



INFORMED AND FAITHFUL

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THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

❖ SET FORTH GOD'S RIGHTEOUS STANDARDS

Romans 7:12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

❖ TUTOR THAT POINTS US TO CHRIST

Galatians 3:23-25 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

❖ GIVES US KNOWLEDGE OF SIN

RIGHT AND WRONG

- ❖ Even though our lives aren't dictated by keeping the Law, it is still important to realize that the Law reveals what God calls right and wrong
- ❖ No other gods; no idols; don't take God's name in vain
- ❖ Remember sabbath to keep it holy
- ❖ Honor father and mother (promise)
- ❖ Don't murder
- ❖ Don't commit adultery
- ❖ Don't steal, bear false witness, covet

VALUE OF THE LAW

- ❖ **Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
- ❖ **Proverbs 21:2** Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts.
- ❖ **If people never realize that they are sinners, then they will never think that they need a savior**
- ❖ Ignorance doesn't cause people to be saved
- ❖ **Romans 5:12-14** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

WHAT FULFILLS THE LAW?

- ❖ **Matthew 5:17-19** "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.** "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- ❖ **Romans 13:8-10** Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ Everyone is a sinner; the penalty is separation from God—eternally
- ❖ People are unable to make themselves righteous
- ❖ The Law provided the methodology; people could not provide the means
- ❖ Jesus came to save sinners
- ❖ We have to accept His redemptive work
- ❖ God began to reveal His redemptive plan (mystery) over time throughout the Old Testament scripture

THE REVELATION

- ❖ In the Law:

