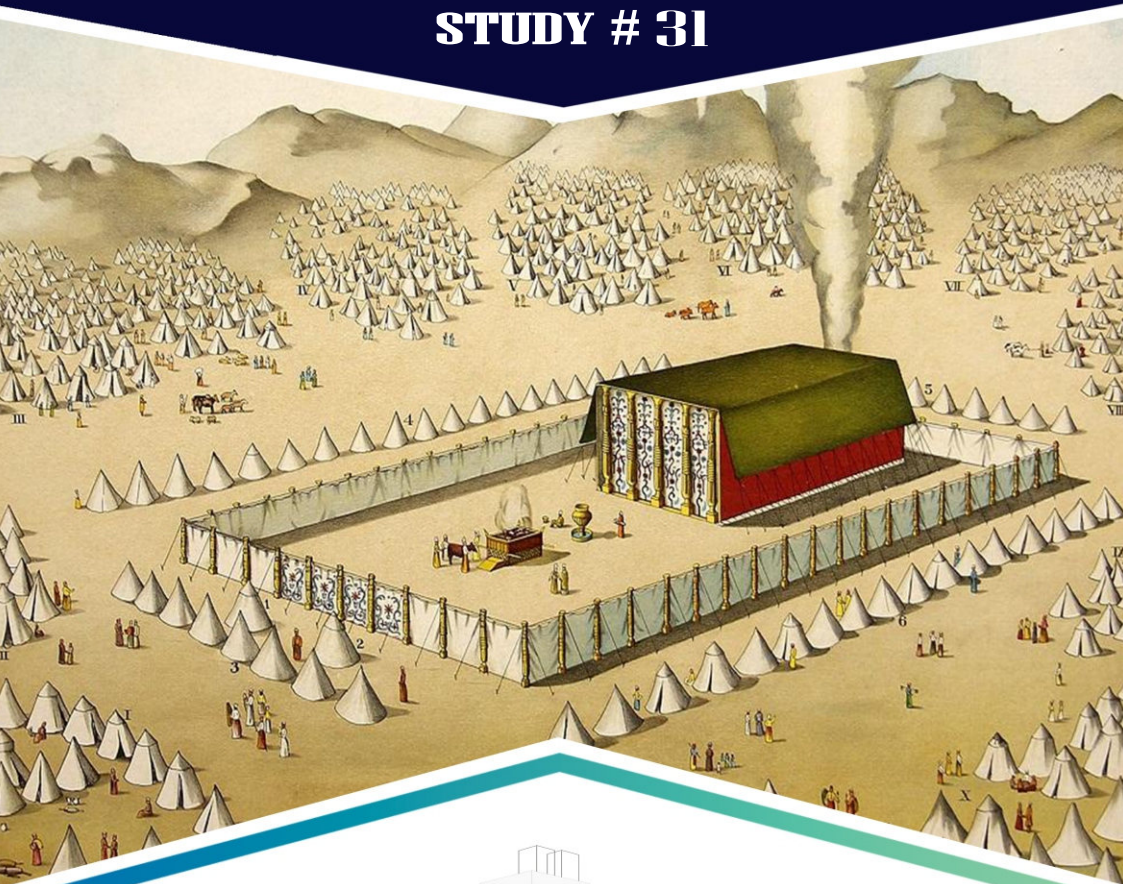


# *The study of the Tabernacle*

**STUDY # 31**



**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF  
THE BIBLE**

**"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17**

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## THE STUDY OF THE TABERNACLE

**PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.**

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Today we will be studying about something very special that God asked Moses to build -

Yes ! **THE TABERNACLE**.....in the wilderness !

Let us read about this Tabernacle and God's words of instruction to build it in -

**Exodus 25:8-9**

**“ And let them make me a SANCTUARY; that I may dwell among them, according to all that I shew thee after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.”**

Yes ! And so it was that God spoke to **MOSES** and gave the “pattern” and all the minutest details to be followed in the making and building of this **TABERNACLE** and God was very **PARTICULAR** about the **articles** and the “pattern” to be **STRICTLY** followed !!

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Let us note clearly His words again in -

### Exodus 25:40

**“And look that thou make them after their pattern which was shewed thee in the mount.”**

In fact the intricate **DETAILS** of the building of this Tabernacle and its **ITEMS , COVERINGS, CURTAINS (VEILS), WALLS, ALTARS,** and the **METALLIC CRAFTSMANSHIP** etc.,

is explained from the 25<sup>th</sup> until the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus. Moses thus **INSTRUCTED** the people of Israel in all this and finally the tabernacle was **BUILT** and **READY** as we read in -

### Exodus 39:43

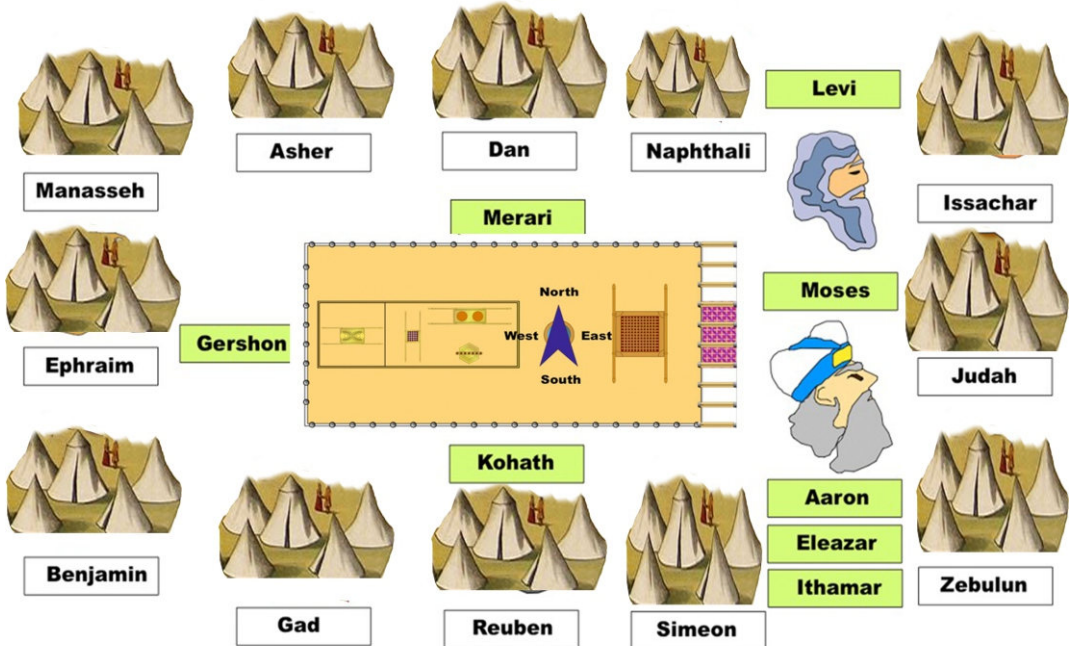
**“And Moses did look upon ALL the work, and behold they had DONE it as the LORD had commanded---“**



Now this **TABERNACLE** was to be set up **IN THE MIDST** of the congregation of **ISRAEL** as we read in -

### Numbers 2:2

**“...FAR OFF about the Tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch ---”**



Yes ! The Israelites and the **TWELVE TRIBES** were supposed to pitch their tents and camp on all **FOUR SIDES** - North/South/ East/ West.

**THE TABERNACLE WAS TO BE IN THEIR MIDST !**




**NOW WHAT DID THIS TABERNACLE MEAN OR SIGNIFY?**

We read the answer to that in -  
**Hebrews 8:5**

**“who serve unto the example and SHADOW of heavenly things ,**

**as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the  
Tabernacle .....**

Yes! We see that this Tabernacle was given by God as  
 .....A "shadow" or **TYPE** of "heavenly things".

