

THE SANCTUARY AND ITS SOLEMN TRUTHS



Thy way, O God, [is] in the sanctuary: who [is so] great a God as [our] God?

Psalms 77:13



APARTMENTS OF THE SANCTUARY

“The solemn service of the sanctuary typified the grand truths that were to be revealed through successive generations. The cloud of incense ascending with the prayers of Israel represents His righteousness that alone can make the sinner's prayer acceptable to God; the bleeding victim on the altar of sacrifice testified of a Redeemer to come; and from the holy of holies the visible token of the divine presence shone forth. Thus through age after age of darkness and apostasy, faith was kept alive in the hearts of men until the time came for the advent of the promised Messiah. Jesus was the light of His people,--the light of the world,--before He came to earth in the form of humanity. . . . From Him has come every ray of heaven's brightness that has fallen upon the inhabitants of the earth. **In the plan of redemption, Christ is the Alpha and the Omega,--the First and the Last.**” {TMK 102.3}

- I saw the necessity of the messengers, especially, watching and checking all fanaticism wherever they might see it rise. Satan is pressing in on every side, and unless we watch for him, and have our eyes open to his devices and snares, and have on the whole armor of God, the fiery darts of the wicked will hit us. There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is "*present truth*" that the flock needs now. I have seen the danger of the messengers running off from the important points of present truth, to dwell upon subjects that are not calculated to unite the flock and sanctify the soul. Satan will here take every possible advantage to injure the cause. { EW 63 .1 }
- But such subjects as the sanctuary , in connection with the 2300 days, the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, are perfectly calculated to explain the past Advent movement and show what our present position is, establish the faith of the doubting, and give certainty to the glorious future. These, I have frequently seen, were the principal subjects on which the messengers should dwell. { EW 63 .2 }

**“The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.”—
Ev 224 (1905). {LDE 177.3}**

This is already being denied by the false righteousness by faith teaching that claims that our salvation was completed 2000 years ago at the cross. These deny Christ's ministry in the heavenly sanctuary that is going on now.

**“The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith.”
{MR760 27.5}**

- ▶ **“Christ Himself was the originator of the Jewish system of worship, in which, by types and symbols, were shadowed forth spiritual and heavenly things. Many forgot the true significance of these offerings; and the great truth that through Christ alone there is forgiveness of sin, was lost to them. The multiplying of sacrificial offerings, the blood of bulls and goats, could not take away sin. . . . {AG 155.3}**
- ▶ **“A lesson was embodied in every sacrifice, impressed in every ceremony, solemnly preached by the priest in his holy office, and inculcated by God Himself--that through the blood of Christ alone is there forgiveness of sins.” {AG 155.4}**

- ▶ “In both the **school** and the **home** much of the teaching was oral; but the youth also learned to read the Hebrew writings, and the parchment rolls of the Old Testament Scriptures were open to their study. The chief subjects of study in these schools were the **law of God**, with the **instruction given to Moses**, **sacred history**, **sacred music**, and **poetry**. In the records of sacred history were traced the footsteps of **Jehovah**. The great truths set forth by the types in the service of the **sanctuary** were brought to view, and faith grasped the **central object of all that system--the Lamb of God**, that was to take away the sin of the world..” {Ed 47.2}

- ▶ “The subject of the sanctuary and the investigative judgment should be clearly understood by the people of God. All need knowledge for themselves of the position and work of their great High Priest. Otherwise, it will be *impossible* for them to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to *occupy the position* which God designs them to fill....
- ▶ “The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. **It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects,** and be able to give an answer to every one that asks them a reason of the hope that is in them.” Great Controversy, page 488, 489

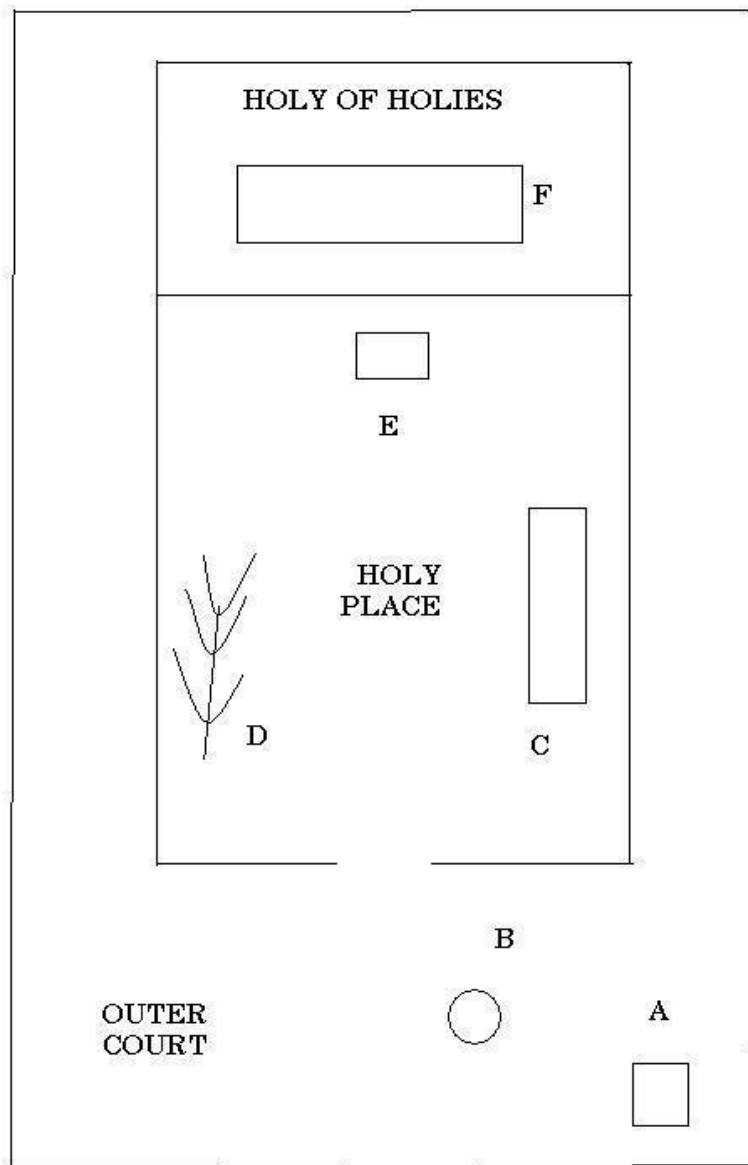
A HEAVENLY PATTERN

- ▶ The sanctuary that Moses was told to build was after a heavenly pattern. That which Solomon built was also after a pattern shown David by the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ This means that there is a heavenly sanctuary.
- ▶ The purpose of building the sanctuary was so that God could dwell with us. **Exod. 25:8.**
- ▶ For God to dwell with us, we must be reconciled to Him. The purpose of the sanctuary is to reconcile us back to God.
- ▶ It teaches the plan of redemption.

