



The Eternal Purpose of God and The Purpose of Redemption

- **God's presence** satiates our longings for **relationship, significance, and purpose**. In Him, and in His presence alone, man comes into being and is fully satisfied.
- **God made man for Himself** but due to the *fall and separation from God* every human being has within himself an *emptiness that God alone can fill*. Man was made to live and move and have his being in God. The **presence of God alone** will **quench the thirst** and **satisfy the hunger** of the soul.
- *Our hearts remain restless until they find their rest in God.*
- That which **differentiates Christianity** from all the religions of the world is the **presence of God** through the person of the Holy Spirit in every born-again believer.
- *The Gospel of Salvation is not merely about man's rescue from eternal death but even more importantly, the restoration to God and His abiding presence.*

Ecc 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has **planted eternity in men's hearts and minds** [*a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy*], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

The Eternal Purpose of God

- **Col 1:16** For it was **in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth,** things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him [*by His service, intervention*] and in and **for Him.**
- **1Co 8:6** Yet for us there is [*only*] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things and for Whom we [*have life*], and one Lord, Jesus Christ, **through and by Whom are all things and through and by Whom we [*ourselves exist*].**
- **2Ch 2:6** But who is able to build Him a house, **since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain Him?** Who am I to build Him a house, except as a place to burn incense in worship before Him?

The Natural reflect the Spiritual

- **Rom 1:20** For ever since the creation of the world **His invisible nature and attributes**, that is, His eternal power and divinity, have been **made intelligible** and **clearly discernible** **in and through the things that have been made** (His handiworks). So **[men] are without excuse** [*altogether without any defense or justification*],

The Tabernacle in Creation

- [Job 38:3](#) Gird up now your loins like a man, and I will demand of you, and you declare to Me.
- [Job 38:4](#) Where were you when I **laid the foundation of the earth**? Declare to Me, if you have and know understanding.
- [Job 38:5](#) Who **determined the measures of the earth**, if you know? Or who stretched the **measuring line** upon it?
- [Job 38:6](#) Upon what were the foundations of it fastened, or who laid its cornerstone,
- [Job 38:7](#) When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The Tabernacle in Creation

- Since the tabernacle and temple were both perceived as being models of the earth, it is not surprising that tent and building metaphors are used in the Old Testament to describe the created worlds. The author of Psalm 104:2 states, 'He stretches out the heavens like a tent.'
- In a similar vein, Job 38:4–7 pictures the cosmos being constructed like a building: Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
- **Psa 19:1** To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. THE HEAVENS declare the glory of God; and **the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork.**
- **Psa 19:2** Day after day pours forth speech, and **night after night shows forth knowledge.**
- **Psa 19:3** There is no speech nor spoken word [*from the stars*]; their voice is not heard.
- **Psa 19:4** Yet their voice [*in evidence*] goes out through all the earth, their sayings to the end of the world. **Of the heavens has God made a tent for the sun,**
- **Psa 19:5** Which is as a **bridegroom coming out of his chamber**; and it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

The Temple Design of Eden

I am not stating it as theological fact or doctrine, but there is enough evidence to make a case for the Garden of Eden designed according to a temple pattern.

- Just as the **temple was the place of God's unique presence** experienced by the priests, so Eden was the place where God walked with Adam. Beale notes, "The same Hebrew verbal form (Hithpael) used for God's "walking back and forth" in the garden (Gen. 3:8) also describes God's presence in the tabernacle (Lev. 26:12; Deut. 23:14 [23:15 MT]; 2 Sam. 7:6-7; Ezek. 28:14)."

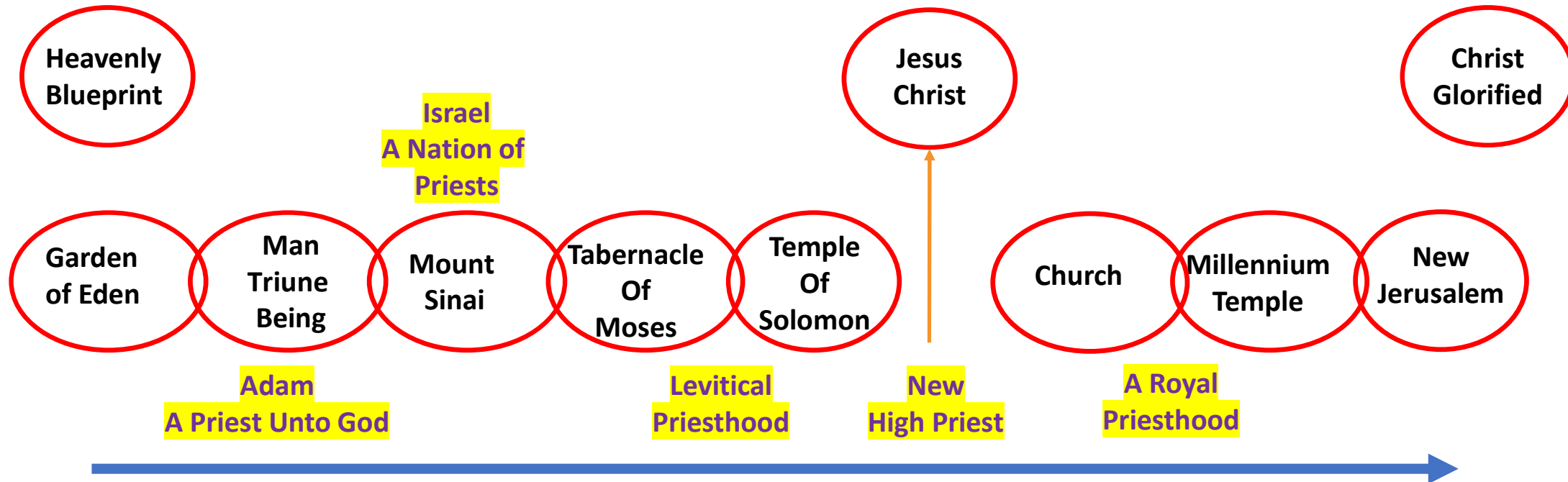
Adam is depicted as a priest with respect to his task, namely, "to work" (עָבַד) and "to keep" (שָׁמַר) the garden, which is the priest's task in the temple (Num. 3:7-8; 8:25-26; 18:5-6; 1 Chron. 23:32; Ezek. 44:14).

