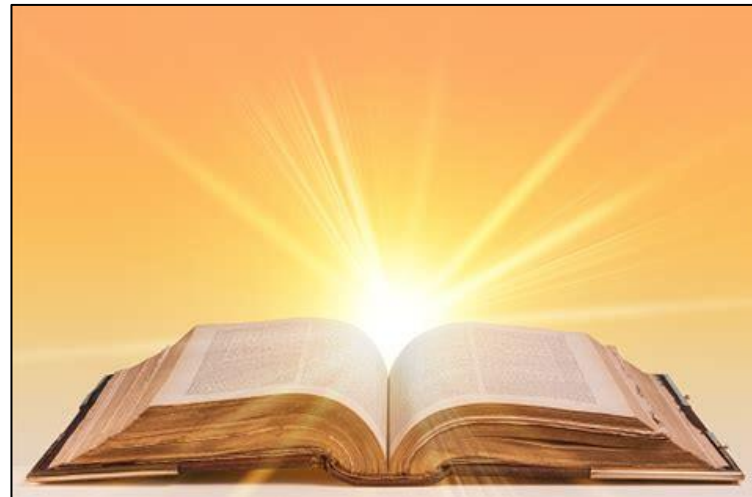


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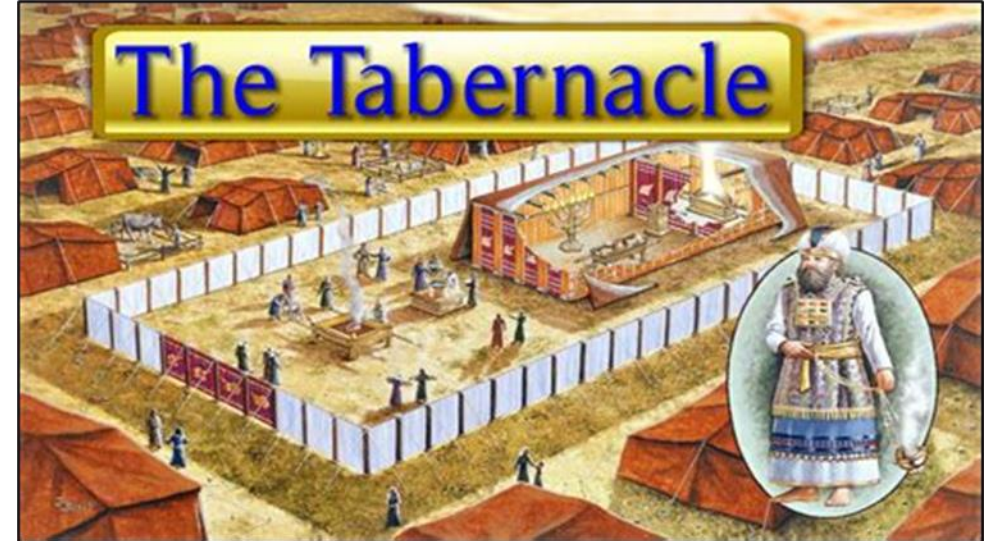


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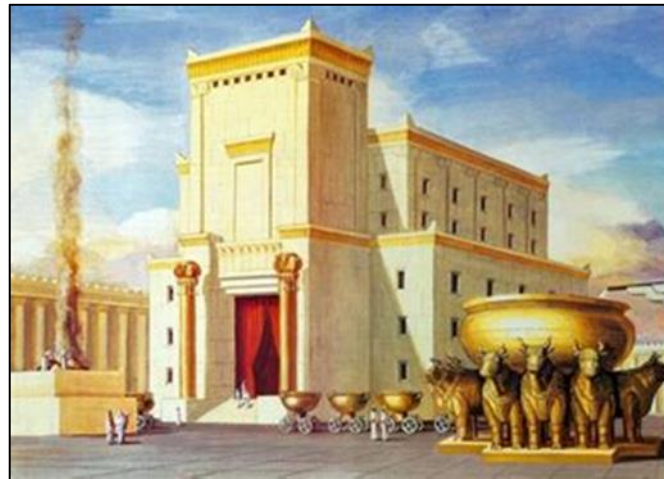
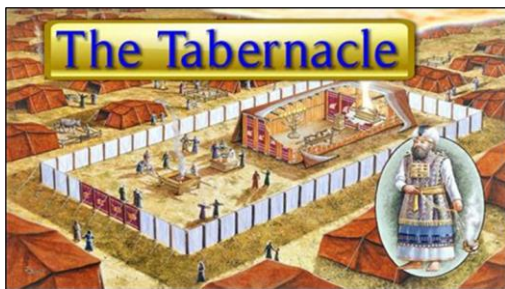
Let's take a longer look – Was this familiar to his readers already?



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Connecting heaven and earth...

Why the focus on the tabernacle rather than the temple?



1st temple



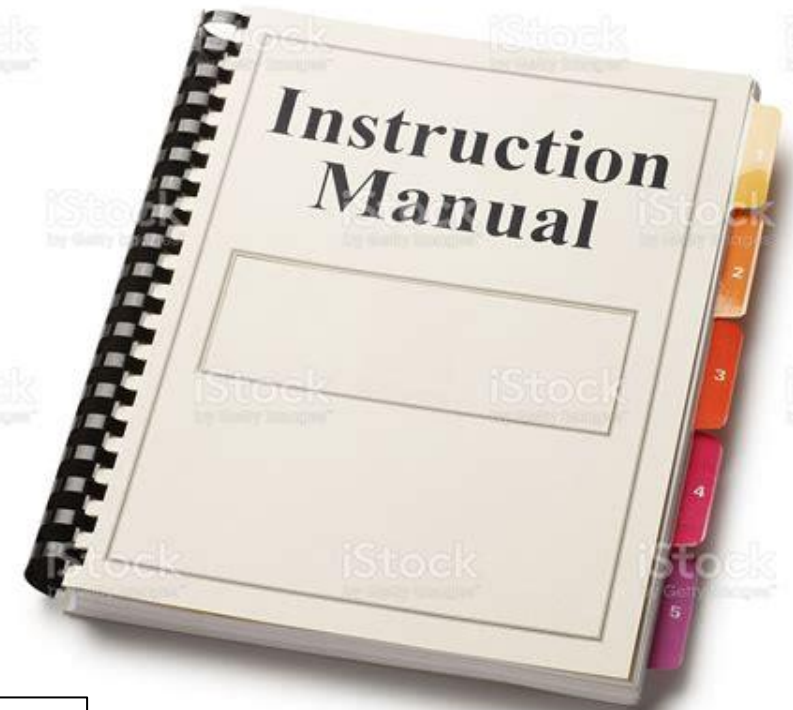
2nd temple

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1st covenant regulations and structures

