tabernacle in their proper place by drawing lines from the items at the top to the diagram at the bottom of the page.



Your Turn - Read the chart below about the Church Year. Use colored pencils, crayons, or markers to fill in the "color here" area of the chart.

The Church Year

FESTIVAL	COLOR	color here	MEANING OF COLOR
Advent "coming"	purple or blue		royalty
Christmas	white		holiness
Epiphany "appearing"	white		holiness
Lent	purple		repentance
Good Friday	black		death
Easter	white		holiness
Pentecost	red		fire/purification
Trinity	green		life
Reformation	red		fire/purification
Thanksgiving	red		fire/purification

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I through Him am reconciled,
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 Abba, Father, give me grace
 In Thy courts to seek Thy face.

While Thy ministers proclaim
 Peace and pardon in Thy name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I
 Hear Thee speaking from the sky.

From Thy house when I return,
 May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say,
 "I have walked with God today."

Find and underline references to the Old Testament worship that are found in the hymn stanzas above. (There are at least 4)

Worship in the Tabernacle

Exodus 35-40; Leviticus 24; Numbers 6, 15

Do you know what the picture shows? It is the Tabernacle of the Children of Israel when they were in the wilderness coming from Egypt to Canaan.

Why did the LORD command Moses and the Children of Israel to make this tabernacle? What would all the sacrifices, offerings and worship services point towards? See if you can remember these questions and find the answers in today's lesson.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank You that You have made me, redeemed me and brought me to saving faith. I thank You for my church and Sunday School, for my pastor and teachers who have brought me Your holy Word. May Your Word strengthen and guide me in my life.

Help us to listen and learn today's lesson about Old Testament worship. Help us to also learn that You, O Lord Jesus, are the only way of salvation. Send Your Holy Spirit to be with us and our teacher so that the lesson taught will bring Your true message to our hearts. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.



The Story

(Taken from Exodus 35-40, Leviticus 24 and Numbers 6:15)

Sabbath Regulations

Then Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said to them, "These are the words which the LORD has commanded you to do: work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. You shall kindle no fire throughout your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

In Exodus and Numbers we hear about men who were collecting sticks on the Sabbath and they were stoned for their disobedience to this law.

Offerings for the Tabernacle

Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel asking for those with a

willing heart to bring offerings for the building of the tabernacle. He also asked for people to give of their talents as well. Many people were needed to work on the outside and inside of the tabernacle, all the cloth hangings and garments to be worn by the priests, and also the furnishings for the inside and the LORD would give exact directions to follow.

The children of Israel left Moses and brought back articles for the tabernacle. Men and women brought jewelry of gold, silver and jewels, spices and oil, cloth, skins, and wood. People gifted and skilled at certain tasks also came forward to work. The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done. God also called two



certain men, Bezalel and Aholiab, to be overseers of the tabernacle workmanship and building. The LORD used their special abilities and gave them and able hearts to fulfil His plans. Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.

The children of Israel brought so much in offerings that Moses had to stop them from bringing more. THEY HAD GIVEN MORE THAN WAS NEEDED!

Building the Tabernacle

Then all the artistic workers made curtains woven of fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread with designs of cherubim on them. They were made the size the LORD had told Moses and were held together by gold clasps.

They made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle and a covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of badger skins above that. Boards covered in gold and held together with gold bars and silver sockets made up the outer sides of the tabernacle. All of the tabernacle had to be able to come apart and be carried and moved as the children of Israel roamed in the wilderness.

The Ark of the Covenant or Testimony

Then Bezalel made the ark of wood and overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold all around it. He made wooden poles covered with gold so that the ark could be carried.

The mercy seat was also of pure gold with two cherubim on each side of the mercy seat facing each other with wings touching covering the mercy seat. This ark of the covenant was placed in a special room called the Holy of Holies. This area was only visited once a year and only by the High Priest.