- The **cherubim assumed Adam's function to guard the tree of life** (Gen. 3:24), which became memorialized in the tabernacle (cf. Exod. 25:18-22).
- The **"tree of life"** (Gen. 2:9) was probably the model for the **lampstand** in the tabernacle (Exod. 25:31ff).

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- Just as the entrance to Israel's later **temple was to face east** and be **on a mountain**, and just as the **end-time temple of Ezekiel was to face east** (Ezek. 40:6) and be on a mountain (Ezek. 40:2; 43:12), so the **entrance to Eden faced east** (Gen. 3:24) and was **situated on a mountain** (Ezek. 28:14-16).
- The **ark, which contained the law**, in the Holy of Holies echoed the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** as both lead to wisdom.
- As a **river flowed out from Eden** (Gen. 2:10), so a river flows from the eschatological temple (Ezek. 47:1-12; Rev. 21:1-2; cf. Ps. 36:8-9; Rev. 22:1-2).
- Just as **gold and onyx** are in the garden (Gen. 2:11-12), so they are used to decorate the later sanctuaries and priestly garments (Exod. 25:7, 11, 17, 31).
- Just as the temple had a **tripartite structure** of concentric circles of holiness (Holy of Holies > Holy Place > Courtyard), so the garden of Eden had the same (Eden > Garden > Outer World).
- Ezekiel refers to "Eden, the garden of God... the holy mountain of God" and also alludes to it containing "sanctuaries" (28:18; cf. 7:24; Lev. 21:23; Jer. 51:51).
- Just as the climax and purpose of creation was rest (Gen. 2:1-3), so the construction of the tabernacle culminates with rest (Exod. 31:12-17).

According to Pattern for an Eternal Purpose



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Eden and the Presence of God

- Gen 2:8 And **the Lord God planted a garden** toward the east, in Eden [*delight*]; and there He put the man whom He had formed (framed, constituted).
- Gen 2:9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight or to be desired—good (suitable, pleasant) for food; **the tree of life** also in the center of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge** of [*the difference between*] good and evil and blessing and calamity.
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- Gen 2:10 Now **a river went out of Eden** to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four [*river*] heads.

Eden and the Presence of God

- Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God **walking** in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- Genesis portray the *garden of Eden* as the place **where God lives and relates to the people he has created.** This reality is actually quite similar to what we see later in the tabernacle and in the temple.

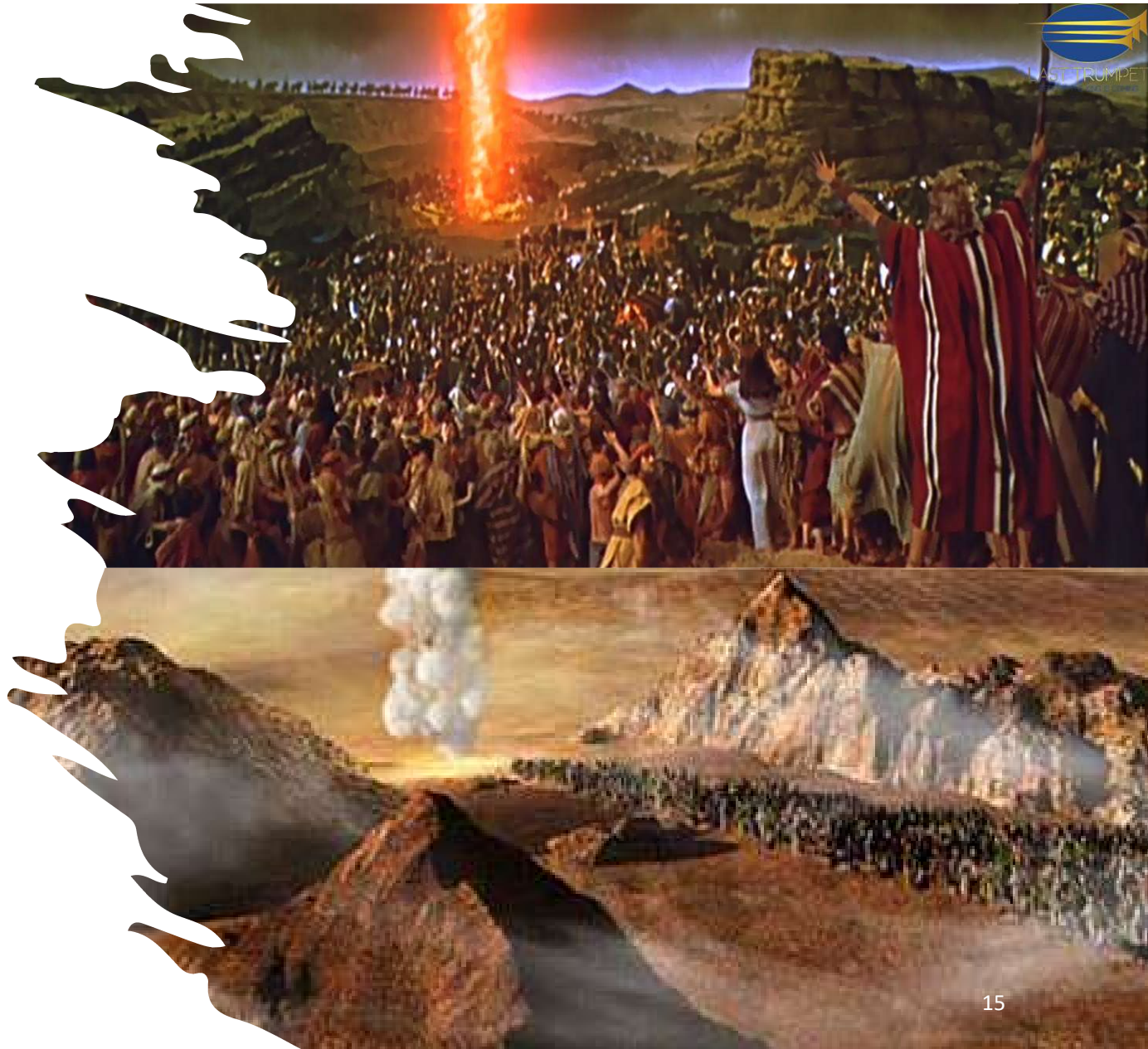
The Fall and Separation from God's Presence

