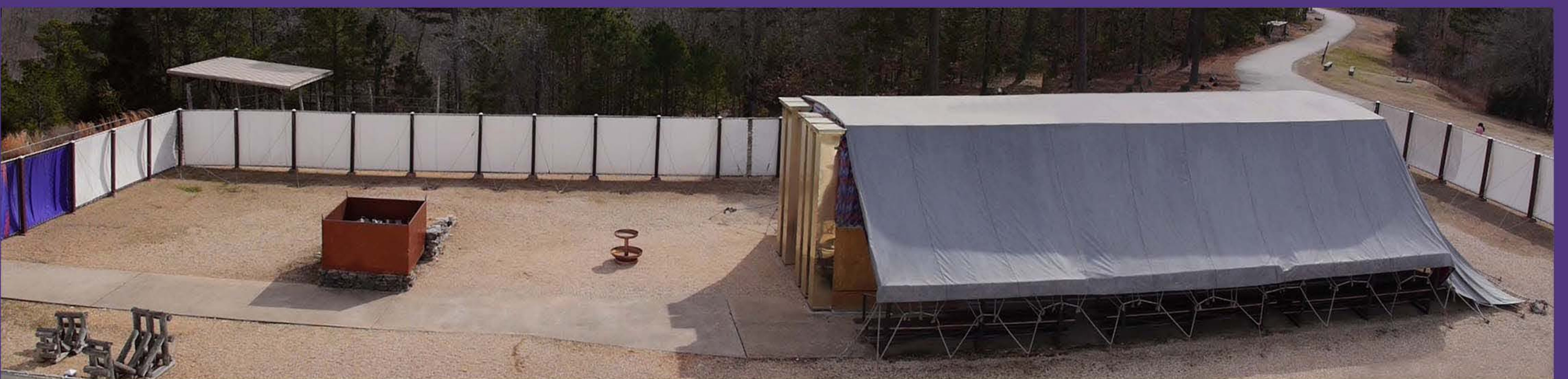


# *The Tabernacle in the Wilderness*



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# The Tabernacle



And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.

Exodus 25:8-9

The study of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness is one of the most enlightening studies in the Bible. The study of the pattern of the Tabernacle is a blessing from the Lord, but to actually see the lifesize model of the Tabernacle at the Great Passion Play is one of the greatest blessings the Lord has given to His people.

Journey with me as we discover the Tabernacle and its furnishings, and learn about the Heavenly Temple ceremony described in the book of Revelation.



# The Four Chambers

Just as the human heart has four chambers, the Tabernacle has four chambers. The Lord desires to live in our hearts just as He dwelt with His people in the Tabernacle.

## The Outer Court

He set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing; Exodus 40:30



The Altar and Laver in the Outer Court

## The Holy Place

...Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy. Exodus 26:33



The Holy Place

## The Holy of Holies



The Ark in the Holy of Holies

## Inside the Ark of the Covenant

And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark. Deuteronomy 10:2



# The Altar

Altars to the LORD are a consistent theme in scripture. Giving to the Lord is an essential element in the Covenant relationship between God and man.

Noah built an Altar to the LORD. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob built a total of 7 Altars to the LORD.

An Altar of Copper was built for use in the Tabernacle.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses -- the tent, and all its utensils, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its bases;

39 the copper altar, and the copper grating that was for it, its staves and all its utensils; the laver and its stand; Exodus 39:33, 39 DBY

The Tabernacle also has a Golden Altar of Incense in the Holy Place. There will be more information about the Golden Altar later in this teaching.



The Altar and Laver in the  
Outer Court



The Golden Altar  
in the Holy Place



# The Altar

The Altar is the very heart of the Tabernacle. All of the service to the Lord is centered around it: all of the daily and additional offerings, as well as the individual and congregational sacrifices.

All of the major ceremonies take place in the vicinity of the altar: the Passover sacrifice, the bringing of the firstfruits on Shavuot, and even the rejoicing with the palm branches on the Feast of Tabernacles all take place around the altar.

Before the death of the Messiah, the sin offerings on the Altar were in place to make reconciliation with God. The issue of sin had to be addressed when the Lord was approached. Rebels don't get to stand before the God of the Universe and live. The Lord is to be approached properly and in a state of forgiveness.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:23-24 that we are also to reconcile to our brothers before we offer a gift on the Altar.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

On December 18, 2018, an Altar was dedicated in Jerusalem.