Other Furnishings

Other furnishings of the Holy Place outside of the Holy of Holies included a table for showbread, a golden lampstand, and an altar covered in gold to burn incense. This area

was only seen by the priests who burned incense for offerings.

The area outside of the Holy Place had an altar of burnt offerings made of wood covered with bronze. Once again all of these furnishings had to be made to be moveable and were exactly the size the LORD commanded. There was also a bronze basin or large bowl on a pedestal.

How the Priests Were Dressed

The garments of the High Priest were made with blue, purple, and scarlet thread. They made an ephod and breastplate of gold, blue, purple and scarlet thread and woven linen. Bells of pure gold were put on the hem of the robe. Onyx stones set in gold were engraved with the names of the twelve sons of Israel and then placed in the breastplate. This ephod and breastplate were worn by the High Priest. The High Priest and other priests also wore a turban of linen on their head and a sash of linen with blue, purple and scarlet thread woven into it.

The Work Completed

Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses. They brought all that they had made to the tabernacle and Moses blessed them and placed them in the tabernacle as the LORD had commanded him to do.

The Cloud and the Glory

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night.

The Priestly Blessing

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the

way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Laws Concerning Offerings

The LORD commanded Moses to burn many sacrifices for offerings. There were rules

for burning animals and rules for bringing grain and drink offerings. Each type of offering had an amount and a method for taking before the LORD. The priest was in charge of the offerings and sacrifices. Every sacrifice pointed to the coming Christ Who would be the One Sacrifice needed to save all people from their sins.

Outer Aim - The LORD established sacrifices and services for the welfare of His people and to the glory of His Name.

What God's Word Tells Us - Everything in the Old Testament worship pointed to Jesus, the coming Messiah. In the Bible passages below underline the names and works of Jesus that come from this worship in the tabernacle. *(There may be more than one in each.)*

Hebrews 8:1 - "We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man."

Hebrews 8:6 - "...as He is also Mediator of a better covenant."

Hebrew 10:19-20 - "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh."

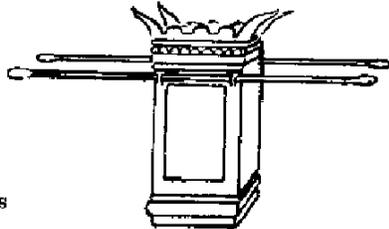
1 Peter 1:18-19 - "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Inner Aim - Every Christian is called upon by God to publicly worship Him by hearing His Word, repenting of his sins and receiving the Good News of forgiveness through Jesus.

What the Story Tells Us - Place the items of the Tabernacle in their proper place by drawing lines from the items at the top to the diagram at the bottom of the page.



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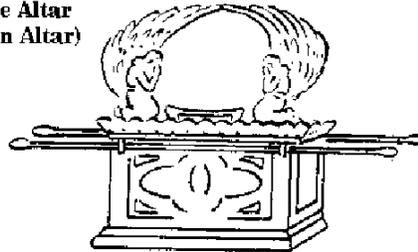
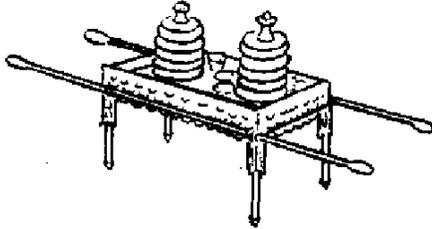


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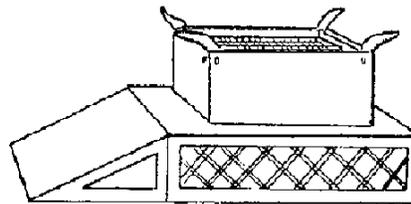