- Gen 3:9 But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, **Where are you?**
- Gen 3:10 He said, I heard the sound of You [*walking*] in the garden, and **I was afraid** because **I was naked**; and I hid myself.
- Gen 3:23 Therefore the Lord God **sent him forth from the Garden of Eden** to till the ground from which he was taken.
- Gen 3:24 So **[God] drove out the man**; and **He placed** at the east of the Garden of Eden **the cherubim and a flaming sword** which **turned every way, to keep and guard the way to the tree of life.**

The Cloud and the Fire

- **Exo 13:21** The Lord went before them by day in a **pillar of cloud** to lead them along the way and by night in a **pillar of fire** to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.
- **Exo 13:22** The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night **did not depart from before the people.**
- **1Co 10:2** And each one of them [*allowed himself also*] to be **baptized into Moses in the cloud** and in the sea [*they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God*];
- **1Co 10:3** And all [*of them*] ate the **same spiritual (supernaturally given) food**,
- **1Co 10:4** And they all drank the **same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink**. For they **drank from a spiritual Rock** which followed them [*produced by the sole power of God Himself without natural instrumentality*], and **the Rock was Christ.**

The Pillar of Fire And The Cloud



Presence of God with Israel

A Kingdom of Priests

- [Exo 19:5](#) Now therefore, if you will obey My voice in truth and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own peculiar possession and treasure from among and above all peoples; for all the earth is Mine.
- [Exo 19:6](#) And you shall be to Me **a kingdom of priests**, a holy nation [*consecrated, set apart to the worship of God*]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites.
- [Exo 29:45](#) And **I will dwell** among the Israelites and be their God.
- [Exo 29:46](#) And they shall know [*from personal experience*] that I am the Lord their God, Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that **I might dwell among them**; I am the Lord their God.

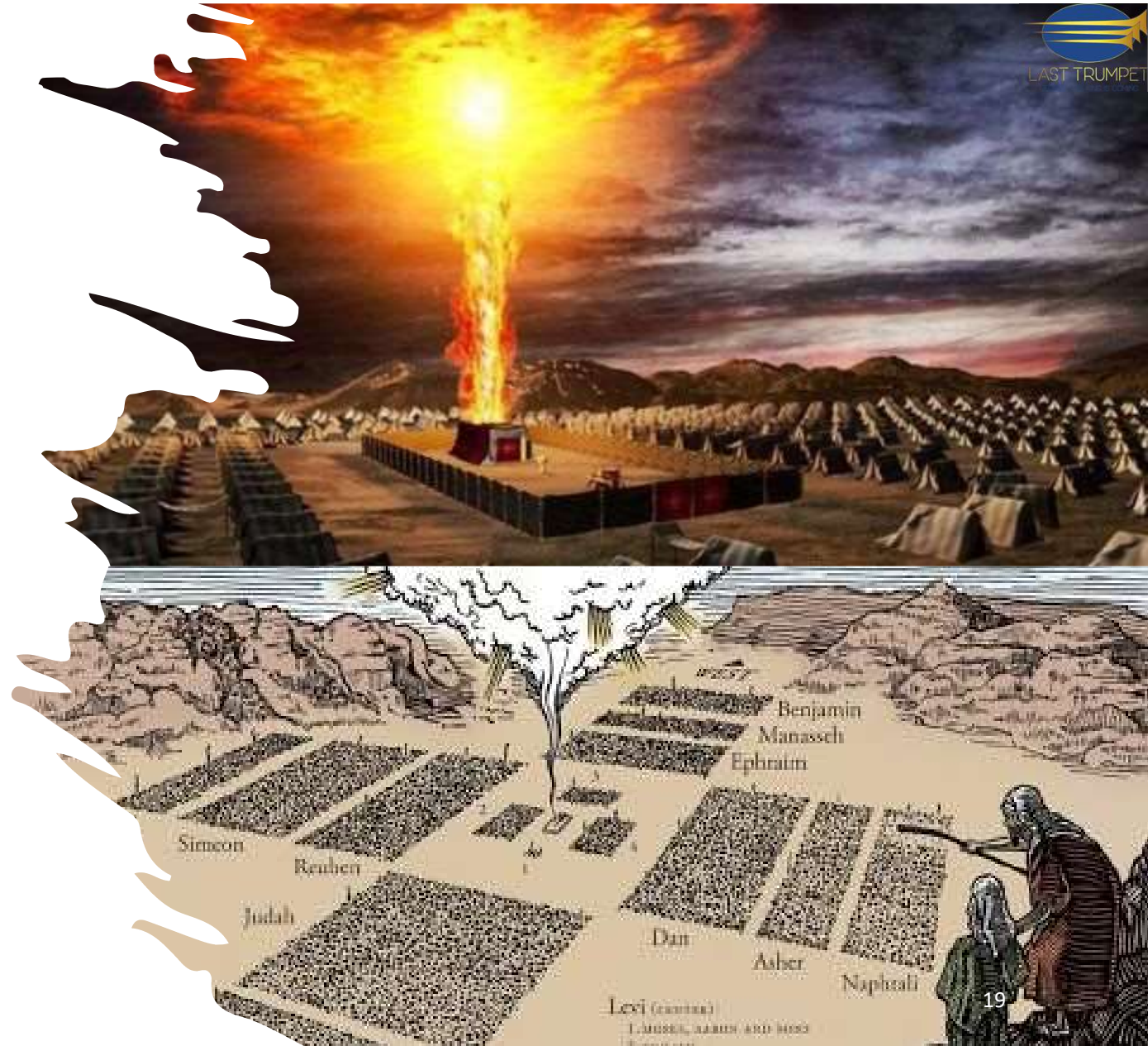


A Nation of Priests

Mount Sinai

- Lev 26:11 And **I will set my tabernacle among you**: and my soul shall not abhor you.
- Lev 26:12 And **I will walk among you**, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