Exodus 25- 30 Instruction manual

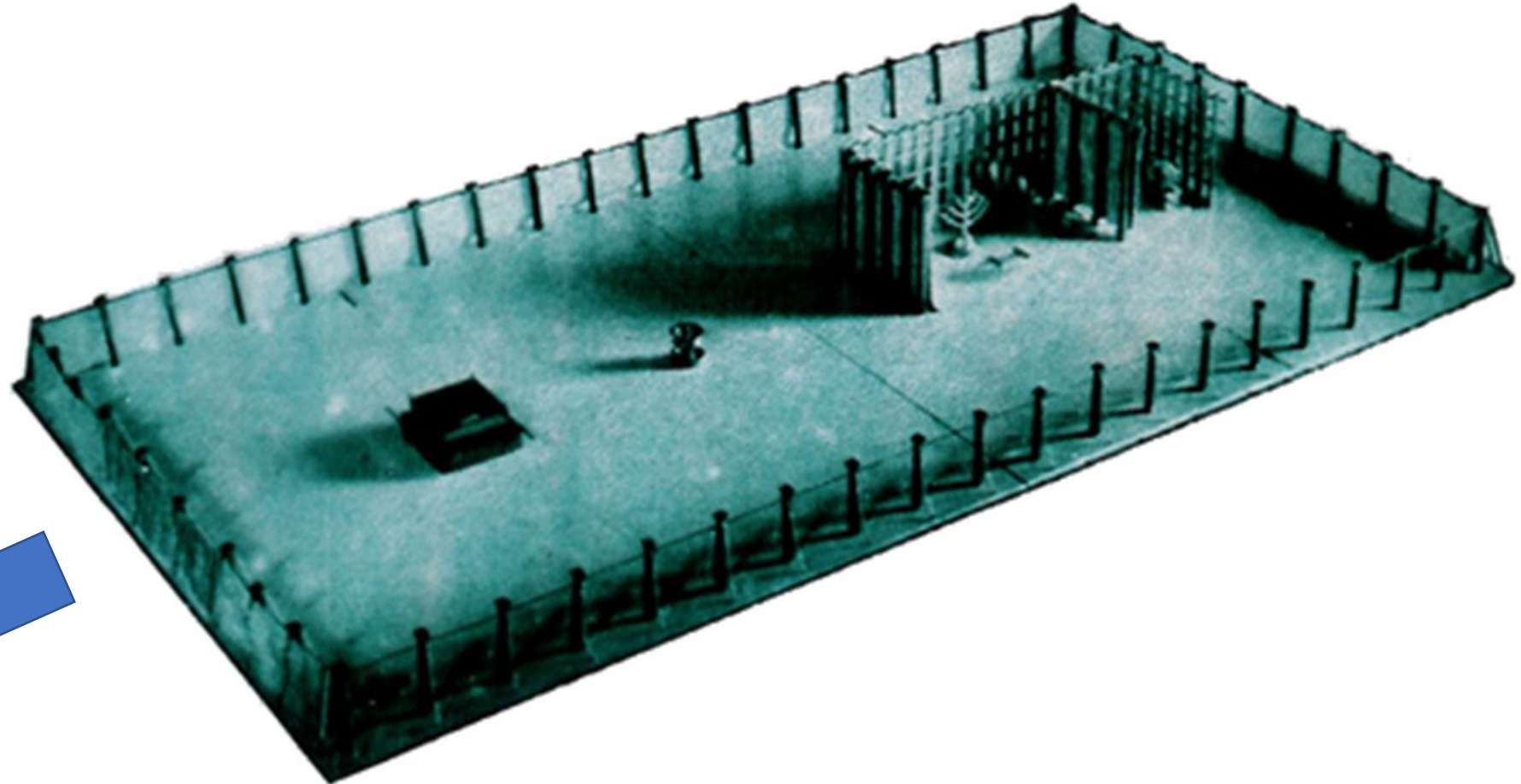
Exodus 36-40 Building and inspection



People were not allowed to see or touch!
Access was only available through the word.

A tabernacle was set up. v2

A temporary structure (a tent and courtyard) –
moveable – but present with the people