Now let us first of all **STUDY** the various parts of the  
Tabernacle and then see what these signify in " **heavenly  
things**" or **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING**.

Let us first read now from -

**Exodus 27:9-19**

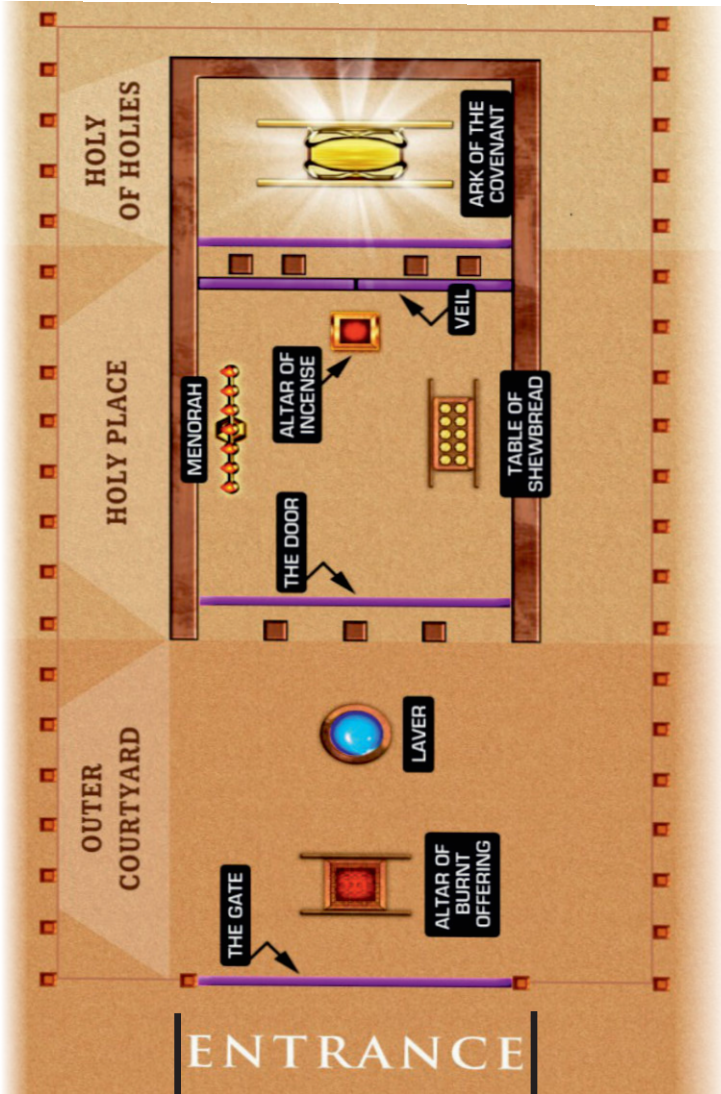
**"And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: and the twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be silver. And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court on the east side east ward shall be fifty cubits. The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And on the otherside shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and the sockets of brass. The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass."**

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50 CUBITS

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100 CUBITS



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20 CUBITS

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Yes ! The construction of this OUTER COMPOUND or WALLING is described in great DETAIL and INTRICACY !!

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That outer **WALLING** or....."**HANGINGS**" would be hung between pillars and we see that between every 5 cubits of hangings there would be two pillars.

Thus on the north and the south sides which was **THE LENGTH** of the tabernacle there were **TWENTY PILLARS** and on the west and east sides of the tabernacle which was **THE BREADTH** there were **TEN PILLARS** each making a total of.....**SIXTY PILLARS** to be used in all.

Thus the dimensions of the Tabernacle were -

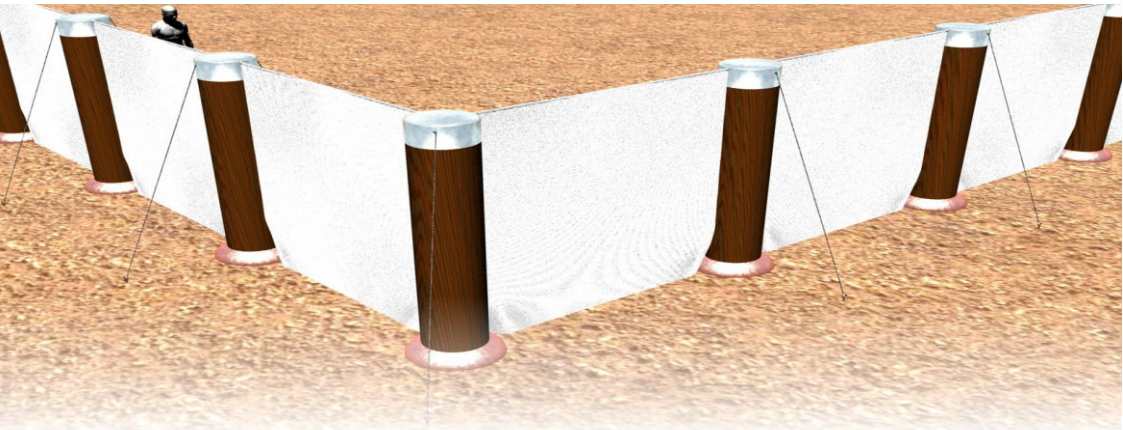
**NORTH** → 100 cubits (150 feet)

**SOUTH** → 100 cubits (150 feet)

**WEST** → 50 cubits (75 feet)

**EAST** → 50 cubits (75 feet)

Now this pure white "**finely twined linen**" wall was of 5 cubits height (vs -18) or..... $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet high !



**THAT IS HIGHER THAN ANY MAN CAN LOOK OVER !**

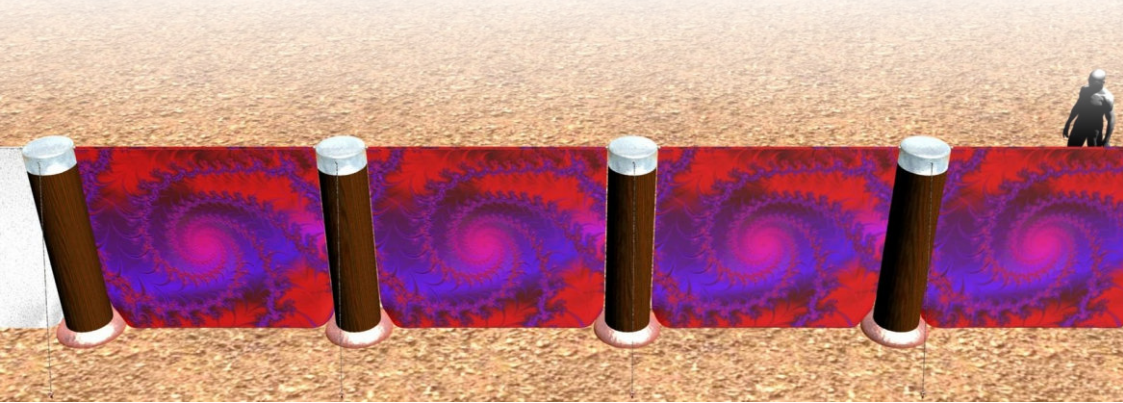
And the **GATE** to this Tabernacle was found only on the

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**EAST** side and was to be **20 CUBITS WIDE** or would hang between 5 pillars.

This would make it **30 feet** wide.

This gate was to be of "**finely twisted linen**" and to be **EMBROIDERED** ("needlework) in **BLUE.....SCARLET** and.....**PURPLE**.



Now this beautiful gate was the **ONLY WAY** of entry into the Tabernacle.

For someone standing outside the "**hangings**" or walls there was **NOTHING** he could see except those tall walls !!

