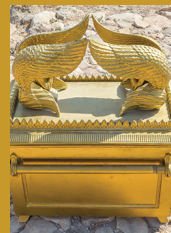


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TABERNACLE





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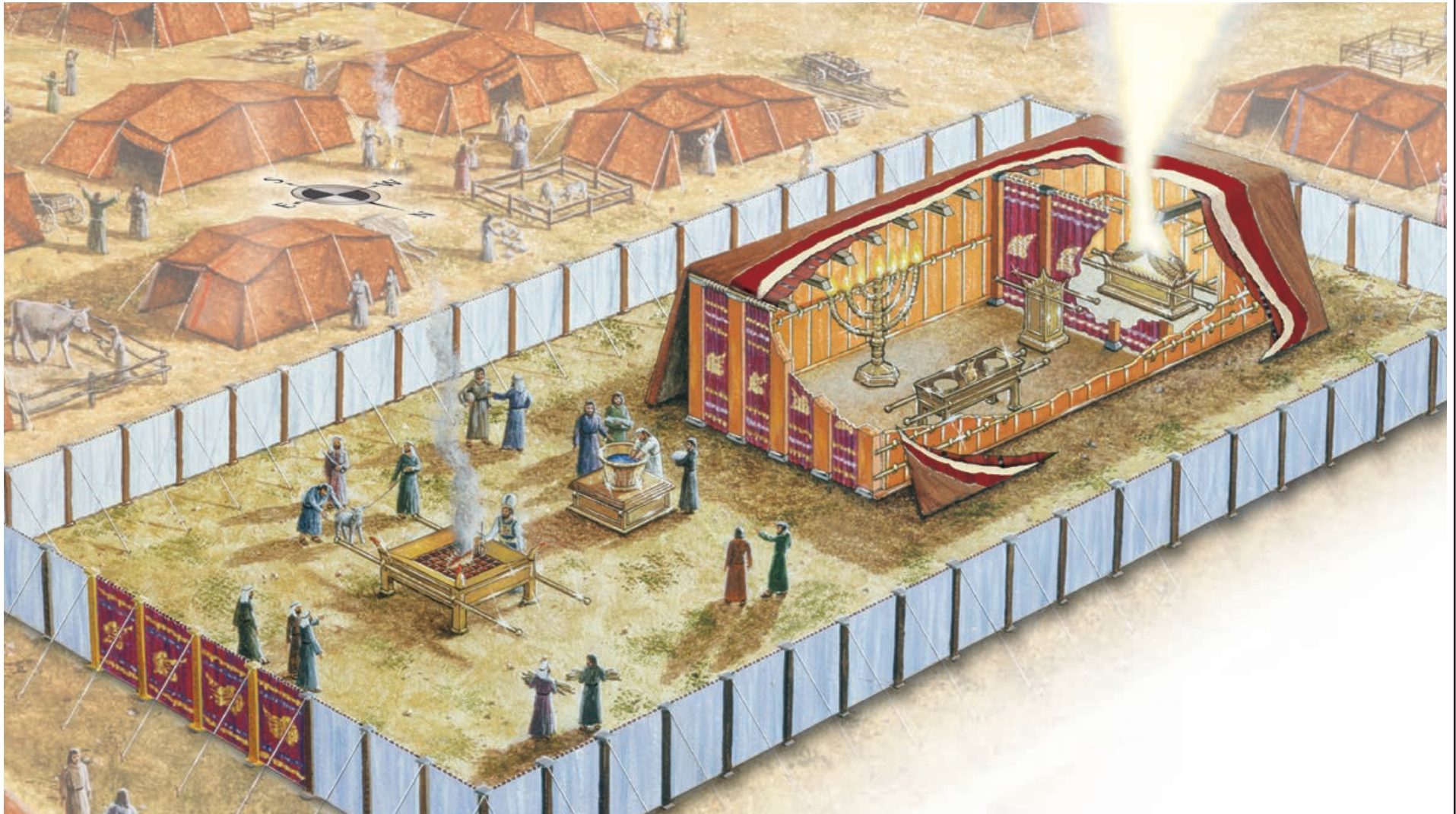
Israelites Communed with God through the Tabernacle	Christians Commune with God through Jesus
1. Bronze altar for sacrifices	Christ's sacrifice
2. Bronze laver for washing	Cleansing through confession
3. Lampstand	Enlightened by the Holy Spirit
4. Table of the bread of the presence	Fed by the living Word
5. Altar of incense	Prayer, communication, intercession
6-7. Through the veil into the Most Holy Place	Entering God's presence boldly through Christ
8. Priest and the garments	Service to God and others

Why is the Tabernacle Important Today?