An event called the Transgression of Desolation in the book of Daniel, the shutting down of the daily sacrifice, is the event that signifies an End Time scenario. This event is given in Daniel 8:9-14



# The Laver



18 Thou shalt also make a laver of copper, and its stand of copper, for washing; and thou shalt put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shalt put water in it.

19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet out of it.

20 When they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they come near to the altar to serve, to burn an offering by fire to Jehovah.

21 And they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and it shall be an everlasting statute for them, for him and for his seed throughout their generations.

Exodus 30:18-21



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# The Laver

The Laver introduces the idea of being clean before the Lord. We should be clean both physically and spiritually.

The priest had to be clean physically to enter the Holy Place or they would die. They also had to be clean when serving at the altar or they would die.

20 When they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they come near to the altar to serve, to burn an offering by fire to Jehovah.

21 And they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and it shall be an everlasting statute for them, for him and for his seed throughout their generations. Exodus 30:20-21

Jesus taught His disciples a lesson about being clean at Passover on the night He was betrayed and arrested. He washed His disciples feet and the following discussion occurred:

5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him,

"If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." John 13:5-8

We are cleansed physically with water and spiritually by the Word of God.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:25-26



# The Table of Showbread



23 You shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

24 You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it.

25 You shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around it; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

26 You shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet.

27 The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

28 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried.

29 You shall make its dishes and its pans and its jars and its bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold.

30 You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

Exodus 25:23-30



# The Table of Showbread

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

Leviticus 24:5-8

22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moses.

24 And he put the lampstand in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. Exodus 40:22-24

There are twelve loaves of bread of the Table of Showbread. Twelve is the number of the people in the Bible. Examples of this are the twelve tribes of Israel, the twelve disciples, and the 144,000 in the book of Revelation. The 144,000 is comprised of 12,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel as defined in the book of Revelation.



The message is clear, God has a place at His table for all of His Children. The number twelve is a huge theme in the Bible. It is the number of the people, and is very prolific in the Book of Revelation.



# The Menorah



31 And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The base and the shaft of the lampstand shall be made of hammered work; its cups, its capitals, and its flowers shall be of one piece with it;

32 and there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it;

33 three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flower, on one branch, and three cups made like almonds, each with capital and flower, on the other branch--so for the six branches going out of the lampstand;

34 and on the lampstand itself four cups made like almonds, with their capitals and flowers,

35 and a capital of one piece with it under each pair of the six branches going out from the lampstand.

36 Their capitals and their branches shall be of one piece with it, the whole of it one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

37 And you shall make the seven lamps for it; and the lamps shall be set up so as to give light upon the space in front of it. Exodus 25:31-37



# The Menorah

The Menorah gives light in the Tabernacle. It has seven lamps. The number 7 in scripture relates to the theme of Covenant in the Bible. There are 7 Everlasting Covenants given in the Word of God.

In Revelation 4:5, we are told that the 7 lamps represent the Seven Spirits of God. The Seven Spirits of God are given in a Menorah pattern in Isaiah 11:2. The picture below illustrates the Seven Spirits of God on the Menorah.

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;                      Isaiah 11:2



And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Revelation 4:5



# The Altar of Incense



1 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.

2 A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.



# The Altar of Incense

6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, **where I will meet with thee.**

Exodus 30:8

**The Altar of Incense was the place in the Tabernacle where God would meet with the priests on behalf of the people.**

In the book of Revelation, the Martyrs ask the following question of the Lord in the fifth seal, they are under the altar:

