

A Container for the Uncontainable

Exodus 36:8–40:33



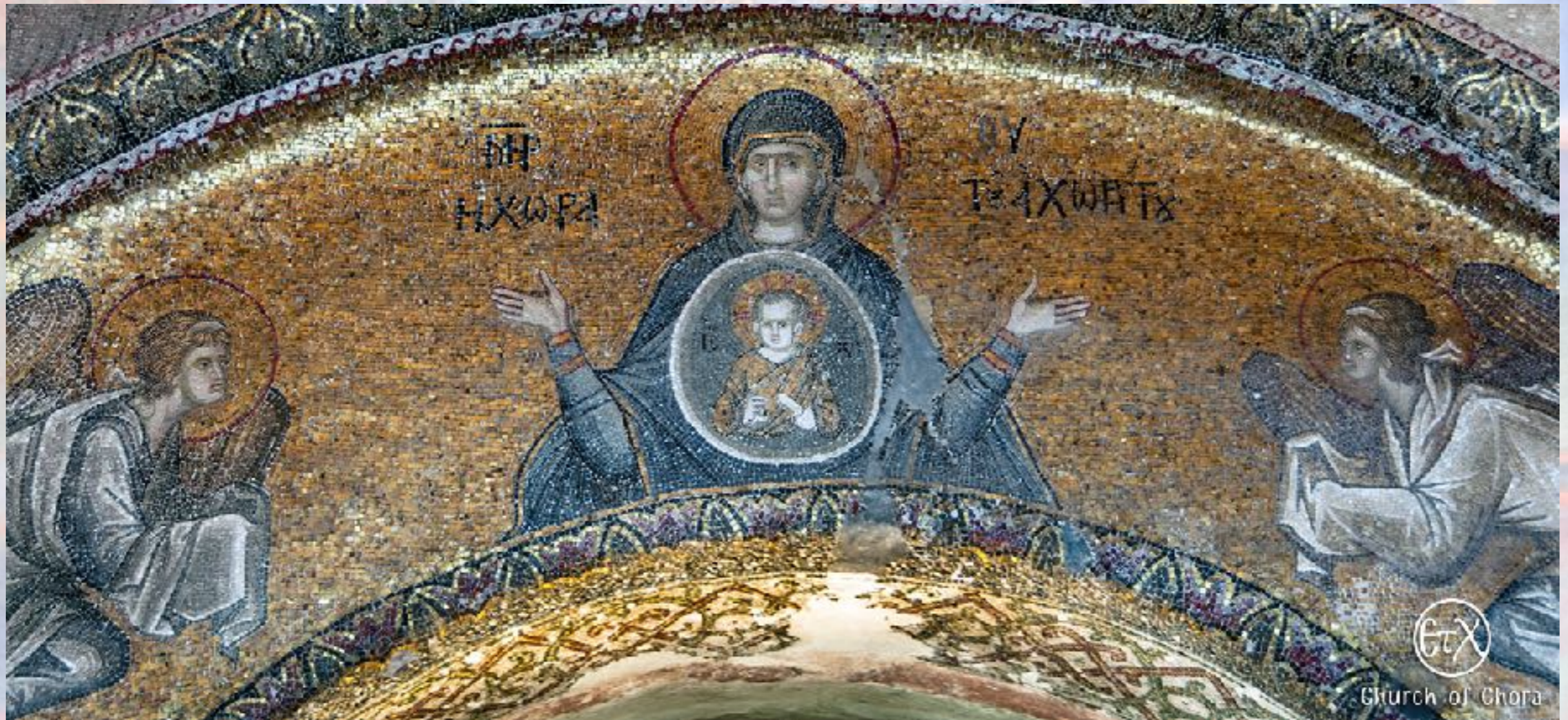
Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

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The Container of the Uncontainable



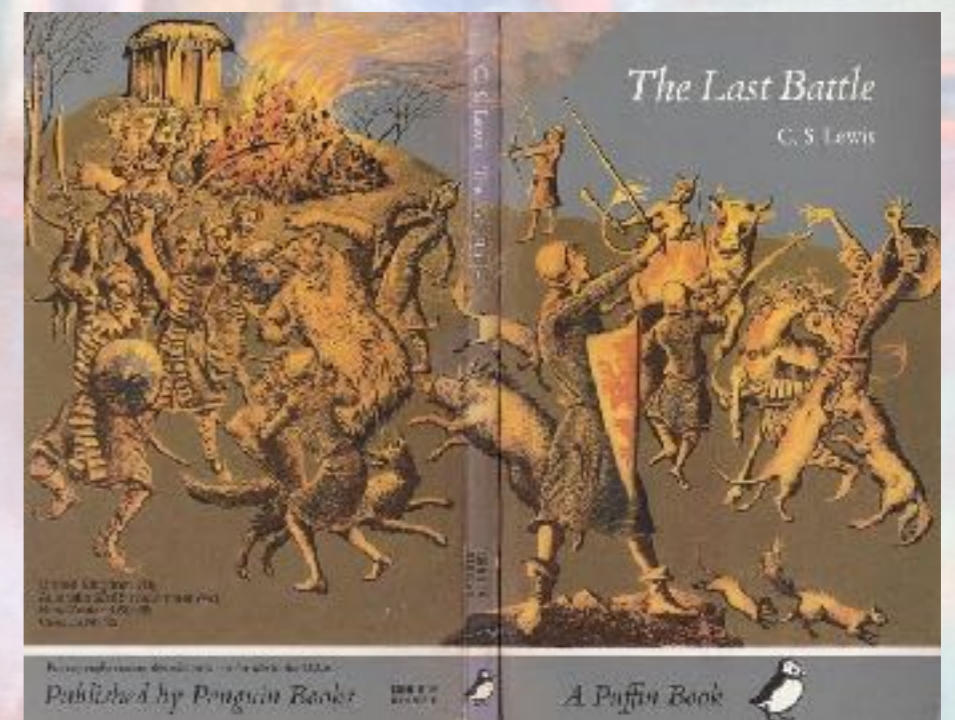
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Bigger Inside than Outside

Tirian: “It seems that the stable seen from within and the stable seen from without are two different places.”

Lord Digory: “Yes. Its inside is bigger than its outside.”

Queen Lucy: “Yes. In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.”