SECTIONS OF THE SANCTUARY

The sanctuary had three sections:

1. **The Outer Court** containing the Brazen Altar and the Brazen laver for the priests' washing.
2. **The Holy Place** containing the Golden Table of Shewbread, the Golden Lamp stand with seven Lamps/ Candles and the Golden Altar of Continual incense.
3. **The Most Holy Place** which contained the Ark of the Covenant on top of which were two cherubims and between them the Mercy Seat. In the side of the Ark was the book of the Law and in the Ark was the two Tables of stone of the Ten Commandments, the Pot of Manna and Aaron's rod that budded.



Key

A= Brazen altar of continual burn offering

B= Brazen bason of water

C= Golden table of Continual shewbread

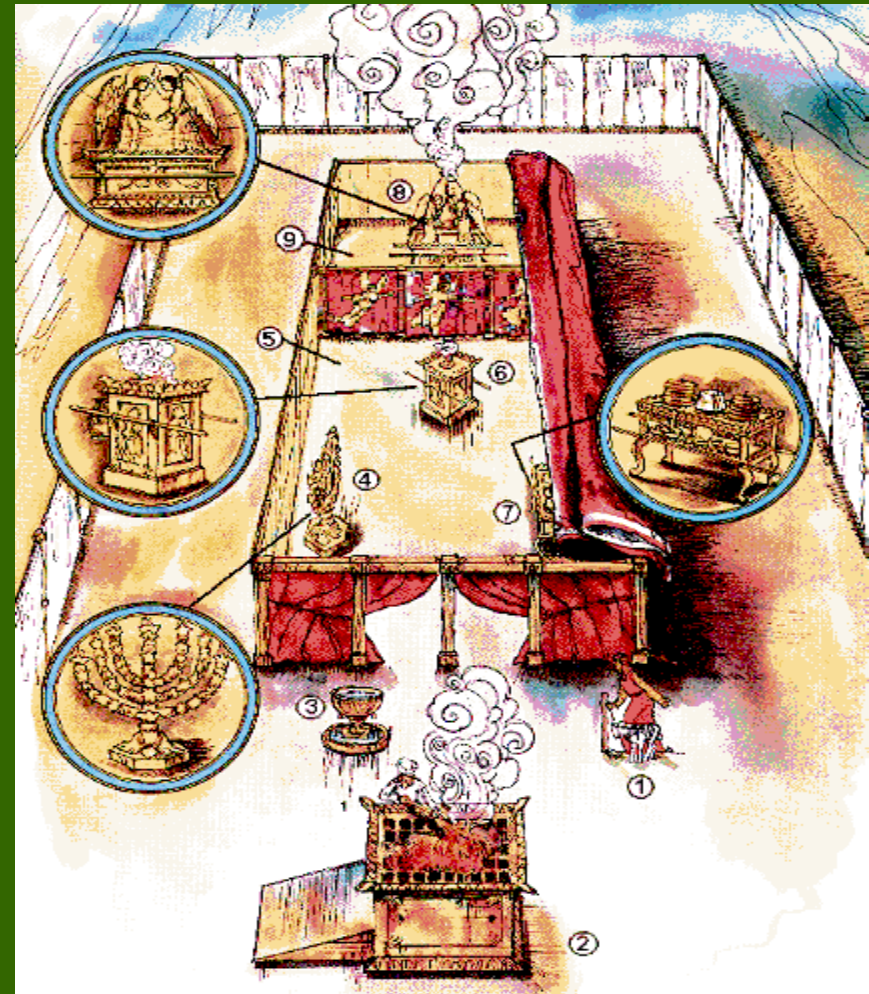
D= Golden lamp stand with seven lamps/candles

E= Golden altar of Continual incense

F= Ark of the covenant on top of which were two golden Cherubims facing each other and between them the Mercy Seat. Inside it were the two tables of stone on which God wrote the ten commandments, the rod of Aaron that budded and the pot of Manna.

- ▶ “The church of God below is one with the church of God above. Believers on the earth and the beings in heaven who have never fallen constitute one church. Every heavenly intelligence is interested in the assemblies of the saints who on earth meet to worship God. In the **inner court of heaven** they listen to the testimony of the witnesses for Christ in the **outer court on earth**, and the praise and thanksgiving from the worshipers below is taken up in the heavenly anthem, and praise and rejoicing sound through the heavenly courts because Christ has not died in vain for the fallen sons of Adam.” {AG 75.4}

THE WILDERNESS SANCTUARY BUILT BY MOSES

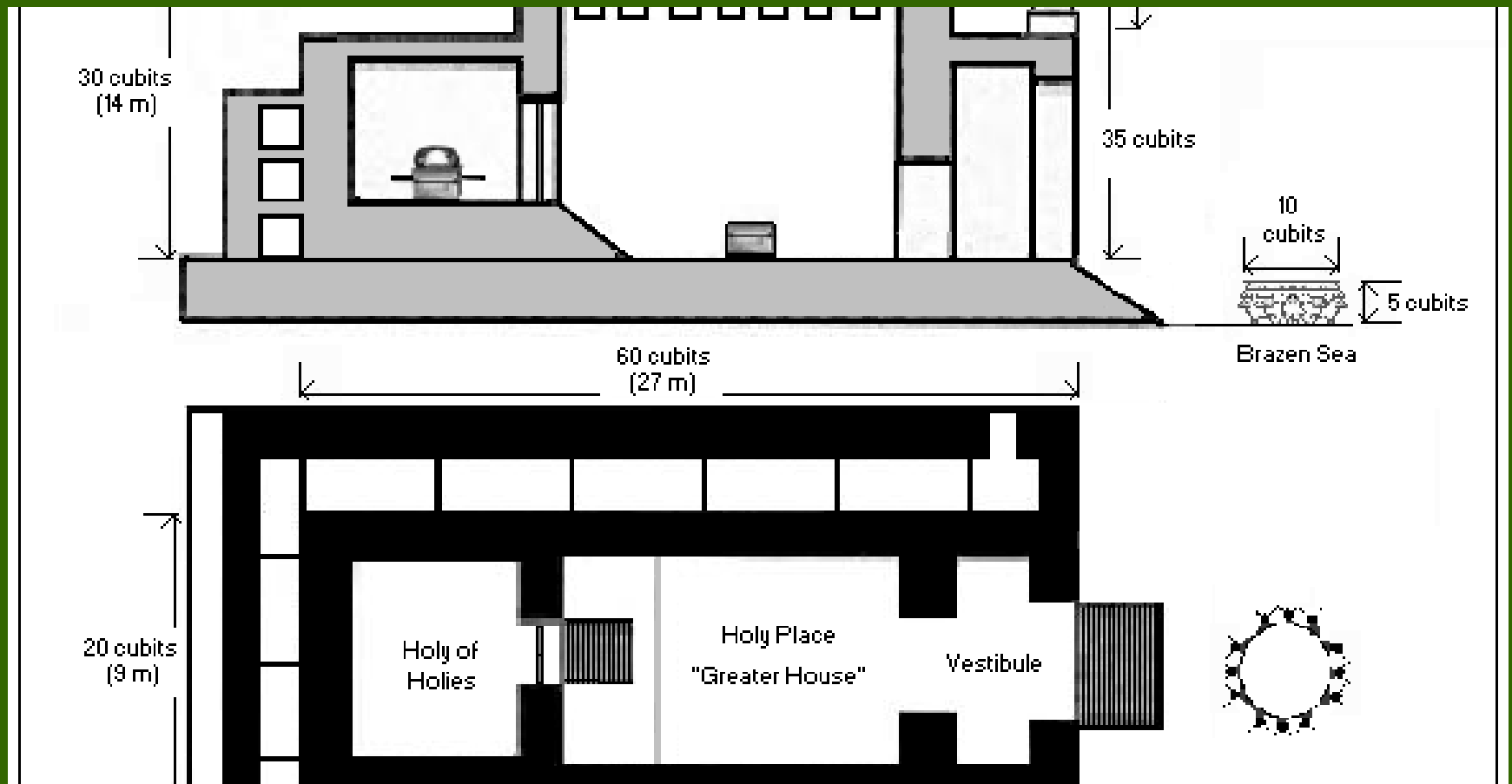


Study Exodus chapters 25 to 40 for the details.

