

# ***Who Am I?***

## ***Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ***

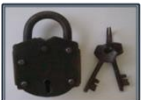
**Week Two**

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### **THE TABERNACLE: GOD'S DWELLING PLACE**

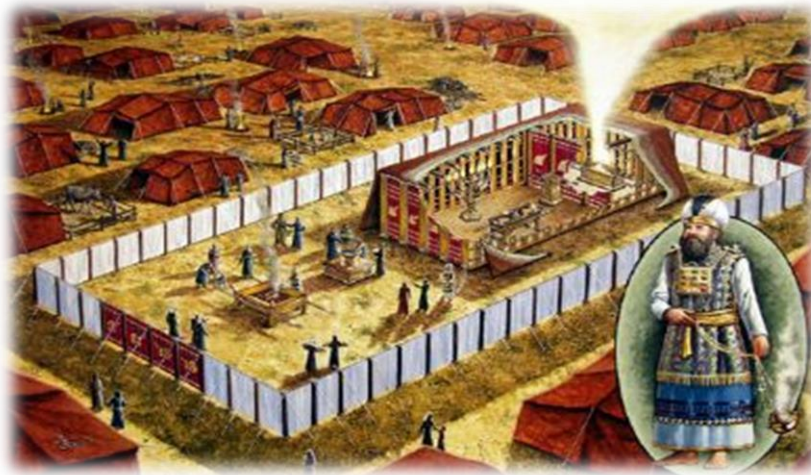
“When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:11-12)

The Tabernacle used by the Israelites was to be a pattern or shadow of what was to come. The people did not understand this. They just knew that God had delivered them from Egypt and was now giving the Law to follow. This Tabernacle was outlined by God to Moses as a place where His presence could dwell. The furniture and rooms, as well as, the Priestly ministry and High Priest and his duties were representative of what was to come. In this lesson, you will be able to understand the first Tabernacle and its ministry and then see how Christ fulfilled the “what was to come.”



**Unlocking the Mystery**

#### **A CROSS CUT OF THE TABERNACLE AND A PICTURE OF A HIGH PRIEST**



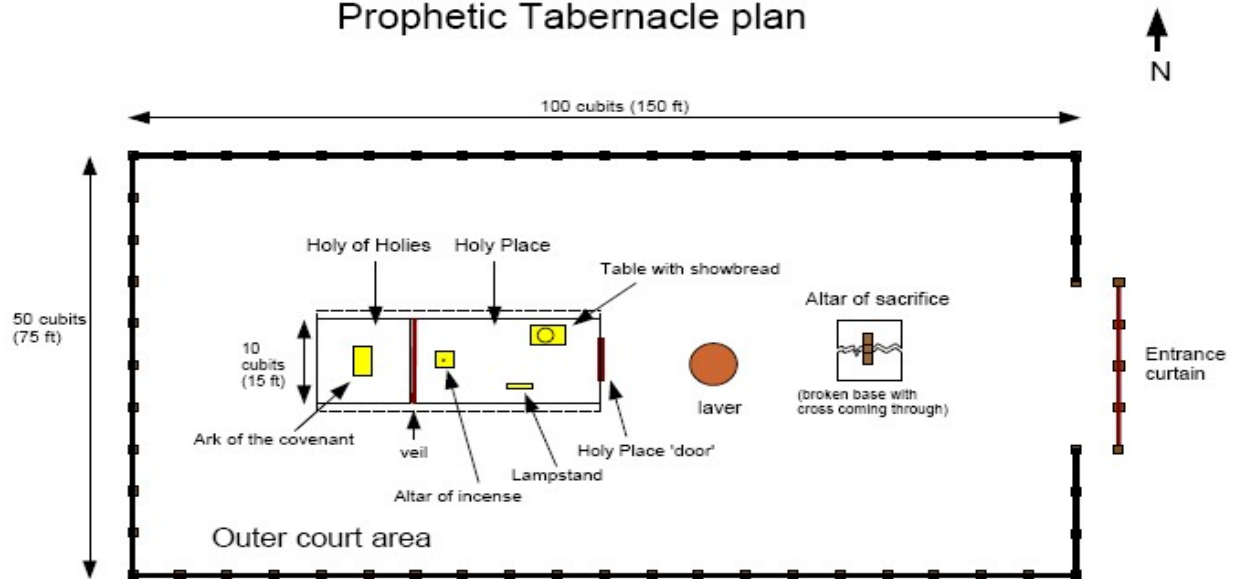
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***Week Two: Pieces of the Old Testament Puzzle***