Out of Egypt



To Mt Sinai

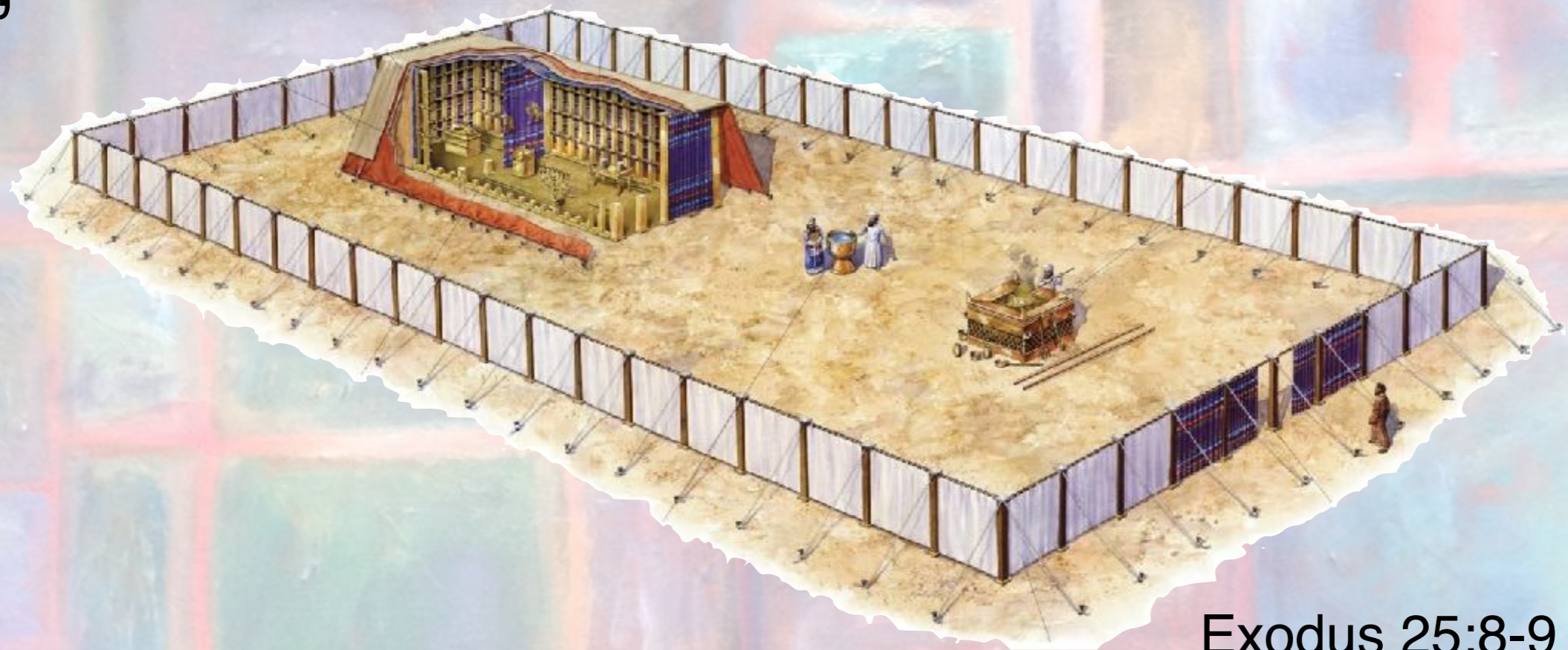


Covenant

“I will be your God,
you will be my people,
and I will dwell with you.”

A Dwelling Place

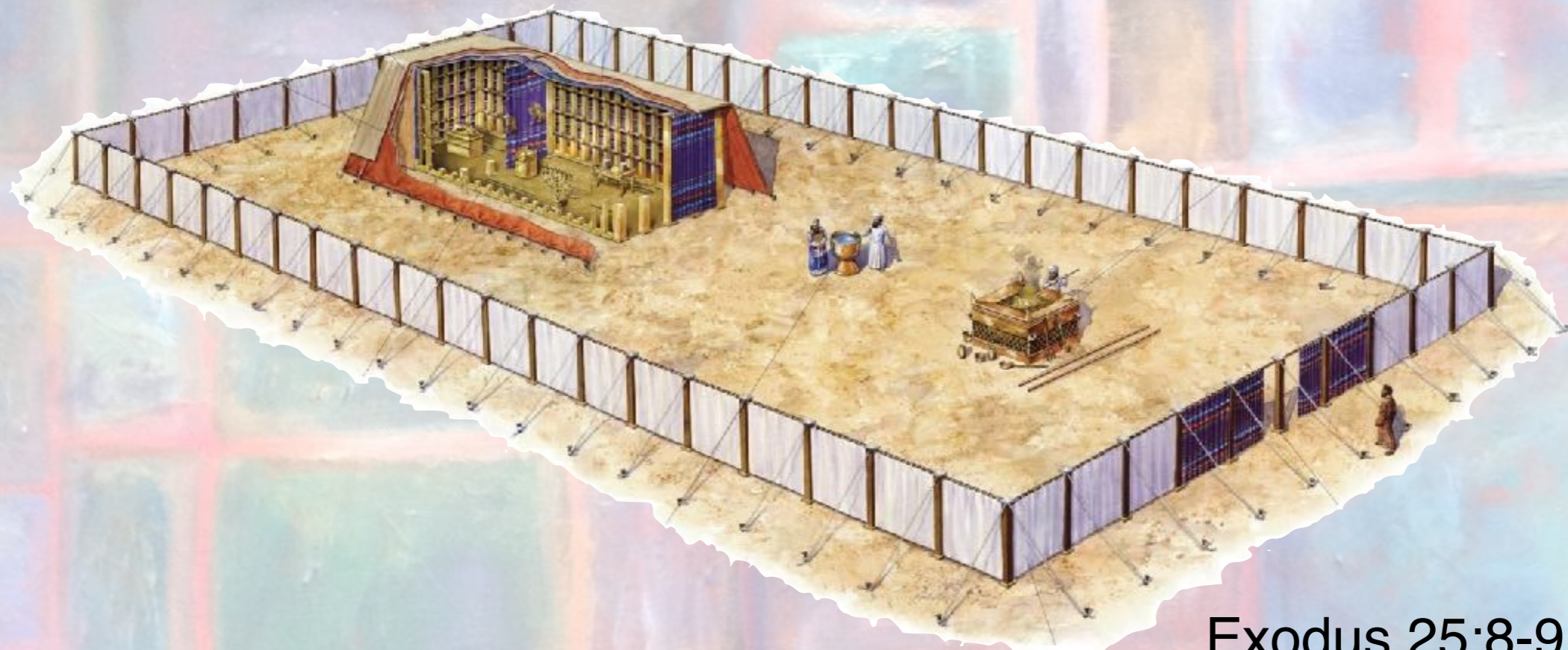
“let them make me a **sanctuary**, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the **tabernacle**, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.”



