

Temples & the Journey Home



Unto Adam
and also unto
his wife, did I,
the Lord God,
make a coat
of skins, and
clothed them.

Moses 4:27





I placed ...
Cherubim
and a
flaming
sword which
turned every
way to keep
the way of
the tree of
life.

Moses 4:31

“...This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth. That shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son, and thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore”

Moses 5:7-8





The Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 17; Abraham 2

- **Land** (a place of righteousness in which to dwell)
- **Deliverance** (through a Redeemer and priesthood power)
- **Seed** (countless and eternal)



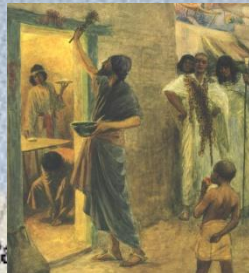
“When Jacob traveled from Beersheba toward Haran, he had a dream in which he saw himself on the earth at the foot of a ladder that reached to heaven where the Lord stood above it. He beheld angels ascending and descending thereon, and Jacob realized that the covenants he made with the Lord there were the rungs on the ladder that he himself would have to climb in order to obtain the promised blessings – blessings that would entitle him to enter heaven and associate with the Lord.

Because he had met the Lord and entered into covenants with him there, Jacob considered the site so sacred that he named the place Bethel, a contraction of Beth-Elohim, which means literally “the House of the Lord.” He said of it: “...this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” (Gen. 28:17)

Marion G. Romney, *Ensign*, Mar. 1971, 16.

MAP 2 KEY

Possible Route of the Exodus



Nile Delta

RAMSES (TANIS) 1



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Noph (Memphis)



Succoth 2

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Nile River



4 Marah? 5 Elim?

6 Dophkah?

7 Rephidim?

8 Mt. Sinai? (Horeb)



Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)

Wilderness of Shur

Jerusalem Hebron Gaza CANAAN Arad Hormah Beersheba

PHILISTINES River of Egypt

Wilderness of Zin

Kadesh-barnea

Wilderness of Paran

Sinai Peninsula

Arabah (Rift Valley)

Mt. Hor

MIDIAN

Salt Sea (Dead Sea)