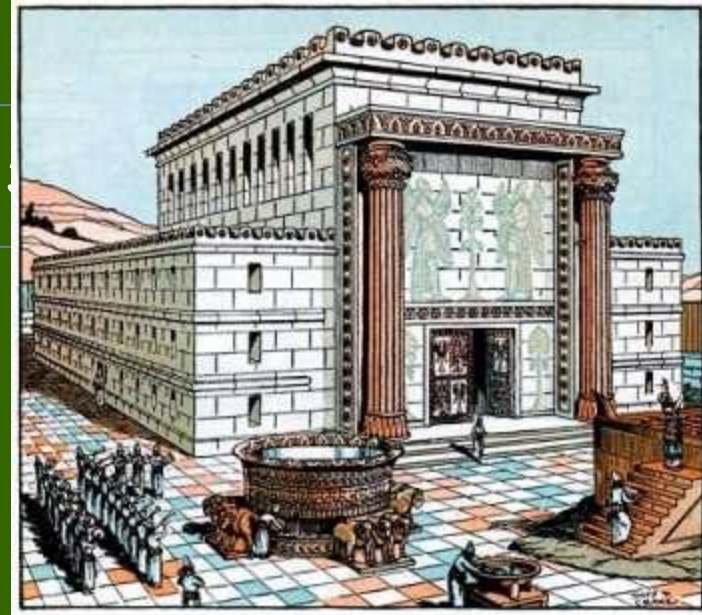
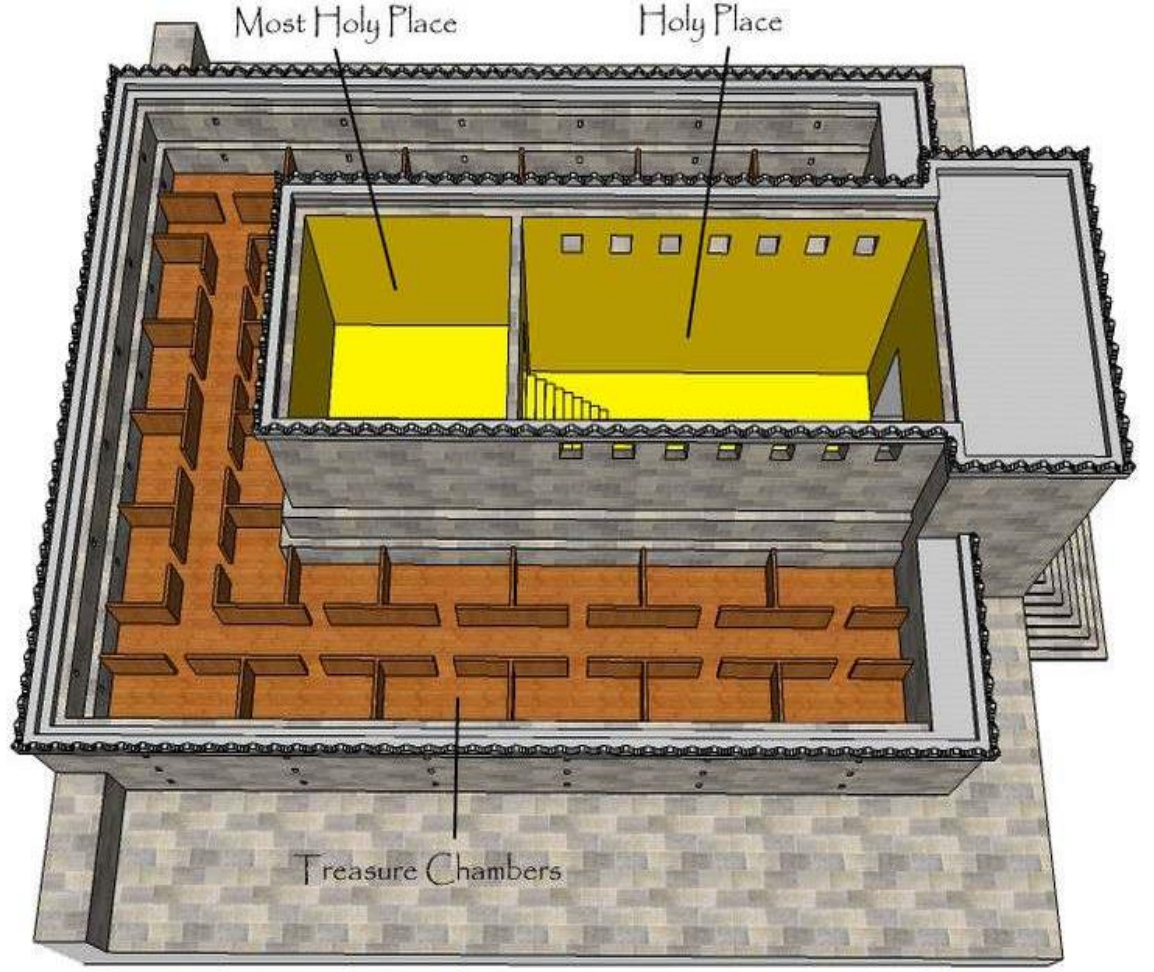
God instructed Moses to build the sanctuary after the pattern of the one in heaven.

The sanctuary was built that God may dwell with us. **Exod. 25:8**





PLAN OF TEMPLE BUILT BY SOLOMON



Because it was permanent, treasures chambers or stores were added to it.
 It was all laid with Gold in the inside and inscribed with curves of Cherubims
 and palm trees. I Kings 6:20, 21, 30.
 It had no windows (I Kings 8:12).

THE OUTER COURT

TYPE

- ▶ The washing of feet and hands by the priests at the **brazen bason/ laver**.
- ▶ **Exod. 30:21.**

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- ▶ **The washing away of our sins** (dirt) which is also symbolized in the washing of the feet before the Lord's supper. All sin must be put away by those who approach unto God.
- ▶ **John 13:4-17**

- ▶ “Moses at the burning bush was directed to put off his sandals, for the ground whereon he stood was holy. **So the priests were not to enter the sanctuary with shoes upon their feet. Particles of dust cleaving to them would desecrate the holy place.** They were to leave their shoes in the court before entering the sanctuary, and also to wash both their hands and their feet before ministering in the tabernacle or at the altar of burnt offering. **Thus was constantly taught the lesson that all defilement must be put away from those who would approach into the presence of God.**” Patriarchs and Prophets, page 350.