The Tabernacle Of Moses

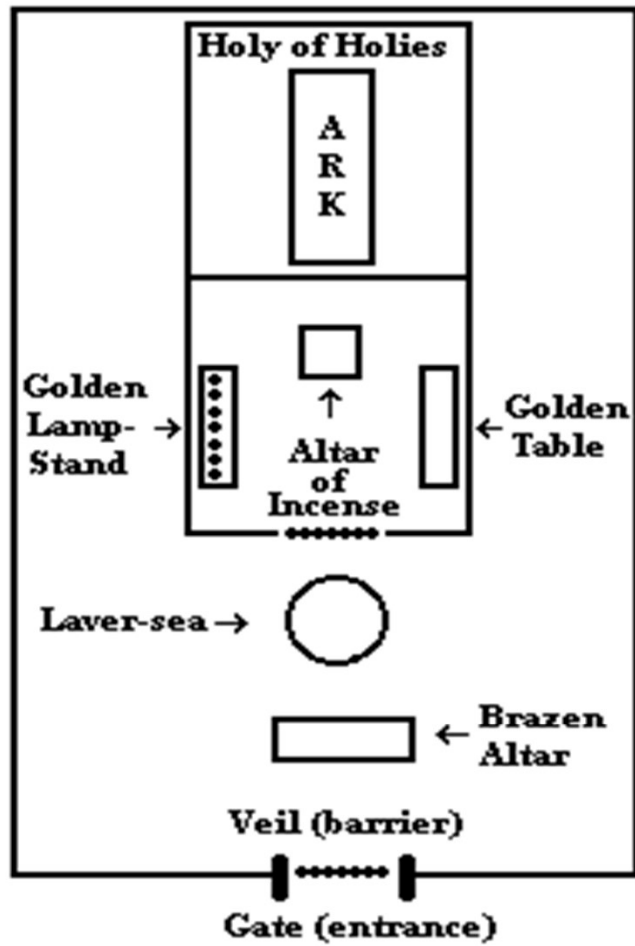


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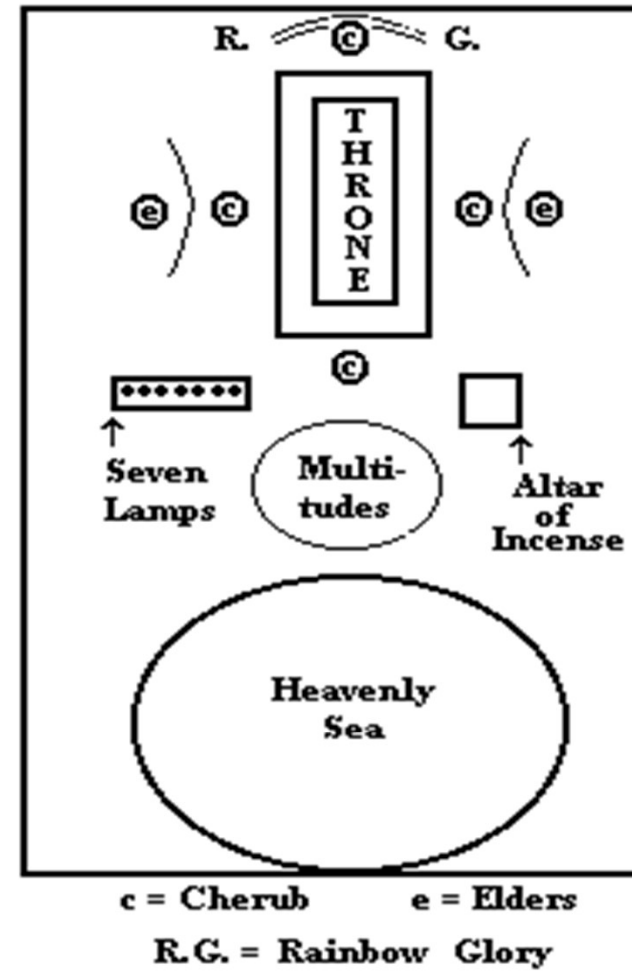
- Exo 25:8 Let them **make Me a sanctuary**, that **I may dwell among them**.
- Exo 25:9 And you shall **make it according to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle or dwelling** and the pattern of all the furniture of it.
- Exo 25:40 And see to it that you **copy [exactly] their pattern** which was shown you on the mountain.
- Exo 40:34 Then **the cloud [the Shekinah, God's visible presence]**
 - covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle!

Made after Pattern / A Sanctuary in heaven

- **Heb 8:1** NOW THE main point of what we have to say is this: We have such a High Priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the majestic [*God*] in heaven,
- **Heb 8:2** As officiating Priest, a Minister in the holy places and **in the true tabernacle** which is erected not by man but by the Lord.
- **Heb 8:5** [*But these offer*] service [*merely*] **as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of [*what has its true existence and reality in*] the heavenly sanctuary**. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was warned by God, saying, see to it that you **make it all [*exactly*] according to the copy (the model)** which was shown to you on the mountain.
- **Heb 9:11** But [*that appointed time came*] when Christ (the Messiah) appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. [*Then*] through the **greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with [*human*] hands**, that is, **not a part of this material creation**,