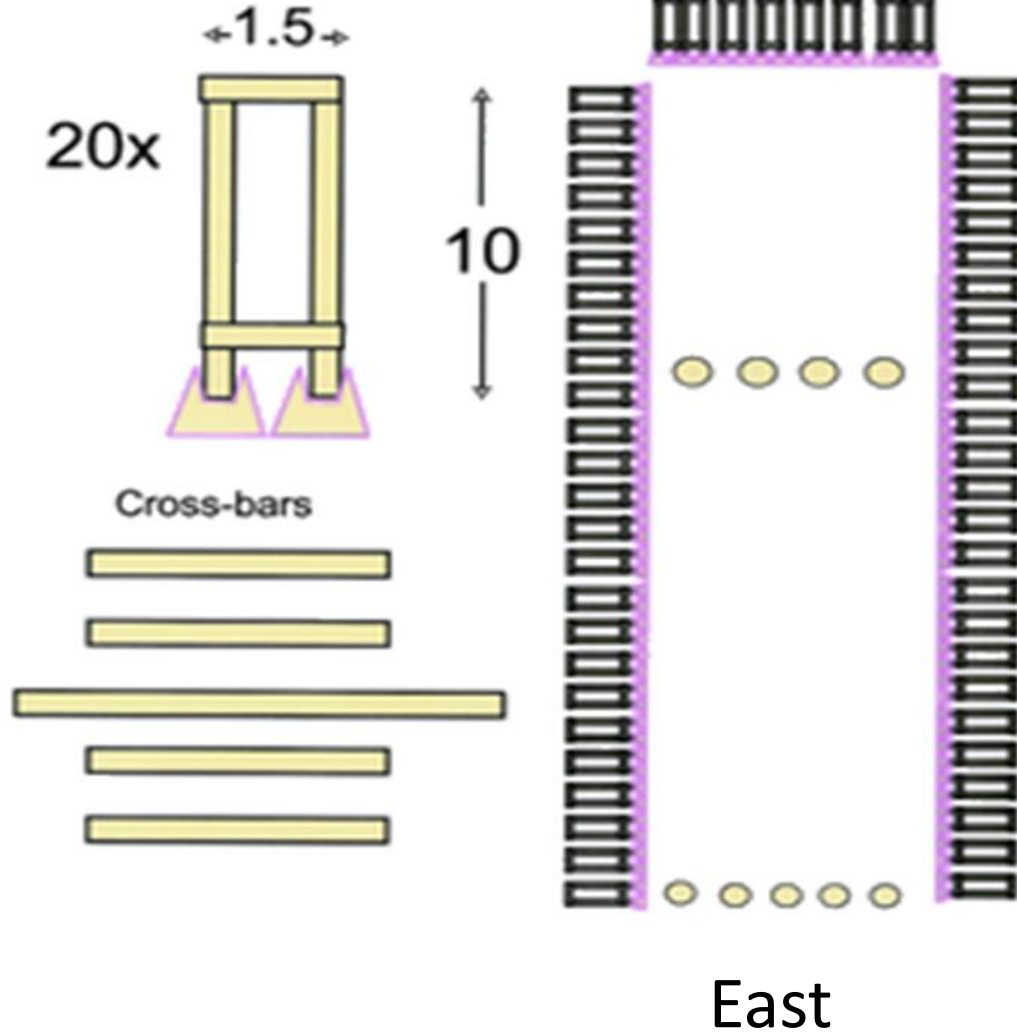


Note direction
facing east

The frame of the Tabernacle

Frame & Sockets

Frames overlaid with gold

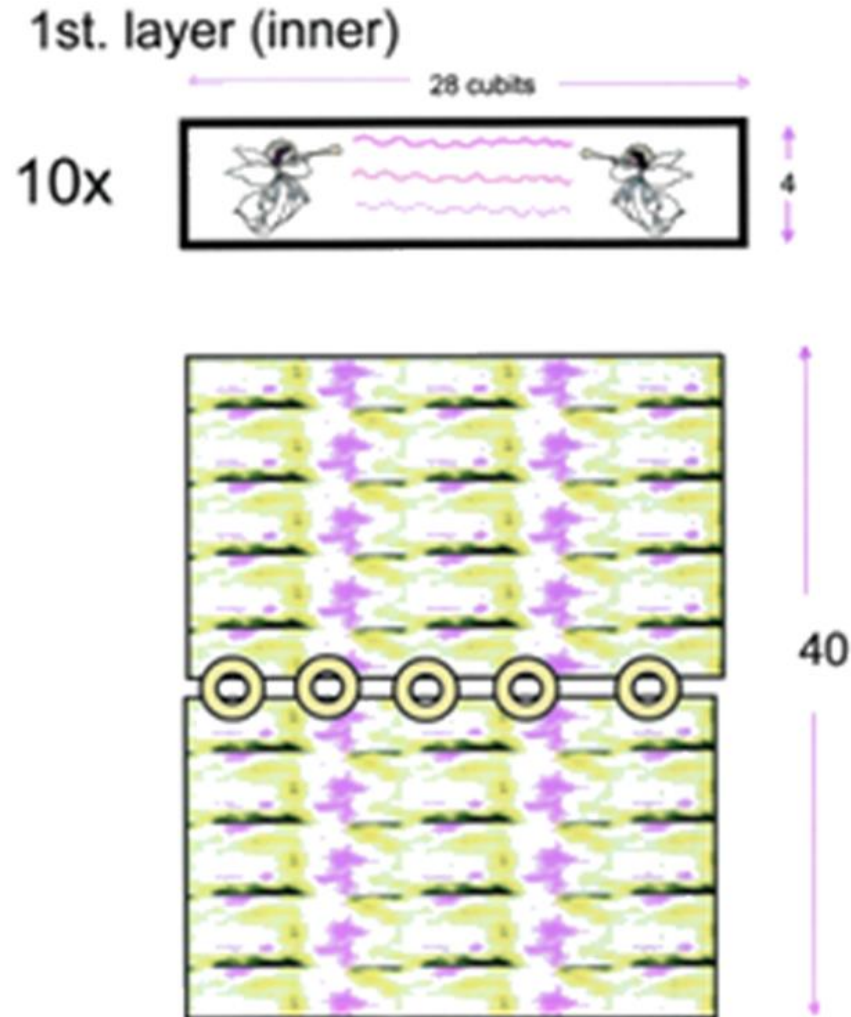


The tent sheets of the Tabernacle

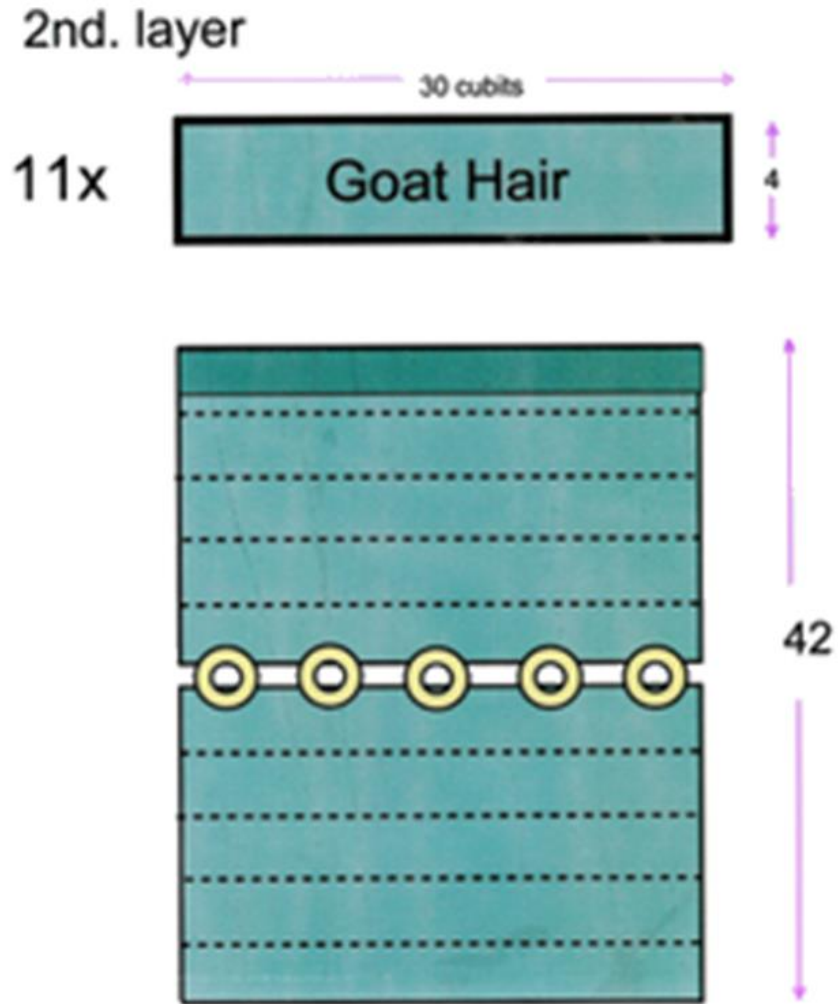
Made from fine linen

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Held with gold clasps



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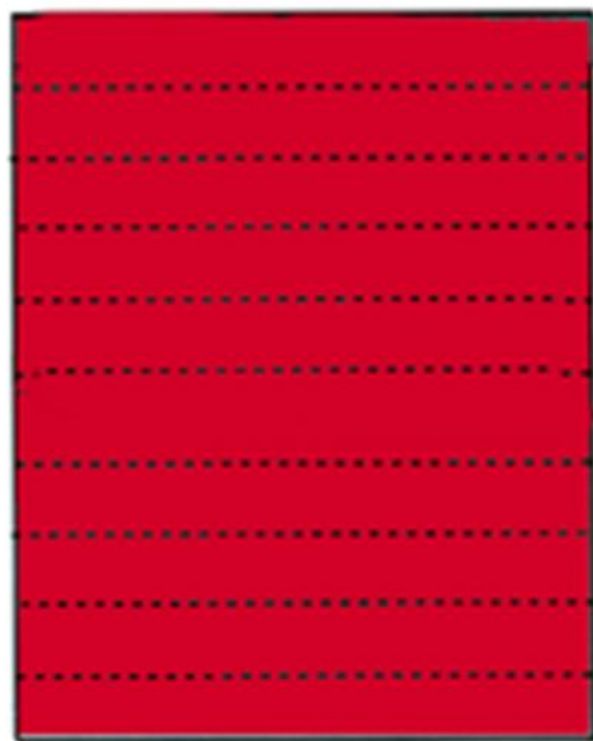


Made from goat hair

Held with bronze clasps

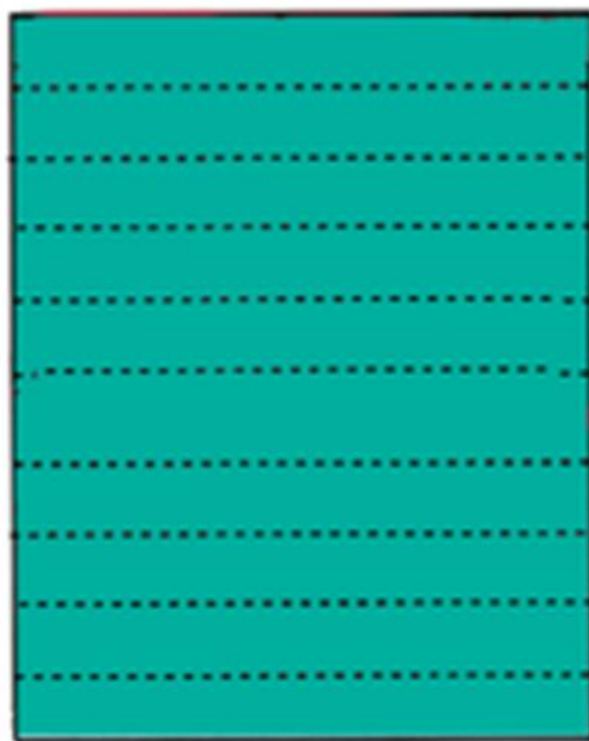
The tent sheets of the Tabernacle

Layer 3
Ram's skins dyed red



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Layer 4
Hides of sea cows



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The inner curtain of the Tabernacle