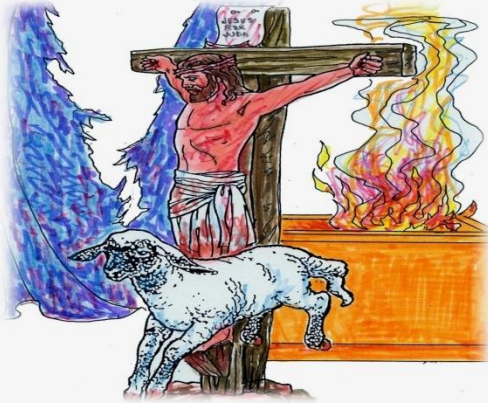
TYPE

- ▶ **The brazen alter.** It is where the sacrificial animals were offered. It was an altar of continual (day by day) sacrifice.
Exod. 29 38-42.

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- ▶ Represents **the Cross** upon which Christ the lamb of God was slain and died on our behalf. When Christ died on the cross he brought an end to animal sacrifices which all pointed to him. They were shadows of the true who is Christ.
- ▶ Dan. 9:27, Mk 15:24, 25, Matt. 27:40, Phil. 2:8, Col. 1:20, 2:14-16, Heb. 10:1,

THE OUTER COURT



The Cross and Its Shadow

TYPE

- ▶ **The sacrificial animals/** beasts. (Lambs, Bulls, turtledoves, Pigeons, Ram, Goat)
- ▶ Exod. 12:5, 29:1, Lev. 1:14, 3:12, Exod. 29:1.
- ▶ The sacrificial animals/ beasts had to be **whole**. That is not physically disabled, lame etc.
- ▶ Lev. 22:24, Deut. 15:21, Mal. 1:8-13.

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- ▶ **Christ the lamb of God** that taketh away the sin of the world.
- ▶ John 1:29, Eph. 5:2.
- ▶ Christ the lamb of God was **without blemish** or spot of sin in his character.
- ▶ 1 Pet. 1:19, 2:21, 22, Heb. 9:14.

TYPE

- ▶ Only **clean animals** were to be offered as sacrifices.
- ▶ Gen 8:20, Isa. 66:3
- ▶ The **salting** of the sacrifices.
- ▶ Lev. 2:13, Num. 18:19.

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- ▶ We are not to pollute the temple of the Holy Spirit with **unclean foods**.
- ▶ Lev. 11, Isa. 66:15-17, 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.
- ▶ We must have the **righteousness of Christ** in us. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. We are the salt of the world.
- ▶ Mark 9:49, Rom. 8:9

- ▶ “In the ritual service, **salt** was added to every sacrifice. This, like the offering of incense, signified that **only the righteousness of Christ** could make the service acceptable to God. Referring to this practice, Jesus said, “Every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.” “Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.” All who would present themselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,” **must** receive the saving salt, the righteousness of our Savior.” The Desire of Ages, page 439.

TYPE

- ▶ The **holy fire** on the brazen altar. Lev. 9:24, 10:1, 2, 10. 2 Chron. 7:1
- ▶ The burning of the fat on the brazen altar as a sweet savour unto the Lord. Lev. 3:14-17
- ▶ The eating of the sin offering in the holy place thus the priest bearing the sin of the people in his flesh. Lev. 6:24-30, 10:16-20.
- ▶ Those animals whose flesh were not eaten in the holy place had their blood taken and smeared on the horns of the golden altar or sprinkled at the base of brazen altar depending on the type of sacrifice. Lev. 10:16-20, Heb. 13:11-13, Lev. 1:5, 11, 4:16-18,

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- ▶ The Fire that will proceed from the throne of God and consume here on earth all unrepentant sinners who will have refused the sacrificial death of Christ on their behalf. Rev. 20:9.
- ▶ Represents the destruction of sin by Christ's righteousness which is the sweet savour unto God. Eph. 5:2
- ▶ Christ bore our sins in his body. 1 Pet. 2:24, Isa. 53:4, 5.
- ▶ Christ intercedes for us by his shed blood. Heb. 9:7-14.

THE HOLY PLACE



The Holy Place contained the golden Table of Shewbread to the North, the golden Lamp stand of 7 candles/lamps to the South and the golden Alter of continual incense to the West

THE HOLY PLACE

The Veil was of blue, purple and crimson and fine linen (2 Chr. 3:14; compare Exodus 26:33).

TYPE

- ▶ **The table of showbread** on which were the **12 loaves** of bread representing the 12 tribes of Israel. The loaves of bread were made each sabbath and the ones already on the table which were put there last sabbath were then eaten by the officiating priests. Day by day there had to be bread on that table. It was the bread of God's presence.
- ▶ Lev. 24:5-9, Exod. 25:30, Num. 4:7, 1 Kings 7:48, 1 Chron. 9:32.

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- ▶ The loaves of bread represented **Christ** the bread of life that we eat every sabbath when we assemble for worship. John 6:35, 48.
- ▶ The number 12 represented the **12 tribes of Israel**. Christ the bread of life is sufficient for all.
- ▶ The colours of **blue** used in the sanctuary represented **obedience to the commandments of God**. Numbers 15:38, 39.
- ▶ The pure frankincense represented the **righteousness of Christ**. Eph. 5:2

- ▶ “The show bread was kept ever before the Lord as a perpetual offering. thus it was a part of the daily sacrifice. It was called show bread, or “bread of the presence,” because it was ever before the face of the Lord. **It was an acknowledgement of man's dependence upon God for both temporal and spiritual food, and that it is received only through the mediation of Christ.** God had fed Israel in the wilderness with bread from heaven, and they were still dependent upon His bounty for both temporal food and spiritual blessings.



Both the manna and the show bread pointed to Christ, the living bread, who is ever in the presence of God for us. He Himself said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven.” Frankincense was placed upon the loaves. When the bread was removed every Sabbath, to be replaced by fresh loaves, the frankincense was burned upon the altar as a memorial before God.” Patriarchs and Prophets, page 354.

TYPE

- ▶ The lamb stand with seven lambs/ candles. The lambs were to continually burn before the Lord. It was the High Priest who attended to them to trim them and fill them with oil.
- ▶ **Exod.24:1-4, 25:31-40.**

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- ▶ The seven lambs represented the seven churches of **Revelation chapters 1 to 3.** There is no age in this earth's history when God has not had a church that served Him. It is Christ our High Priest that John sees walking among the seven candles in the heavenly sanctuary. Only Christ can trim his church, fill it with the Holy Spirit and keep it burning day and night. He is the true and faithful witness who knows all our works.



CHRIST WALKING AMONG THE 7 CANDLES

Christ on his ascension to heaven soon began his Priestly ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary. Heb. 9:24.

Christ reveals to John how he takes care of his church all through the christian era as he did in the old testament era.