**THIS THEN IS THE OUTER STORY OF THE TABERNACLE !**



**WHAT DOES ALL THIS SIGNIFY ?**

As we already saw in **Hebrews 8:5** this Tabernacle was a "shadow" of "heavenly things" or **GREAT SPIRITUAL MATTERS.**

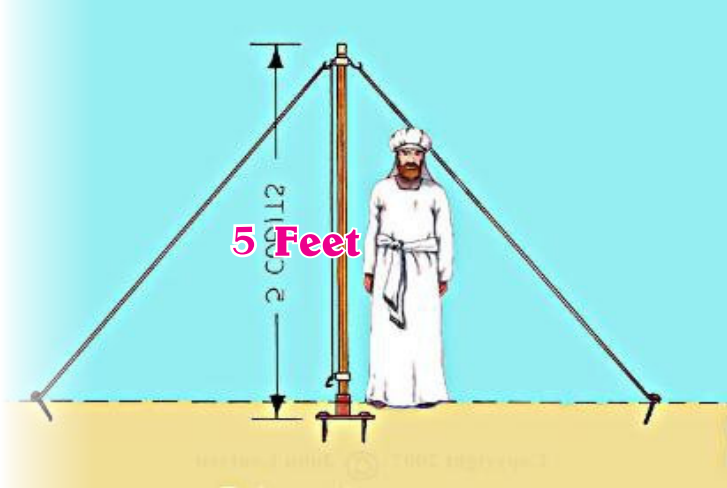
Let us now look into the **SIGNIFICANCE** of these matters by first studying the tabernacle itself and then looking



to the spiritual meanings of those matters !.

The Israelites in their **CAMP** some distance from the Tabernacle on all four sides represented.....the **WHOLE WORLD OF MANKIND** from North/South/East and West of the world **OUTSIDE** of the knowledge of God.

To the Israelites the **HIGH** ( $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet) **WALL** signified a **BARRIER** of **UNBELIEF** and this in turn signifies what we read in -



### I Corinthians 2:14

**“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

Yes ! The man of the world (“the natural man”) cannot understand the **SPIRITUAL THINGS OF GOD** unless he receives God's Holy Spirit which has not yet been **“poured out on all flesh”**.

Thus the world remains in **THE CAMP CONDITION** of.....**UNBELIEF** and **BLINDNESS** to the things of God.



Now if one were to enter the tabernacle he or she had to approach that gate on the **EASTERN** side.

## WHAT DOES THAT SIGNIFY ?

We see that answer in -

**John 10:9/14:6**

**"I am the door by me if any man enter in...."**

**"Jesus saith unto him,  
I am the way..."**

Yes ! That **"GATE"** or  
**"DOOR"** or.....**"WAY"**

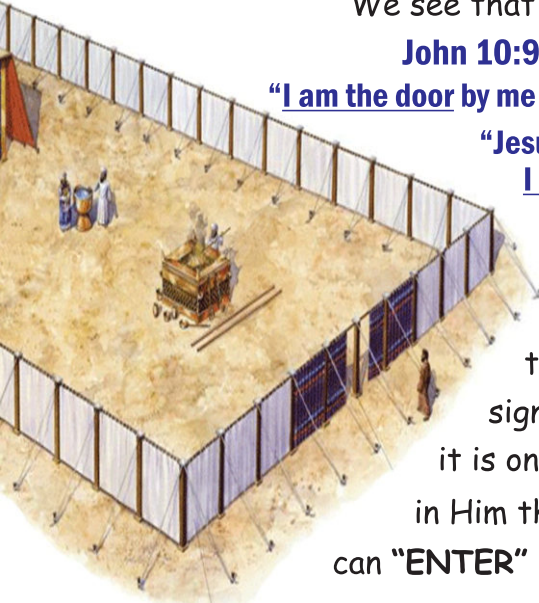
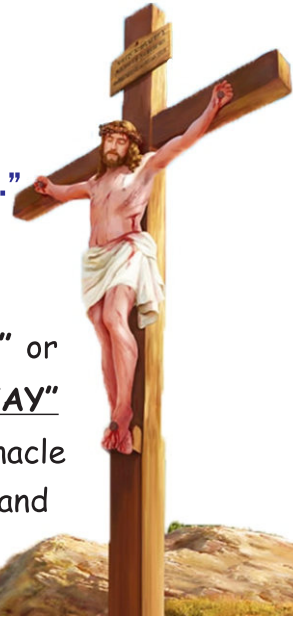
to enter the tabernacle  
signifies Jesus Christ and  
it is only through **FAITH**  
in Him that any man  
can **"ENTER"** into the things of God !

That is why He said in **John 14:6** - **"..no man cometh  
unto the father, but by me."**

Yes ! Thus **FAITH** in Jesus is the **ONLY WAY** back into  
reconciliation with God.

 Now there are **SOME SPIRITUAL LESSONS** to be learnt  
from that **"gate"** that signifies Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The **WHITE LINEN** of the **"walls"** signify the  
**HOLINESS** and the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of **CHRIST**  
which when one passes through brings one **"within"** those  
white walls which **SIGNIFY** how a sinner when he places his  
faith on Jesus receives a **"covering"** for his sins or a  
.....**IMPUTED JUSTIFICATION** from his sins  
as we read in -





### Acts 10 : 43

**“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”**

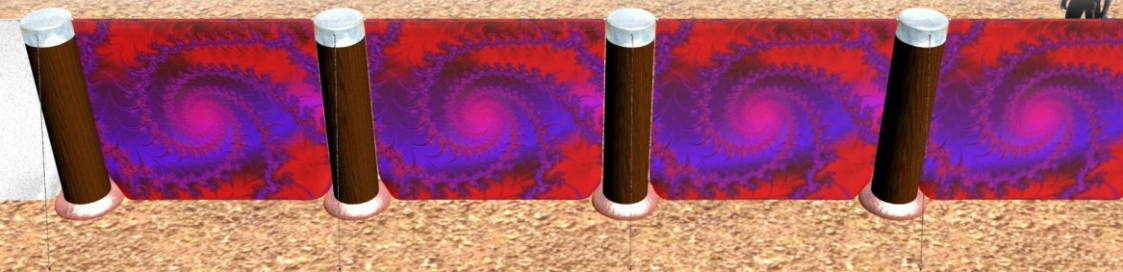
**Yes ! The FAITH on Jesus brings the “white walls” of covering for the sinner.**



Now as one enters that “gate” he notices **FOUR SECTIONS** of 5 cubits each of “embroidered linen” cloth that make up the gate.

That represents that Jesus is **INTRODUCED** to anybody only through the....**FOUR GOSPELS of....MATTHEW/ MARK/ LUKE/ JOHN** which bear the record of Jesus and His life and His death.

Now that **“extra” pillar** that is required to “hold up” those four sections of 5 cubits each represents that in addition to the testimony of the four evangelists there is another....



who bears a great **TESTIMONY** of Jesus and that is.....**THE APOSTLE PAUL** in his 14 letters that comprise 1/3rd of the New Testament !!

Yes ! The Apostle Paul too 'holds up" the **TESTIMONY** of Our Lord Jesus Christ !



Finally the colours of the yarn on the "gate" signify the **CHARACTERISTICS** of the Lord Jesus -



**SCARLET**

represents the **BLOOD** of the **RANSOM** on the cross by which sacrifice He became.....**THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR.**



**BLUE**

represents **FAITHFULNESS** as the sky and its colour blue represents God's faithfulness. Similarly Jesus is known as.....the **FAITHFUL SON OF GOD.**



**PURPLE**

represents **ROYALTY** and that now Jesus is "The King of kings and the Lord of lords".

Another point to be **NOTED** here is that **PURPLE** is got from **MIXING** scarlet and blue !