***Day Three: The Tabernacle: God's Dwelling Place***

# Prophetic Tabernacle plan



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*Understanding the Word*

To understand the fulfillment of the Heavenly Tabernacle through Christ Jesus, we must first go back to the Earthly Tabernacle to learn and understand the description and purpose of it. Please don't get caught up in the details of the size and materials of the different parts. Read for understanding of the placement and purpose of each object.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:** Looking at the pictures above

Just inside the outside boundary is called what? \_\_\_\_\_

The inside "tent" was divided into two parts. What are they called? \_\_\_\_\_  
and the \_\_\_\_\_

What two large items besides the inside "tent" were in the outer court area? \_\_\_\_\_

What three items were located in the Holy Place? \_\_\_\_\_

What item was located in the Most Holy Place? \_\_\_\_\_

What item divided the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place? \_\_\_\_\_

### Synonymous Terms:

Tabernacle= Tent of Meeting    Laver=Bronze Basin    Veil=Curtain    Altar of Sacrifice=Brazen Altar

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Exodus 25-30

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 25:8

**V. 8** Then have them make a \_\_\_\_\_ for Me, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ among them.

God provided a place and a way for His wandering people to worship Him through the Tabernacle. Jesus Christ is the answer to those that find themselves still wandering to this day.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 25:10, 17-22

**V. 10** Have them make a \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. 17-22** Make an \_\_\_\_\_ cover. And make two \_\_\_\_\_ out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. **V. 20** The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, \_\_\_\_\_ the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the \_\_\_\_\_. **V.21** Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the \_\_\_\_\_ which I will give you. **V. 22** There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, \_\_\_\_\_ and give you all My commands for the Israelites.

On the lid between the angelic figures, the high priest sprinkled the shed blood of the sacrificial offering to make atonement for sins. This was symbolic of God’s forgiving MERCY, thus being called the “MERCY SEAT.” Sin deserves death, but God had mercy on those being atoned for and accepted the blood of an innocent animal in the stead of the sinner. This was completed once a year on the DAY OF ATONEMENT by the high priest.

The Cherubim are symbolic of the angels that hover around the throne of God in heaven. The place between the Cherubim is the dwelling place of God among His people.

Jesus is our dwelling place and He is our atonement. Instead of coving the sin with the blood of a sacrifice, He took sin upon Himself and through His sacrifice provides God’s forgiving MERCY to any who will receive Him.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Exodus 25:23, 29-30**

**V. 23** Make a \_\_\_\_\_

**V. 29-30** And make its \_\_\_\_\_ of pure gold, as well as its \_\_\_\_\_ for the pouring out of offerings. Put the \_\_\_\_\_ on this table to be before Me at all times.

The bread placed weekly (on the Sabbath) on the table by the priests represented the LORD’S presence that sustained Israel in all of life. Twelve loaves represented the twelve tribes and also reminded them of God’s provision in the wilderness as He sent down manna from heaven to feed them.

Jesus is known as the Bread of Life. He is the sustenance that nourishes our spiritual life.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Exodus 25:31, 37; 27:21**

**V. 31** Make a \_\_\_\_\_ of pure gold and hammer it out...

**V. 37** Then make its \_\_\_\_\_ and set them up on it so that they \_\_\_\_\_ the space in front of it.

**V. 27:21** Aaron and his sons are to \_\_\_\_\_ before the LORD from \_\_\_\_\_.

The priests were to keep the wicks trimmed and the oil filled. The burning lamps represented God’s light or presence in the midst of the camp.