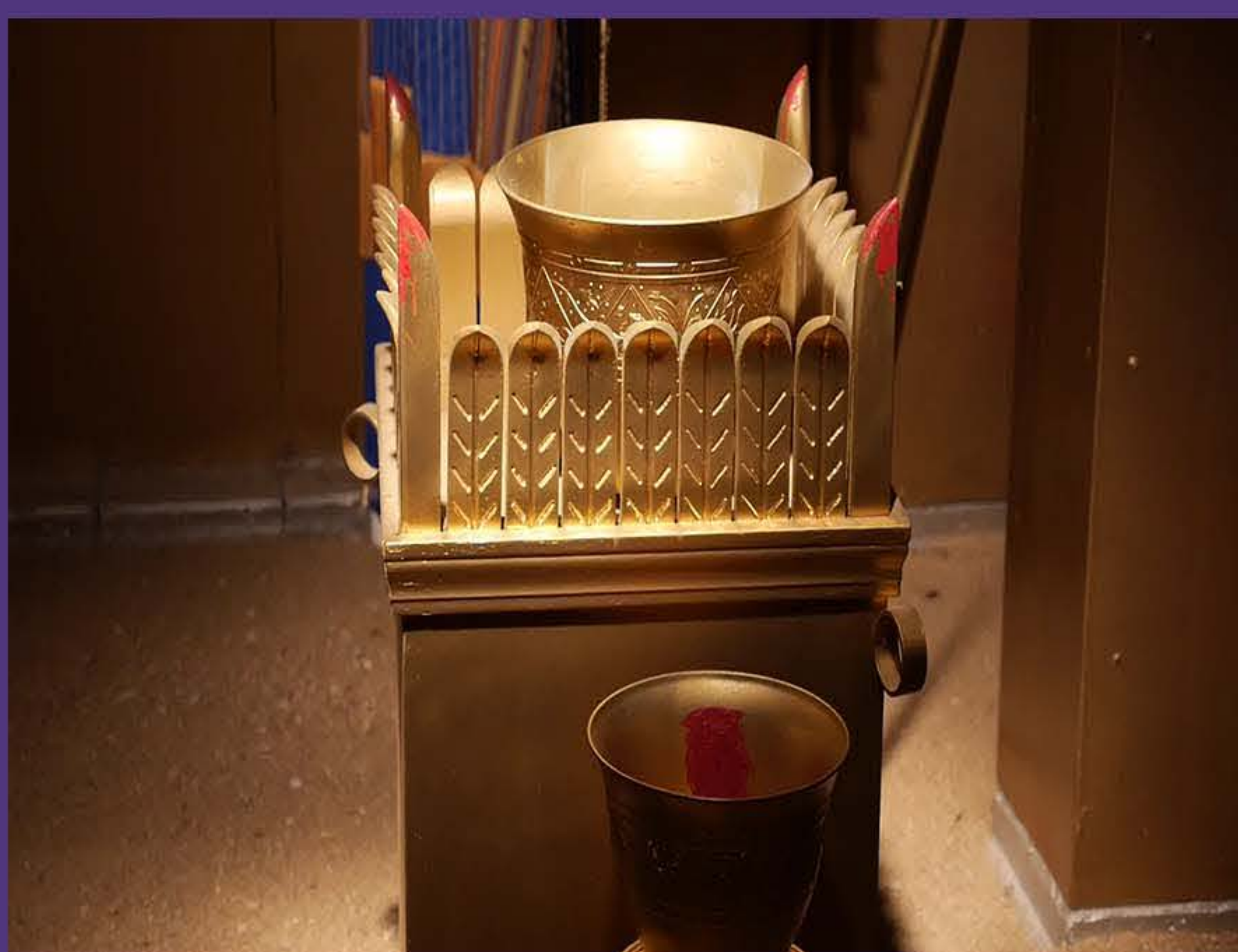
9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Revelation 6:9-10

The Lord will avenge their deaths with the Trumpet Judgments and Vial (Bowl) Judgments. We will see an angel priest perform a ceremony at the Altar of Incense before they are avenged. The ceremony will be performed on behalf of the Martyrs, their prayers going up before the Lord.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.



4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.



# The Ark of the Covenant



The Ark of the Covenant is comprised of two pieces, the Mercy Seat and the Ark. It is the Throne of God on the Earth.

10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 25:10-22



# The Ark of the Covenant

The Ark of the Covenant is one of the most fascinating items in scripture. It is the Throne of God on the Earth. The Ark is placed in the Holy of Holies, the most sacred area of the Tabernacle. The Holy of Holies is separated from the Holy Place by a Veil.

Inside the Ark of the Covenant is the 10 Commandments written upon 2 Stone Tablets. The 10 Commandments are the Covenant Agreement between God and the Children of Israel.

This agreement is so Holy that the God of Israel created a container of Wood overlayed with Gold to house this agreement and placed it in the holiest of places in the Tabernacle. Also in the Holy of Holies are the Container of Manna and Aaron's Almond Rod that budded.



At the Death of Jesus on the Cross, the Veil that separates the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place is rent Top to Bottom.

The tearing of the Veil signifies that we now have access to the Throne of God because of the Atoning Death of the Son of God.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; Matthew 27:51

In the book of Revelation, we see the same scenario in the Heavenly Tabernacle. At the sounding of the 7th trumpet, and the return of the Lord to accomplish the events of Armageddon, the Ark of the Covenant is seen. This is the final event to occur in the Temple ceremony that is taking place in the book of Revelation.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. Revelation 11:19