So too similarly.....it was **JESUS FAITHFULNESS** to the Heavenly Father's will in becoming the world's Savior by giving his life on the cross that earned Him the **EXALTATION** he now deserves and enjoys !!

This then is the **SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE** of the **OUTER STORY** of the Tabernacle !

Now let us enter by the "GATE" into the Tabernacle .....

The **FIRST** thing one sees as he enters the Tabernacle is what we read about in -

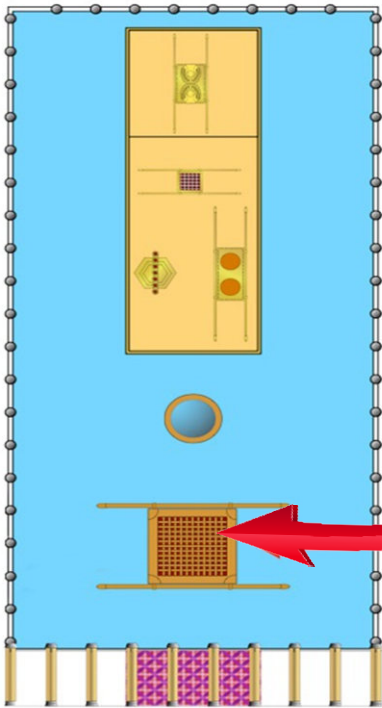
**Exodus 40:29**

**"And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the Tabernacle and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering ...."**

## THE BRAZEN ALTAR

(Also recorded in great detail in  
**Exodus 27:1-8**)

Yes! On entering the "gate" or  
"door" was the "**ALTAR OF  
BURNT OFFERING**" or the  
**BRAZEN ALTAR.**



This altar was made of wood and overlaid with  
**COPPER** or **BRASS.**

It was  $7 \frac{1}{2}$  ft (**5 Cubits**) square in length and breadth and  
 $4 \frac{1}{2}$  ft (**3 Cubits**) high.

**YES ! IT WAS A HUGE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE !**



**What does it signify?**

Well, just as after passing through the "gate" **INTO** the Tabernacle the very first thing to catch one's attention is this **HUGE** altar so too **SPIRITUALLY** speaking after having shown **FAITH** on the Lord Jesus **THE FIRST THING** that catches a **BELIEVER'S** attention is the "**AWESOME SACRIFICE**" of Jesus on **THE CROSS OF CALVARY !**

Yes ! This **BRAZEN ALTAR** is a representation of that "sacrifice" on the **CROSS OF CALVARY !**

**I Timothy 2:5,6**

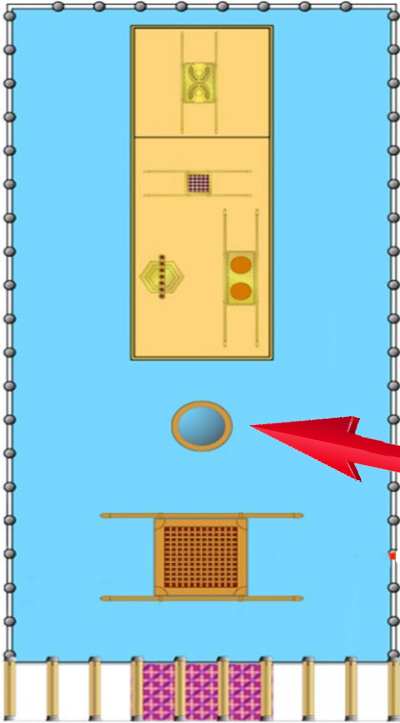
**"...And one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."**

Yes! It is made clear that Jesus' **SACRIFICE OF HIS LIFE** on the cross of Calvary was for the **SALVATION** of the world.....but the deeper details of the **DOCTRINE OF THE RANSOM** and..... "**the equal corresponding price**" may **NOT BE KNOWN IN DEPTH** at this stage by the **BELIEVER.**

After the **BRAZEN ALTAR** as one went past it and further into the Tabernacle the next item one saw was -

## THE LAVER

We read details of this  
"laver" in -



**Exodus 30:17-21 / 40:30-32**

**“And the LORD spake unto Moses saying: thou shalt also make a laver of brass, to wash withal and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: when they go into the Tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: so they shall wash their hands and their feet, That they die not: and it shall be a statute forever to them....”**

**“And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal. And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: when they went**

**into the tent of the congregation and when they came near the altar, they washed as the LORD commanded Moses."**

Yes ! This **LAVER** or "**BASIN**" (NIV) was to be between the **BRAZEN ALTAR** and the tabernacle tent building in the area that was called the "**COURT**".



It was to be made of "**brass**" ( "bronze" in NIV ) and the priests and the Levites would wash their "hands and feet" with the water that was placed in it.

**AARON** ( the High Priest) and **HIS SONS** ( the under priests) were commanded by God to wash their "hands and feet" at this laver before any service at the **BRAZEN ALTAR** or within the **HOLY** of the tabernacle.



**IF THEY FAILED TO DO THIS.....THEY WOULD DIE !**



**What did ALL this signify ?**

As we just saw the **BRAZEN ALTAR** signifies the "great sacrifice" of Our Lord on the **CROSS** of **CALVARY**.

After dwelling on the details of this great sacrifice the "**BELIEVER**" realizes he has found out all this about Jesus by reading the record in **THE GOSPELS OF THE BIBLE**.

Thus the "**BELIEVER**" is now **INTRODUCED** to the Bible - the **WORD OF GOD** !!

And that is what the "laver" represents !

The **BIBLE** in its **INITIAL UNDERSTANDING** is much like water as it **BEGINS** to **CLEANSE** the "**BELIEVER**" as we read in -



## Ephesians 5:26

**“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”**

Yes ! Just as water cleanses **DIRT** on the “hands” and “feet” so too **THE READING OF THE WORD** causes a cleansing of .....**ACTIONS** ( “hands” ) and.....**WALK OF LIFE** ( “feet” ).

**Examples** : Habits such as Bad language, drinking, smoking, gambling, worldly movies and parties, etc, etc.



Now this place called the **“COURT”** represents the **FIRST STAGE** in Christian development - the “called” stage (**Matthew 22:14**) or the condition of being merely.....**“BELIEVERS”**.

**Here the brazen altar and the laver represent the FAITH upon Jesus sacrifice and the STUDY OF THE BIBLE by a “BELIEVER”.**

In the old tabernacle the **LEVITES (Numbers 3:5-10 )** represented these **“BELIEVERS”** or **THE FIRST STAGE** of Christian development, while.....the **PRIESTS** who **ALONE** were permitted to enter

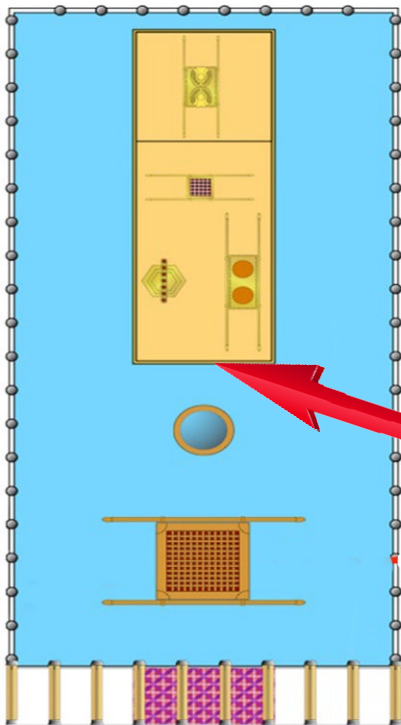
into “the Holy” represented the **SECOND STAGE** of Christian development- the “chosen” stage or the condition of being **“FOLLOWERS”** of the Lord Jesus.