MOAB

Zered

EDOM

Eastern Wilderness

17 Jordan River

Gilgal

Jericho

Jerusalem

Hebron

Gaza

CANAAN

Arad

Hormah

Beersheba

15 DIBON

14 Arnon

13 Eastern Wilderness

12 Kadesh-barnea

11 Ezion-geber

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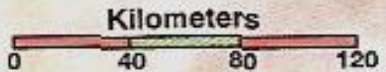
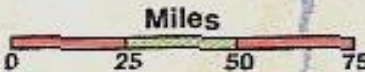
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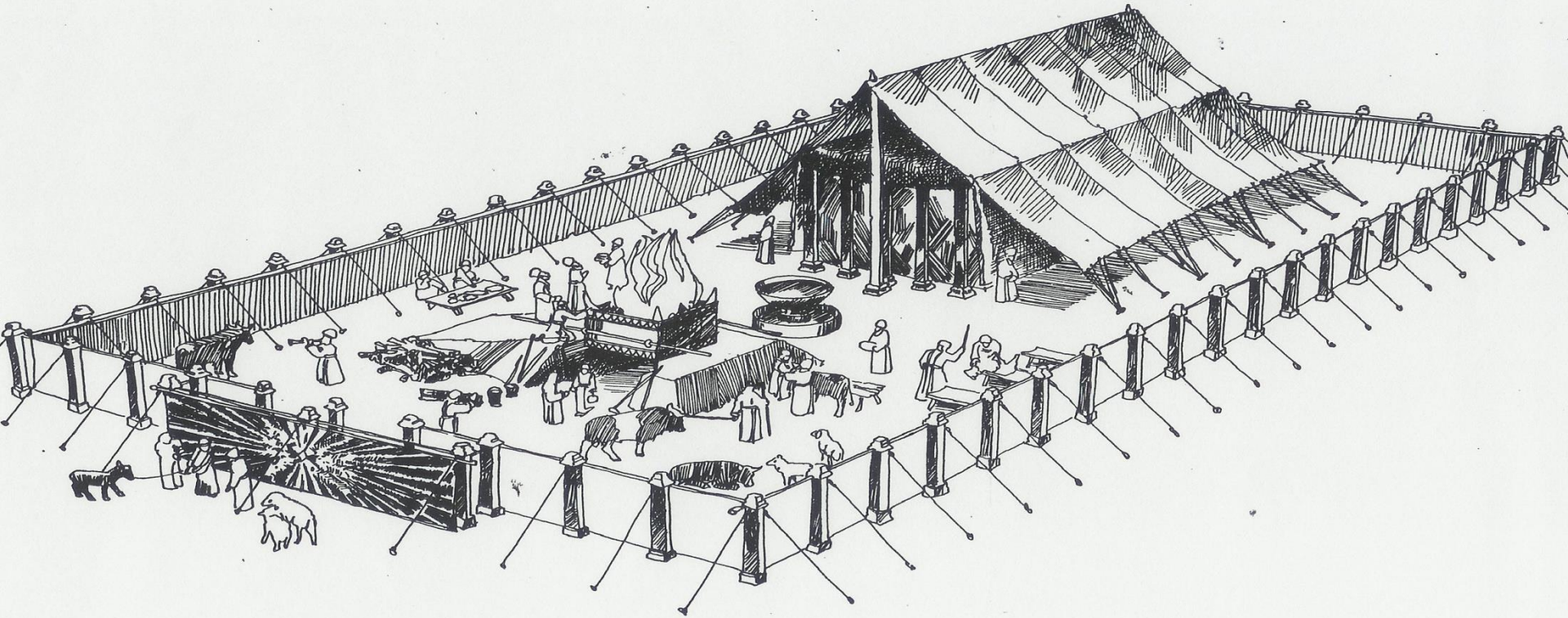
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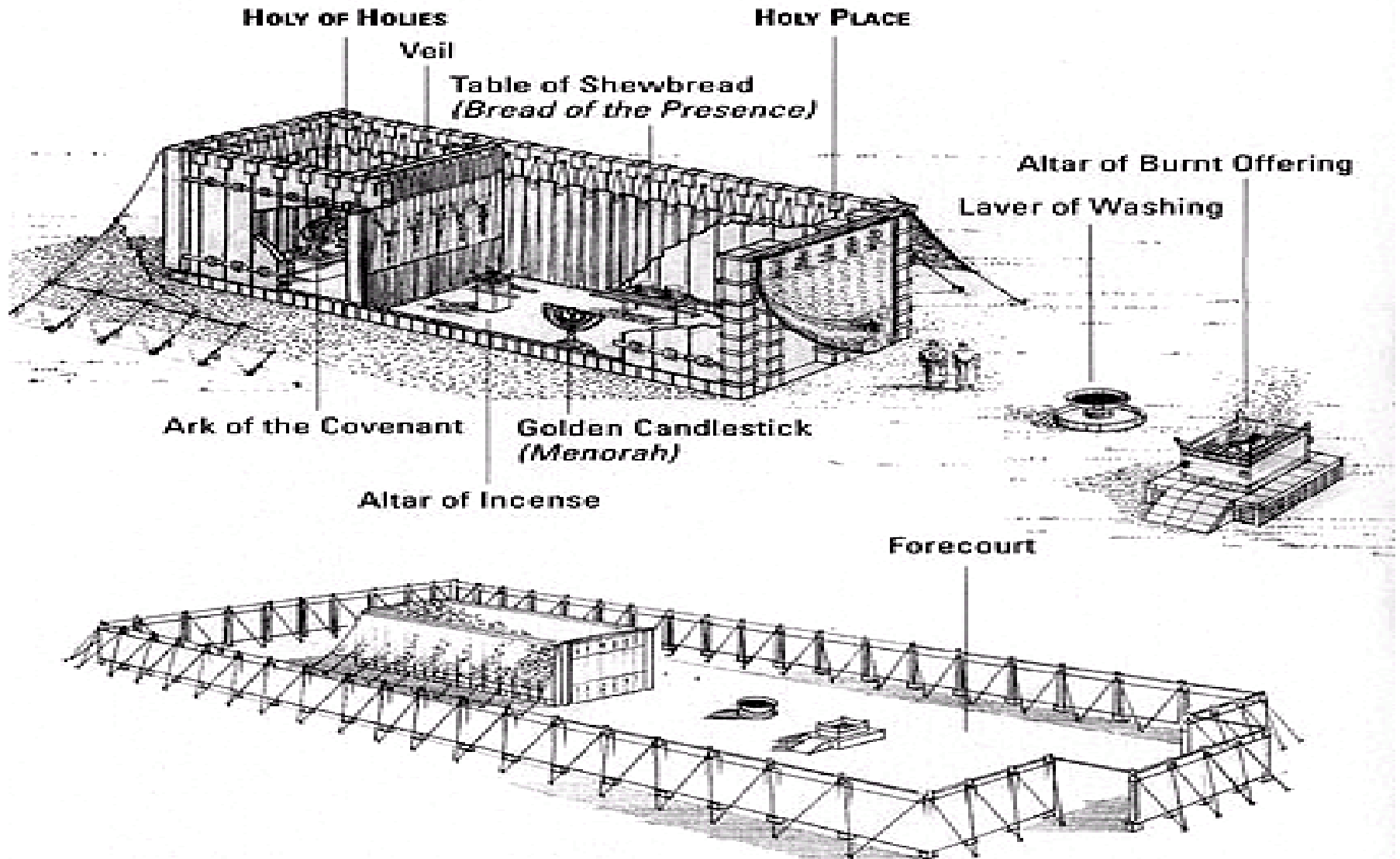
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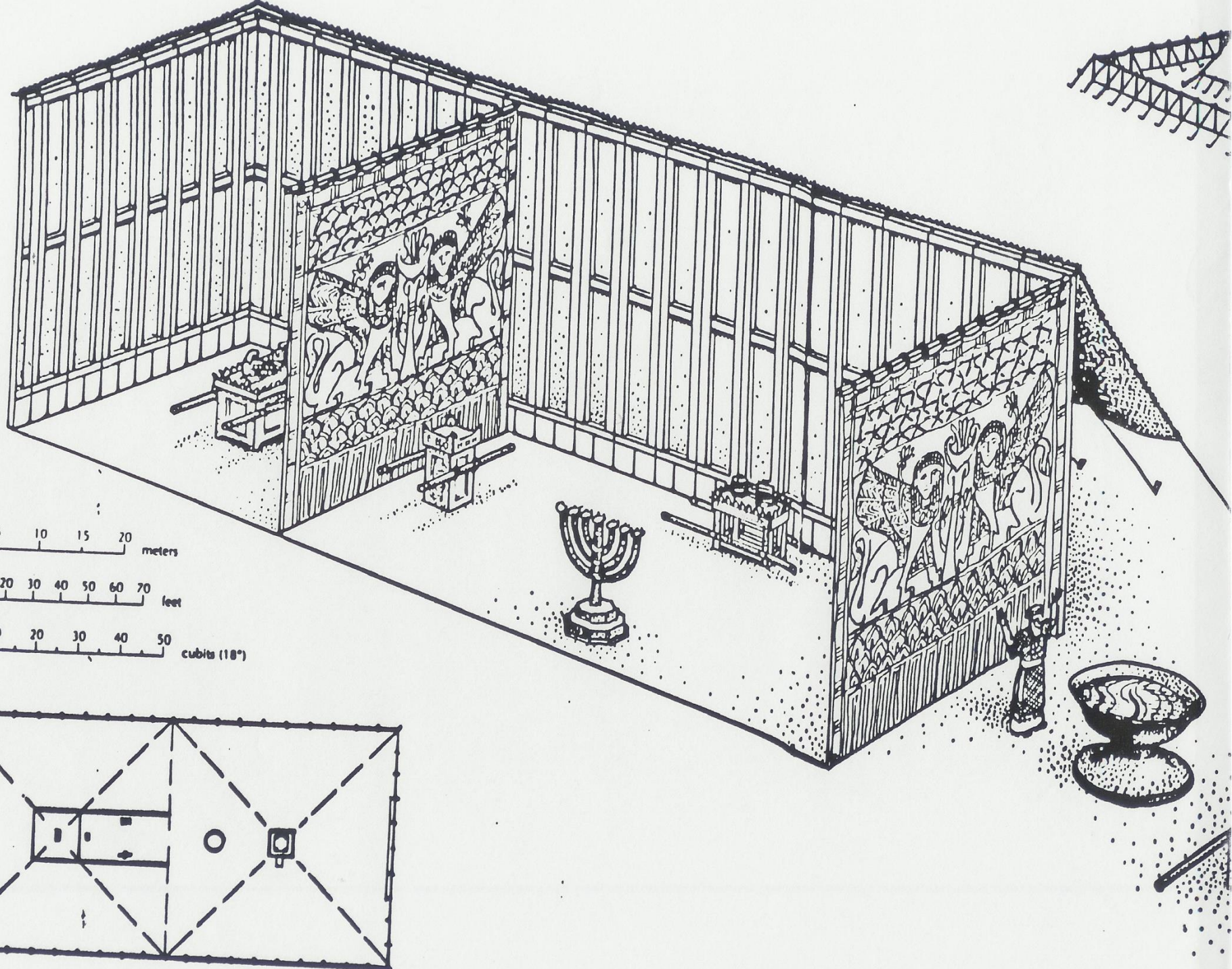


