

KINGDOM *of* PRIESTS

Exodus 25-40
The Tabernacle



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Since God *intends to glorify Himself by establishing His kingdom on earth through humanity*, it follows that He, being a gracious God, would:

- Equip us
- Empower us
- “Emmanuel” with us (Be “God with us”)

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“What distinguishes Christianity from all other religions is that it is a *revealed* religion. Christianity is not about our search for God or our means of finding Him. Christianity is not a religion that works its way upward. It is all about God coming to us—God in grace making Himself known to us and making a way for us to enjoy fellowship *with Him*.”

Fred Zaspel



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God's establishment of the tabernacle beautifully illustrates the reality of that thought. In the Tabernacle, we see...

- God coming to us
- God making Himself known to us
- God's desire for us to fellowship *with Him*

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Overview of Exodus 25-40 - Setting

- For 40 days and 40 nights Moses was on the mountain with God (24:18) where he received the pattern of the tabernacle (25-30) and the tablets containing the Ten Commandments (31).
- All is put at risk in Exodus 32-34.
- The tabernacle is constructed in Exodus 35-40.

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Overview of Exodus 25-40

1. **Planning Phase (25-31)**
2. Golden Calf Incident (32-34)
3. Construction Phase (35-40)



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Tabernacle: Planning Phase (25-31)

1. Raise Resources First (25:1-7)

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution."

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Tabernacle: Planning Phase (25-31)

1. Raise Resources First (25:1-7)

“This is the contribution which you are to raise from them: gold, silver, bronze...material...wood...oil...spices...stones for the ephod and breastpiece.”

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Tabernacle: Planning Phase (25-31)

2. Purpose (25:8)

“And let them construct a sanctuary for Me,
that I may dwell among them.”

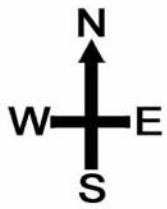


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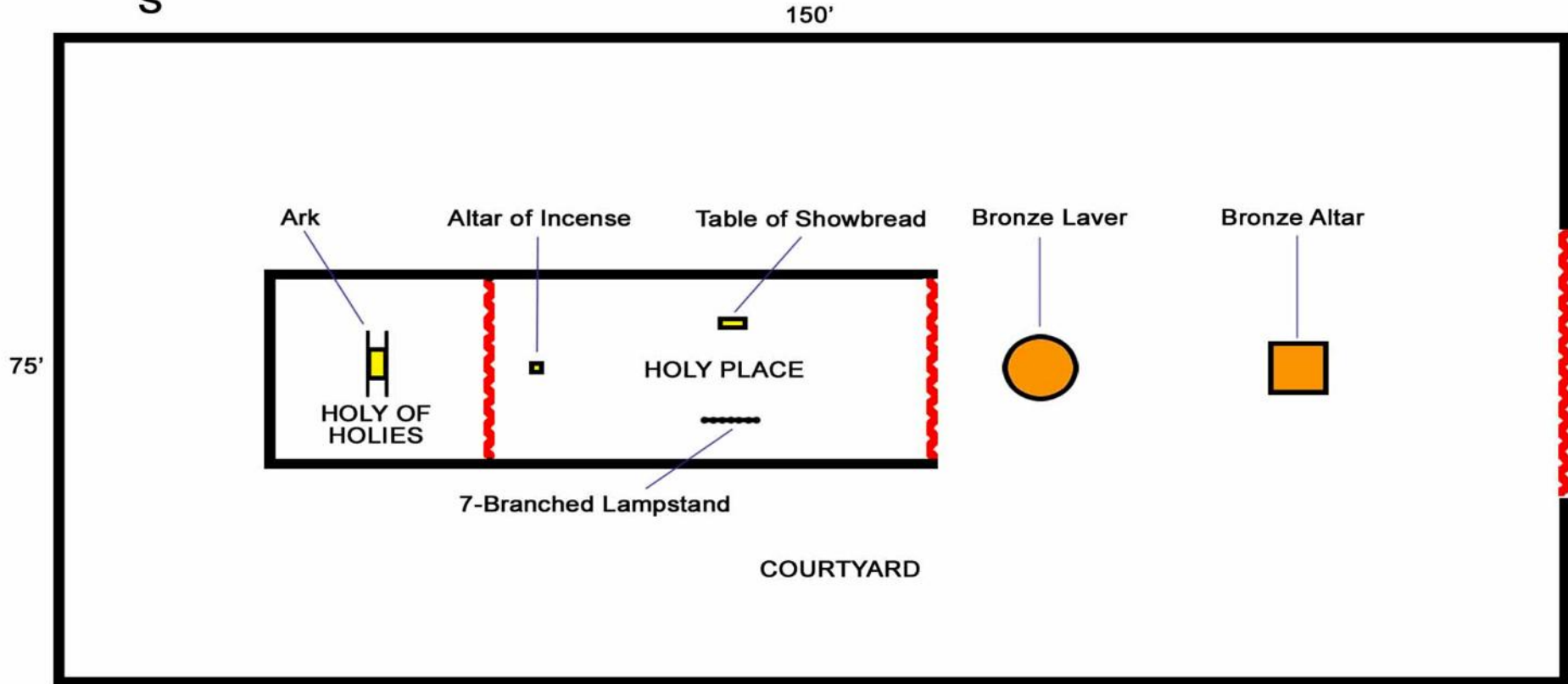
Tabernacle: Planning Phase (25-31)