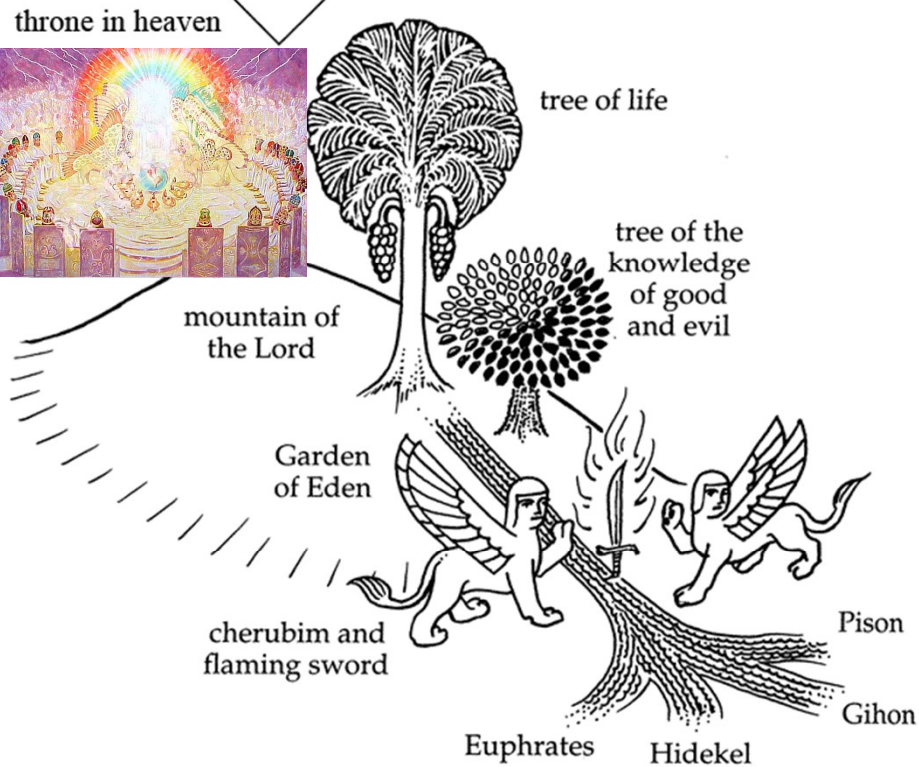
Earthly Tabernacle



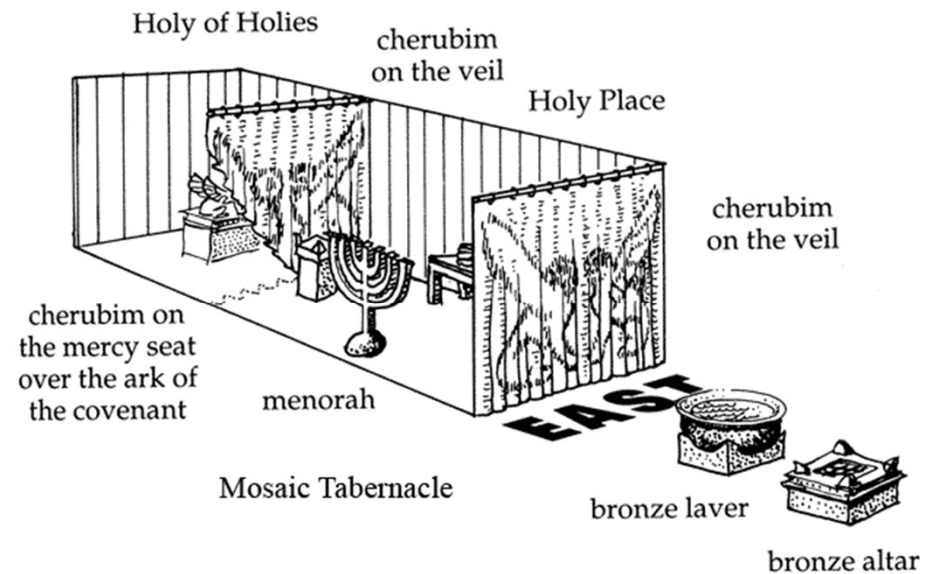
Heavenly Temple

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Adam & Eve
worship at altar



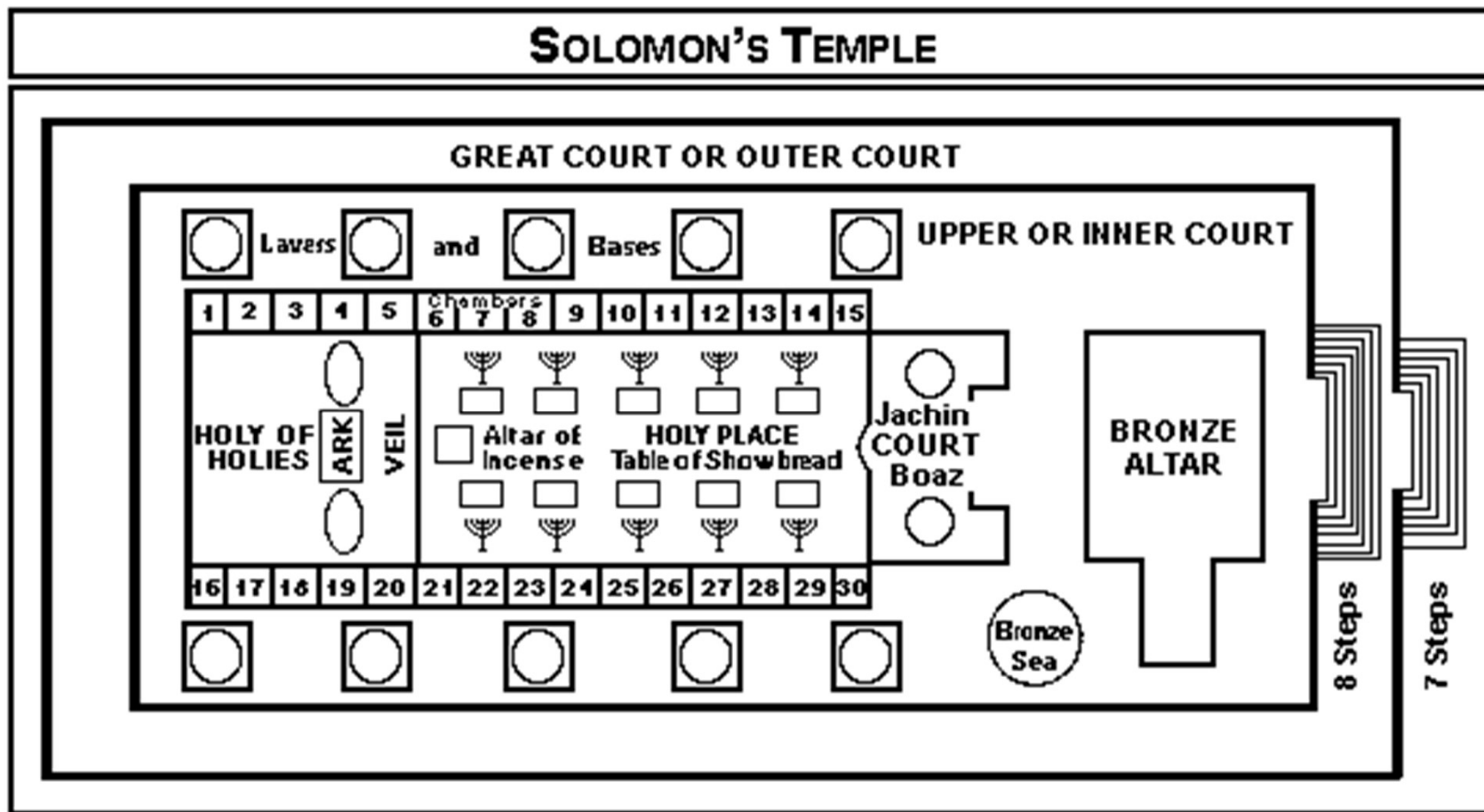
Separation from God's Presence

- **Heb 9:6** These arrangements having thus been made, the priests enter [*habitually*] into the **outer division** of the tabernacle in performance of their ritual acts of worship.
- **Heb 9:7** But into the second [*division of the tabernacle*] **none but the high priest goes**, and he only once a year, and **never without taking a sacrifice of blood** with him, which he offers for himself and for the errors and sins of ignorance and thoughtlessness which the people have committed.
- **Heb 9:8** By this the Holy Spirit points out that **the way into the [true Holy of Holies is not yet thrown open]** as long as the former [*the outer portion of the*] tabernacle remains a recognized institution and is still standing,