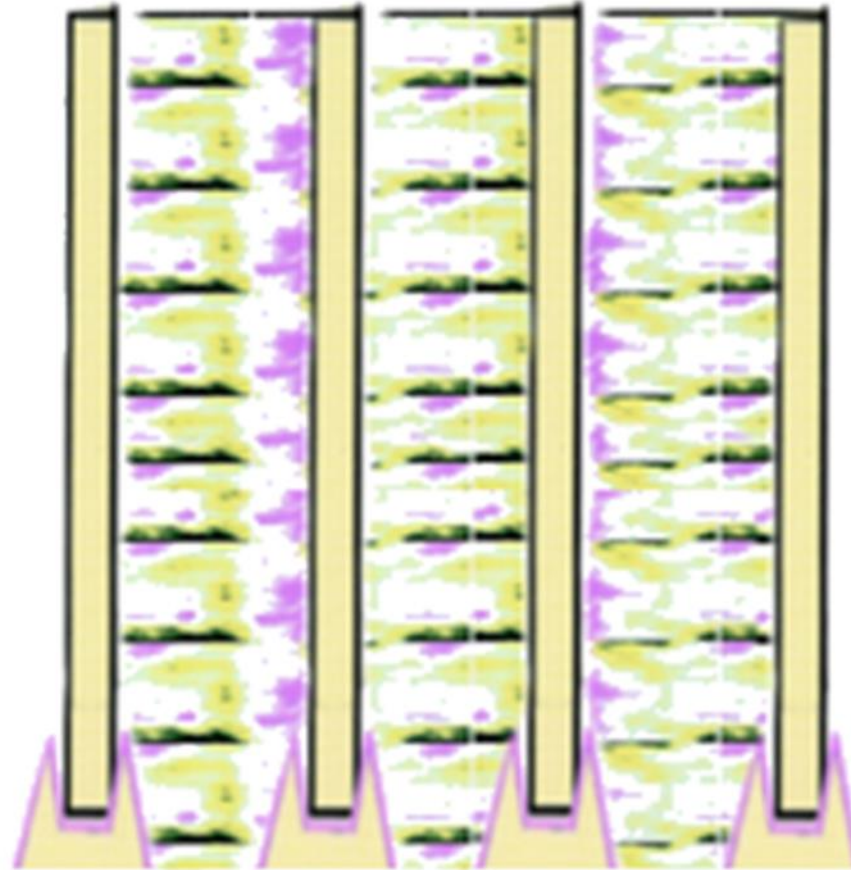
Made from fine linen

Embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, with cherubim

Four posts overlaid with gold

Gold hooks

Silver bases



The Entrance curtain of the Tabernacle

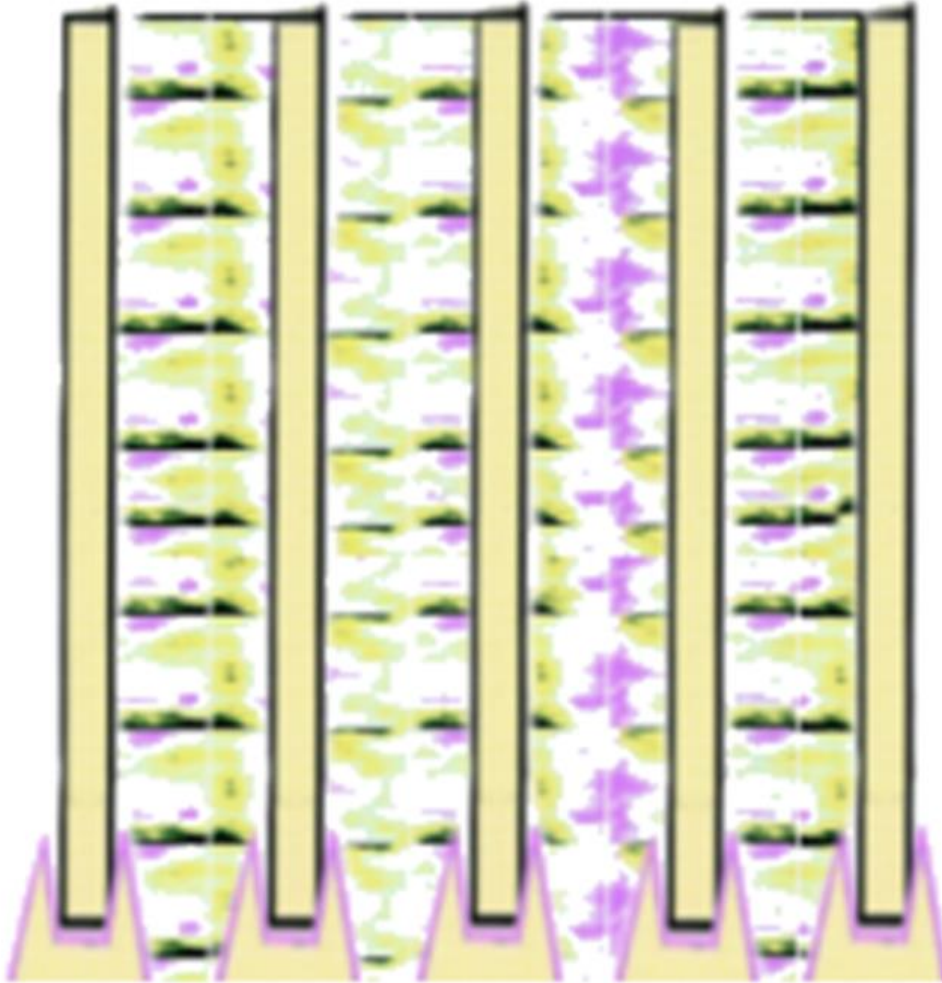
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Embroidered with blue,
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Five posts overlaid with gold