A Dwelling Place

sanctuary: holy space

tabernacle: tent (Lat. *tabernaculum* “tent”)



Exodus 25:8-9 ESV

Go with Us

“If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, **please let the Lord go in the midst of us**, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.”

Making the Tabernacle

1. Making the tabernacle (36:8–39:32)
2. Evaluation by Moses (39:33-43)
3. Assembly (40:1-33)

Making: Tabernacle

36 ⁸ And all the craftsmen among the workmen made the tabernacle...

37 ¹ Bezalel made the ark... ⁶mercy seat... ¹⁰table... ¹⁷lampstand... ²⁵altar of incense... 38 ¹altar of burnt offering... ⁸basin... ⁹court.

Making: Priests' Garments



39 ¹ They made the holy garments for Aaron, *as the Lord had commanded Moses (7x).*

The Work Finished

36 ⁸ And all the craftsmen among the workmen made the tabernacle...

39 ³² Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished, and the people of Israel did according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses; so they did.

2. Evaluation

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Evaluation

³³ Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses... ⁴² According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work. ⁴³ And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. Then Moses blessed them.

3. Assembly

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Assembly

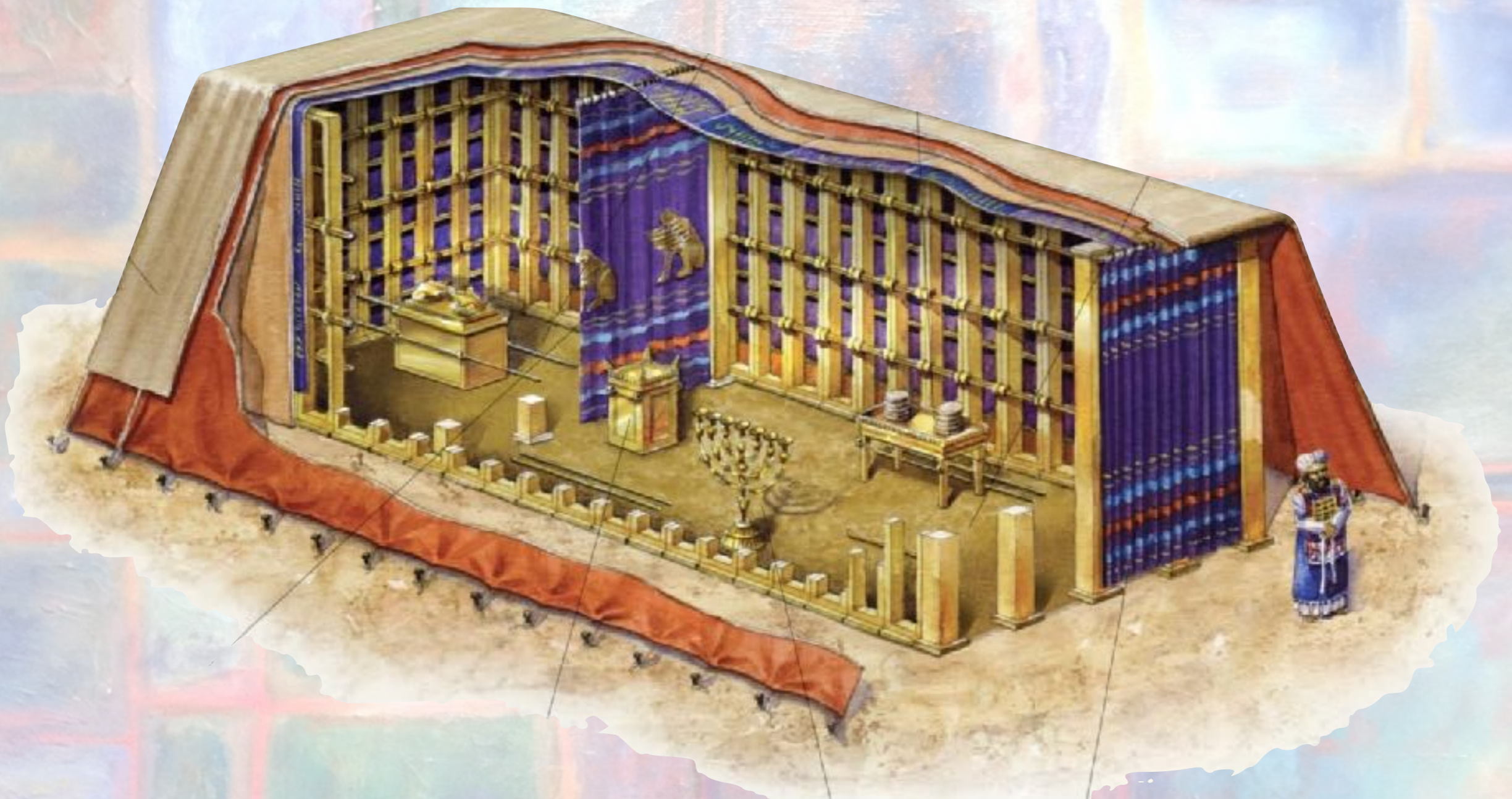
¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “On the first day of the first month you shall **erect the tabernacle** of the tent of meeting. ³ And you shall **put in it the ark** of the testimony...

⁹ “Then you shall take the anointing oil and **anoint** the tabernacle and all that is in it, and **consecrate** it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy... ¹² Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water ¹³ and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest.”

Assembly

¹⁶ This Moses did; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did. ¹⁷ In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸ Moses erected the tabernacle... *as the LORD had commanded Moses (7x)*... ³³ So Moses finished the work.

