

# The True Tabernacle

## The Tabernacle under the Law of Moses

According to the Hebrew Bible (Torah) the name for the Tabernacle was “hamishkan ha-ohel” meaning dwelling tent par excellence or the sanctuary for Yhwh or sometimes “ohel mo-ed” meaning Place of meeting between God and Moses. The Tabernacle was the center focus of the Jewish religion.

The inner sanctuary named the Holy of Holies (Qodes HaQodasim) was where God’s presence appeared and where the Ark of the Covenant (that contained the Tablets of the Covenant with a pure gold cover named the Mercy Seat) was located. The Holy of Holies was separated from the rest of the Tabernacle by a veil and once a year the High Priest would enter in on the Day of Atonement where the blood of a goat was offered as an atonement for the people.

In the outer sanctuary was located the Table of Shewbread for loaves of bread, the golden Menorah for a light to be never extinguished, a Sacrificial Altar, and the sacred Anointing Oil.

Later King Solomon erected a permanent Temple that will built after the fashion of the original Tabernacle with the same religious practices. Soon after this Israel apostatized and was taken captive by Babylon in 597 BC and the temple of Solomon was destroyed and the Ark of the Covenant lost.

After the return of the Jews to Israel starting in 539 BC they started rebuilding the Temple in 537 BC after the manner of King Solomon’s Temple only without the Ark of the Covenant.



## Law of Moses practiced among the Nephites

**2 Nephi 4:22** *And I, Nephi, did build a temple; and I did construct it after the manner of the temple of Solomon, save it were not built of so many precious things:*

**Jacob 1:17** *- Wherefore, I, Jacob, gave unto them these words as I taught them in the temple, having firstly obtained mine errand from the Lord.*

**2 Nephi 4:14** *- And we did observe to keep the judgments, and the statutes, and the commandments of the Lord, in all things, according to the law of Moses.*

**Jacob 3:6** *- And for this intent, we keep the law of Moses, it pointing our souls to him; and for this cause, it is sanctified unto us, for righteousness, even as it was accounted unto Abraham in the wilderness, to be obedient unto the commands of God, in offering up his son Isaac, which is a similitude of God and his only begotten Son.*

**Mosiah 1:113** *- And yet they hardened their hearts, and understood not that the law of Moses availeth nothing, except it were through the atonement of his blood;*

**Alma 14:75** *- But notwithstanding the Law of Moses, they did look forward to the coming of Christ, considering that the Law of Moses was a type of his coming, and believing that they must keep those outward performances, until the time that he should be revealed unto them.*

## How Christ and His Apostles ministered in the Temple

**Matthew 21:12** - And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

**Matthew 24:1** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

**John 5:14** - Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

**John 7:14** - Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

**Acts 5:42** - And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.



**Matthew 21:15** And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

## The Fulfillment of Malachi 3 and 4

**Luke 1:13** But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. 16 And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. 17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

**Malachi 3:1** Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. 2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

**Malachi 4:1** For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

**Luke 3:2** As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

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**2 Nephi 11:61** And after that the Messiah shall come, there shall be signs given unto my people of his birth, and also of his death and resurrection; 62 And great and terrible shall that day be unto the wicked; for they shall perish; 63 And they perish because they cast out the prophets, and the saints, and stone them, and slay them; 64 Wherefore the cry of the blood of the saints shall ascend up to God from the ground, against them. 65 Wherefore



all they that are proud, and that do wickedly, the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, for they shall be as stubble; 66 And they that kill the prophets, and the saints, the depths of the earth shall swallow them up, saith the Lord of hosts: 67 And mountains shall cover them, and whirlwinds shall carry them away, and buildings shall fall upon them, and crush them to pieces and grind them to powder; 68 And they shall be visited with thunderings, and lightnings, and earthquakes, and all manner of destructions; 69 For the fire of the anger of the Lord shall be kindled against them, and they shall be as stubble, and the day that cometh shall consume them, saith the Lord of hosts.

## The New and Everlasting Covenant

**Jeremiah 31:31** - Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

**Hebrews 8:13** - In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

**Hebrews 12:24** - And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

**Hebrews 13:20** - Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

**Matthew 27:51** - 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;



## Types and Shadows from the Law of Moses

**Mosiah 1:110** Yet the Lord God saw that his people were a stiff-necked people, and he appointed unto them a law, even the law of Moses. 111 And many signs, and wonders, and types, and shadows shewed he unto them, concerning his coming:

**Mosiah 8:90** - Therefore, if ye teach the Law of Moses, also teach that it is a shadow of those things which are to come;

**The Manna: John 6:48** - I am that bread of life.

**The Candlestick: John 12:46** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

**The Sacrifice: 1 Peter 1:18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

**The High Priest: Hebrews 8:11** Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

## The Law of Moses Fulfilled

**3 Nephi 7:5** - Behold, I say unto you, that the law is fulfilled that was given unto Moses. **6** - Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he which covenanted with my people Israel; therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfill the law; therefore, it hath an end.

**Galatians 3:24** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

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**Hebrews 8:1** Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; **2** A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

**Hebrews 8:6** But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

**Hebrews 9:1** Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. **2** For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. **3** And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; **4** Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; **5** And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. **6** Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. **7** But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

**Revelation 21:22** - And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

**1 Peter 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.

**Ephesians 2:21** - In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

**1 Corinthians 3:16** - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

**Revelation 21:3** - And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

**Hebrews 9:11** - But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

## False Tabernacles

**Acts 7:43** - Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

**Wikipedia:** In the Church of \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy of Holies is a room in the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple wherein the church's president - acting as the Presiding High Priest of the church - enters to act as High Priest of Israel in direct relationship with God.

## Where is the Center of our Religion and Focus? A Building, A Person or Jesus Christ?