These have surrendered their **“will”** to the Lord as we read in - **Matthew 16:24** - **“if any man will come after me, let him deny himself”**

.....and have entered into **FULL CONSECRATION** to do the will and service of God.

(WE HAVE STUDIED THESE MATTERS IN DETAIL IN CLASSES # 17/18/19 - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.)

Now we come to the **MAIN TABERNACLE BUILDING** and to a "Vail" (or curtain) leading to a place called -



## THE HOLY

Let us read about this "vail" that leads into the "HOLY" in -



**Exodus 26:36**

**"And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet, and fine twisted linen, wrought with needle work."**

Yes! This was the "door" to the "HOLY" !

Much like the "gate" of the tabernacle this "vail" or

"hanging" too was embroidered ( "needle work" ) in  
**BLUE,.....SCARLET and.....PURPLE.**

Levites were **NOT PERMITTED** to enter in here at all.

If they tried they would die.

Only **"PRIESTS"** were allowed to enter into the **"Holy"**  
by this **"Vail"**.



**WHAT DOES THIS SIGNIFY ?**

This **"vail"** is the means by which one could leave the  
**"COURT"** and enter into the **"HOLY"**.

Thus this signifies the means by which a **"BELIEVER"**  
becomes a **"FOLLOWER"**

- how the **"called"** becomes **"chosen"** -

.....the **CONSECRATION** and the **"COVENANT BY SACRIFICE"**.  
which we read about in **Psalms 50:5.**

This is also the **POINT** of **"CHRISTIAN BAPTISM"** - the  
**"one baptism"** of **Ephesians 4:5** - which is the **SYMBOL** of  
the **"secret covenant"** we read about in -

**Psalms 25:14**

**"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him; and he will  
shew them His Covenant."**

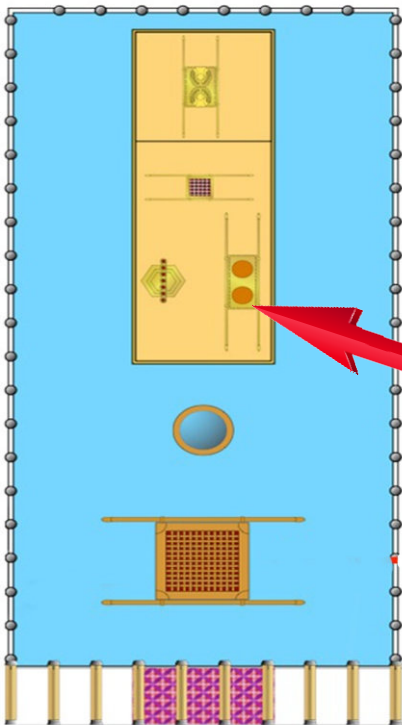
The symbol of this **SECRET** "covenant by sacrifice" is the  
**"one baptism"** of the Bible.

Yes ! This is where the **"death"** to the world takes place as  
we read in **Romans 6:3** and **Colossians 3:3** by the  
**SURRENDER** and **"denial" of the will.**

Now we will proceed into the "HOLY".

This "HOLY" place is a place of 10 cubits by 20 cubits dimensions - that is 15 feet by 30 feet.

As one entered - on the right side or.....**NORTHERN** side of the tabernacle was -



## THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD

We read details about it in -



### Leviticus 24:5,6

**“And thou shalt take fine flour and bake twelve cakes thereof; two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows six on a row upon the pure table before the LORD.**

This table is a wooden table that is overlaid with gold and upon it were placed **TWELVE (12)** cakes of **UNLEAVENED BREAD** in two (2) piles or **COLUMNS** or “**ROWS**”.

Now whether these "rows" were **VERTICAL** or **HORIZONTAL** we are not told but we choose to take them as **VERTICAL** "rows" of "cakes" one **ABOVE** the other !

(The reason we say this is that in **verse 7** we read -



**"And thou shall put pure frankincense upon each row...."**

.....which tends to give the thought that there are **TWO ROWS**.....meaning the bread is **VERTICALLY** piled six to a row.)

It was holy and was proper only for the priest to eat of it as we read in **Leviticus 24:9** and it was renewed every seventh or Sabbath day -

**vs 8 - "every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually...."**



**WHAT DOES ALL THIS SIGNIFY ?**



Here this "shew bread" in its peculiar arrangement of two rows of "six" cakes each is a representation of the **SPIRITUAL BREAD** to the Christian the **WORD of GOD** - the **BIBLE** and.....its **66 Books !**



This was the food of **only the priests** which represents that the **SPIRITUAL TRUTHS** of the Bible can be **UNDERSTOOD** or "digested" only.....by the **CONSECRATED**

**FOLLOWERS** or the "CHOSEN" class among Christians who have become "priests" in "presenting their bodies as "living Sacrifices."

☞ The **UNLEAVENED BREAD** represents.....the **PURE TRUTH**.

☞ And the **RENEWAL** of this bread every "Sabbath" could represent the **SPIRITUAL FEEDING** and "new" subjects received every **SUNDAY** in worship service and meetings of **THE CONSECRATED CHURCH MEMBERS**.

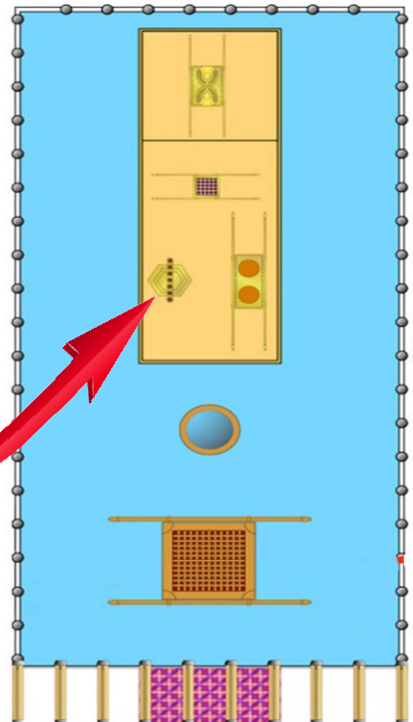
Now **OPPOSITE** this table on the **SOUTHERN** side of the tabernacle was -

## THE SEVEN - BRANCHED CANDLESTICK

We read details of it in -

**Exodus 37:17-24**

**"And he made the candle stick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; ....**



his shaft and his branch, his bowls his knops, and his flower were of the same: and six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out if one side thereof, and three branches out of the other side thereof: three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch a knop and a flower: so in another branch a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds; his knops and his flower: and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same according to the six branches going out of it. Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was fine beaten work of pure gold. And he made his seven lamps and his snuffers and his snuff dishes of pure gold of a talent of pure gold made he it and all the vessels thereof.”

Yes ! Here very **INTRICATELY** and.....in great **DETAIL** is described the **GOLDEN CANDLESTICK** and the making of it !!

It was made of pure gold and.....of **“beaten work”** and had **SEVEN BRANCHES** and at the end of each branch was.....**A LAMP**.

Thus there were **SEVEN LAMPS** upon this candlestick. It was the **ONLY LIGHT** in the **“HOLY”** as the outside **NATURAL SUNLIGHT** was completely kept out through the many **“COVERINGS”** and the curtains or **“VAILS”**

These seven branches of the candlestick had peculiar workmanship and had bowls shaped like almonds and a design of alternating **“knop and a flower”** or.....a **FRUIT** and a **FLOWER**. Its **SEVEN**

LAMPS were CARED for, TRIMMED and SUPPLIED with OIL by the High Priest himself and no other.

Thus the LIGHT of this candlestick was under his WATCH CARE.