The Tabernacle - Template for The Journey Home



THE TABERNACLE COMPLEX

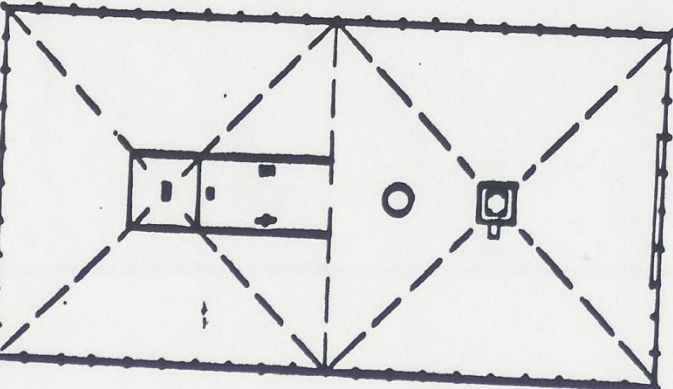




0 5 10 15 20 meters

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 feet

0 10 20 30 40 50 cubits (18")







Christ as the Great High Priest

Isaiah 22:20-25

- Hebrews 3:1
- Hebrews 4:14-16
- Hebrews 6:19-20
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Hebrews 8:1-2
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Hebrews 10:12-23



Isaiah's blending of Christ, Tabernacles & Temples

Government in His hand – Isaiah 22:20-25

A Way of Return – Isaiah 49:11

Atonement – Isaiah 6:1-8

Baptism – Isaiah 48:1

Called Priests & Clothed – Isaiah 61:6, 10

A Hand and a New Name – Isaiah 56:5;