The Tent



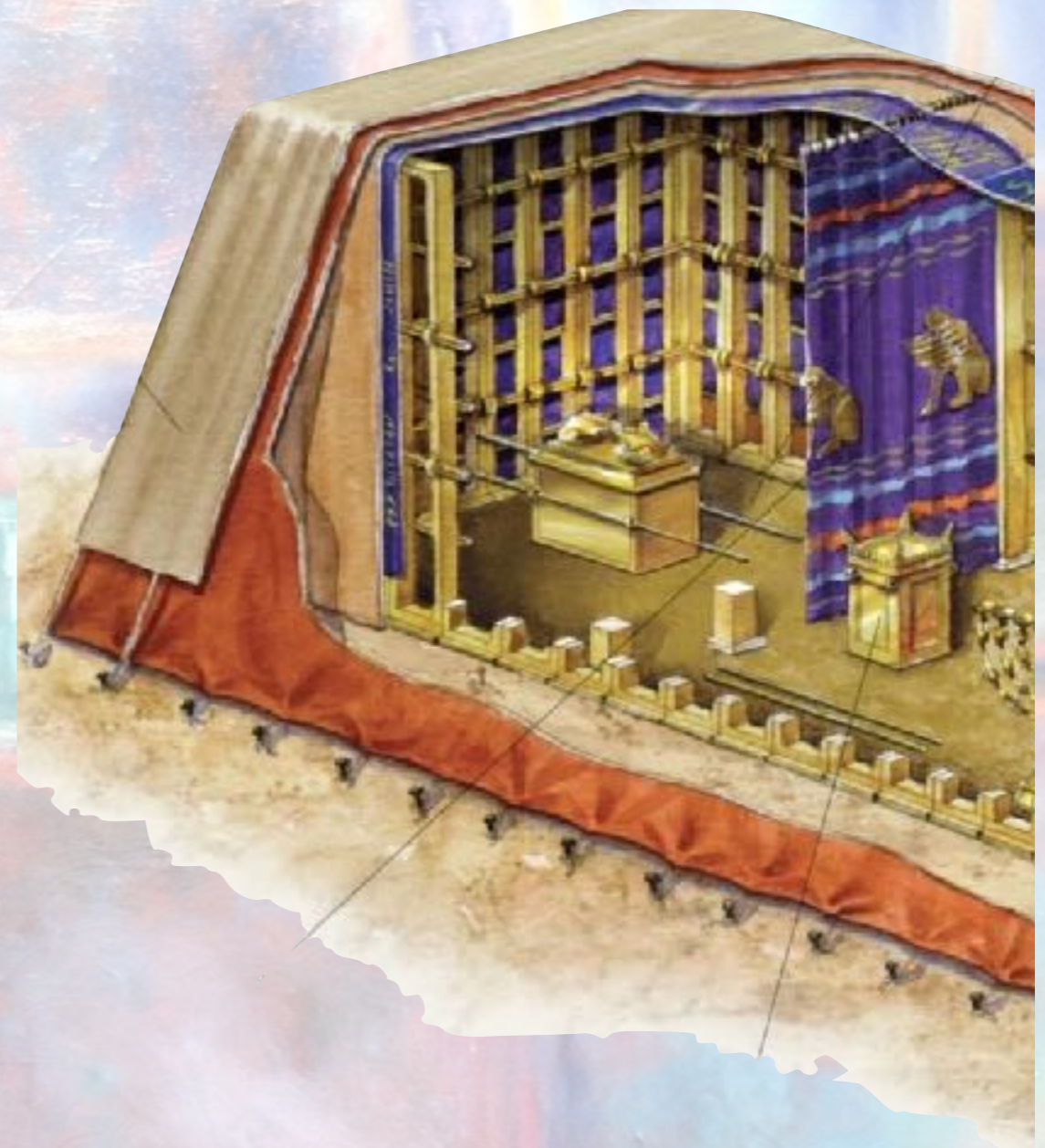
The Tent: Most Holy Place

The Most Holy Place

mercy seat /
atonement cover



The ark of the covenant