THE SEVEN CANDLES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION 1 - 3

The churches are **Ephesus** (31-100 AD) , **Smyrna** (100-313 AD), **Pergamos** (313-538 AD), **Thyatira** (538-1517 AD), **Sardis** (1517-1820), **Philadelphia** (1820- 1852) and **Laodicea** (1852 AD – End of Probation).

- ▶ “The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in different periods of the **Christian Era**. **The number 7 indicates completeness**, and is symbolic of the fact that the messages **extend to the end of time**, while the symbols used reveal the condition of the church at different periods in the history of the word. {AA 585.3}
- ▶ “Christ is spoken of as walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks. **Thus is symbolized His relation to the churches**. He is in constant communication with His people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their piety, their devotion. Although He is high priest and mediator in the sanctuary above, yet He is represented as walking up and down in the midst of His churches on the earth. **With untiring wakefulness and unremitting vigilance, He watches to see whether the light of any of His sentinels is burning dim or going out.** If the candlesticks were left to mere human care, the flickering flame would languish and die; but He is the true watchman in the Lord's house, the true warden of the temple courts. His continued care and sustaining grace are the source of life and light.” {AA 586.1}

- ▶ "Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." Revelation 2:1. This scripture shows Christ's relation to the churches. He walks in the midst of His churches throughout the length and breadth of the earth. **He watches them with intense interest to see whether they are in such a condition spiritually that they can advance His kingdom.** Christ is present in every assembly of the church. He is acquainted with everyone connected with His service. He knows those whose hearts He can fill with the holy oil, that they may impart it to others." {6T 418.3}
- ▶ "The **oil** is received into vessels prepared for the oil. **It is the Holy Spirit in the heart which works by love and purifies the soul. . . . The golden oil represents the grace with which God keeps the lamps of believers supplied.** Were it not that this holy oil is poured from heaven **in the messages of God's Spirit**, the agencies of evil would have entire control over men. God is dishonored when we do not receive the communications that He sends us. Thus we refuse the **golden oil** which He would pour into our souls to be communicated to those in darkness (RH Feb. 3, 1903). {SDA Bible Commentary Volume 4 p. 1179}



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The incense represents the righteousness of Christ that is mingled with our prayers before God. Rev. 5:8, 8:3

*“Let my prayer be set
forth before Thee as
incense.”*

Ps. 141:21.

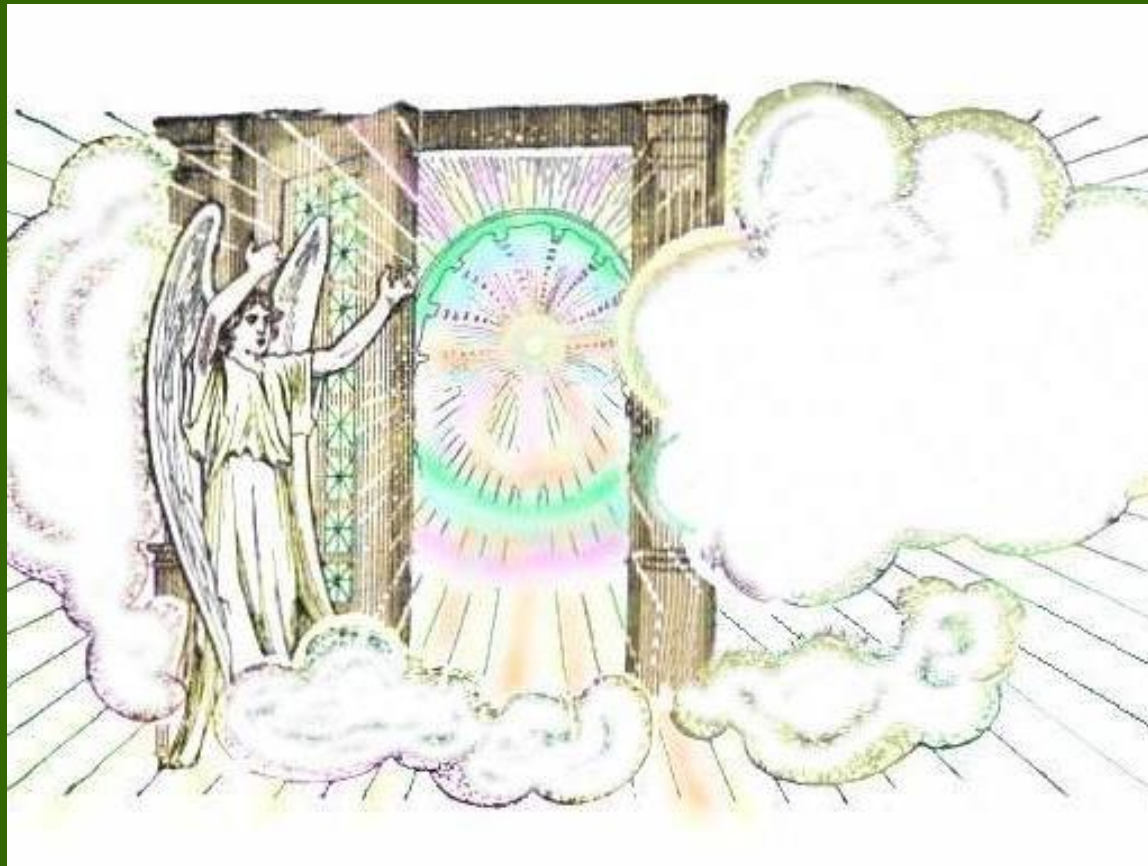
THE MOST HOLY PLACE

ENTERED INTO ONCE ON THE DAY OF
ATONEMENT

- ▶ “All the furniture of the tabernacle was made of solid gold, or plated with gold. The curtains of the tabernacle were of a variety of colors, most beautifully arranged, and in these curtains were wrought, with threads of gold and silver, cherubims, **which were to represent the angelic host, who are connected with the work of the heavenly sanctuary, and who are ministering angels to the saints upon the earth.**” {4aSG 8.2}