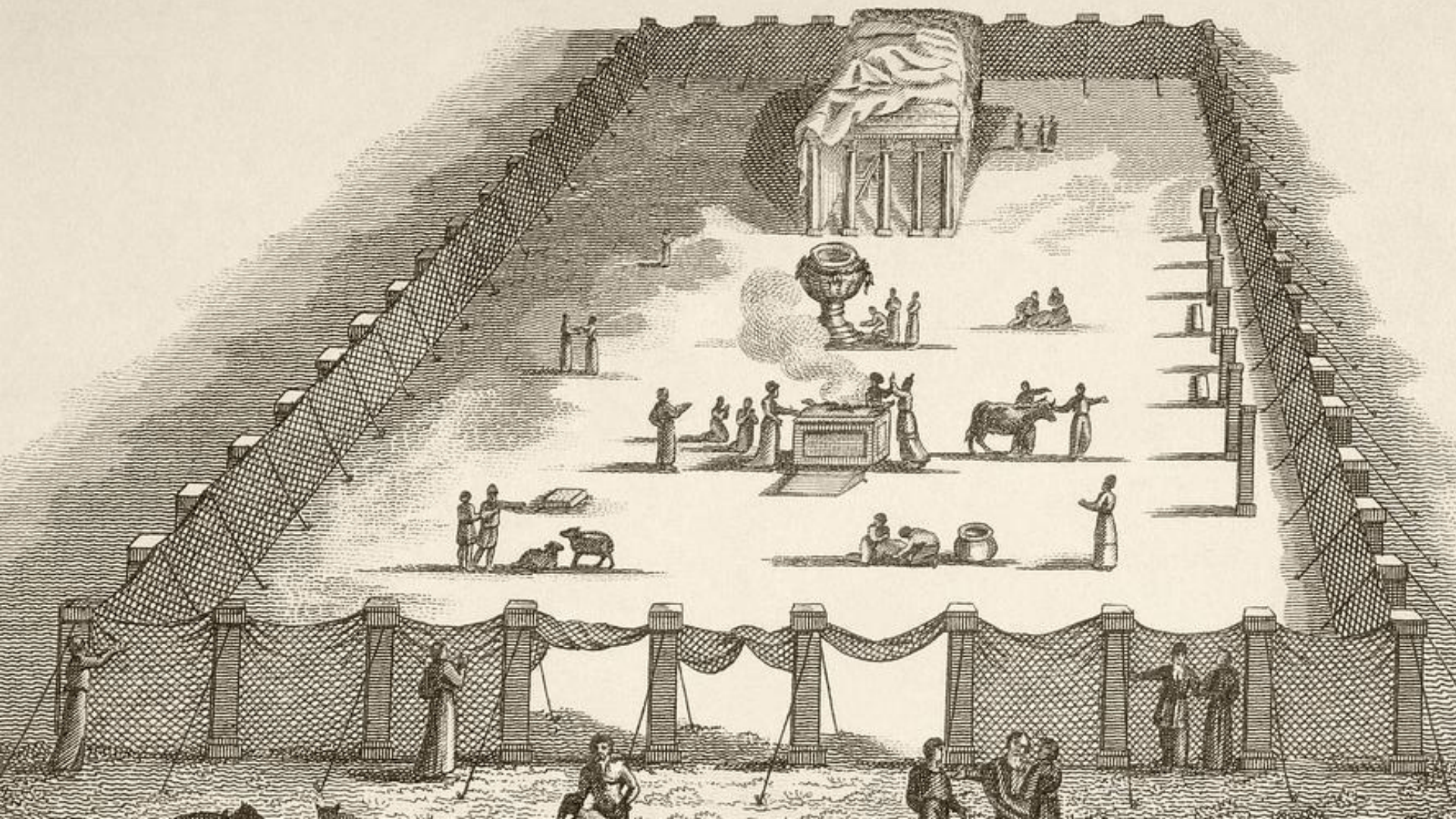
3. Design (25:9)