or
The ark of the testimony

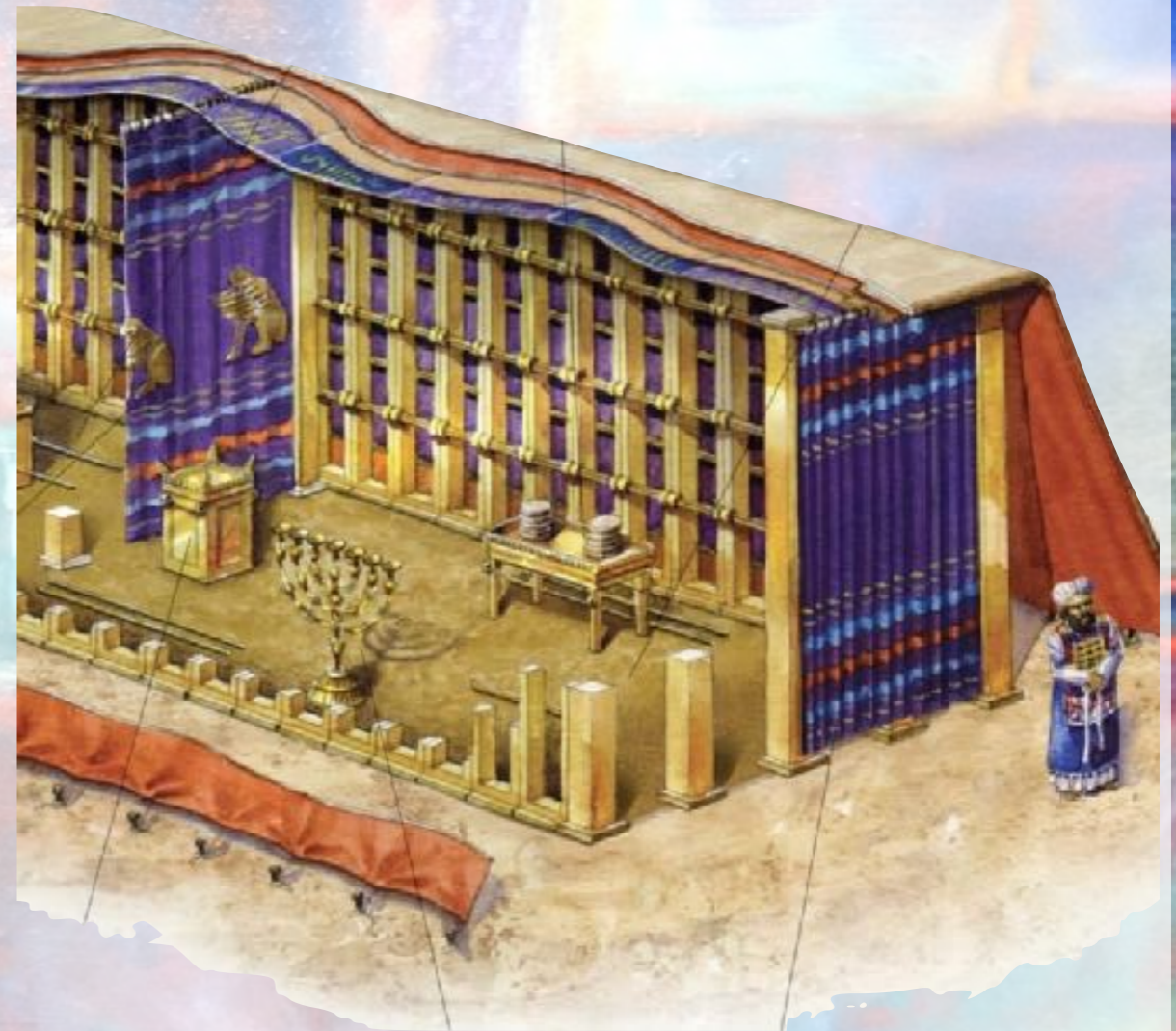


The Tent: The Holy Place

table



The Holy Place



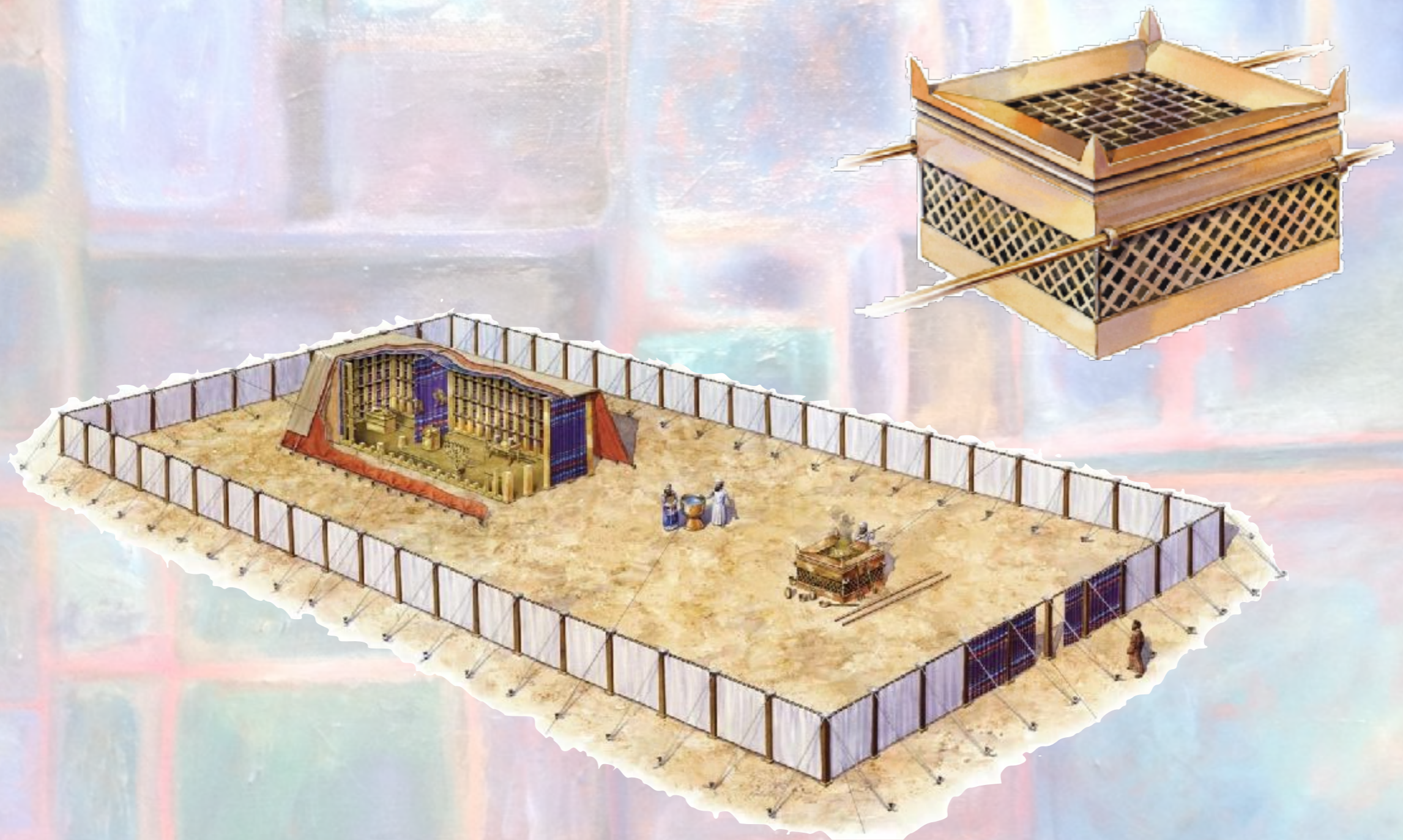