THE VEIL

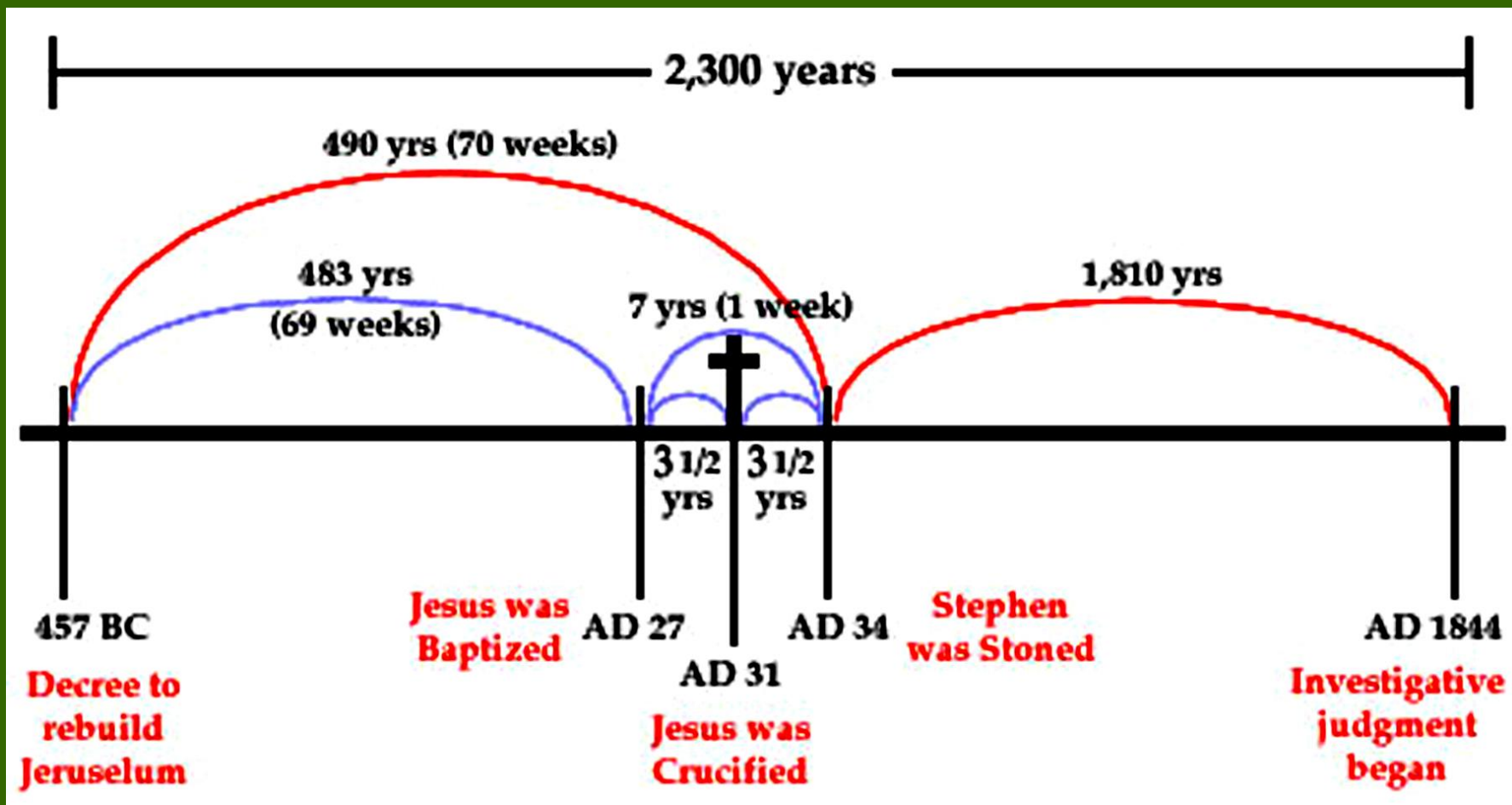




THE DOOR TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES OPENED IN HEAVEN

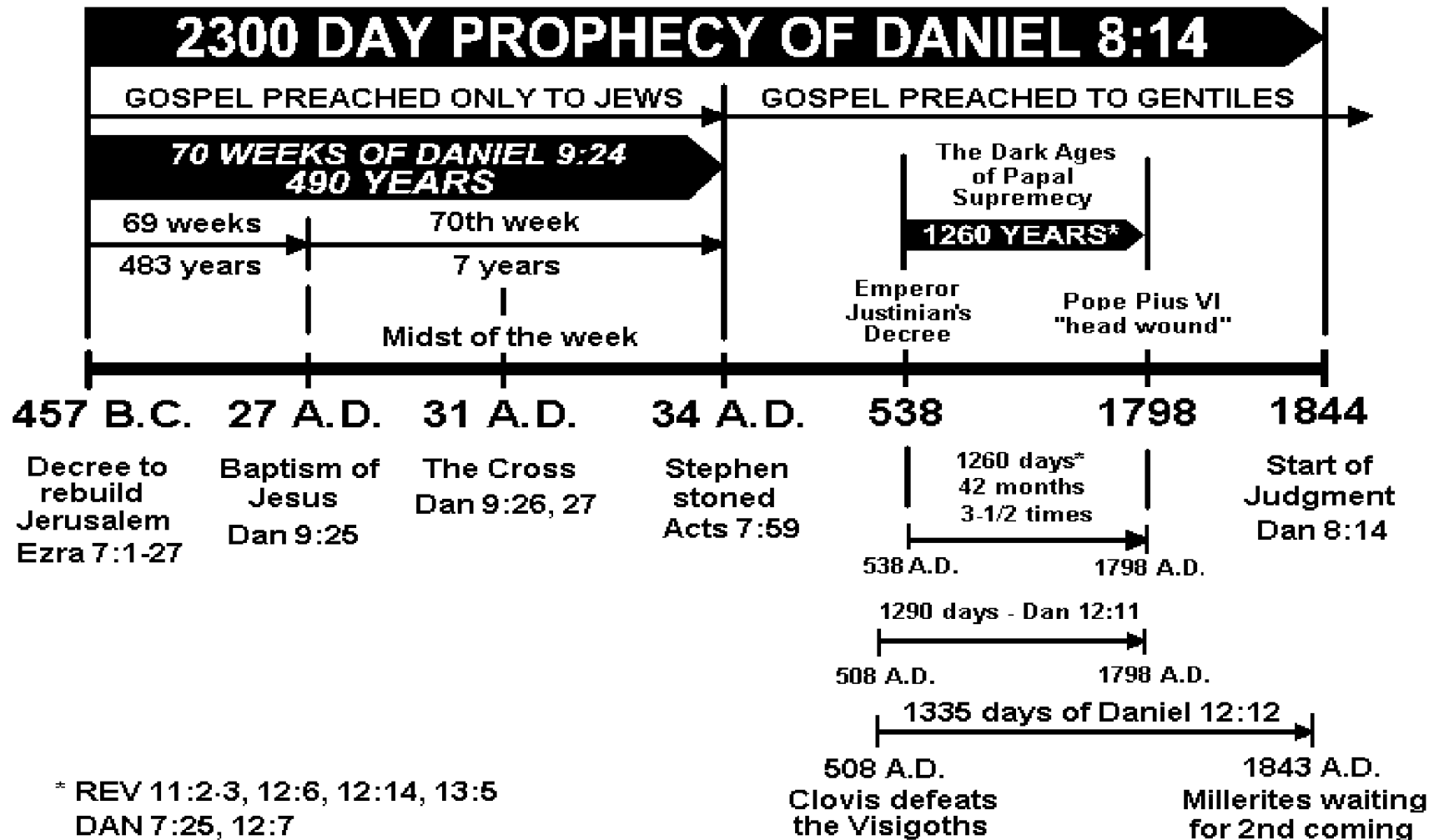
The High Priest only went here only once in a year. Christ has gone into the Holy of Holies once to plead for us and after that is the Judgment at the close of time. Heb. 9:25-28,

This door was opened in heaven in the year 1844 AD. Rev. 11:19.