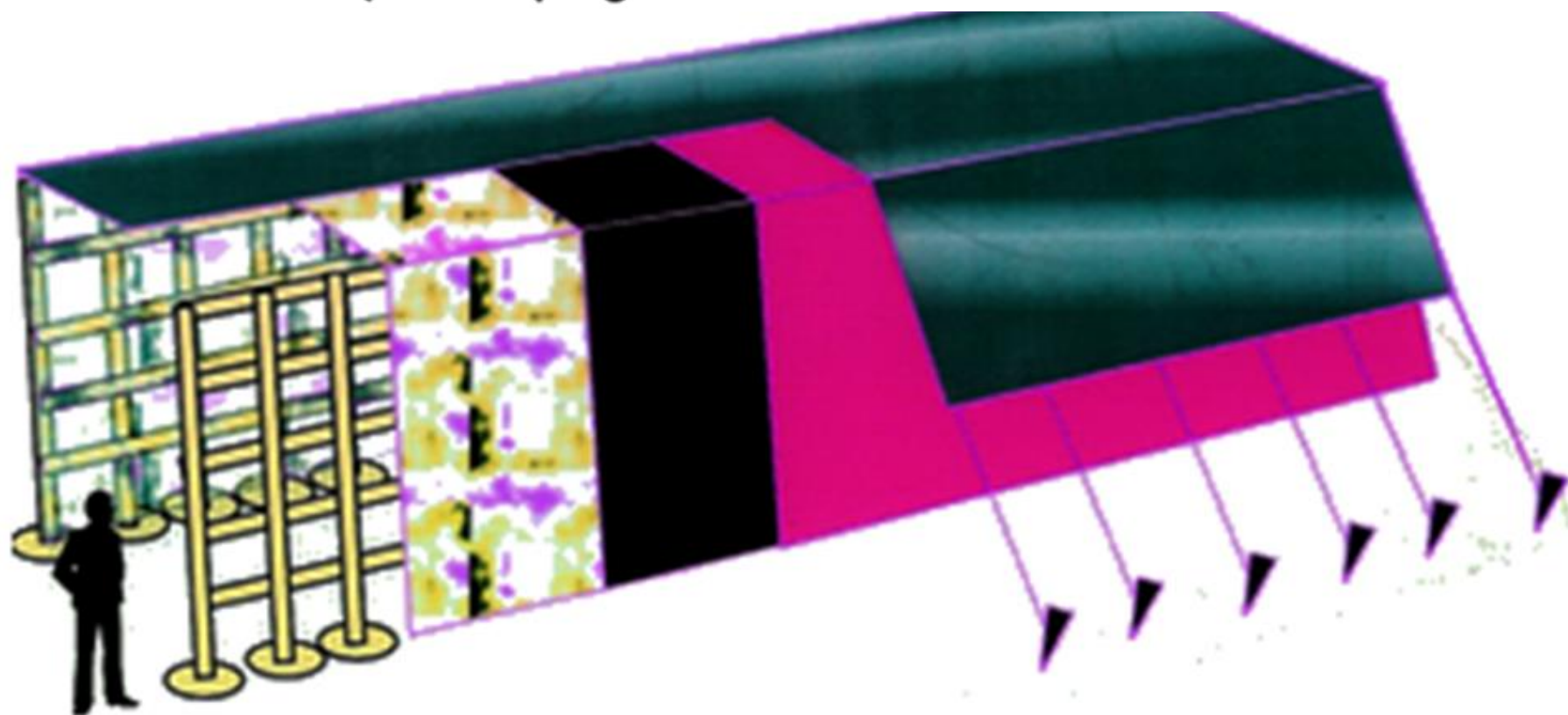
Gold hooks

Bronze bases



The Tabernacle assembled frame and layers

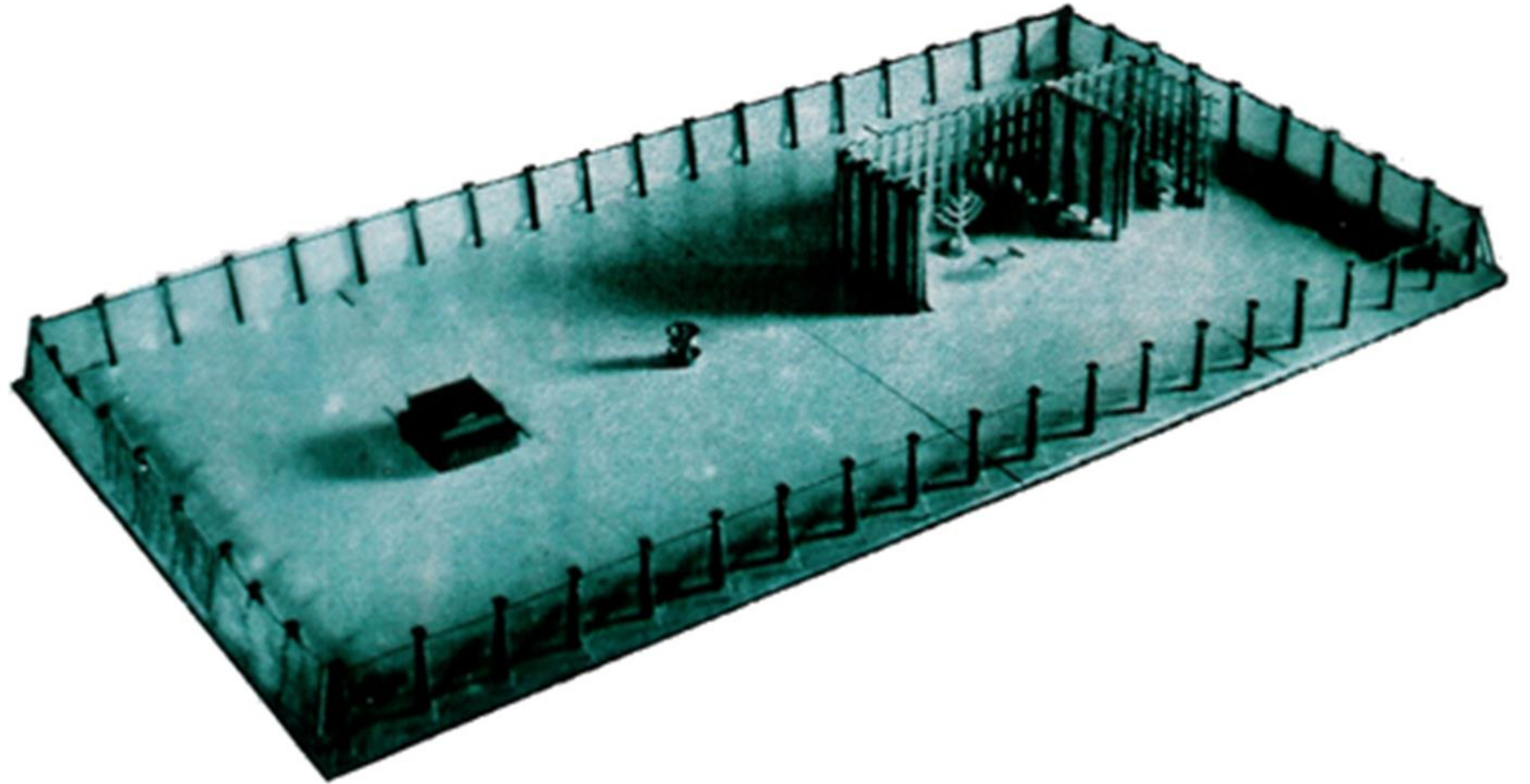
The frame, 4 coverings,
ropes & pegs



The Courtyard of the Tabernacle

Made from linen
100 x 50
Cubits

Bronze bases
and tent pegs



The Courtyard of the Tabernacle

Made from bronze



The Basin for washing

The Courtyard of the Tabernacle

The Altar of Burnt Offering

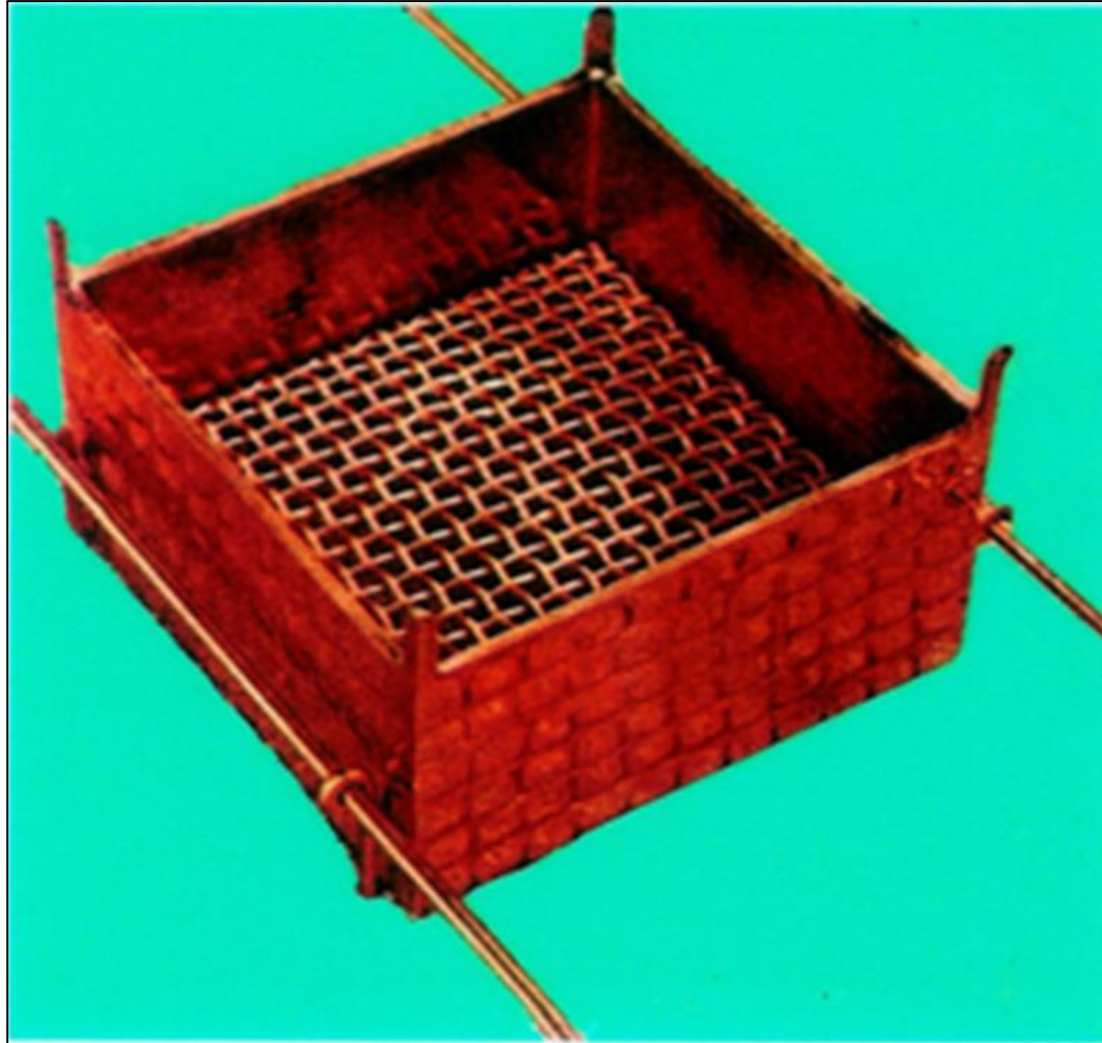
Made from acacia wood

5 x 5 x 3