**WHAT DOES ALL THIS SIGNIFY ?**

Here this "candle stick" which is the **ONLY LIGHT** within the "HOLY" represents that for a Christian in the "HOLY" condition or the **CONSECRATED** condition of being "chosen" or the **FOLLOWERS** of the Master,

THEIR LIGHT IS VERY SPECIAL and is described by the Apostle Peter in -

**I Peter 2:9**

**"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 marvelous light."**

Yes ! The OIL in those lamps represent the **HOLY SPIRIT** and the light shed forth is the **ENLIGHTENMENT** of THE **TRUTH** (I Corinthians 2:12,13) by the **HOLY SPIRIT** as we read in -

**John 16:13**

**"How be it when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth;..... and he will shew you things to come."**

Yes ! Indeed this **LIGHT** is the understanding of **PROPHECY** - "things to come" and the **DEEPER** understanding of the marvellous

**DIVINE PLAN OF GOD -**

**"here a little and there a little"**

in the Word in.....**SYMBOLS**,.....**TYPES** and.....**PARABOLIC LANGUAGE.**



Truly this TRUTH cannot be UNDERSTOOD by mere "BELIEVER" Christians who are NOT permitted to see the LIGHT of the "HOLY" just as was TYPIFIED in the LEVITES being NOT ALLOWED to enter into the "HOLY".

The High Priest alone who watches over and cares for the candlestick represents the LORD JESUS as the great HIGH PRIEST and HEAD of the church WHO PERSONALLY SUPERVISES ALL THIS SHEDDING FORTH OF the 'light' of TRUTH as we see and read in -



### Revelation 1:13

**“And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot....”**

Now these SEVEN BRANCHES of the candlestick represents the great truth of the SEVEN CHURCHES which we read about in Revelation 2nd and 3rd chapters.

(WE WILL BE STUDYING THIS MATTER IN GREAT DETAIL  
IN CLASS #45)

Finally the peculiar workmanship of “**beaten work**” and the design of a **FRUIT** and a **FLOWER** represents the building up of the Church's **CHARACTER** as we read in -

**Acts 14:22**

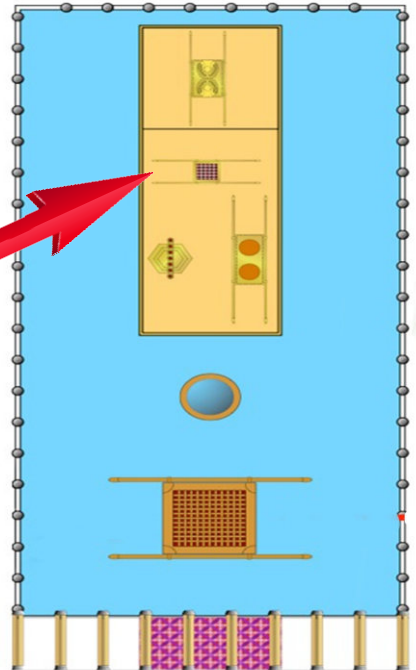
“...And exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”

Yes! The character of the **CHURCH** is developed through **TRIBULATION** Or “**beaten work**” but the developed character is like a **FRUIT** and a **FLOWER** meaning from God's view point it is both **BEAUTIFUL** and.....**FRUITFUL** from the first to the last!

Then near the second **VEIL** or the **CURTAIN** that led into the “**MOST HOLY**” was -

**THE GOLDEN ALTAR /  
“INCENSE ALTAR”**

We read details of it in -



## Exodus 40;26,27

**“And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil: And he burnt sweet incense thereon, as the LORD commanded.”**

Yes ! This was a small altar of wood and overlaid with gold, called the **“GOLDEN ALTAR”** or.....the **“INCENSE ALTAR”** and upon it the priest would place coals and place crushed “hand fulls” of **INCENSE** upon it causing it to give forth a **FRAGRANCE** or **PERFUME** along with **SMOKE** which filled the **“HOLY”** and further even penetrated the “vail” of the **MOST HOLY** and entered therein.



### **WHAT DOES ALL THIS SIGNIFY ?**

Here this **THIRD** item inside the **“HOLY”** represents something about the **CONSECRATED** or **“chosen”** condition of Christians who **FOLLOW** in Jesus footsteps.

**Yes ! This is a representation of the DAILY SACRIFICES of consecrated Christians !**

Let us see how -

The **“HAND FULLS”** of incense represents **EACH ONE'S OWN CAPACITY** -

this varies as the size of the hands vary from brother to brother and.....from brother to sister !



This should not worry the sisters who have naturally smaller hands as this is just **SYMBOLIC** - it's the **REALITY** that counts and not the **SYMBOL** !

But, yes ! Each one's capacity to sacrifice varies according to  
**ONE'S TALENTS POSSESSED !**

And God **DOES NOT** expect from us what we **DO NOT HAVE** but rather the willingness to give **ALL.....that WE HAVE !!**

Now the "coals" represent the **HOSTILE WORLD** and the "contact" with it causes **FIERY EXPERIENCES of OPPOSITION.**

These **BURNING** experiences bring forth "**PERFUMED SMOKE**" which represents the MANIFESTATION in such experiences by the **CONSECRATED** Christian and this is described in -

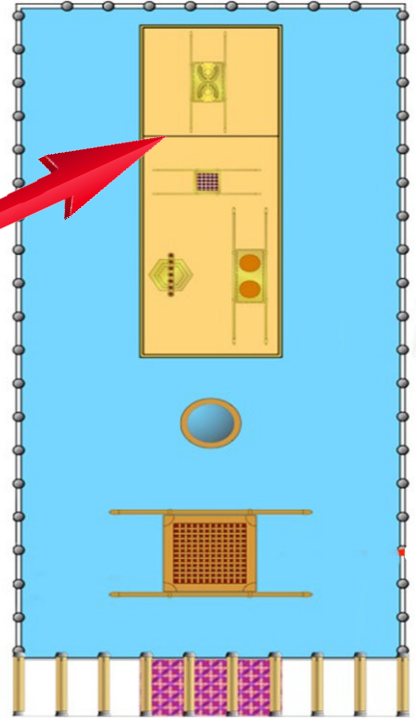
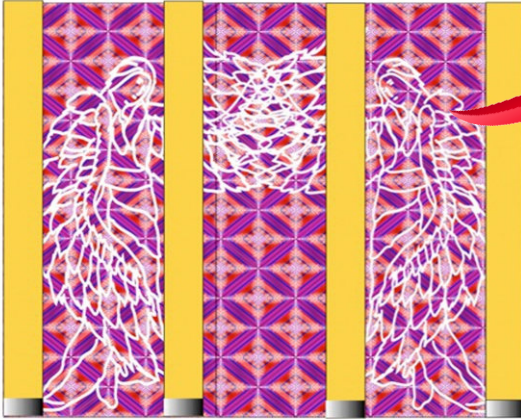
**Ephesians 5:2**

**"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."**

There ! The "**PERFUMED FRAGRANCE**" and **SMOKE** represents the CHARACTER and **WALK OF LIFE** that is manifested and the "**FRUIT of the Spirit**" **EXHIBITED** which not only fill "the **Holy**" or.....is **SEEN** and **APPRECIATED** by the "fellow - priests" or **BRETHREN** but.....further.....even **ENTERS INTO THE MOST HOLY** or.....is **SEEN** and **APPROVED OF GOD HIMSELF !**

Now we come to the "**vail**" which leads into -

## THE MOST HOLY



Let us read of the details of this  
"vail" in -

**Exodus 26:31-33**

**"And thou shalt make a vail of blue and purple and scarlet and fine twisted linen of cunning work: with Cherubims shall it be made....and thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony; and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy."**

Yes ! This curtain or "vail" was the second "vail" within the tabernacle tent and separated the "HOLY" and.....the "MOST HOLY".