62:2-3; Psalms 118:14-20

Go Through the Gate – Isaiah 13:2-4; 62:10

Gathered one by one – Isaiah 27:12-13

Veil removed – Isaiah 25:6-10

Open day and night – Isaiah 60:10-11

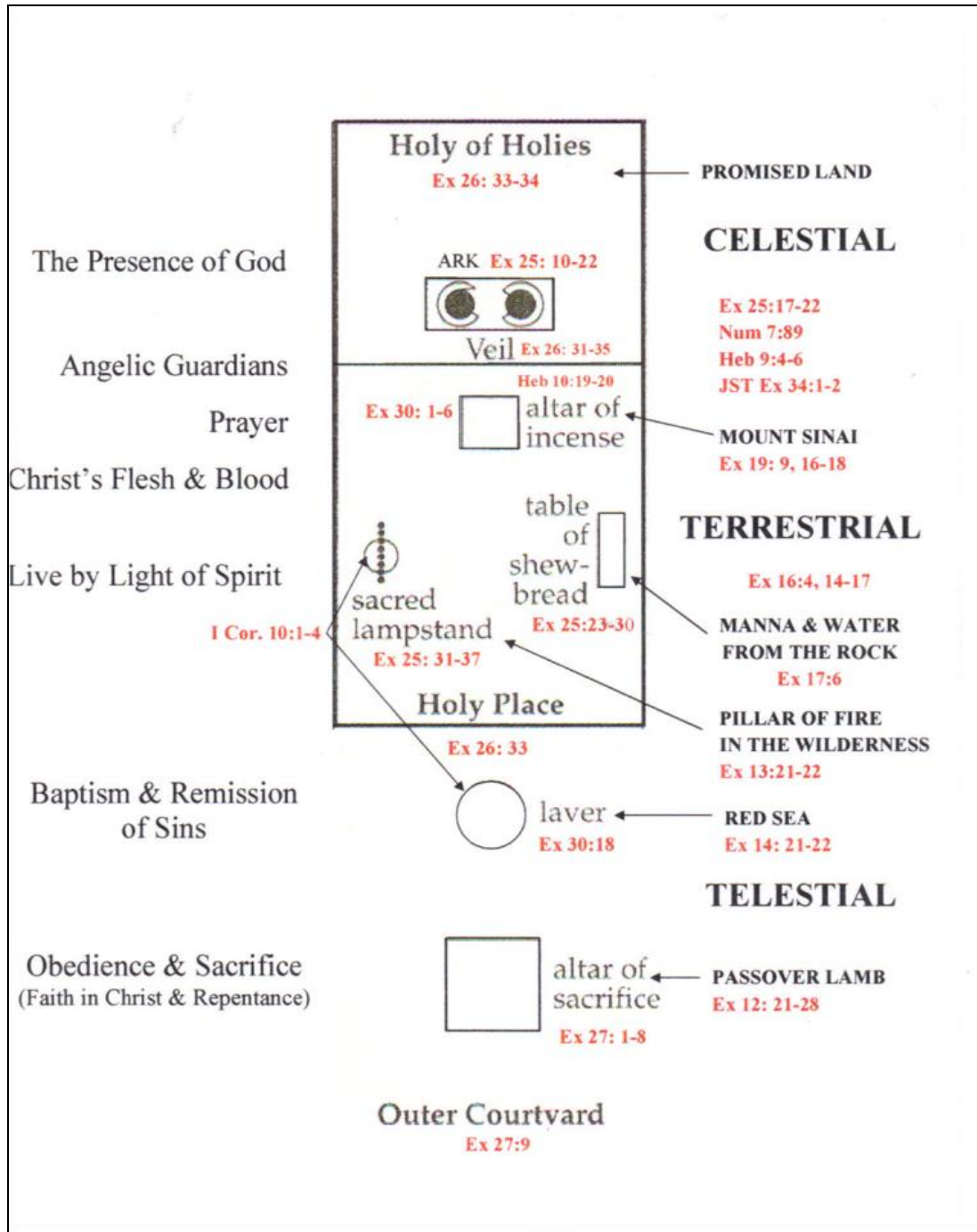