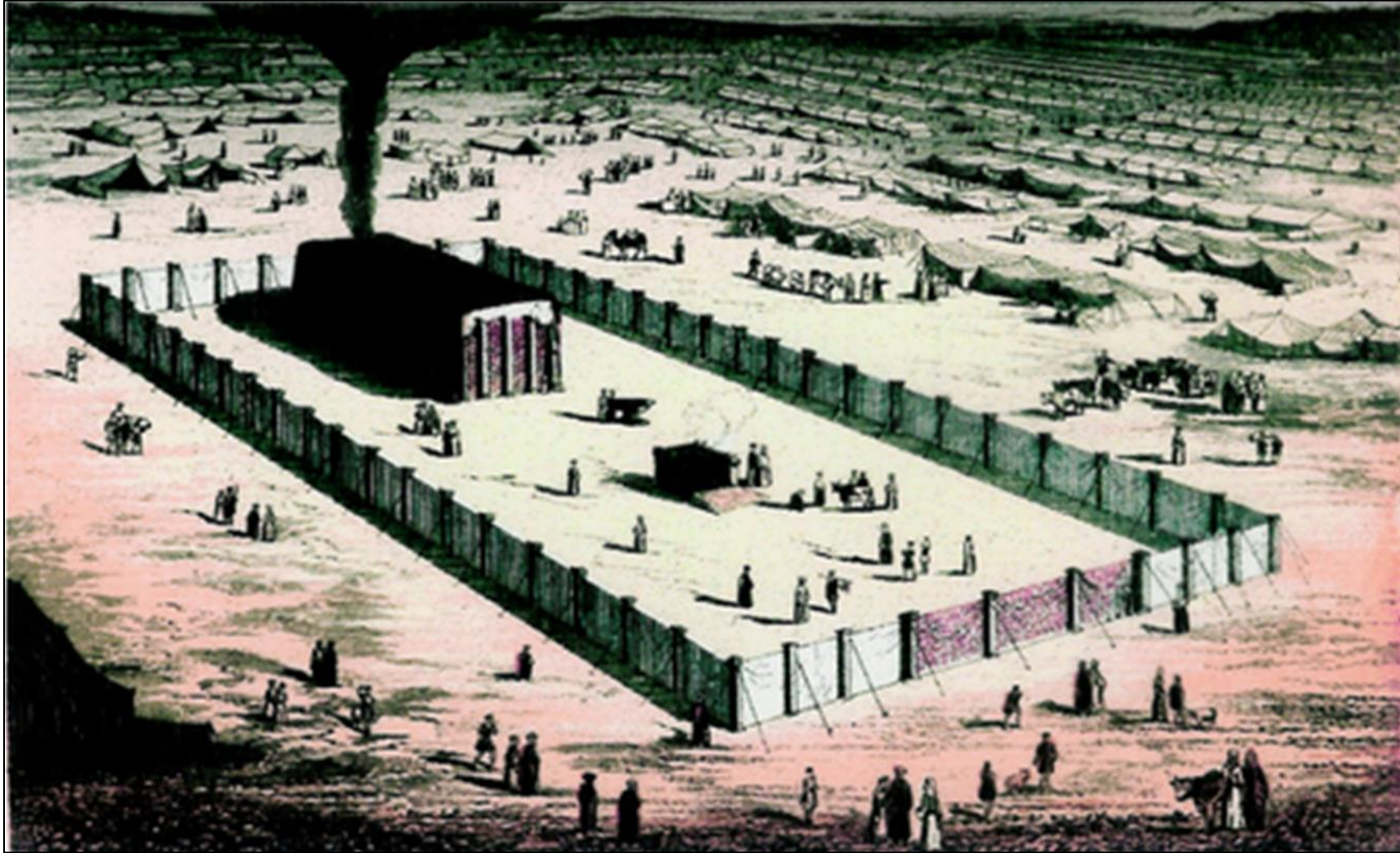
Cubits

Overlaid with bronze

Bronze utensils



The Vital Ingredient: - Exodus 40: 34



The Cloud over the Tabernacle

In its first room were the lampstand, v2

Made from pure gold

Gold lamps, trimmers
and trays

The Lampstand



In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. v2

Made from acacia wood

2 x 1 x 1 ½

Cubits

Overlaid with gold

Gold plates and dishes

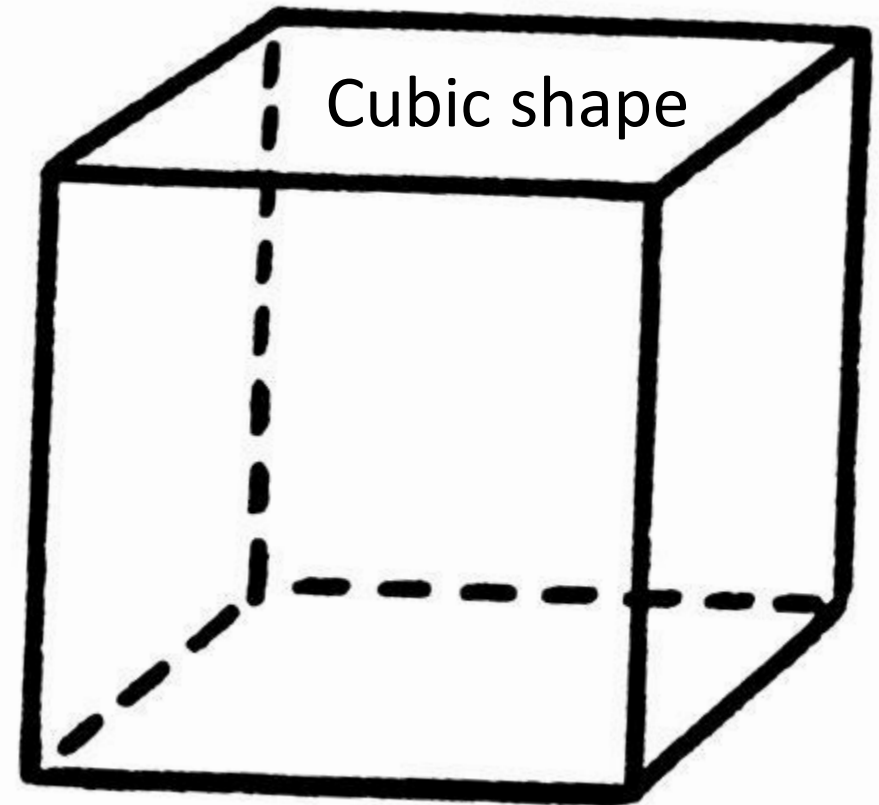
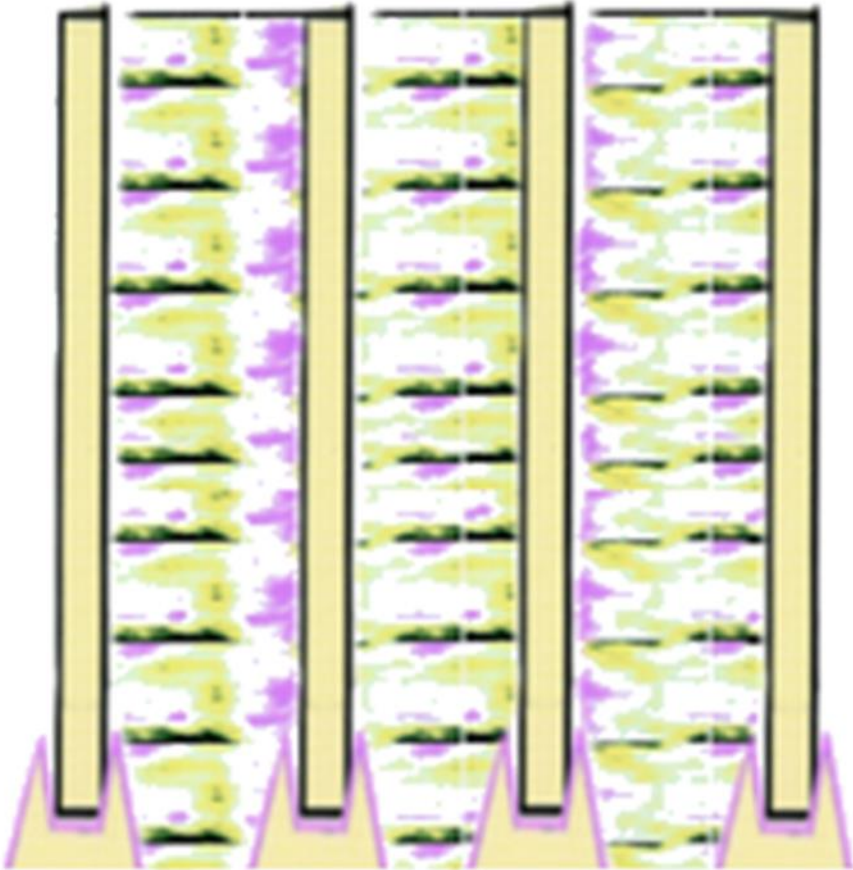
The Table