 - In the Tabernacle

 - In the sacrificial rites

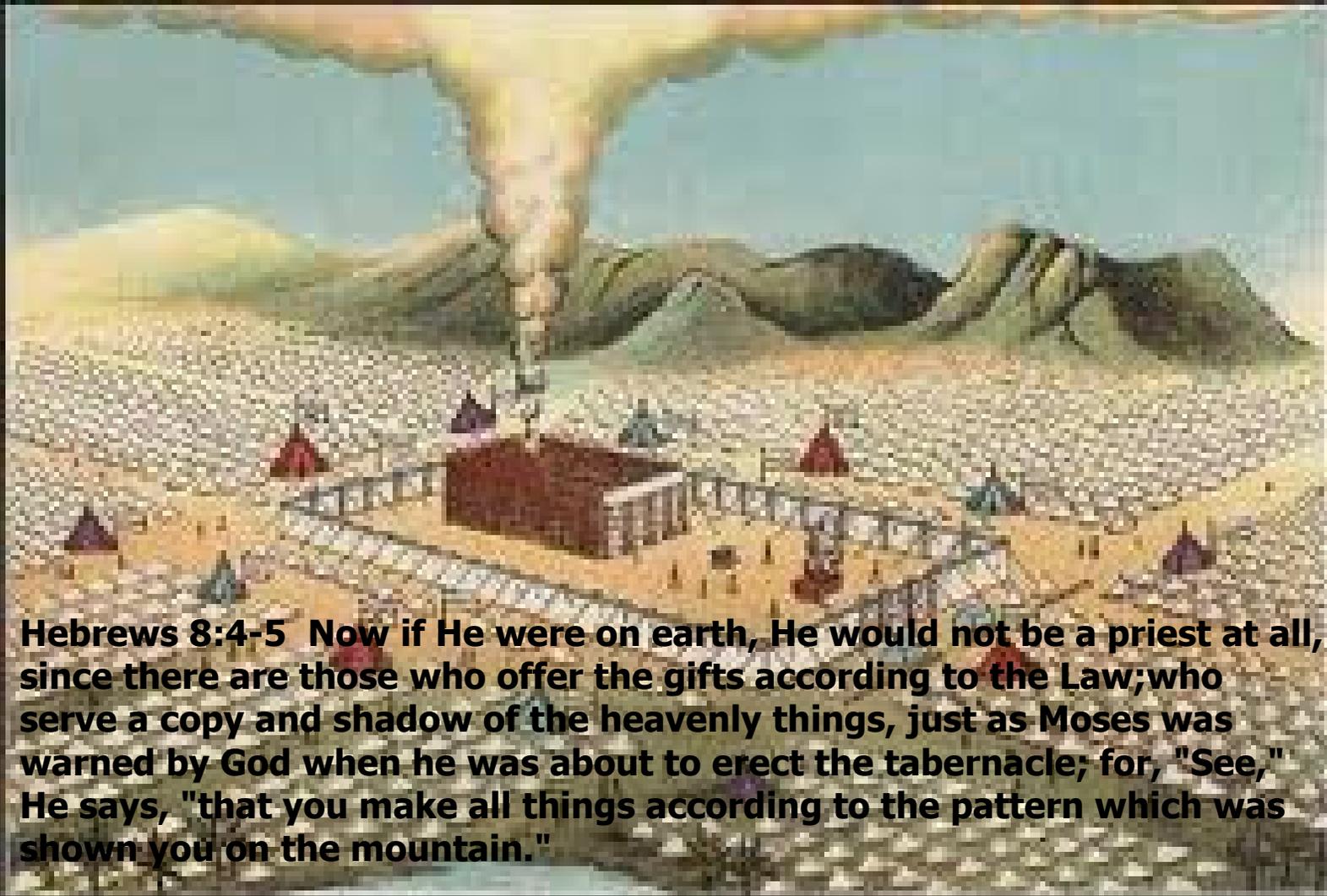
 - In the civil laws of redemption

 - In the festivals

- ❖ If Jesus fulfills the Law, we should be able to see Him in areas that pertain to the Law

- ❖ **1 Kings 2:3** "Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn..."

ARTIST REPRESENTATION



Hebrews 8:4-5 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law; who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "See," He says, "that you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain."

SACRIFICIAL ALTAR; LAVER



HIGH PRIEST AT INCENSE ALTAR



MENORRAH



SHOWBREAD



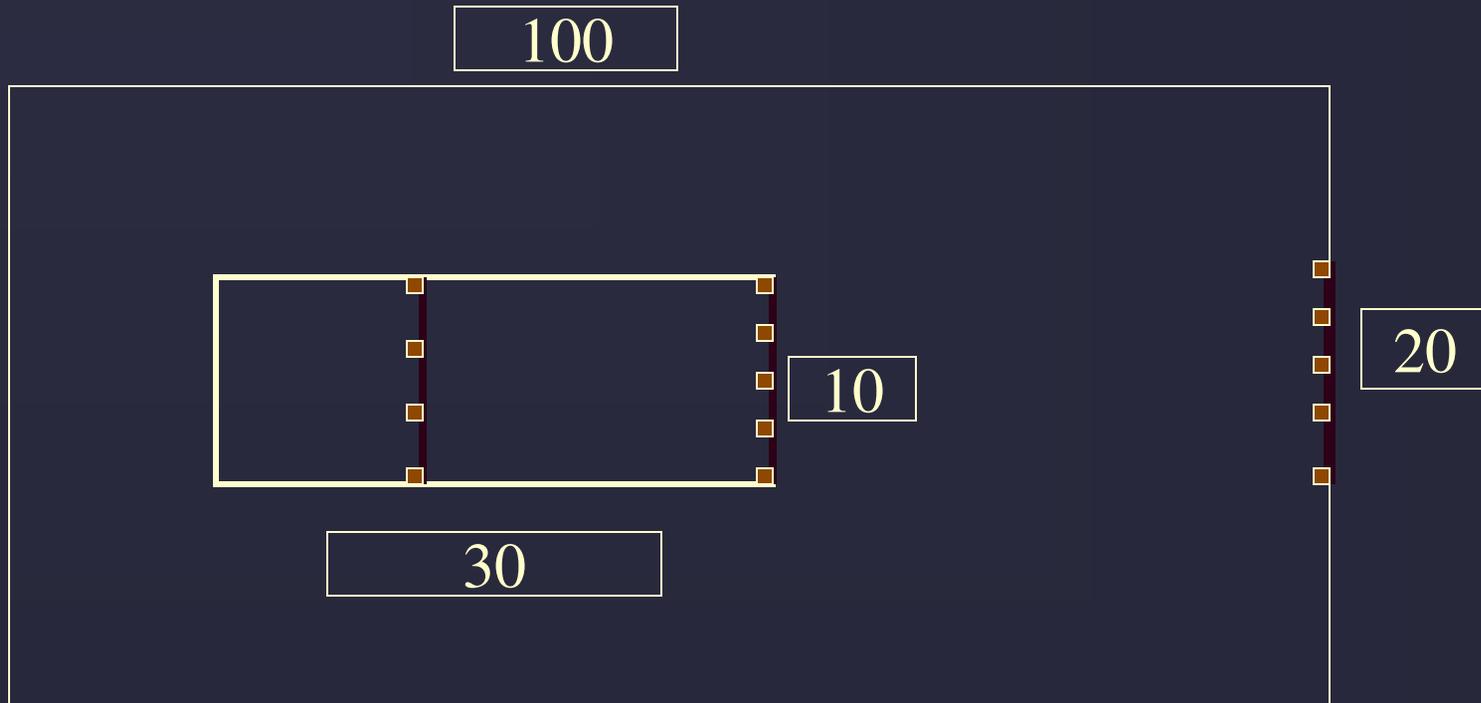
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OUTER COURT