lampstand



incense altar

Courtyard

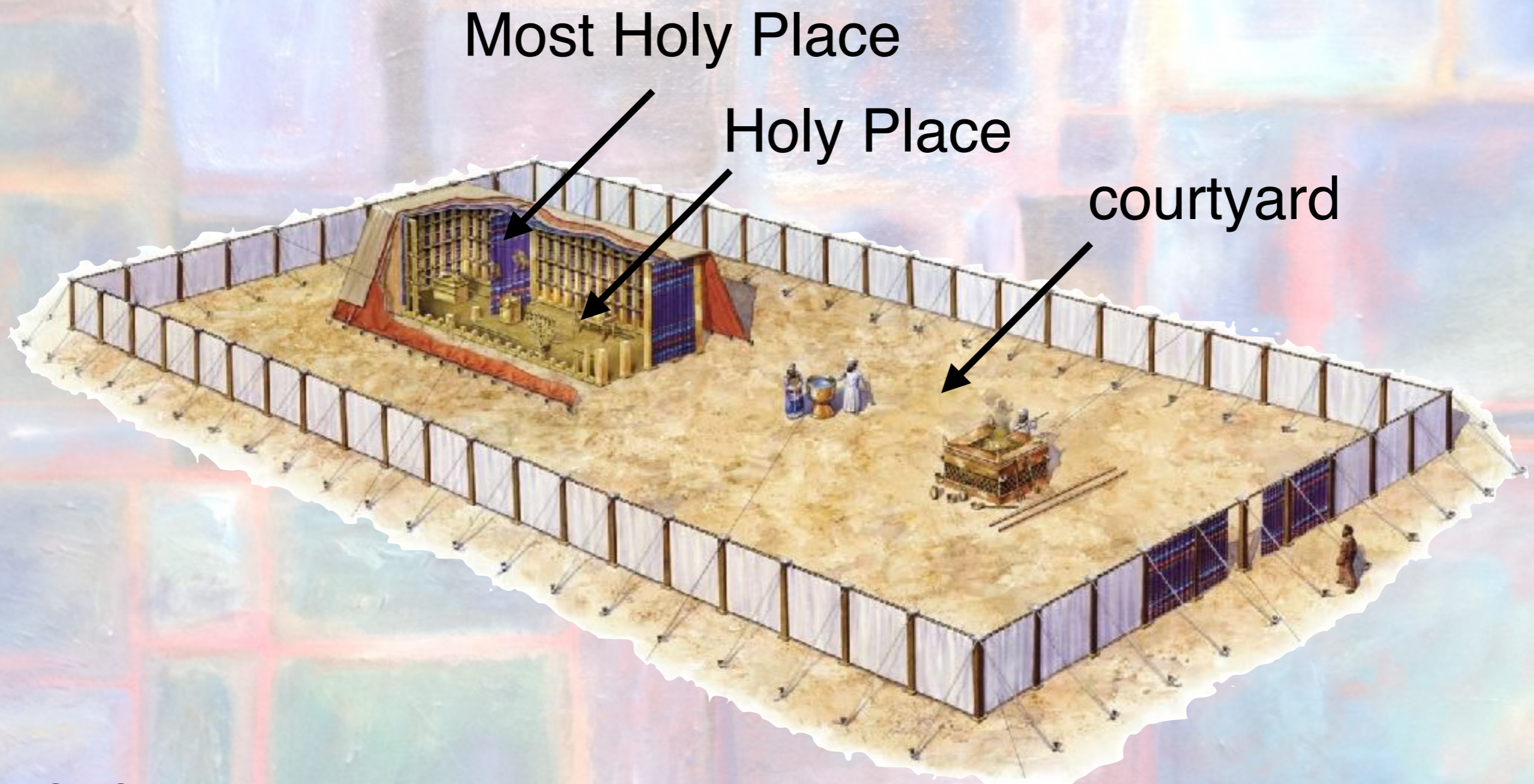
altar of burnt offering



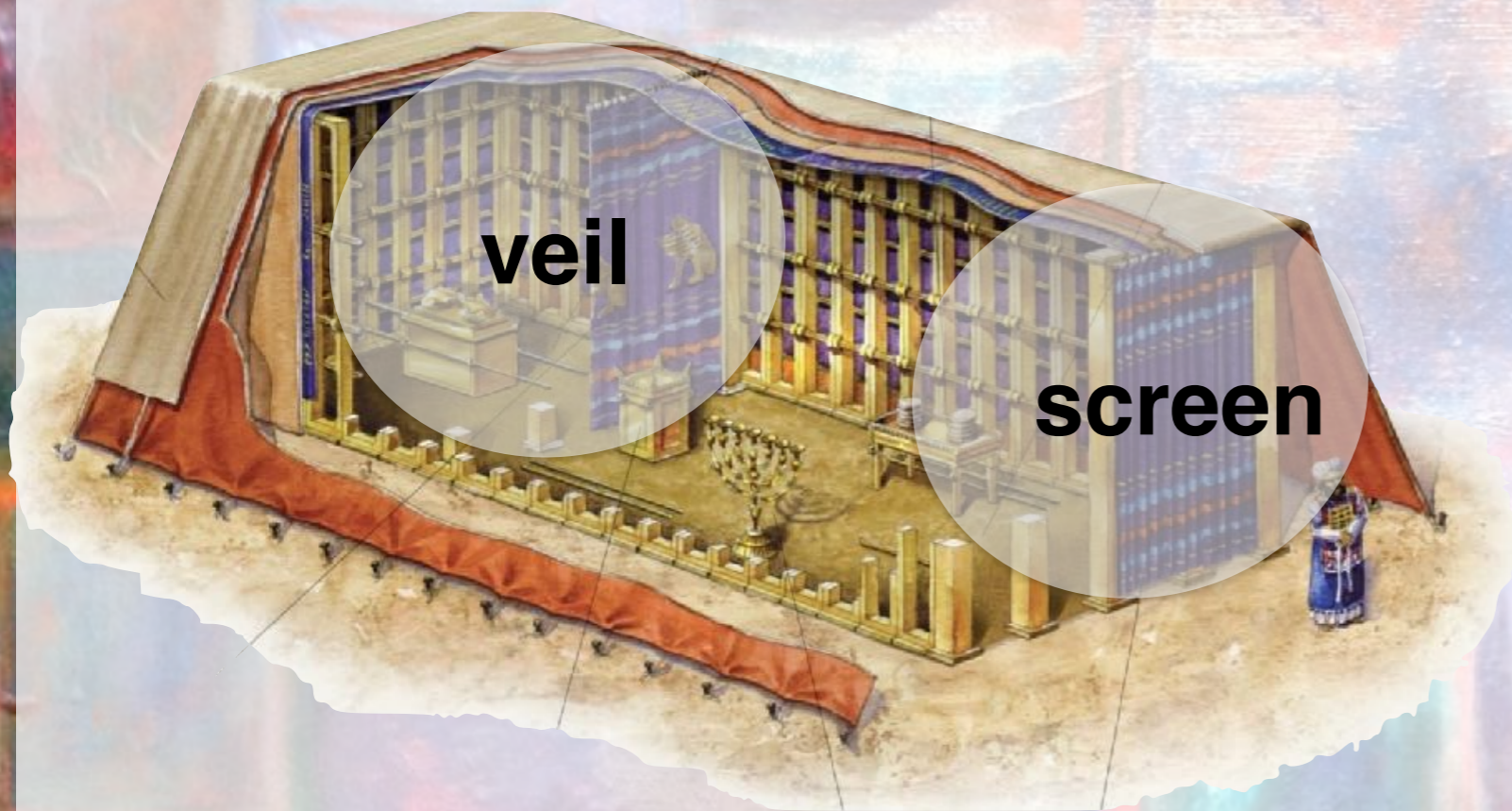