Behind the second curtain was a room called **the Most Holy Place, v3**

curtain partition - decorated with Cherubim

Cf. Revelation 21:16 The City of God



which had the golden altar of incense v4

Why is the altar described as being inside?

Originally it was outside the curtain.

Incense was taken inside

Leviticus 16:13 (*the High Priest*) is to put the incense on the fire before the LORD, and the smoke of the incense will conceal the atonement cover above the tablets of the covenant law, so that he will not die.

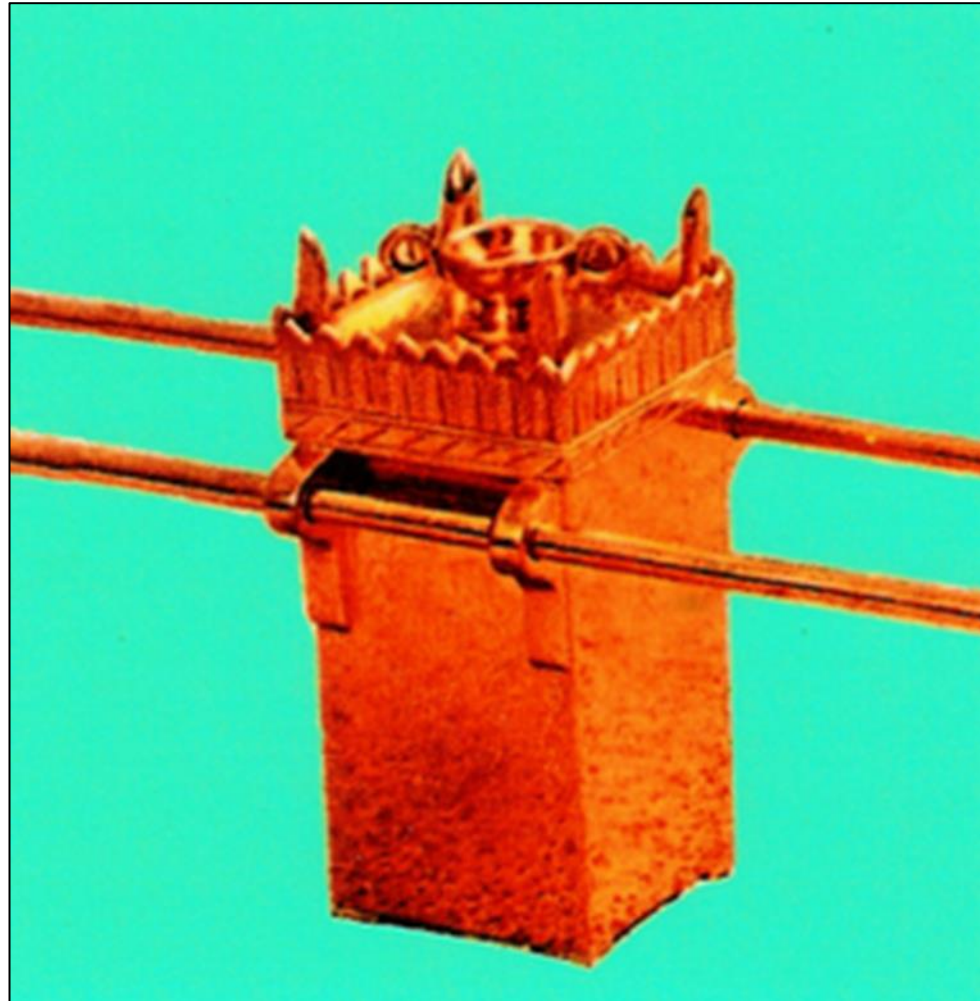


which had the golden altar of incense

The Altar of Incense

Made from acacia
wood
1 x 1 x 2
Cubits

Overlaid with gold



which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. v4

The Ark of the Covenant

Made from acacia wood

2 ½ x 1 ½ x 1 ½

Cubits

Overlaid with gold

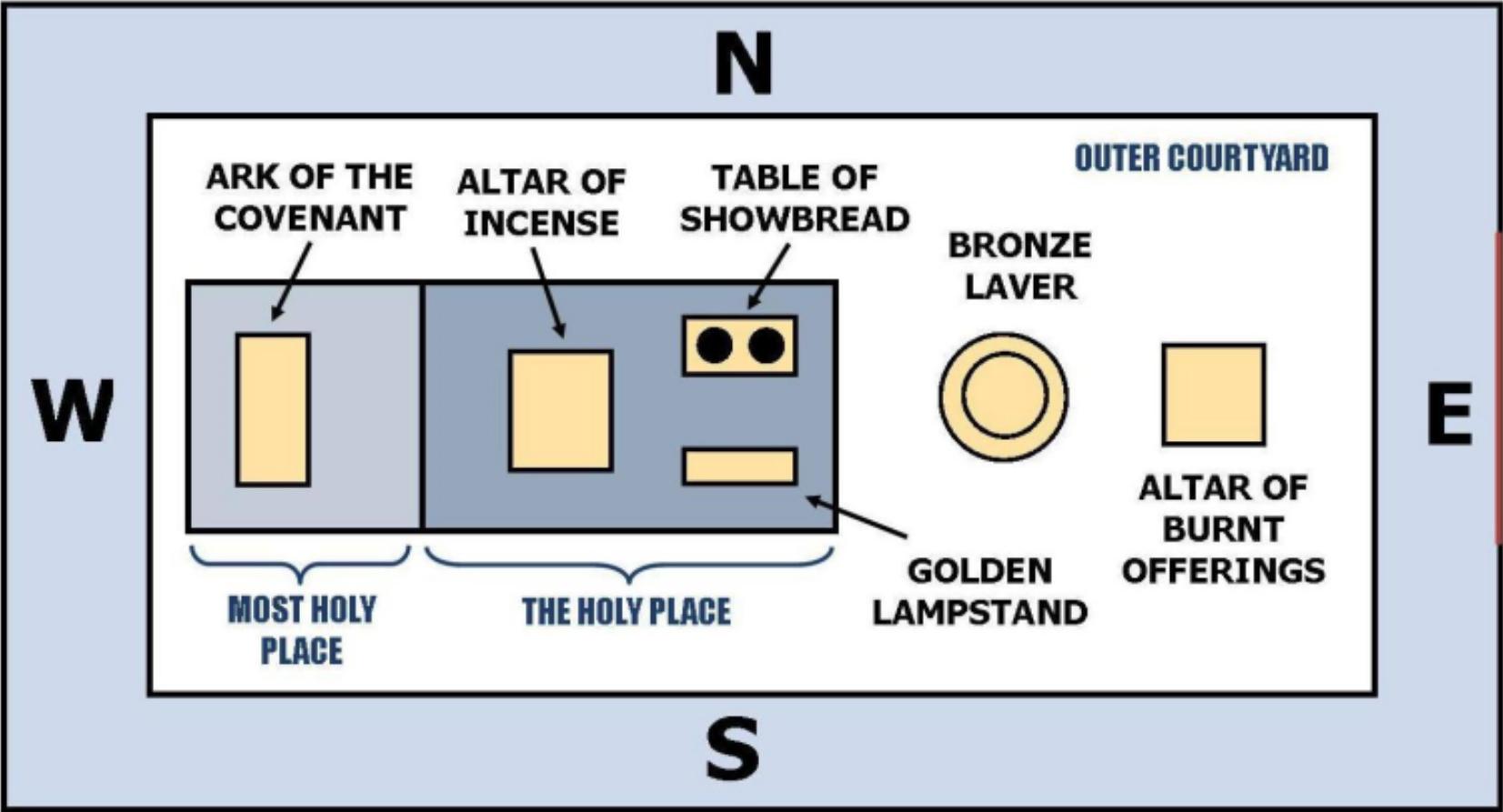
The cover made of pure gold



A thing of skill and beauty.