Jerusalem as the Dwelling of God pointing to New Jerusalem

- [Psa 78:67](#) Moreover, **He rejected the tent of Joseph** and chose not the tribe of Ephraim [*in which the tabernacle had been accustomed to stand*].
- [Psa 78:68](#) But He chose the tribe of Judah [*as Israel's leader*], **Mount Zion, which He loved** [*to replace Shiloh as His capital*].
- [Psa 78:69](#) And **He built His sanctuary** [*exalted*] like the heights [*of the heavens*] and like the earth which **He established forever**.
- [Psa 132:13](#) For the **Lord has chosen Zion**, He has desired it for His habitation:
- [Psa 132:14](#) This is **My resting-place forever** [*says the Lord*]; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

1Ki 5:5 And I purpose to build a house to the Name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to David my father, Your son whom I will set on your throne in your place shall build the house to My Name and Presence.

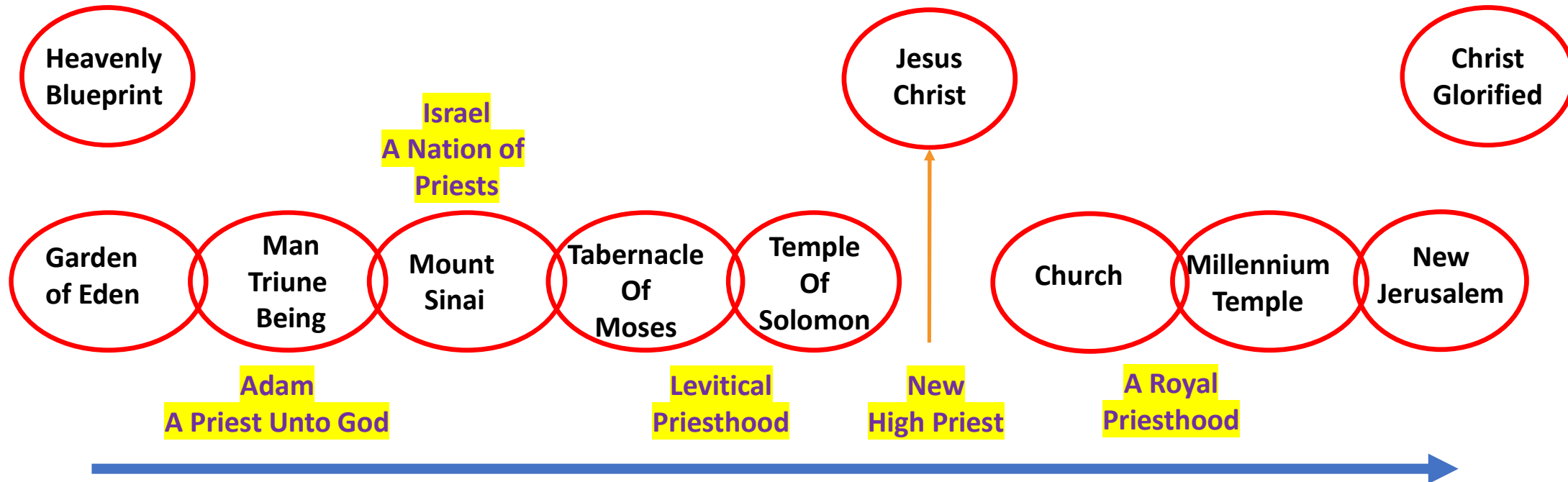




Temple of Solomon

- [2Ch 7:1](#) WHEN SOLOMON had finished praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the **glory of the Lord filled the house.**
- [2Ch 7:2](#) The priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house.

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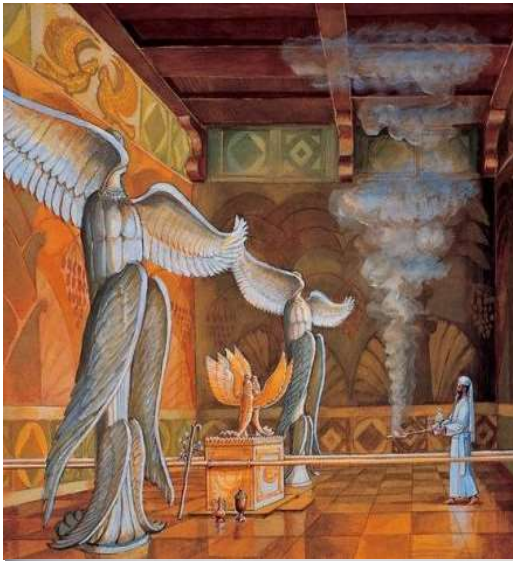
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Jesus Tabernacled Amongst us

- Joh 1:14 And the Word **(Christ) became flesh** (human, incarnate) and **tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us;** and **we [actually] saw His glory** (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.
- Joh 2:18 Then the Jews retorted, what sign can You show us, seeing You do these things? [*What sign, miracle, token, indication can You give us as evidence that You have authority and are commissioned to act in this way?*]
- Joh 2:19 Jesus answered them, **destroy (undo) this temple**, and in three days I will raise it up again.
- Joh 4:19 The woman said to Him, Sir, I see and understand that You are a prophet.
- Joh 4:20 Our forefathers **worshiped on this mountain**, but you [*Jews*] say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary and proper to worship.
- Joh 4:21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when you will **worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem.**

The Presence of God moves from the Temple to Man as Temple

- Mar 13:1 AND AS [*Jesus*] was coming out of the temple [*area*], one of His disciples said to Him, Look, Teacher! Notice the sort and quality of these stones and buildings!
- Mar 13:2 And Jesus replied to him, you see these great buildings? **There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be loosened and torn down.**
- Mat 27:50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit.
- Mat 27:51 And at once the curtain of **the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two** from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split.
- The Rabbis taught that forty years prior to the destruction of the Temple the lot did not come up in the [high priest's] right hand **nor did the tongue of scarlet wool become white...**
- (Talmud, Tractate Yoma 39b)