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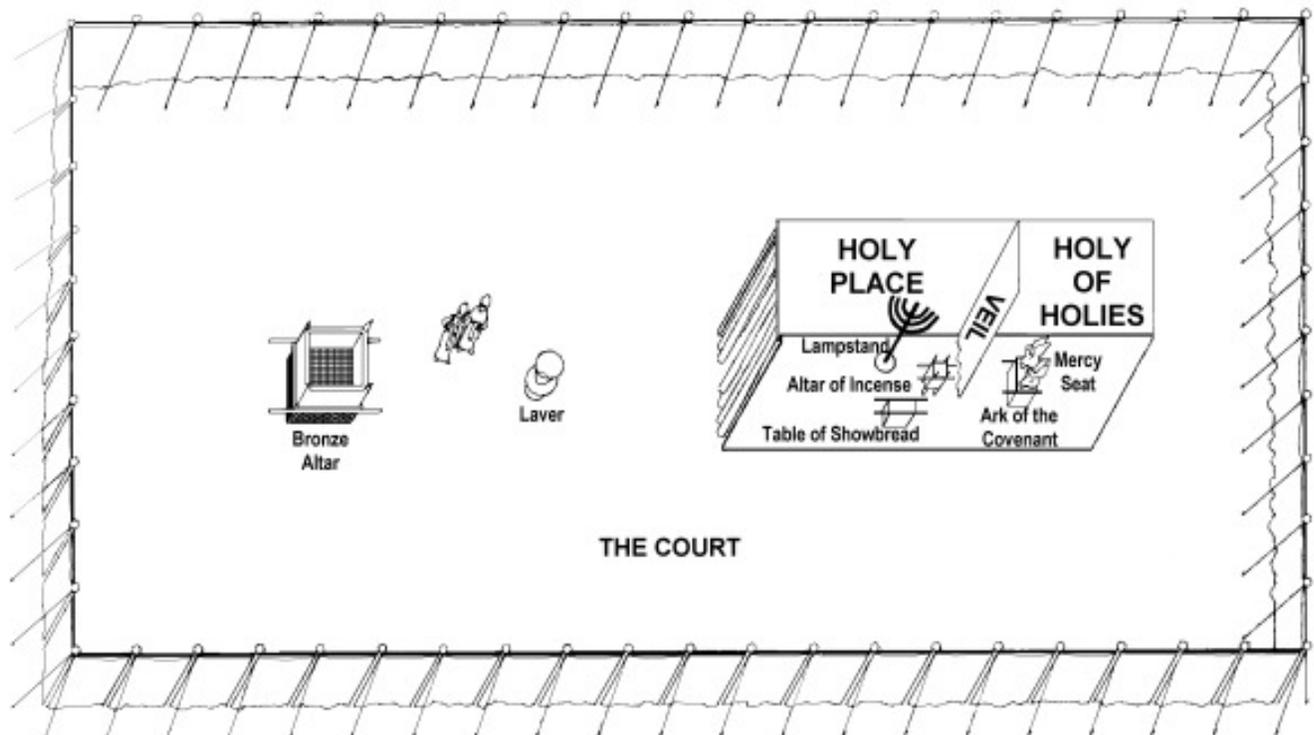
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The Ark of the Covenant
(Mercy Seat and Cherubims)



Brazen Altar (Sacrificial Altar)



Your Turn - Read the Third Commandment. Find the Bible passages and answer the questions.

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1. Who listened to Jesus in Luke 10:39?

2. Finish this passage: "Blessed are those who _____ the _____ of God and _____ it." Luke 11:28

3. Look at Acts 17:10-11. What group studied the Scriptures after Paul and Silas spoke to them?

4. Fill in the rest of Psalm 122:1 - "I was glad when they said to me, " _____
_____."

The Third Commandment ©Sydow Catechism
Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise His Word and the preaching of it; but we should regard God's Word as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Passages

1 John 1:7 - "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Psalm 27:4 - "One thing I have desire of the LORD, that will I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD."

Numbers 6:24-26 - "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift us His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #2, v. 1-2, 6-7

To Thy temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy seat.

I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In
Thy courts to seek Thy face.

While Thy ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Thy name,
Through their voice, by faith, may
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