The layout of the Tabernacle structure

THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES (EXODUS 35-40)



This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. v4

Evidence of provision and God's choice of the priesthood
10 commandments – central to the law of God

When were the others placed inside? During the travels?



Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. v5

Cherubim worship and guards

Atonement cover – also known as the ‘Mercy Seat’ –
The place where the shekinah glory was seen.



But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. v5

The writer seems to assume they know.

But other important lessons are to be drawn -



When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. v6

Once in place:- on-going - outer room ministry

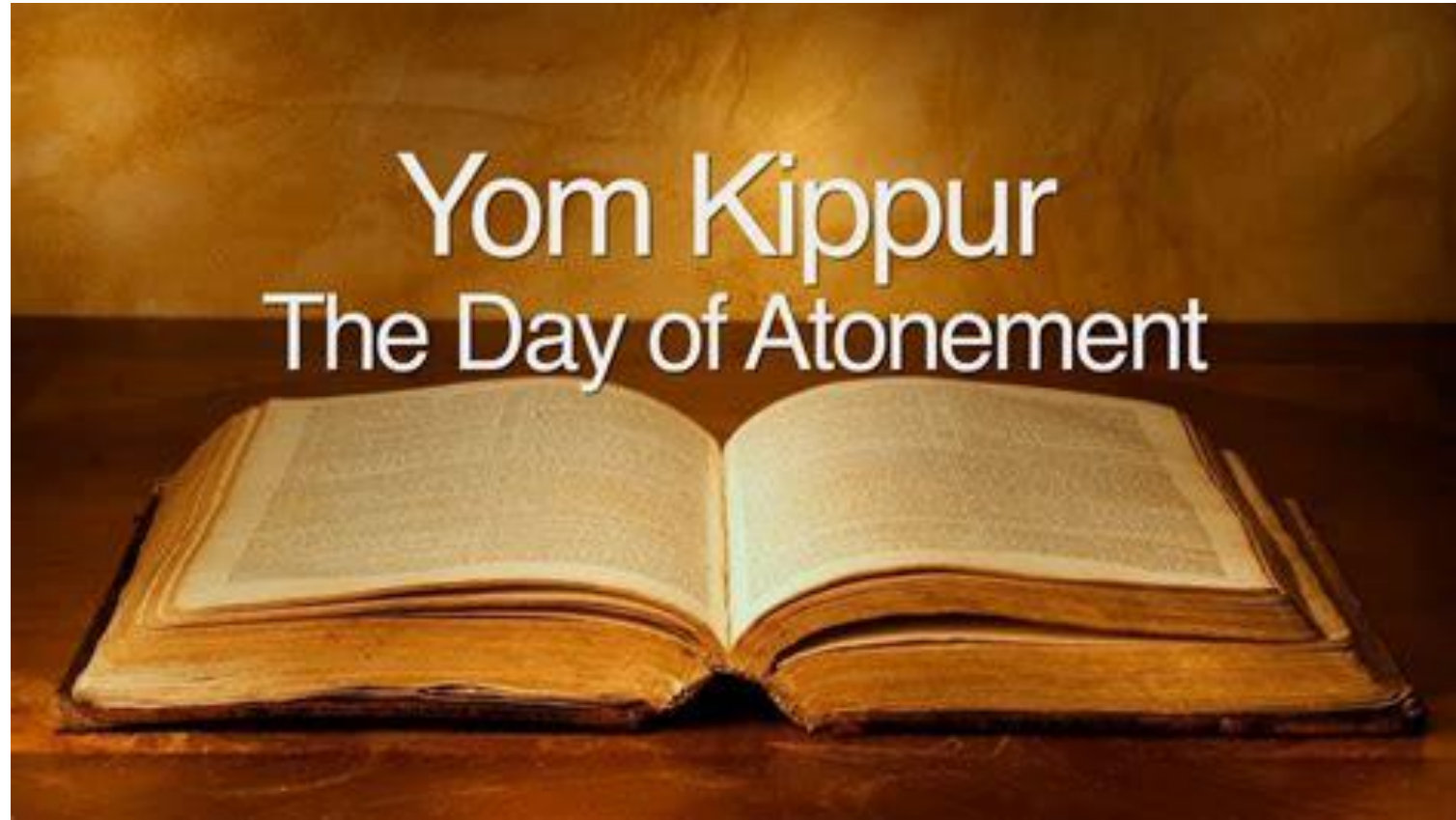


But only the high priest entered the inner room, v7

Very restricted access to the Holiest Place



and that only once a year v7



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Absolutely essential - it's the blood



which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. v7

Both the Levitical priest and people need cleansing

No atonement for wilful sins!



The Holy Spirit was showing by this v8

God wants us to learn a lesson from this



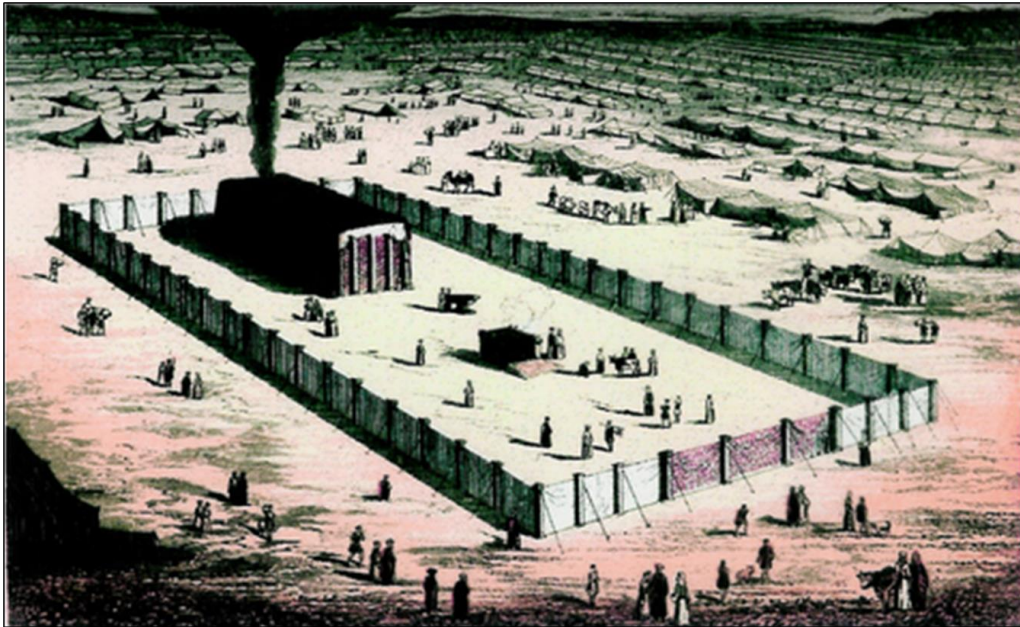
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An entrance will be available but it wasn't known at that time



The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing. v8

The entrance remained unknown while
the first system was in place



Where is the Tabernacle now?

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his **dwelling** among us.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

Ephesians 2:18-22 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.