1. Today, believers are God's dwelling place (1 Corinthians 6:19).
2. God's holy presence is among us (Exodus 40:34–38).
3. As believers, we are part of a priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9).
4. The Tabernacle shows a pattern of worship prescribed by God (Hebrews 10:19–25).

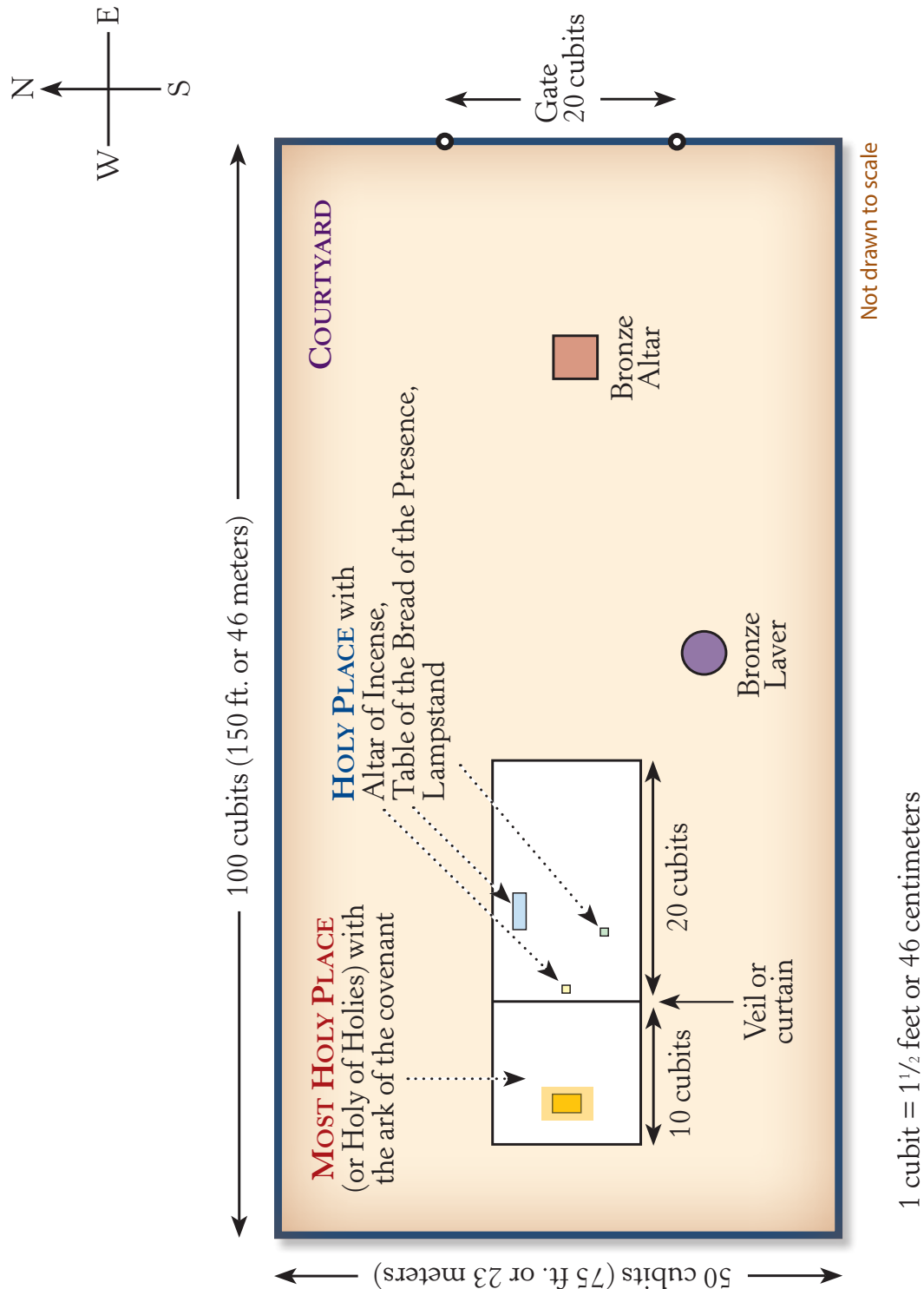


THE TABERNACLE CUTAWAY





The Design of the Tabernacle





THREE PARTS

The Tabernacle had three main sections. Each section contained special, sacred objects. Each section was also the place of different sacred activities.

THE COURTYARD

Sacred objects: The Courtyard is the main access to the Tabernacle. The wide gate is the place where ancient Israelites would bring their sacrifices and offerings. There, the priests would receive and bless people. Within the courtyard, the priests would offer sacrifices at the bronze altar. There was also a bronze laver, in which the priests could cleanse themselves to be ritually clean.