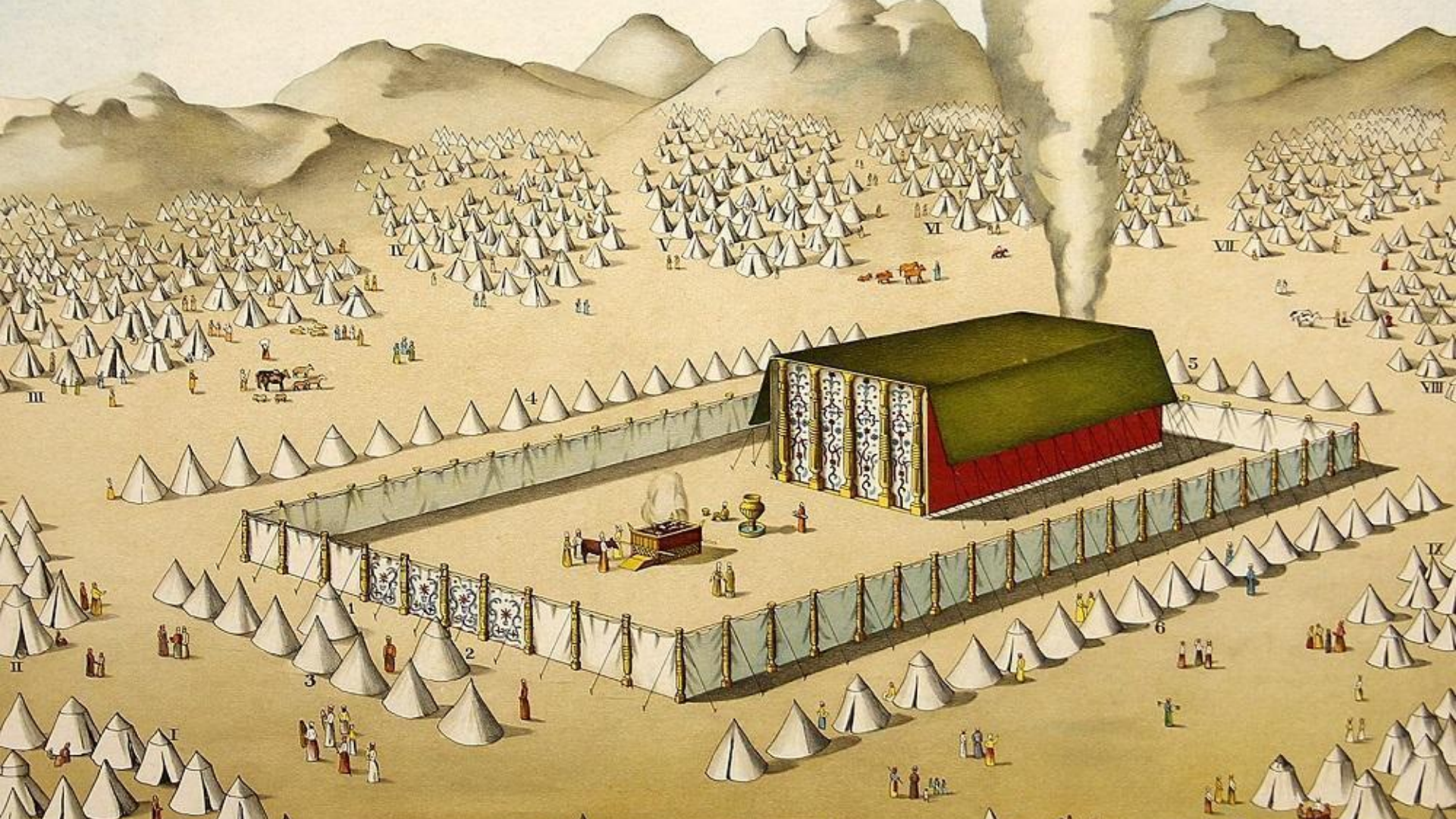
“According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.”