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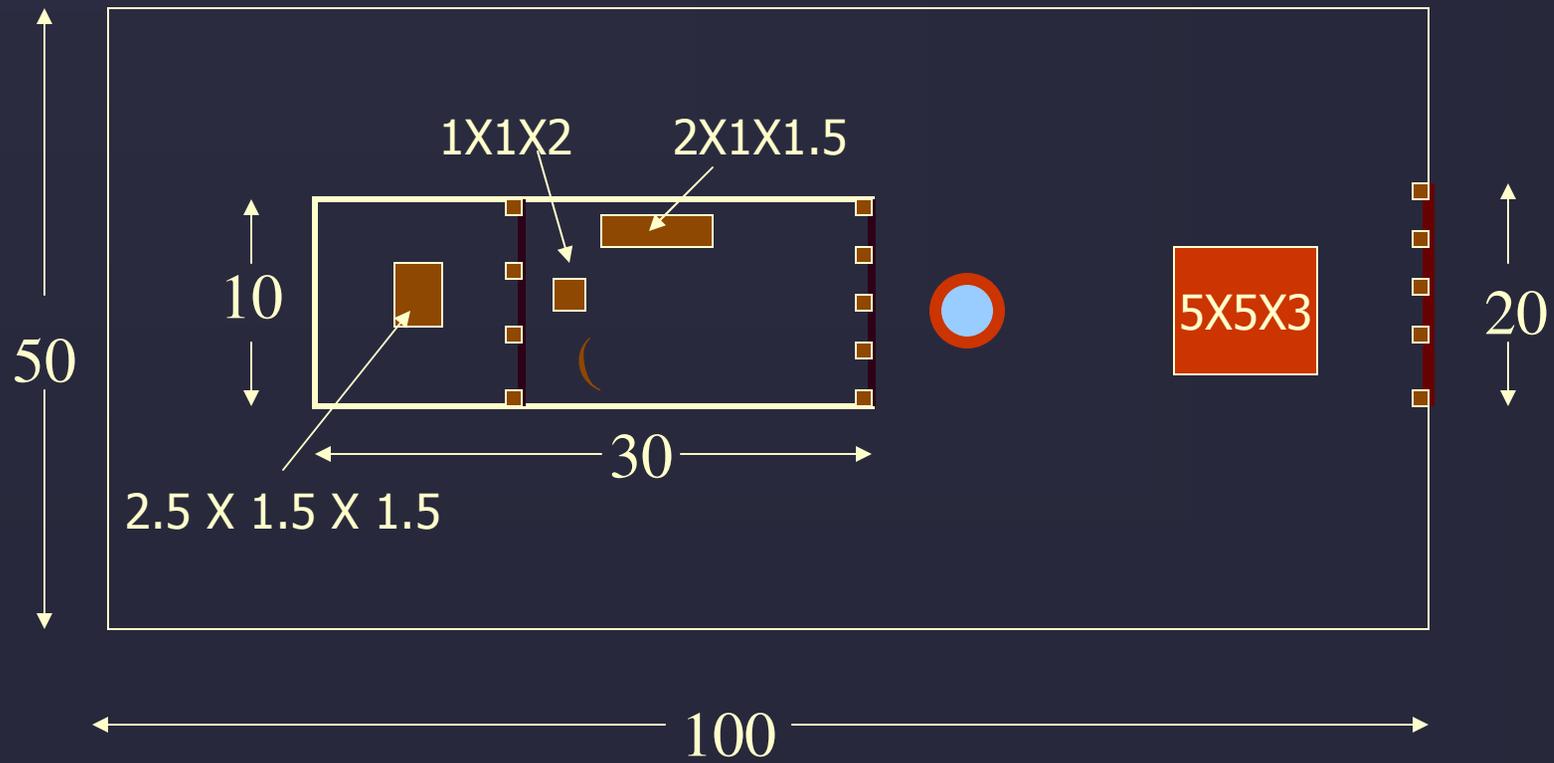
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TABERNACLE