THE HOLY PLACE

The Holy Place housed three important objects for the service of the Tabernacle: The golden lamp, the table of the bread of the presence, and the altar of incense. The priests performed daily tasks inside the Holy Place: they had to keep the lamps burning, offer incense twice a day, and bring fresh bread weekly to the table.

THE MOST HOLY PLACE

The Most Holy Place was a unique place. The ark of the covenant was in this room. God's very presence dwelt in the Most Holy Place. Only the High Priest could enter this room once a year, protected by a cloud of smoke from burnt incense. The most important celebration in the Jewish calendar, the Day of Atonement, had its climax in the Most Holy Place, where the high priest offered the blood of the sacrificed animal to God to atone for the people's sin.

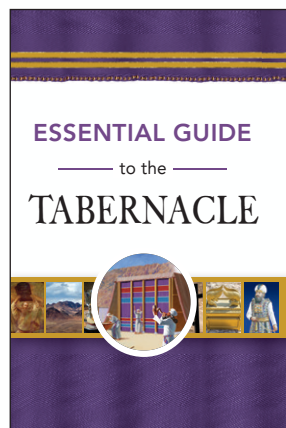


Bible References about the Tabernacle

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS	
<i>Description/Building of:</i>	
Frame	Exodus 26:15–37; 36:20–38
Covering	Exodus 25:5; 26:7–14; 36:14–19
Second Covering	Exodus 25:5; 26:14; 35:7, 23; 36:19; 39:34
Curtains	Exodus 26:1–14, 31–37; 29:9–16; 35:15, 17; 36:8–19, 35, 37
Court	Exodus 27:9–17; 38:9–16, 18; 40:8, 33
Holy Place	Exodus 26:31–37; 40:22–26
Most Holy Place	Exodus 2:3–35; 40:20–21
Tabernacle completed	Exodus 39:32
Dedicated and sanctified	Exodus 40; Numbers 7
Preparation for traveling	Numbers 1:51; 4:5–33; 7:6–9
<i>Names</i>	
Sanctuary	Exodus 25:8
Tent of Meeting	Exodus 27:21
Tent/Tabernacle	Exodus 33:7
Tent of Testimony	Exodus 38:21; Numbers 1:50; 17:7–8
First tent of meeting	Exodus 33:7–11
Pattern revealed by God to Moses	Exodus 25:9; 26:30; 39:32, 42–43
All strangers and unclean are forbidden to enter	Leviticus 15:31; Numbers 1:51; 19:13, 20
Worship and offerings brought to	Leviticus 17:4; Numbers 10:3; 16:19, 42–43; 20:6; 25:6; 31:54; Deuteronomy 12:5–6, 11–14
Trials conducted at	Deuteronomy 17:8–15



THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS	
All males to appear before three times a year	Exodus 23:17
Encampment around	Numbers 2
Tabernacle tax	Exodus 30:11–16
Furniture of the Tabernacle and its construction	Exodus 25:10–40; 27:1–8, 19; 37; 38:1–8
THE TABERNACLE IN THE PROMISED LAND	
<i>Names</i>	
Tent/Tabernacle	1 Chronicles 5:5
Tent of Testimony	2 Chronicles 24:6
Temple of the LORD	1 Samuel 3:3
Who shall dwell in God's tent?	Psalms 15
At Gilgal	Joshua 4:18–19
At Shiloh	Joshua 18:1; 19:51; Judges 18:31; 20:18, 26–27; 21:19; 1 Samuel 2:14; 4:2, 4; Jeremiah 7:12, 14
At Nob	1 Samuel 21:1–6
At Gibeon	1 Chronicles 21:29
At Zion	1 Chronicles 15:1; 16:1–2; 2 Chronicles 1:4
Brought to the Temple by Solomon	2 Chronicles 5:5; 1 Kings 8:1, 4–5
TABERNACLE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT	
Tabernacle alluded to (<i>eskenosen</i> means dwelt or pitched his tent)	John 1:14
Priestly functions point to Jesus	Hebrews 8:2, 5; 9:1–24

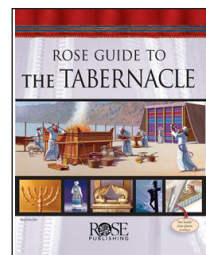


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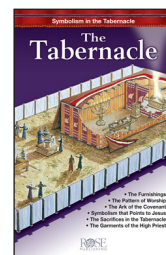
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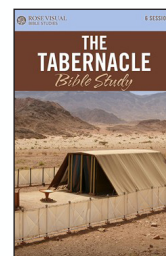
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