Exo 26:31 And make a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet [*stuff*] and fine twined linen, **skillfully worked with cherubim on it.**

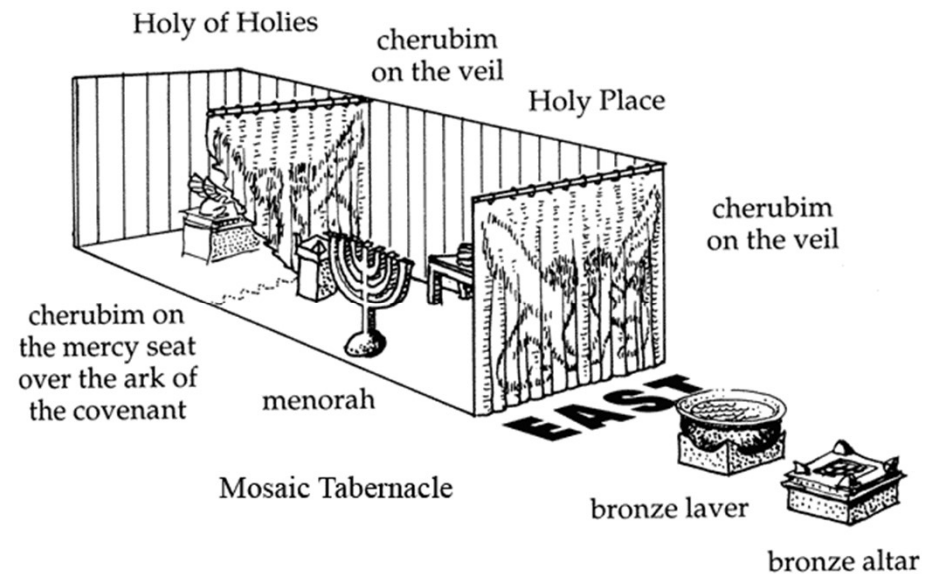
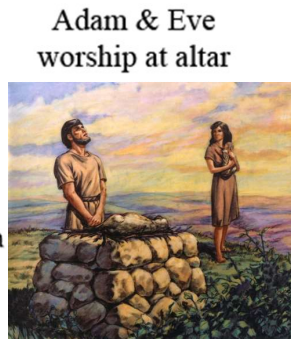
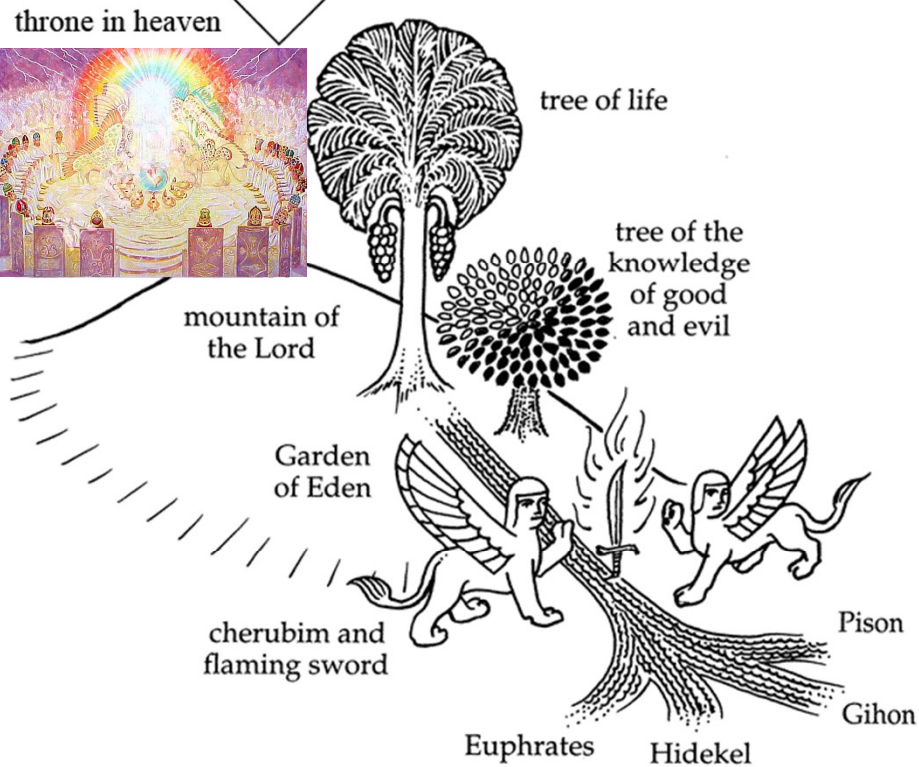
Exo 26:32 You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold, with gold hooks, on four sockets of silver.

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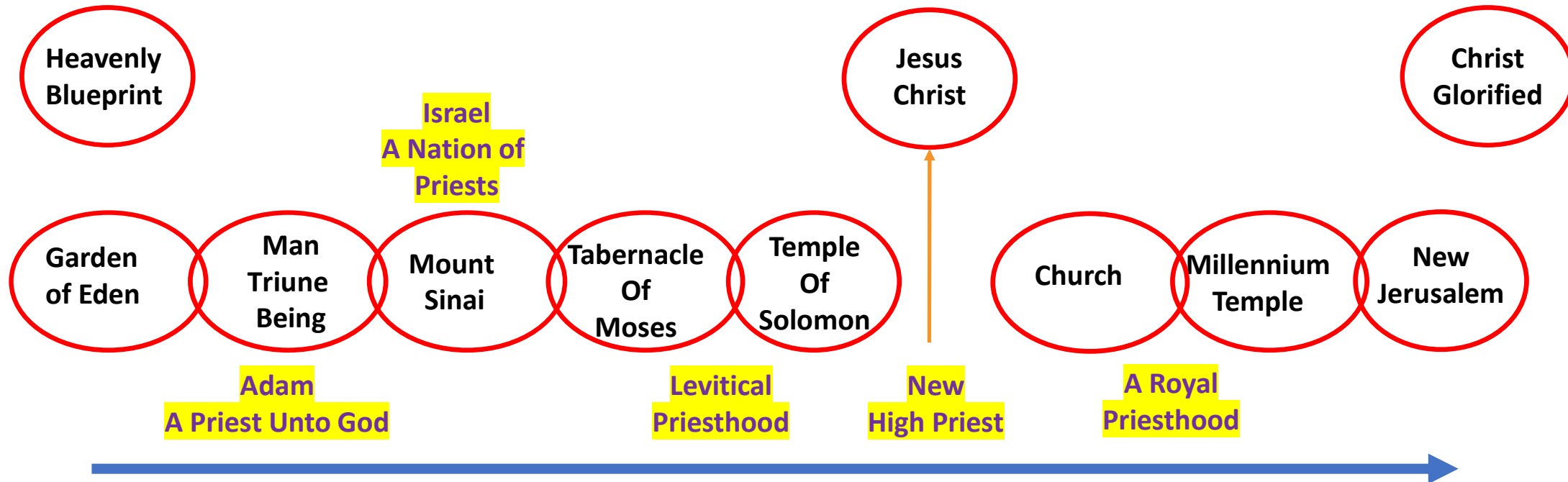
Pentecost