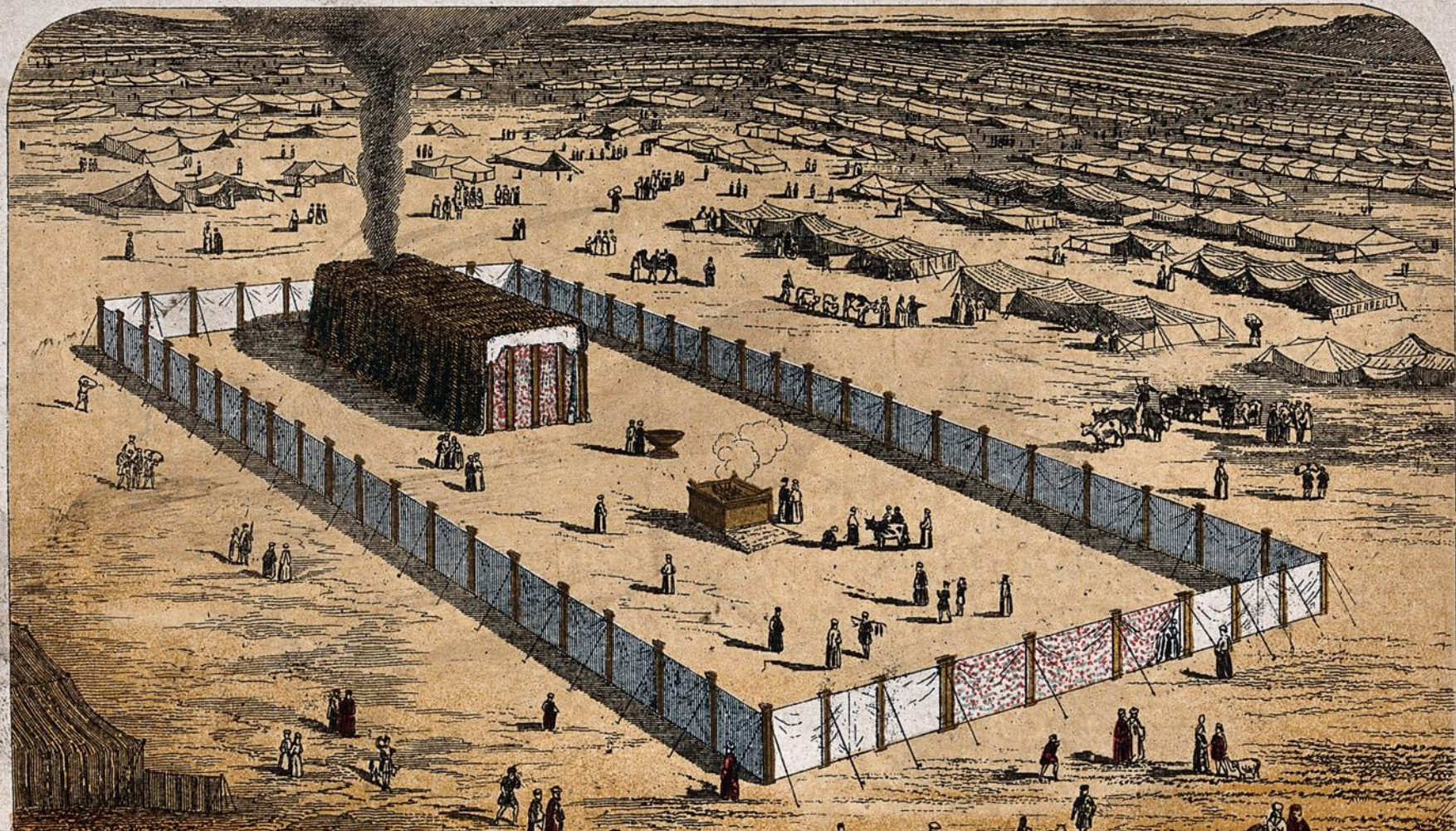


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Golden Calf Incident (32-34)

This episode threatens the covenant. It occurs strategically (in light of the efforts of a sworn enemy) between the plans for the tabernacle and its actual realization via construction.

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Golden Calf Incident (32-34)

We've seen this before in Scripture—consistent opposition to the covenant between God & man.

The SAME generation that experienced the Red Sea miracle participated in the Golden Calf incident AND was later disqualified from entering the Land.



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Tabernacle: Construction Phase (35-40)

- Contributions requested
- Workmen called
- Gifts received
- Key workers endowed with “skill” from God
- The tabernacle built and outfitted



ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM

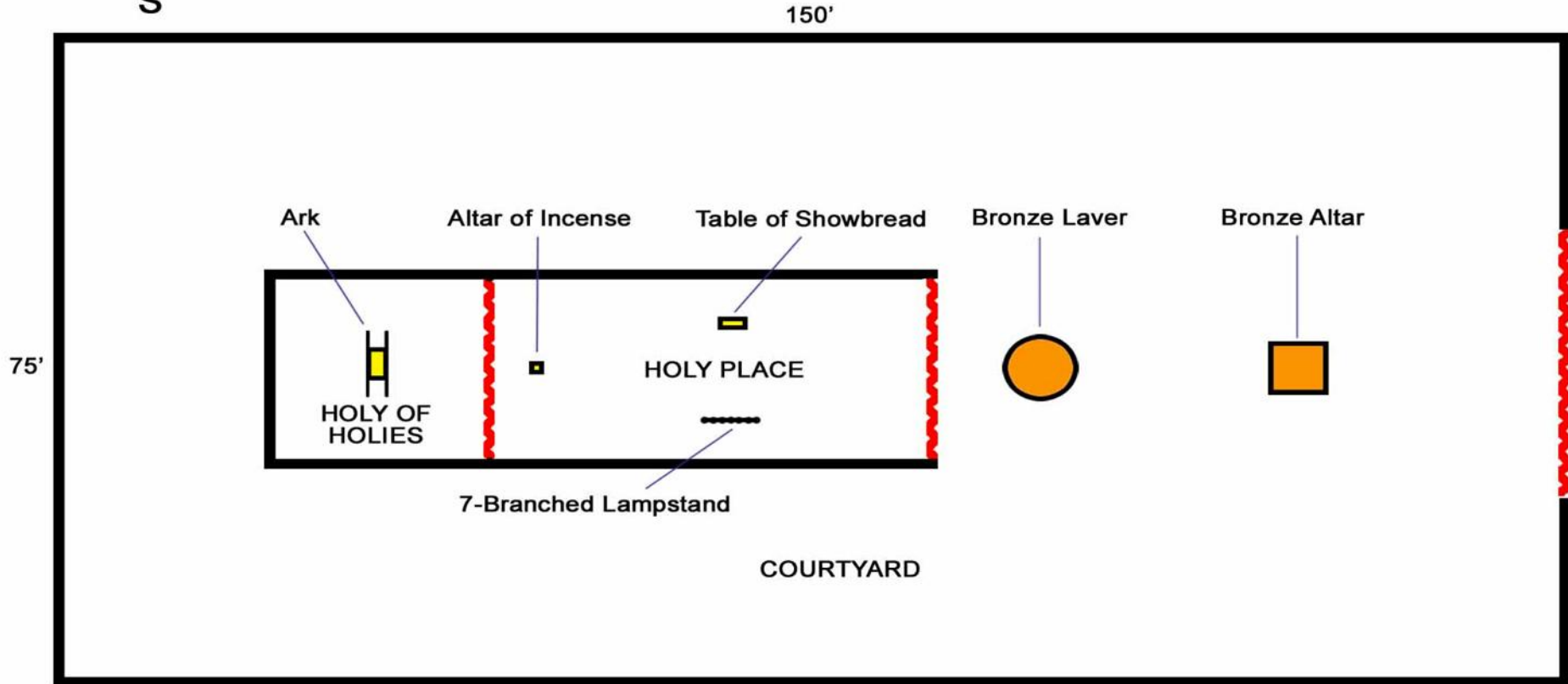
The “typology” of the elements of the Tabernacle