It was the ONLY means by which to enter into "THE MOST HOLY" and the High Priest alone would enter in there ONCE A YEAR bearing the "blood" of sacrifice to apply on the MERCY SEAT within on the ATONEMENT DAY.

This curtain was **VERY THICK** and **HEAVY** and was visible only to the priests within the **HOLY** who beheld the designs of the **TWO CHERUBIMS** on it in.....blue, purple and scarlet.

**This was THE "VAIL" or CURTAIN that tore in the temple at Jesus death as recorded in Matthew 27:51 and Luke 23:45.**

If the High priest did not **FULFILL** all **THE NECESSARY REGULATIONS** before entering **HE WOULD DIE** when entering through this veil.



**What does all this SIGNIFY ?**

Firstly we see the **COLOURS** common to all **THREE "VAILS"** - the "gate".....the first "vail".....and the second "vail".

we have already seen.

Yes ! The **COLORS** that represent the CHARACTERISTICS of Jesus.

**BLUE**  a symbol of **FAITHFULNESS.**

**PURPLE**  a symbol of **ROYALTY.**

**SCARLET**  a symbol of the **BLOOD** of the **RANSOM** and Jesus being the **SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.**

And the "**finely twisted linen**" is a symbol of the Lord's **RIGHTEOUSNESS** -

**"...holy, undefiled and separate from sinners..."**



But why does Jesus appear **AT ALL THREE ENTRANCES** or "vails" ?

That, Jesus Himself tells us why and gives us the answer in -

## **John 14:6**

**“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way the truth and the life.....”**


There ! Those are.....**the THREE VAILS** !!


Jesus was speaking of those three vails when he spoke these words to Thomas the Apostle !

Oh ! How we too **DID NOT PERCEIVE** this all these years !!

Yes ! It is Jesus who leads and **GUIDES** the Christian **AT EVERY STEP** in the Christian development process -

 from a **BELIEVER** (“the way” - “the gate”)

 .....to a **FOLLOWER** (“the truth” - “the Holy vail”)

 .....and finally to receive the **“FIRST RESURRECTION”**  
 (“the life” - “the Most Holy vail”)

.....into **HEAVEN** itself as we read His own words in -

## **John 6:44**

**“No man can come to me except the father which hath sent me draw Him, And I will raise him up at the last day.”**

Oh ! What a wonderful representation of the words of the Saviour in -

## **Matthew 28:20**

**“and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world...”**

This **SECOND** “vail” leading into the **“MOST HOLY”** signifies the **DEATH OF THE HUMAN BODY**, for beyond is the **MOST HOLY** that represents **HEAVEN**, and **“flesh and blood”** **CONDITION** or **HUMAN BODIES**

cannot go to heaven as we read in -

### I Corinthians 15:50,51

**“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.”**

Yes! How **CLEAR** the matter is!

To enter into **“THE MOST HOLY”** or **HEAVEN** one must receive **SPIRIT BODIES** which is what faithful Christians will receive in

**THE RESURRECTION** through the hands of **JESUS!!**  
(John 6:44)



Finally what is the significance of the **“two cherubim”** that are embroidered on the **“vail”** ?

As we well know it is the **PRIESTS** who while serving in the **“HOLY”** see this **“vail”** with the **“two cherubim”**.

This represents that when the **CONSECRATED CHRISTIAN** is facing **THE TRIALS OF THE NARROW WAY** he **“beholds”** or **FINDS BEFORE HIM**  
he “beholds” or FINDS BEFORE HIM  
- in his **“sight”** - these **“two cherubim”**.



**WHAT ARE THESE TWO CHERUBIM ?**

We know that in Revelation 4th chapter the four **“living creatures”** correspond to the same in the book of Ezekiel.

They represent God's **CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES** and will be seen within the **MOST HOLY** upon the **ARK OF THE COVENANT** lid too !!



So too do these "cherubim" represent God's Character  
**ATTRIBUTES.**

Here the "cherubim" represents **TWO** of God's **CHARACTER**  
**ATTRIBUTES !**

They serve to greatly **ENCOURAGE** the Christian in his trials !



Which are these **TWO** attributes ?



The first as all will say is, of course, **LOVE !**



**GOD'S GREAT LOVE** for the followers of the Master is  
described by Jesus in -

**John 16:27**

**"For the father himself loveth you, because you have loved me  
and have believed..."**

**YES HOW....ABSOLUTELY....AWESOME !!**

The second attribute of great encouragement is.....**POWER !**

Yes ! While the trials and tribulations mount on all sides  
the knowledge of God's power comes to mind as we  
remember in -

**Romans 8:31**

**"What shall we say to these things ? If God be for us , who can  
be against us."**

Yes! **ALL** is under and submitted to the control of **THE**  
**ALMIGHTY** in all the universe.

**Yes ! God's LOVE and POWER, greatly encourage and  
strengthen the Christian under trial to faithfulness !!**

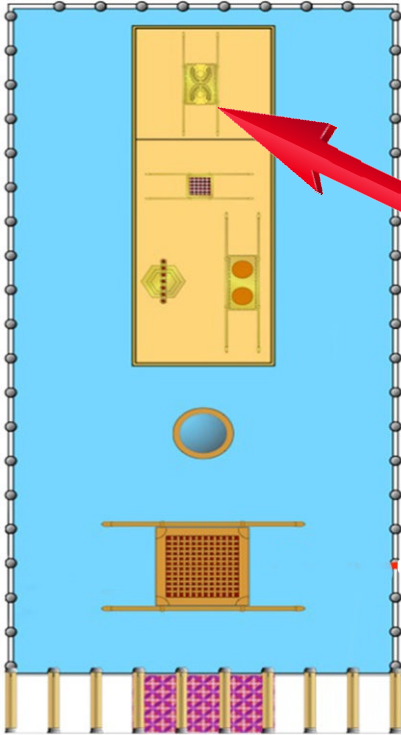
Now let us enter into **THE INNERMOST CHAMBER** of the  
tabernacle which is called "**THE MOST HOLY**" !

It was also called "THE HOLY OF HOLIES" and had dimensions of 10 cubits of height / length and breadth.

**IT WAS A PERFECT CUBE !**

It was 15 feet length and 15 feet breadth and 15 feet height.

Inside there was only one item of furniture and that was -



**THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**



Let us read of the details of it in -

**Hebrews 9:3-5 / Exodus 37:1-9**

**"...The ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the Covenant and over it the cherubims of glory overshadowing the mercy seat...."**

**"And Bezaliel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it (33/4 ft) and a cubit and a half the breadth of it**

**(21/4 ft) ..... And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without..."**

This "ARK OF THE COVENANT" was a box of rectangular shape and had a LID or cover which was A THICK SLAB OF GOLD and out of the same gold was carved out TWO CHERUBIMS of gold.

They were in a seated position and both had their eyes fixed at a point in the center upon the lid called the "PROPITIATORY" or the "MERCY SEAT" .

Both these cherubims had their wings uplifted as if.....in READINESS TO FLY !!!

Now this "MERCY SEAT" was the place where the High Priest would sprinkle the blood of the atonement day sacrifices.

Within this "ARK" and INSIDE the box was found THREE items (Hebrews 9:4).

**A GOLDEN BOWL OF MANNA**

**Exodus 16:32- 34**

**"And Moses said, this is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness..."**

**AARON'S ROD THAT BUDDED**

**Numbers 17:8**

**"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 blossoms and yielded almonds.”

## THE TWO STONE TABLES OF THE LAW

### Deuteronomy 31:26

“Take this book of the law and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God....”

Finally upon the “mercy seat” and.....“between the cherubim” a **SUPERNATURAL LIGHT** appeared and.....was called -

➡ the “**SHEKINAH LIGHT**” in the Hebrew language.

This was the **ONLY** light in the **MOST HOLY**.