Assembly: Work Finished

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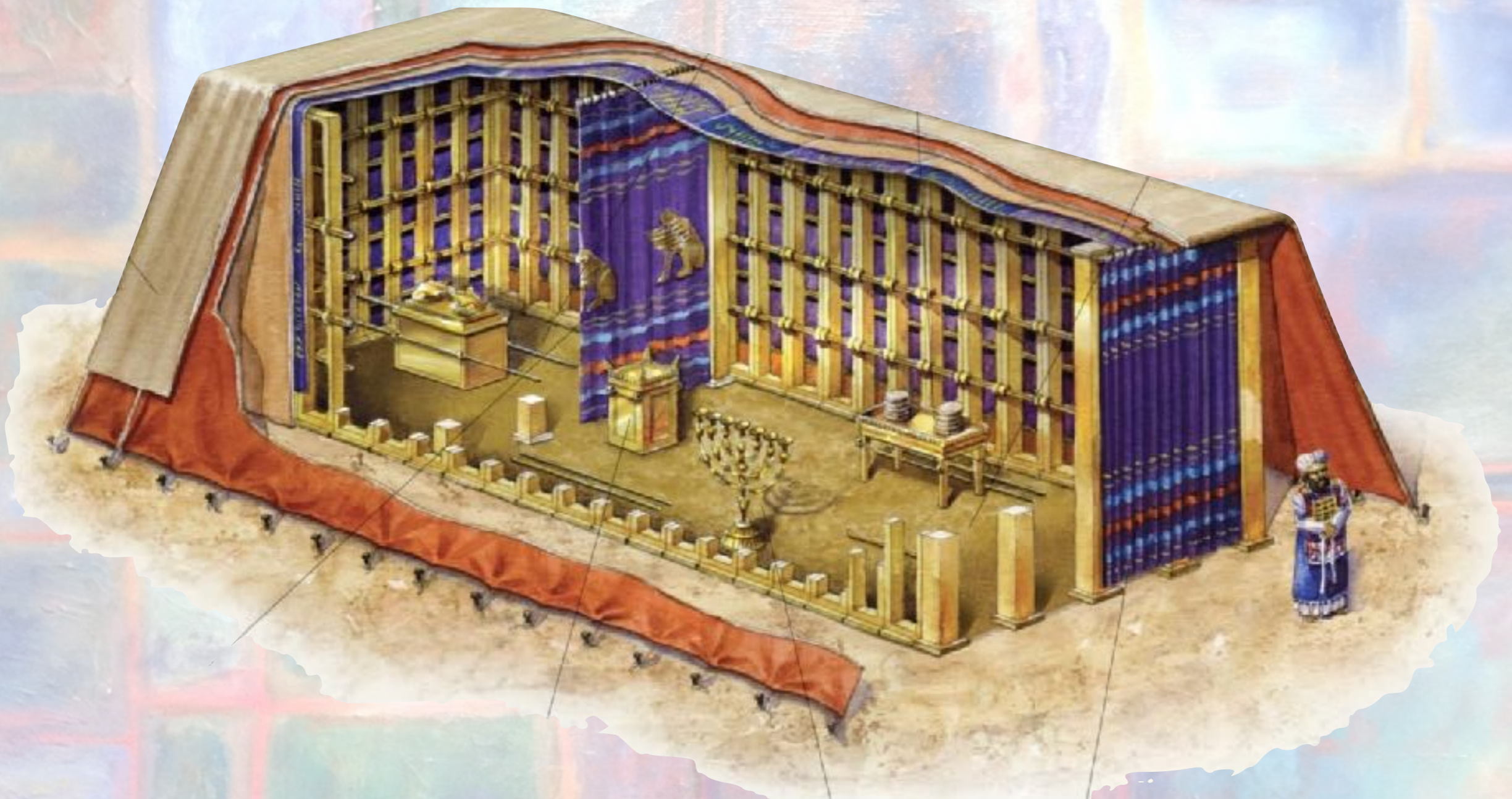
Sanctuary: Holy Space