Daniel 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

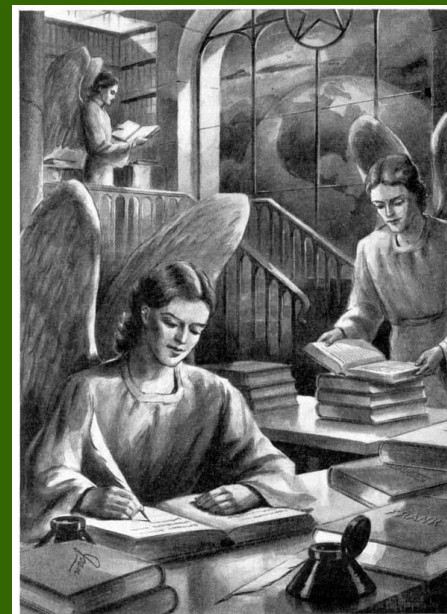
THE BIBLE'S LONGEST MOST AMAZING PROPHECY





THE HIGH PRIEST ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

This represents the investigative judgment. Lev. 16.
The records of our lives are investigated in heaven.
Dan. 7:9-14

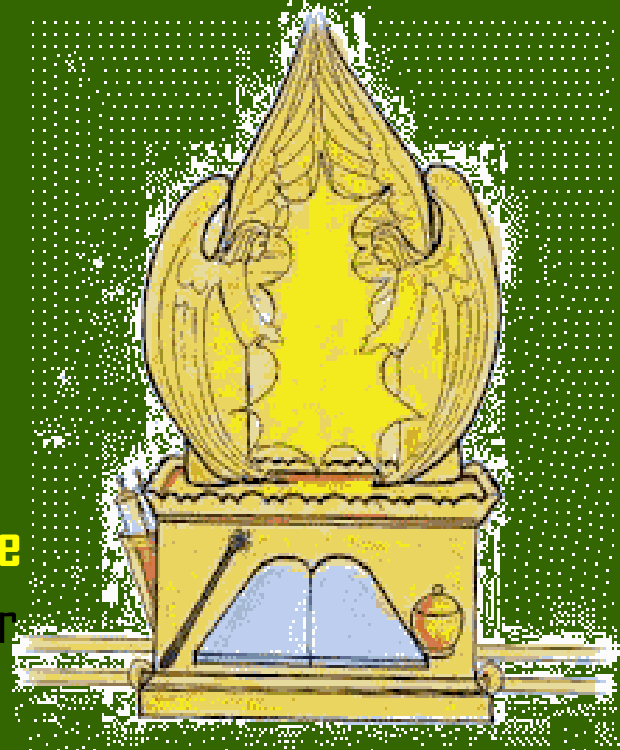


- **“In the holiest I saw an ark; on the top and sides of it was purest gold. On each end of the ark was a lovely cherub, with its wings spread out over it. Their faces were turned toward each other, and they looked downward. Between the angels was a golden censer. Above the ark, where the angels stood, was an exceeding bright glory, that appeared like a throne where God dwelt. Jesus stood by the ark, and as the saints' prayers came up to Him, the incense in the censer would smoke, and He would offer up their prayers with the smoke of the incense to His Father.” Early Writings 32.3**

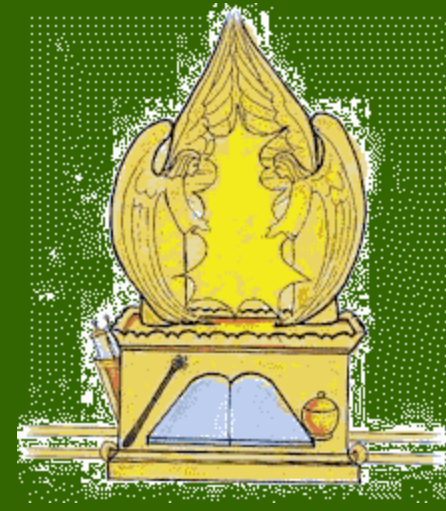




- “In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book. Jesus opened them, and I saw the Ten Commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, **the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all**; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God's holy name. **The holy Sabbath looked glorious--a halo of glory was all around it.** I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes. But the pope had changed it from the seventh to the first day of the week; for he was to change times and laws.”
{EW 32.3}



Christ's ministry in the
Heavenly sanctuary



The Ark of the covenant contained the Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod that budded and the Golden Pot of Manna. The manna was typical of Christ the bread of life that came from heaven

CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE BEFORE GOD IN THE MOST HOLY PLACE

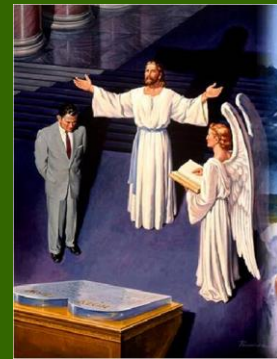
The Ten Commandments are the foundation of God's government, and obedience to them is the proof that we love God.

"If you love me keep my commandments" John 14:15, 21-23.

Keeping them is the "whole duty of man" in the plan of Redemption. Eccl. 12:13.

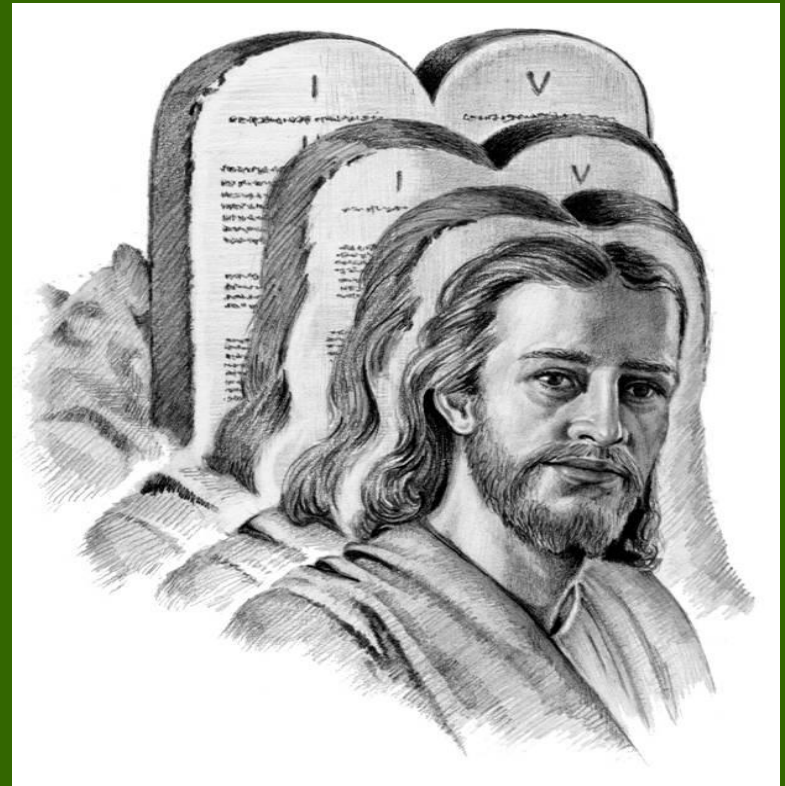
They are to be kept like the apple of our eyes. Prov. 7:1-3.