As the story of the Bible progresses, each element of the Tabernacle takes on deeper meaning, finding its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ.





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ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM

The Tabernacle Complex: God's dwelling place with, among, in the midst of His people

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM

The Outer Court:

- Priest
- Bronze Altar
- Bronze Laver



Priest: Mediator

For there is one God...one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

Since then we have a great high priest...Jesus the Son of God... (Hebrews 4:14)





Bronze Altar: Sacrifice

Behold the Lamb of
God who takes away
the sin of the world.
(John 1:29)

Bronze Laver: Cleansing

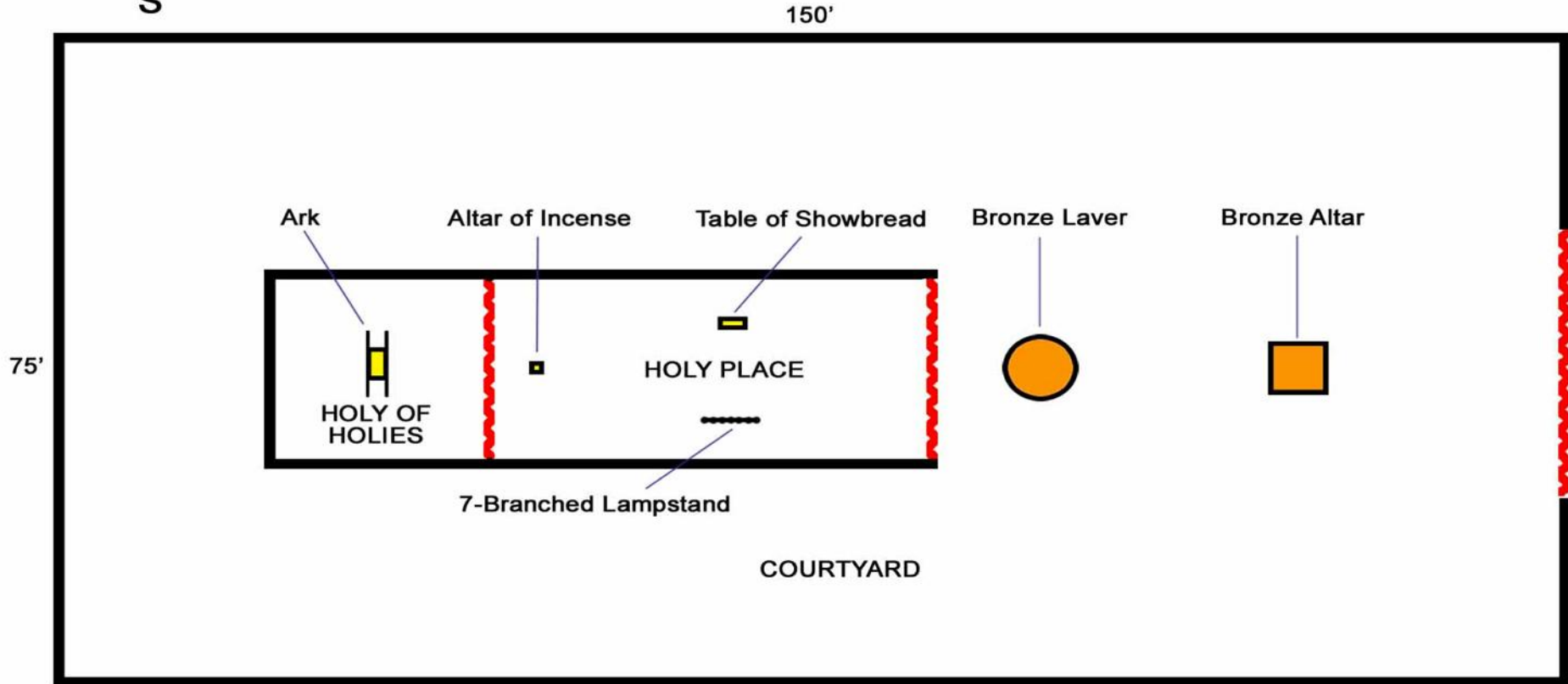
...brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus...our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