- Act 2:1 AND WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,
- Act 2:2 When **suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast**, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.
- Act 2:3 And there appeared to them **tongues resembling fire**, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.
- Act 2:4 And they were **all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [*in each tongue in appropriate words*].



- **Gal 3:13** **Christ purchased our freedom** [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);
- **Gal 3:14** **To the end** that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the **blessing [promised] to Abraham** might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] **receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.**

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The Holy Spirit Tabernacle in Us

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Restored to God / Restored to Purpose

- 1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as *lively stones*, are built up a **spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 1Pe 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 marvellous light:
- Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead [*first to be brought back to life*] and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever *loves us and has once [for all] loosed and freed us from our sins by His own blood,*
- Rev 1:6 And **formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests to His God and Father**—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever. Amen (so be it).



This Present Creation Will Pass Away

- **Isa 65:17** For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth.** And **the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.**
- **Isa 65:18** But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, **I create Jerusalem** to be a rejoicing and her people a joy.
- **Isa 65:19** And I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; and the **sound of weeping will no more be heard in it**, nor the cry of distress.
- **Isa 66:22** For as the **new heavens and the new earth** which I make **shall remain before Me**, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
- **Isa 66:23** And it shall be that from one New Moon to another New Moon and from one Sabbath to another Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the Lord.
- **Eze 37:26** I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will give blessings to them and multiply them and will **set My sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore.**
- **Eze 37:27** **My tabernacle or dwelling place also shall be with them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- **Eze 48:35** The distance around the city shall be 18,000 [4 x 4 500] measures; and the name of the city from that day and ever after shall be, **THE LORD IS THERE.**

Seen from Afar NT

- **Heb 11:9** [*Prompted*] by faith he dwelt as a **temporary resident** in the land which was designated in the promise [*of God, though he was like a stranger*] in a strange country, **living in tents** with Isaac and Jacob, **fellow heirs** with him of the same promise.
- **Heb 11:10** For he was **[waiting expectantly and confidently]** looking forward to the **city which has fixed and firm foundations**, whose **Architect and Builder is God.**
- **Heb 11:15** If they had been thinking with [*homesick*] remembrance of that country from which they were emigrants, they would have found constant opportunity to return to it.
- **Heb 11:16** But the truth is that they were **yearning for and aspiring to a better and more desirable country**, that is, a heavenly [*one*]. For that reason God is not ashamed to be called their God [*even to be surnamed their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*], for **He has prepared a city for them.**

The Heavenly City

- **Rev 21:1** THEN I saw a **new sky (heaven) and a new earth**, for the **former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished)**, and there no longer existed any sea.
- **Καίνος** - **kainós**; fem. **kainḗ**, neut. **kainón**, adj. New. Qualitatively new, as contrasted with **néos**([G3501](#)), temporally new. Contextual meanings:
 - (I) **Newly made, not impaired by time or use**, as **askoí** ([G779](#))
 - (II) New as opposed to old or former and hence also **implying better because different**, as **kainḗ diathékē** ([\[G1242\]](#) testament), meaning a new testament which is better than the old.
- **Rev 21:2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, all arrayed **like a bride beautified** and adorned for her husband;
- **Rev 21:3** Then I heard a mighty voice from the throne and I perceived its distinct words, saying, See! **The abode of God is with men**, and **He will live (encamp, tent) among them**; and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God.
- **Rev 21:4** God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for **the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away**.

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The proportions of the city match those of the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctuary of the temple, the only other cube specifically mentioned in the Bible.

- **1Ki 6:20** The Holy of Holies was twenty cubits in length, in breadth, and in height. He overlaid it with **pure gold**. He also overlaid the cedar altar.
- **The entire New Jerusalem is an expanded Holy of Holies.**
- **Rev 21:22** I saw no temple in the city, for the **Lord God Omnipotent [*Himself*]** and the Lamb [*Himself*] are its temple.
- **Rev 21:23** And the city has no need of the sun nor of the moon to give light to it, for **the splendor and radiance (glory) of God illuminate it**, and **the Lamb is its lamp**.

Isa 46:9

Remember the former things of old: for **I am God**, and *there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

Isa 46:10

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times **the things that are not yet done**, saying, **My counsel shall stand**, and I will do all my pleasure:

Eden and the New Jerusalem

1. The presence of the **tree of life**. This tree is in both places. (Gen. 2:9, Rev. 22:2)
2. The **presence of a river**. Eden had a river that watered the garden. The New Jerusalem had the river of life (Gen. 2:10, Rev. 22:1-2)
3. The **presence of God** (Gen. 3:8, Rev. 21:3)
4. The **lack of death** (Gen. 3:22, Rev. 21:4)
5. The mention of **gold and precious stones** (Gen. 2:11-12, Rev. 21:18-20)
6. The **lack of a temple** (no reference for Genesis other than no temple is mentioned, and none would be needed since no sin had yet occurred. Also, a temple to worship God would not be needed while He was physically present. (Rev. 21:22)
7. Man was **created in God's image** in Genesis and is one with God and like Him in the Heavenly city.
- 8. Redemption is portrayed in the garden**; completed redemption is seen in the Holy city.
9. God and man, although speaking face to face in the garden, were separate; in the New Jerusalem, **God in Christ lives in His believers** and they live in Him.
10. Eve, the bride of Adam, who came out of Adam, is a picture of the **church and New Jerusalem** coming out of Christ and returning to Him as His bride.
11. God's building of the rib from Adam's side into Eve is a picture of **building the church and New Jerusalem** with the unbroken life which flows out from Christ.