Hebrews 8:1-10

Hebrews 10:12-23

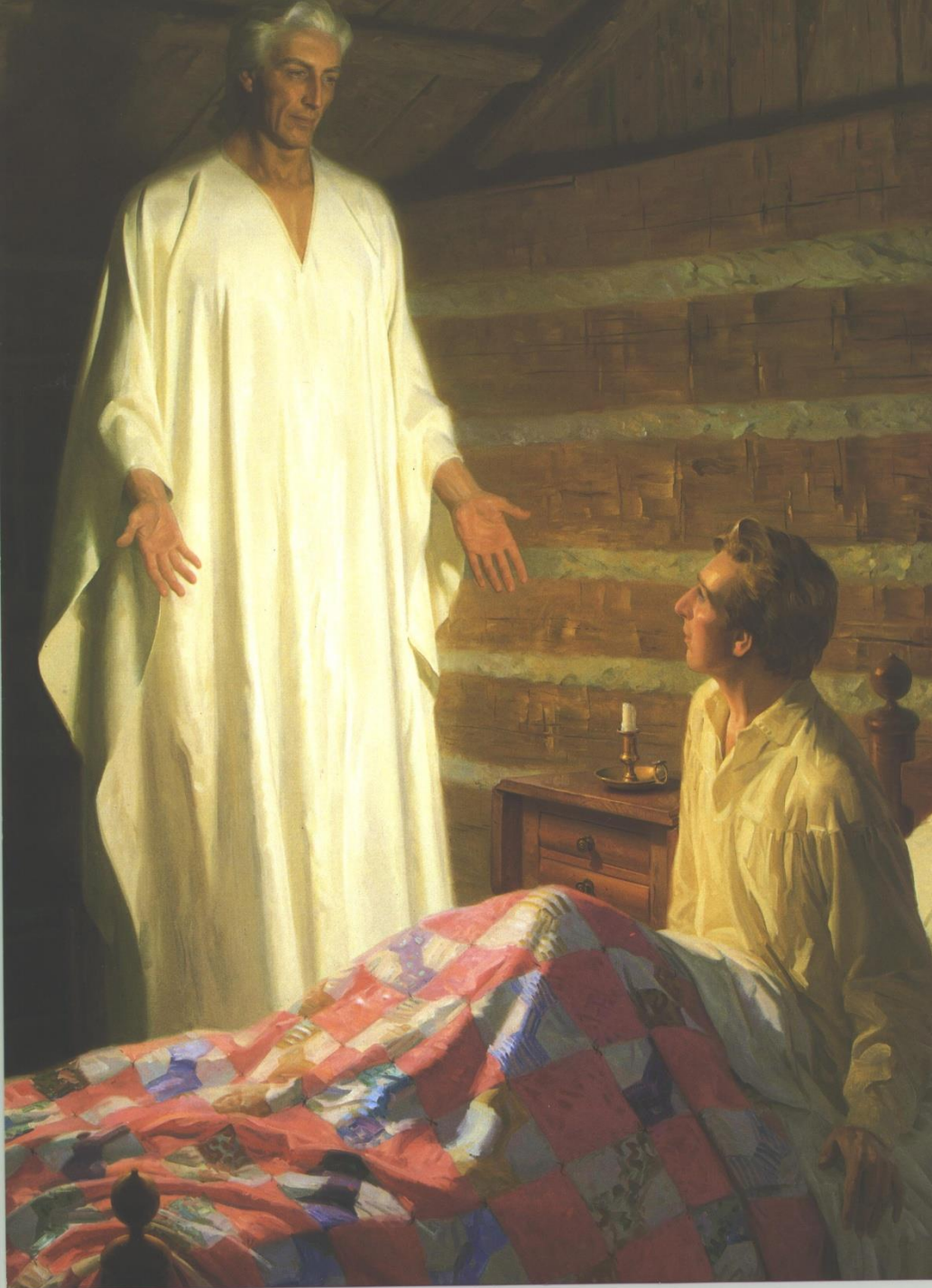


ABOVE: MOSES' TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS, BY TED HENNINGER;
LEFT: THE LORD APPEARING TO MOSES, BY WILSON J. ONG