(Hebrews 10:19-22)





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ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM

The Holy Place:

- Golden Lampstand
- Altar of Incense
- Table of Bread



Golden Lampstand: Light

Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."
(John 8:12)





Altar of Incense: Prayer

...He always lives to
make intercession...
(Hebrews 7:25)



Table of Bread: Provision

Jesus said to them, "I
am the bread of life;
he who comes to Me
will not hunger, and he
who believes in Me will
never thirst.
(John 6:22)



ELEMENTS AND SYMBOLISM

The Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies):

- Veil
- Ark of the Covenant



Veil: Separation

...And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit and behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom (Matthew 27:50-51)





Ark of the Covenant: Meeting with God

Exodus 25-40
Hebrews 9

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THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The ark was the throne of Yahweh where He dwelt in a localized way and made manifest His presence with the people. The mercy seat was the removable “lid” of this hollow golden box. Inside the ark were Aaron’s budding rod, a jar of manna, and the Ten Commandments written by God on tablets...

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

God's dwelling among His people and His relationship with them quite literally sat above these 3 elements. In teaching on the festivals, we were reminded that the 3 were reminders of Israel's rebelliousness.




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God's ultimate provision from this point on would be the blood of sacrifice, applied to the seat so that, in taking occupancy on it, God's people's rebellious failure would be covered by that blood of sacrifice. Thus...

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

It was on the mercy seat that the high priest offered sacrificial blood once a year to “atone for” (*kippur*, to cover) all the sins of the Israelites as a nation.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.



For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb. 9:11-14)

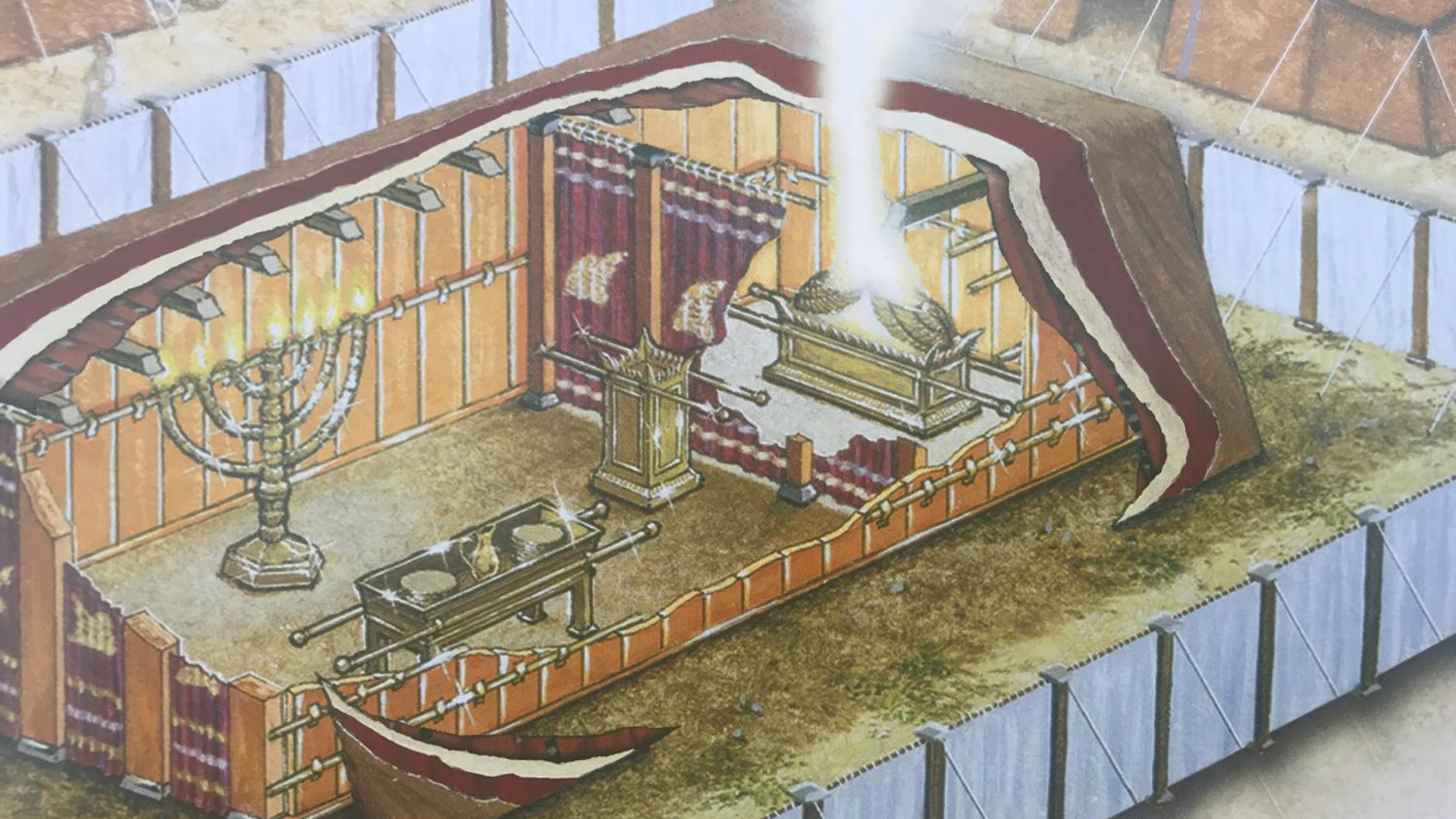


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Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34)