### WHAT DID ALL THIS SIGNIFY ?

Now the “**MOST HOLY**” as we have already seen is a representation of **HEAVEN** itself and the **FINAL CONDITION** of the **BODY OF CHRIST** -

- **THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**, having **NOT JUST** -

➡ .....“**SPIRITUAL MINDS**” (the “holy” condition) but.....then having

➡ .....**SPIRITUAL BODIES** too and with **JESUS** and **GOD** in glory !!

What does the “**ARK OF THE COVENANT**” represent ?

It is a glorious representation of the “**invisible God**” of the universe -

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER** and how we understand and comprehend Him through **HIS DIVINE ATTRIBUTES** and much more...

Let us now see the meanings of the various parts of that "ARK" -



### **THE MERCY SEAT**

As we have already seen the High Priest every year would enter into the Most Holy to sprinkle **THE BLOOD OF THE ATONEMENT DAY SACRIFICES** on this 'mercy seat' .

This was because the "mercy seat" is a representation of **THE JUSTICE ATTRIBUTE** of God.

Blood signifies "life" (**Leviticus 17:11**) and this signified the satisfaction of justice -

**"...A life for a LIFE."**



### **THE BOX**

This represents the second attribute of God.....**WISDOM.**

**HOW, YOU MAY ASK ?** Let us now see the matter -

Now God's wisdom is **PERSONIFIED** in Jesus as we read in -

**I Corinthians 1:30 / Proverbs 8:12**

**"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom..."**

**"I wisdom dwell with prudence..."**

Yes ! Gods **WISDOM** is "EMBODIED" or represented in bodily form in Jesus !

The "hidden" contents of this "BOX" represents what we read in -

**Romans 16:25 / Ephesians 3:6**

**"....According to the revelation of the mystery which was kept**

secret since the world began.”

“That the gentiles should be fellow heirs and of the same body , and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.”

Yes ! The great “mystery” of the Christ !

Jesus and.....“in Him” - His Body - the CHURCH  
of 1,44,000 !!

The **THREE** “items” contained in the box represent the **ATTRIBUTES** of the Christ - firstly Jesus and then **HIDDEN** within Him - the **CHURCH** !!



### **AARON’S ROD THAT HAD BUDED**

represents the Christ as being the **CHOSEN** “royal priesthood” of God.

**FIRST JESUS**



Hebrews 5:6 - “As He saith also in another place thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec.”

**Also  
the CHURCH**



I Peter 2:9 - “But ye are a chosen generation a royal priesthood...”



### **TABLETS OF THE LAW**

represents the Christ as being the **APPOINTED JUDGE** and law executor of God.

**FIRST JESUS**



Acts 17:31 - “...He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.”

**Also  
the CHURCH**



I Corinthians 6:2 - “Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?...”



## GOLDEN POT OF MANNA

This manna was “**incorruptable**” unlike the manna that the Israelites received and ate which became **ROTTEN** if kept for the next day.

This special **INCORRUPTABLE** manna represents the life that is **INCORRUPTABLE** and **IMMORTAL** - the **DIVINE NATURE !!**

**FIRST JESUS**



Revelation 1:18 - “I am He that liveth , and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore...”

**Also  
the CHURCH**



II Peter 1:4 - “whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...”

**WOW ! ASTONISHING IS'NT IT !!**

The **THICK SLAB** or '**LID**' that covers the **BOX** represents the **HEADSHIP** of God over the Christ as we read in -

**I Corinthians 11:3**

**“and the head of Christ is God.”**



Finally what do **THE TWO CHERUBIMS** represent ?

They represent **THE REMAINING TWO ATTRIBUTES** of God, which is -



**LOVE** and.....**POWER.**

Why are they shown as if in **READINESS** and **IN WAITING** looking at the “mercy seat” ?

Because until the **ATONEMENT WORK** of the sacrifices of the Christ are complete God's **LOVE** and **POWER** cannot be manifest to the world.

But when **JUSTICE** is finally satisfied God's **LOVE** and **POWER** will be **QUICK** to usher in the **KINGDOM** blessings of -



.....**RESURRECTION** of all the world of mankind from the dead



.....and the great **BLESSINGS** of **RESTITUTION** to the whole world of mankind.



Lastly the "shekinah light" represents **THE DIVINE PRESENCE OF** the Heavenly Father and thus.....Israel would refer to God as we read in -

### **Isaiah 37:16**

**"O LORD of Hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, that art the God, even thou alone....."**

**THERE ! HOW CLEAR IT IS !**

A reference to the "light" that shone between those two cherubim !

There are many more references in the Psalms too !



Though the word "shekinah" does not appear in the Bible at all, it is the **Hebrew word** in reference to that special supernatural light between the cherubim on the ark of the testimony in the **MOST HOLY !!**

And it aptly represented God's presence because we read of God in -



**I John 1:5**

**“This then is the messenger which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that GOD IS LIGHT.....”**

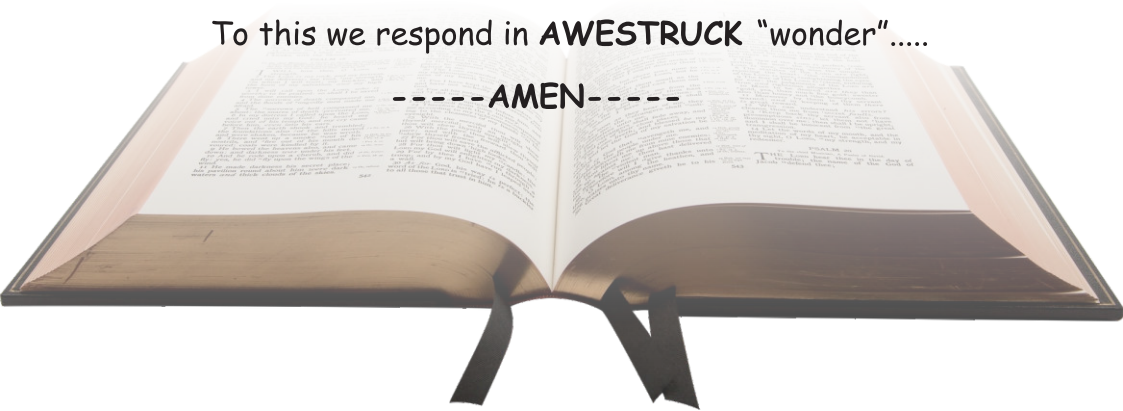
Finally, in conclusion the **WHOLE “ARK”** represents the **“ONENESS”** of the **DIVINE FAMILY** as Jesus beautifully put it in -

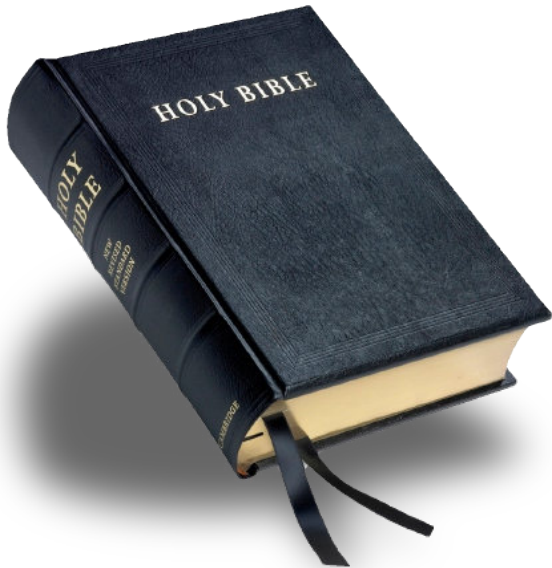
**John 17:21**

**“That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us....”**

To this we respond in **AWESTRUCK “wonder”.....**

**-----AMEN-----**





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