The order of priesthood is no longer Aaronic but after the order of Melchizedeck.



Exodus 20:8

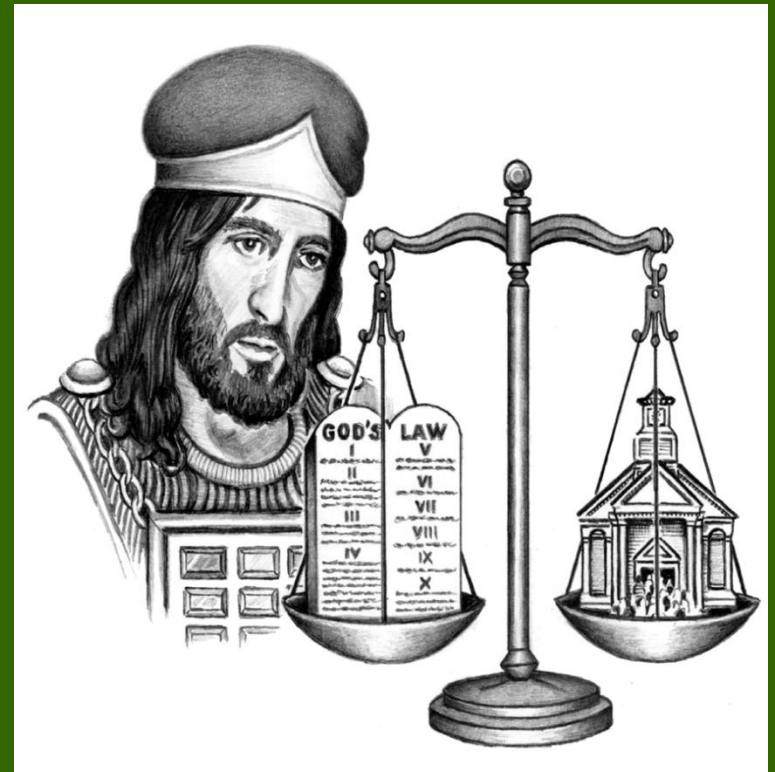
**"Remember
the Sabbath
day."**



THE SABBATH: THE SIGN OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

The weekly Sabbath is the only thing in the Bible appointed of God
By which he identifies Himself as the Sovereign of the universe and
by which those that serve him identify Him as their God.

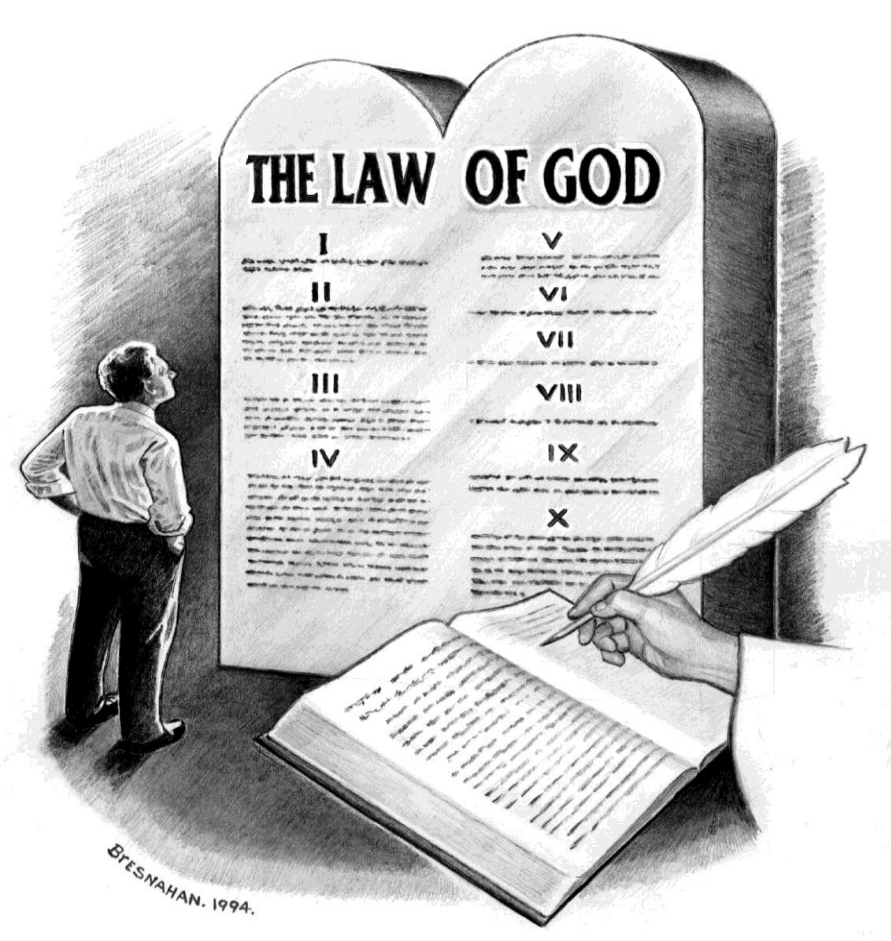
Ezek. 20:12, 20, Mark 2:27, 28, Mal. 3:18.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: BASIS OF JUDGMENT

He who breaks one is guilty of all. James 2:10

The summary of all the commandments of God is LOVE. Rom. 13:10,
Mark 12:28-31



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: OUR COVENANT DUTY

The commandments define what sin is for sin is the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4.

It is because of our transgression of God's law that that we became sinners and are condemned to die under the law, but Christ delivered us from the condemnation of the law. Gal. 3:13.

- ▶ “The **sacred ark**, covered by the mercy-seat, and containing the holy law of God, **was symbolical of Jehovah himself.**” Present Truth, April 1, 1886.
- ▶ “Among the righteous still in Jerusalem, to whom had been made plain the divine purpose, were some who determined to place beyond the reach of ruthless hands the sacred ark containing the tables of stone on which had been traced the precepts of the Decalogue. This they did. With mourning and sadness they secreted the ark in a cave, where it was to be hidden from the people of Israel and Judah because of their sins, and **was to be no more restored to them.** That sacred ark is yet hidden. **It has never been disturbed since it was secreted.**” Prophets And Kings, page 453.



- ▶ ""And He [Christ] gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." (Exodus 31:18.) Nothing written on those tables could be blotted out.



The precious record of the law was placed in the ark of the testament and is still there, safely hidden from the human family. But in God's appointed time He will bring forth these tables of stone to be a testimony to all the world against the disregard of His commandments and against the idolatrous worship of a counterfeit Sabbath..." {8MR 100.3}

END OF INTERCESSION IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES



Christ finishes his intercessory work in the Holy of Holies and throws down the censer. The just are to remain just and the filthy to remain filthy too. No more prayers are accepted on behalf of the wicked. There is no intercessor. Rev. 22:11,

Isaiah 59:16 And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.



THEN CHRIST COMES THE SECOND TIME

- ❑ Christ sitting on the white cloud. Rev. 14:14-20
- ❑ Christ riding on the white horse. Rev. 19:11-16.



THEN THE LOST WILL WEEP AND MOURN

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

Rev. 6:14-17.