And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:35)



THE TABERNACLE'S FUTURE

971 BC ?? - First Temple location bought by David in Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 24

966-959 BC - First Temple built (Solomon) in 1 Kings 6-9

586 BC - First Temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 2 Kings 24-25 & Jeremiah 52



THE TABERNACLE'S FUTURE

536-516 BC - Second Temple built by
Zerubbabel/Ezra

444 BC - Second Temple walls restored in
Nehemiah 2:1-8

20 BC-66 AD - Second Temple expanded
(Herod)





THE TABERNACLE'S FUTURE

5/4/33 AD - The Church. The Holy Spirit indwells each Christian, and each body becomes a "temple" of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). Also, collectively "we are the temple of the living God." (2 Cor. 6:16)



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70 AD - Second Temple destroyed by Romans fulfilling the Matthew 24:2 prophecy of Jesus that "not one stone here will be left upon another..."





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??? AD - Third Temple built (Tribulation Temple). Antichrist stops the sacrifices and offerings at the midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation as seen in Daniel 9:24-27, Matthew 24:15-28, and Revelation 11:1-3.

??? AD - Fourth Temple built (Millennial Temple) as described in Ezekiel 40-48



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??? AD - New Heavenly Temple (Eternity Temple) in Revelation 11:1 & Revelation 21-22



THE TABERNACLE'S FUTURE


Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying,



THE TABERNACLE'S FUTURE

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

(Rev. 21:1-5)

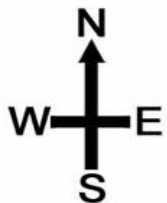


A FINAL THOUGHT

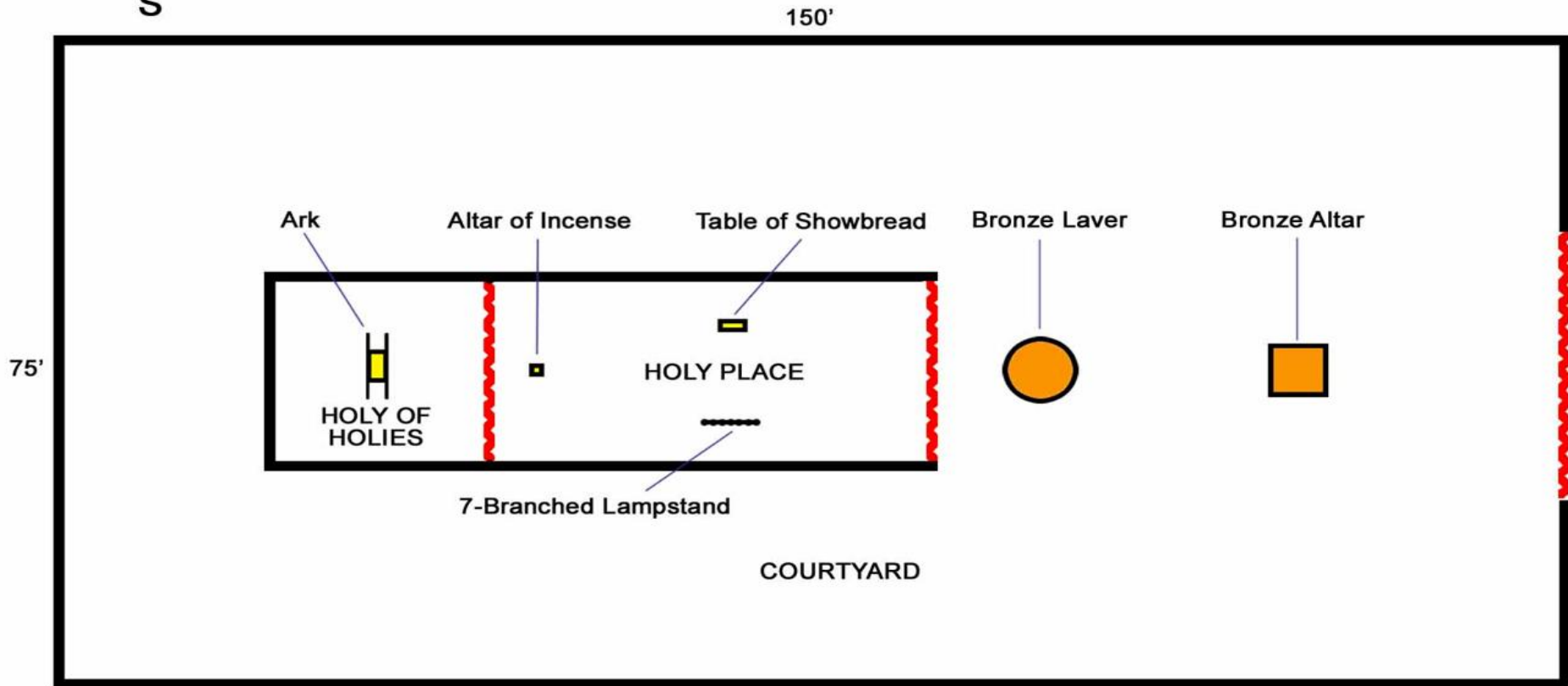
From Creation to the Return of Jesus Christ, we behold the most magnificent idea found in all religious history—God desires to live in and among His very own people!