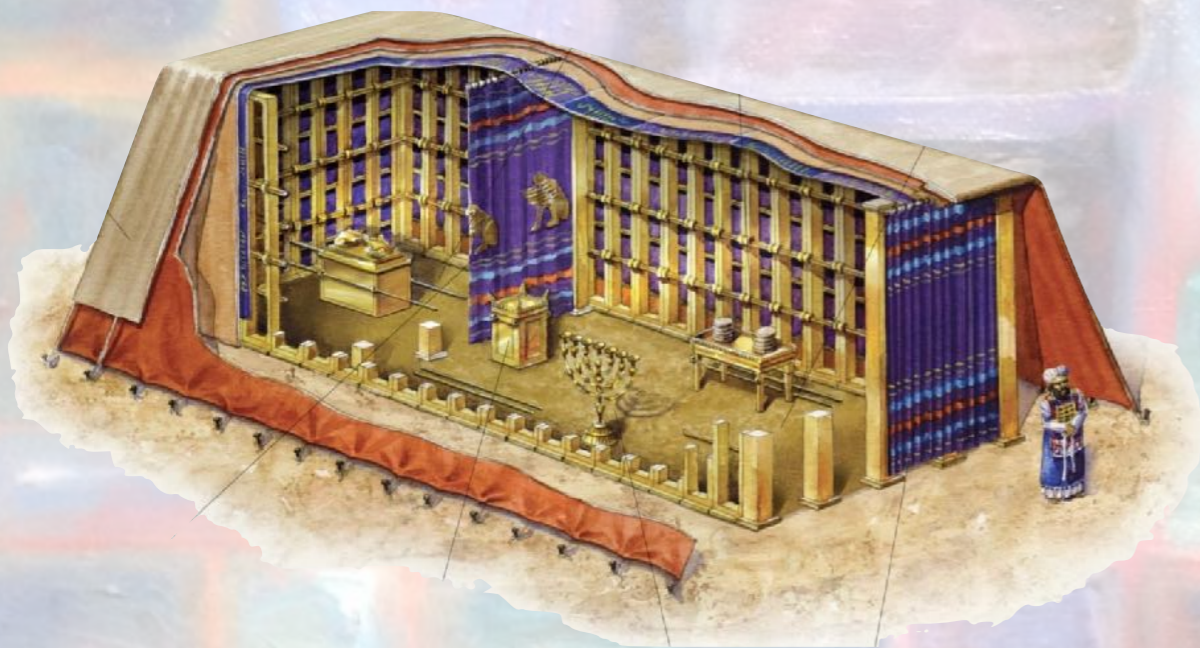
Three Screens



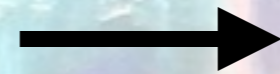
Symbolism



Typical



type: tabernacle



Jesus

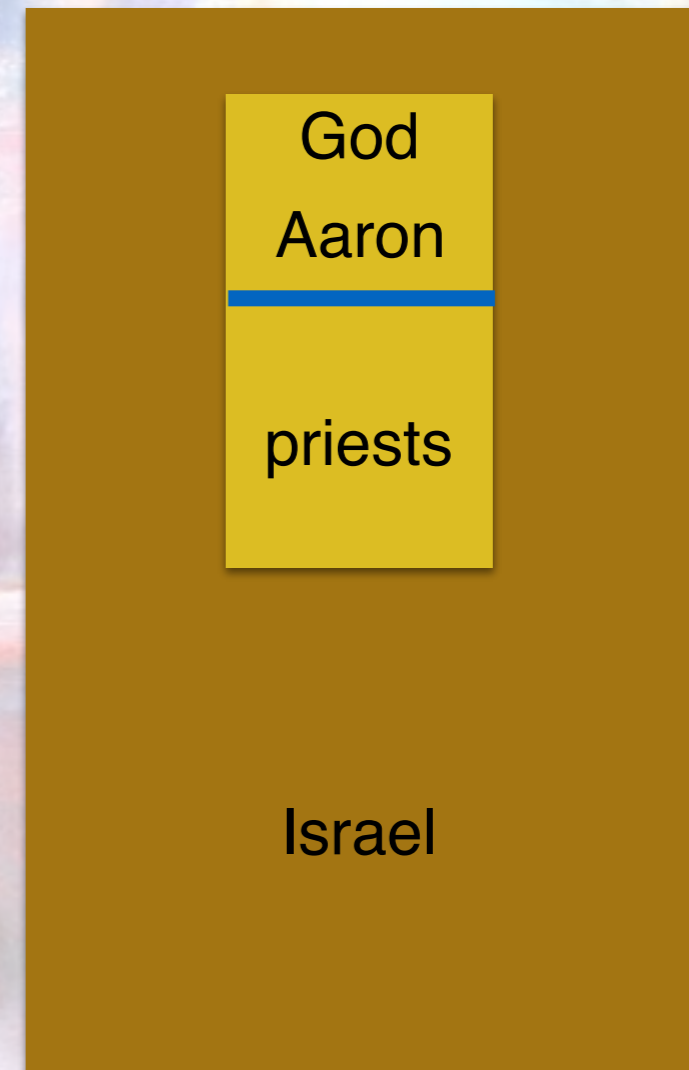
anti-type
reality

Portable Sinai

Mt Sinai



Tabernacle

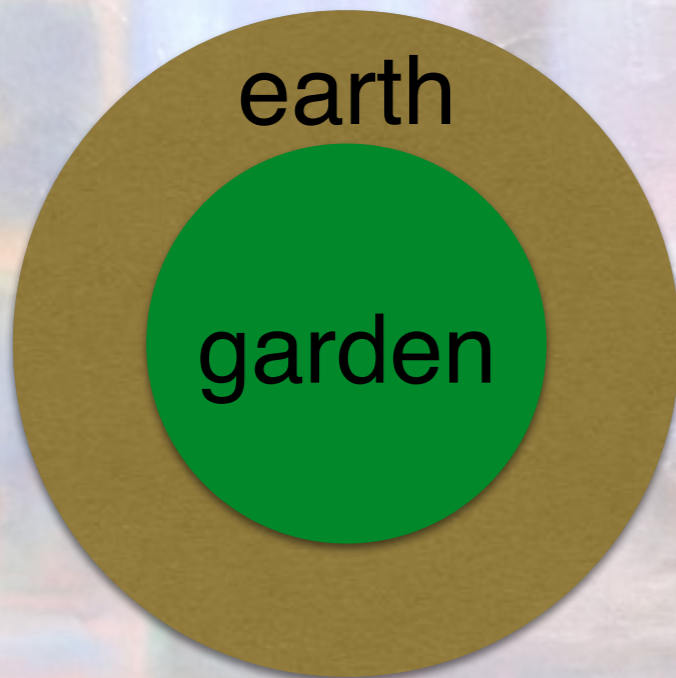


New Creation

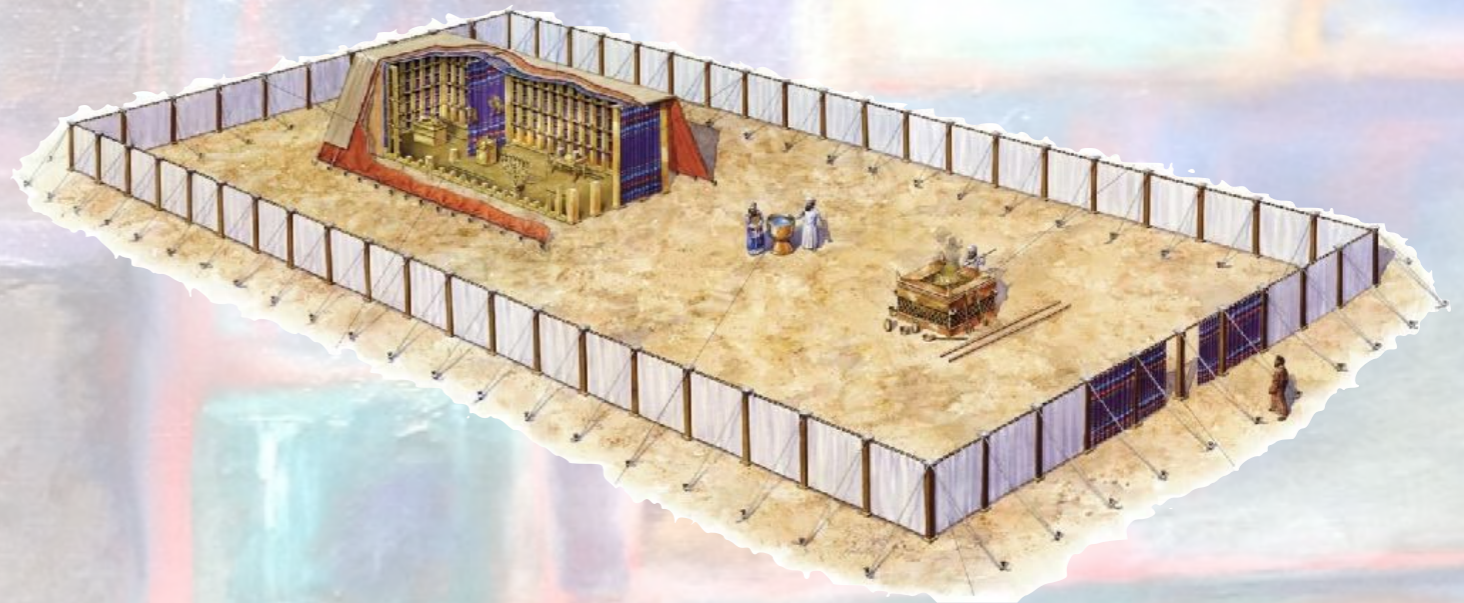
Creation	Tabernacle
It was so x7	They/he did as God commanded 7x
God saw all he had made; behold it was very good	Moses saw all the work; behold they made it as God commanded
God finished his work	Moses finished his work
God blessed...	Moses blessed...

Eden Restored

Eden



Tabernacle



God present with his people in his sanctuary
human role: serve and obey



We are God's Temple

- You are...God's building (1 Cor 3:9)
- Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Cor 3:16-17)
- do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? (1 Cor 6:19)

New Temple

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A Dwelling Place for God



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