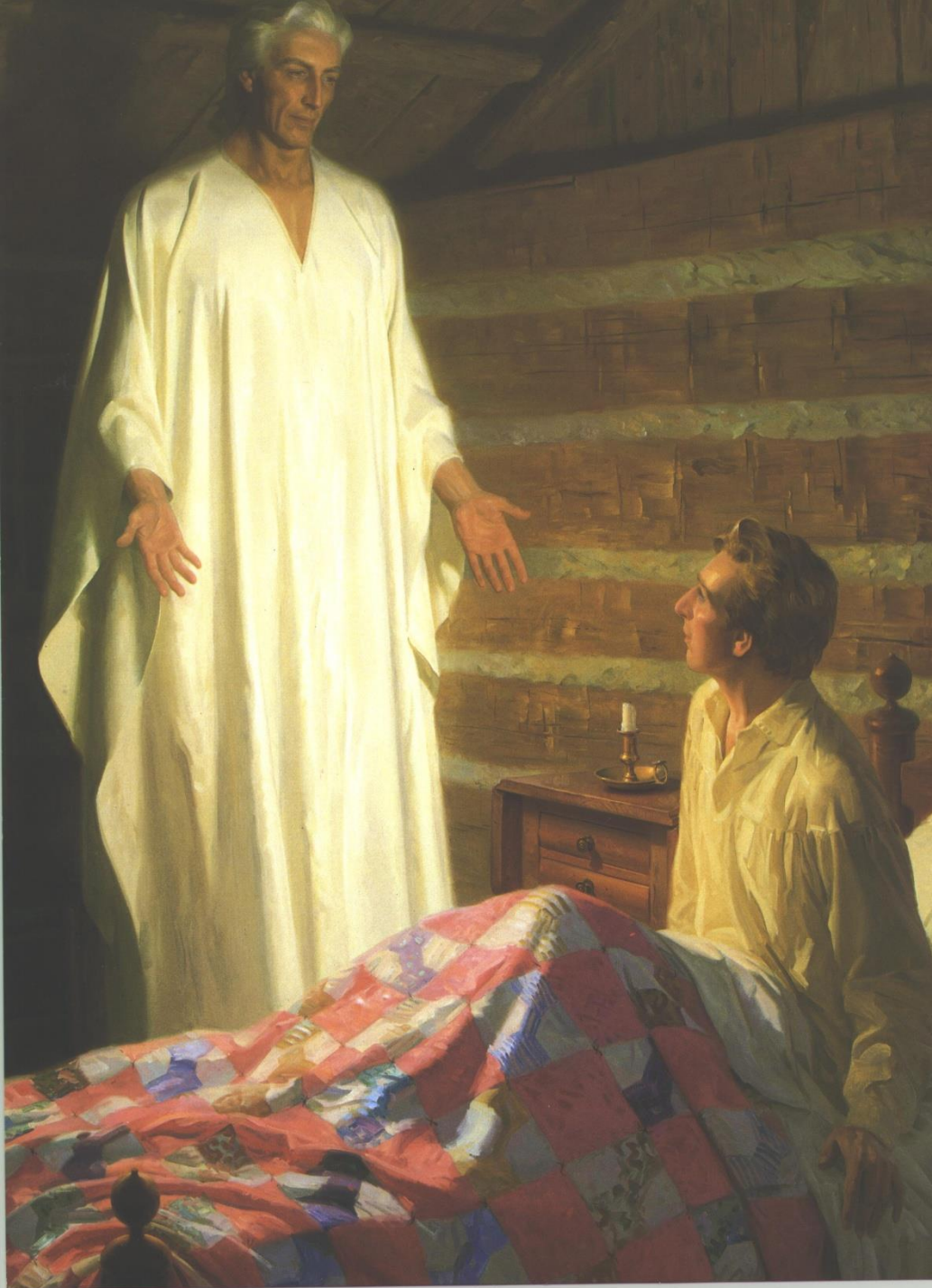
*Latter-Day Temples -
Return to the
House of the Lord*





It is sufficient for us to remember that temple work for the living and for the dead was the burden of the thought and labors of the Prophet Joseph Smith from the day when the Angel Moroni first stood before him and told him of the things that were to be up to the last day of the Prophet's life.

John A. Widtsoe, Fundamentals of Temple Doctrine, p 129



Behold I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers.

D&C 2:1-2



Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron... and this shall never be taken again from the earth, until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.

D&C 13:1



... ye should go to
the Ohio; and
there I will give
unto you my law;
and there you shall
be endowed with
power from on
high

D&C 38:32



We saw the Lord standing on the breastwork of the pulpit...