DIMENSIONS IN CUBITS 1 cubit = 18"



CORRELATION: OUTER COURT

- ❖ The entrance gate was called the Way or the Narrow Gate; always on the east end
- ❖ **John 10:9** "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."
- ❖ **Matthew 7:13** "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it"
- ❖ **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."
- ❖ The early church called itself the Way:
- ❖ **Acts 9:2** ...at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

OUTER COURT: SALVATION

- ❖ Only enter by the Way...the Narrow Gate...Jesus
- ❖ Having accepted the sacrifice of Christ (altar)
- ❖ Having been ceremonially cleansed (laver)
- ❖ **Ephesians 5:25-26** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word...
- ❖ **Romans 6:3** Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

ROLE OF THE PRIESTS

- ❖ **Presented the sacrifice; experts in the Law**
- ❖ **1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, *so that* you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- ❖ **Romans 12:1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

PURIFICATION OF PRIESTS

- ❖ **Ezra 6:20** For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure.
- ❖ **Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- ❖ Prove: *dokimatzo*: to be refined; what emerges from the process? the good, acceptable, perfect will of God
- ❖ **Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

CORRELATION: HOLY PLACE

- ❖ The Holy Place is entered through the door of truth and represents a lifestyle of discipleship
- ❖ **John 8:31-32** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you **continue** in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
- ❖ **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..."
- ❖ Three items in the Holy Place: table of showbread; golden altar of incense; lampstand

THE SHOWBREAD: PURPOSE

- ❖ Showbread: *prothesis*
- ❖ **Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- ❖ **Ephesians 1:11**...also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will...
- ❖ **Ephesians 3:11** This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord...
- ❖ **2 Timothy 1:9** ...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity...

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

INCENSE ALTAR: PRAYER

- ❖ **Revelation 5:8** When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- ❖ **Revelation 8:3-4** Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

LAMPSTAND: LIGHT

- ❖ **Psalm 119:105** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- ❖ **Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light;
- ❖ **Luke 8:16** “Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light.”
- ❖ **John 5:35** “He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.”
- ❖ **Leviticus 24:2** “Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you clear oil from beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.”

CORRELATION: MOST HOLY PLACE

- ❖ Entered through the veil of life
- ❖ **Hebrews 10:19-20** Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh...
- ❖ **Mark 15:38** And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
- ❖ **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."

THE ARK

- ❖ **Hebrews 9:3-5** ...called the Holy of Holies, having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.
- ❖ **Leviticus 16:13** "He shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, otherwise he will die."

Mercy seat: *hilasterion*: propitiation

- ❖ **James 2:13** ...mercy triumphs over judgment
- ❖ **Romans 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

DAY OF ATONEMENT

- ❖ **Hebrews 9:7**... but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.
- ❖ **1 Timothy 2:14** ...it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.
- ❖ **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin...

WE ARE ENSLAVED TO INTENTIONAL SIN...

THE LAW DOES NOT ATONE FOR THAT SIN

FULFILL THE LAW

- ❖ **Galatians 2:16** ... nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.
- ❖ No one was justified by keeping the Law
- ❖ But justification came through fulfillment of the Law
- ❖ **Matthew 5:17** “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”