Immanuel - “God with us”

An unparalleled concept. An unparalleled God.

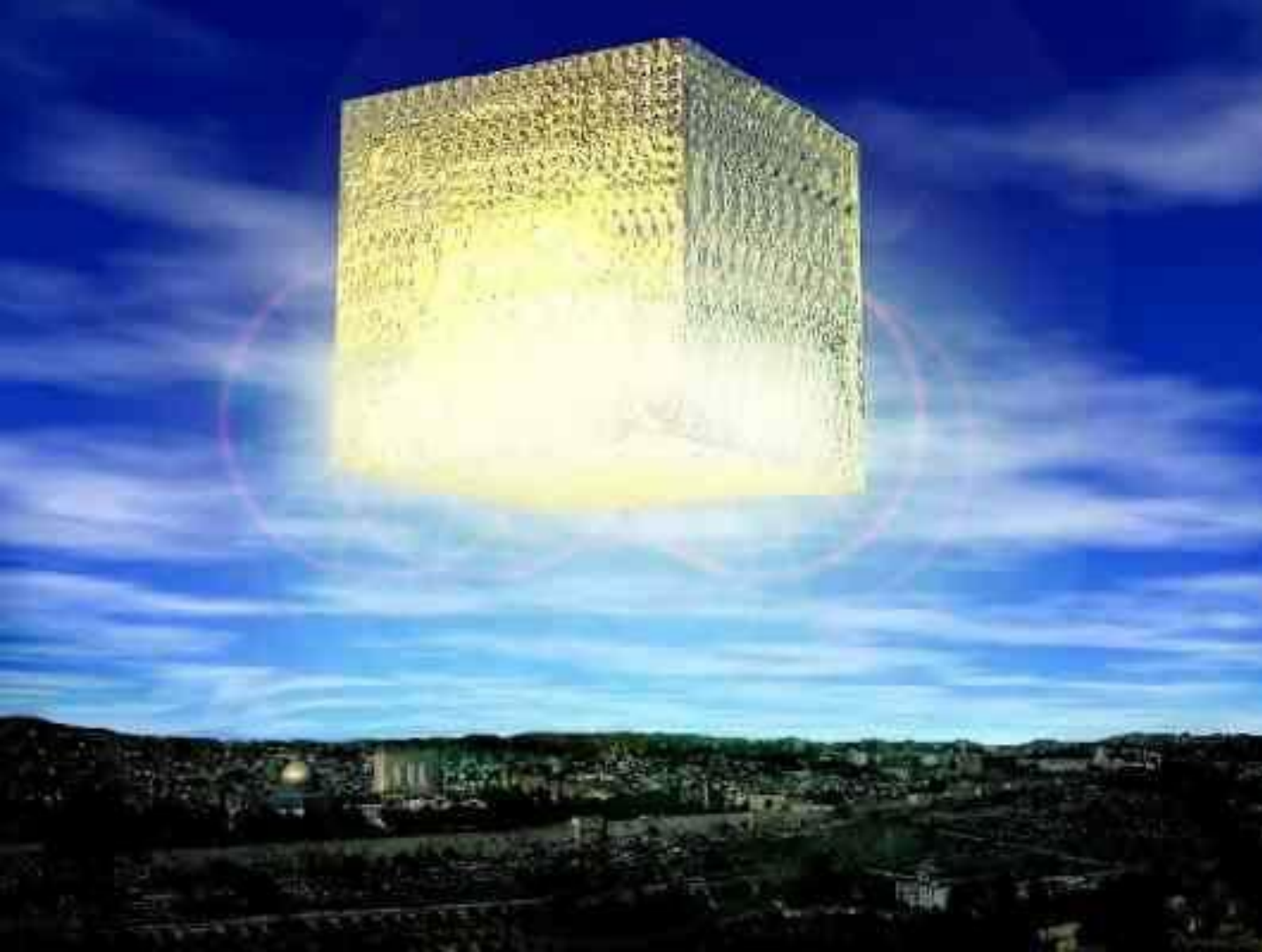


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Behold the
tabernacle
of God is
among
men...and
God Himself
shall be
among them.
(Rev. 21:3)

APPLICATION

- MARVEL that God has given a clear narrative of His desire to “tabernacle” with ME, it’s perfection and complexity ensures it’s TRUTH.
- Do I want to “tabernacle” with Him? If yes, I must KNOW Him and GROW in Him.
- Am I living out His desire that I “tabernacle” among others, and share Him with them?

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