Jesus testifies that He is the light of the world and whomever follows Him will never walk in darkness, but have the light of eternal life. His light illuminates the darkness in our life and it illuminates the path we are to walk in our eternal salvation.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Exodus 26:31, 33**

**V. 31 Make a \_\_\_\_\_ of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by a skilled craftsman.**

**V. 33 The curtain will \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.**

The curtain or veil separated the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place. This curtain represented a barrier between God and man. On the DAY OF ATONEMENT the High Priest would enter in by way of this curtain.

Jesus is the veil, meaning He is the way to God. He is our mediator and the only one that can give us access to God. No other religions or paths lead to eternal life, only through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Exodus 27:1, 2-3**

**V. 1 Build an \_\_\_\_\_...**

**V.2-3 ...overlay the altar with \_\_\_\_\_. Make all its utensils of \_\_\_\_\_**

The Brazen altar was used to receive the offerings brought into the Tabernacle. The people would bring the items to be sacrificed but it was the priests that did the service of killing and placing the sacrifice on the altar.

Jesus laid down His own life as the final sacrifice.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Exodus 28:1**

**V. 1 Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may \_\_\_\_\_**

The priest was someone who would stand before God as a representative of the people. They served the Tabernacle needs by caring for the furniture and maintaining the wicks, fire, incense, and oil. They are the ones that prepared the sacrifices, then offered them on behalf of the people. The High Priest was the one in charge and was the only one that could enter the Most Holy Place on the Day of Atonement.

Jesus is our high priest so that through Him we can enter into God's presence. He is a priest in the sense that He offered Himself as the sacrifice.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 30:1, 7-8

**V. 1** Make an \_\_\_\_\_ of acacia wood for \_\_\_\_\_

**V. 7-8** Aaron must burn \_\_\_\_\_ on the altar \_\_\_\_\_ when he tends the lamps. He must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense will \_\_\_\_\_ for the generations to come.

The high priest is the one to burn the incense every morning and evening. On the Day of Atonement, the horns of the altar were sprinkled with the blood of the sin offering. The burning incense symbolized the continual worship and prayers of God's people.

Jesus, also as high priest is the One to present our sacrifices of prayer, praise and service unto God. He intercedes on our behalf and continually prays for us to the Father.

**SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 30:18, 20-21

**V. 18** Then the LORD said to Moses, Make a \_\_\_\_\_, with its bronze stand, for \_\_\_\_\_

**V. 20-21** Whenever they enter the Tent of Meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister by presenting an offering made to the LORD by fire, they shall \_\_\_\_\_ so that they will not die.

The basin was used for cleansing and consecrating the priest so he could fulfill his purpose of ministry.

Jesus provided the blood that cleanses and consecrates us to the Lord God Almighty. When we are cleansed by the blood we can move forward and fulfill our purpose of ministry.

Learning of the earthly Tabernacle helps us to understand more fully the mystery of Jesus Christ's sacrificial death. Understanding that He worked as the High Priest to administer the offering but also, He was the perfect, unblemished offering. His blood was shed taking away the sins of the people. It's because of His blood that God can show us mercy and offer us forgiveness instead of death. You will learn that the temple was set up like the tabernacle and at the time of Jesus' death, the curtain ripped in two taking away any barrier between God and man. Each piece of furniture represents a part of Christ and was a complete foreshadowing of all that was yet to come. I sincerely hope you will be able to read the Old Testament now with fresh new insight and that it is always pointing toward Jesus. God had us in mind from the beginning of time, and we are still on His heart today. He is always with us and He always desires a relationship with us. If you feel far away from Him now, this is a great time to receive Him into your heart or to renew the passion of a heartfelt relationship with Him... He's right here. All you have to do is ask.