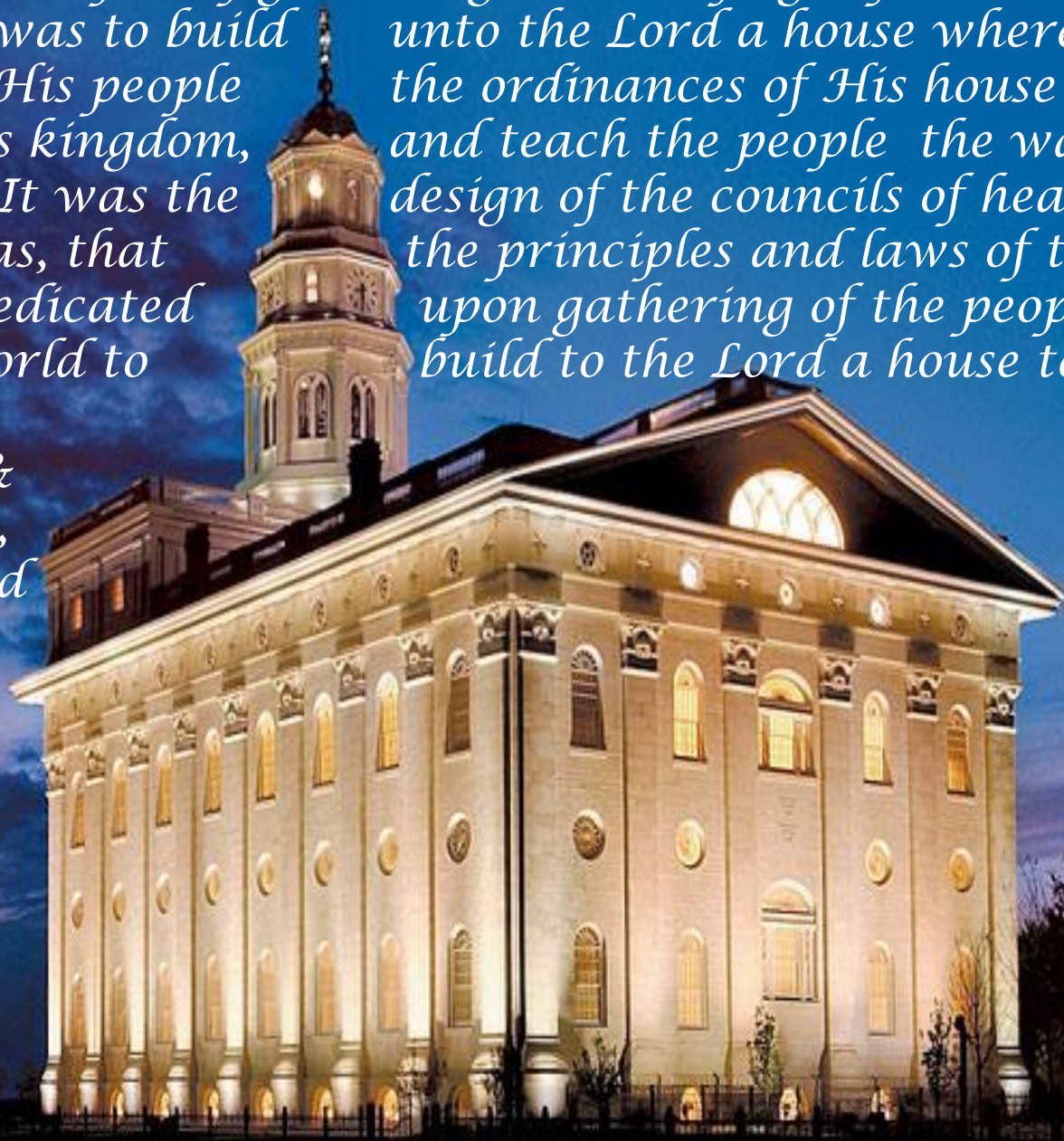
After this vision closed, the heavens were again opened unto us; and Moses appeared...

After this Elias appeared, and committed the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham...

After this vision had closed, another great and glorious vision burst upon us; for Elijah the prophet ...stood before us ...

D&C 110:2-13

What was the object of gathering ... in any age of the world? The main object was to build unto the Lord a house whereby He could reveal unto His people the ordinances of His kingdom, and teach the people the way of design of the councils of heaven before the principles and laws of the priesthood upon gathering of the people in every age of the world to build to the Lord a house to prepare them for the ordinances & endowments, washings and annointings.



Mountain of the Lord's House
Isaiah 2:2-3



“All of these exquisite holy edifices are a testimony of our belief that the Savior broke the bonds of death and opened up the way for us to enter into covenants which will be binding in another world.”

*James E. Faust, Ensign,
November 2000, 59*



“It is our duty to rise up and build these Temples. I look upon this portion of our ministry as a mission of as much importance as preaching to the living; the dead will hear the voice of the servants of God in the spirit-world, and they cannot come forth in the morning of the resurrection, unless certain ordinances are performed, for and in their behalf, in Temples built to the name of God. It takes just as much to save a dead man as a living man.

Wilford Woodruff, Journal of Discourses, 19:228-29.



Summum Bonum
D&C 128:11-23





“I ... invite the members of the Church to establish the temple of the Lord as the great symbol of their membership and the supernal setting for their most sacred covenants Let us be a temple-attending and a temple-loving people. Let us hasten to the temple as frequently as time and means and personal circumstances allow. Let us go not only for our kindred dead, but let us also go for the personal blessing of the temple worship, for the sanctity and safety which is provided within those hallowed and consecrated walls. The temple is a place of beauty, it is a place of revelation, it is a place of peace. It is holy unto the Lord. It should be holy unto us.

*Howard W. Hunter
Ensign, July 1994, 5*

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