

LESSON 02

ENDOWMENT

ONE THING TO REMEMBER

Initiatory

TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

Will you learn of your divine potential during the initiatory ordinances—washing, anointing, and clothing?

“Your garment is symbolic of the veil [of the temple]; the veil is symbolic of the Lord Jesus Christ. So when you put on your garment, you may feel that you are truly putting upon yourself the very sacred symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ—His life, His ministry, and His mission, which was to atone for every daughter and son of God.

Russell M. Nelson, “Enter into Thy Closet,” seminar for mission leaders, MTC, Provo, Utah, June 26, 2022



Homework

1) Study the article by President Holland
“The Garment of the Holy Priesthood,”
Liahona, September 2024, page 4–9

2) Study the talk by J. Anette Dennis
“Put Ye On the Lord Jesus Christ,”
April 2024 General Conference.

3) Watch “Sacred Temple Clothing:
To watch this 4:16 minute video, go to the Church website and type “Sacred Temple Clothing” in the main search bar.

4) Watch “What Are Temple Garments?”
To watch this 1:11 minute video, go to the Church website and type “What Are Temple Garments?” in the main search bar.

5) Study the talk by Carlos Asay
“The Temple Garment: An Outward Expression of an Inward Commitment”
from the *Ensign*, August 1997, page 18–23

QUOTE OF THE DAY



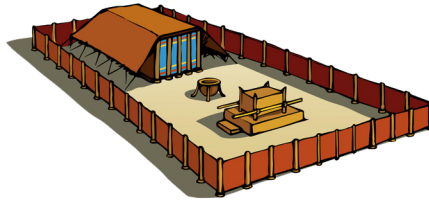
“Persons who have been endowed in a temple are responsible to wear a temple garment, an article of clothing not visible because it is worn beneath outer clothing. It reminds endowed members of the sacred covenants they have made and the blessings they have been promised in the holy temple. To achieve those holy purposes, we are instructed to wear temple gar-

ments continuously, with the only exceptions being those obviously necessary. Because covenants do not “take a day off,” to remove one’s garments can be understood as a disclaimer of the covenant responsibilities and blessings to which they relate. In contrast, persons who wear their garments faithfully and keep their temple covenants continually affirm their role as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ” (Dallin H. Oaks, April 2024).



THE YOUNG SAMUEL THE LAMANITE

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Comparing the ancient tabernacle to the current temple initiatory ordinance

The initiatory ordinance in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has several parallels to the rituals and practices associated with the ancient tabernacle. Here are some similarities:

WASHING

Ancient Tabernacle: In the ancient tabernacle, priests underwent ritual washings as a form of purification before performing their duties. This was done at the laver, a large basin filled with water.

LDS Initiatory: The initiatory ordinance includes a symbolic washing, representing spiritual cleansing and purification.

ANOINTING

Ancient Tabernacle: Anointing with consecrated oil was a significant part of setting apart individuals for holy purposes, such as consecrating priests and the sacred objects within the tabernacle.

LDS Initiatory: The initiatory includes anointing with consecrated oil, symbolizing being set apart and consecrated for divine purposes.

GARMENTS

Ancient Tabernacle: Priests in the tabernacle wore specific garments that set them apart for their sacred duties. These garments were symbolic of purity and dedication.

LDS Initiatory: Participants in the initiatory ordinance receive the garment of the holy priesthood, which they are instructed to wear as a symbol of their covenants and commitments to God.

BLESSINGS

Ancient Tabernacle: The priests received blessings and were set apart for their roles through sacred rituals, emphasizing their duties and the divine protection they would receive.

LDS Initiatory: The initiatory ordinance includes the giving of blessings that confer spiritual strength, protection, and guidance for the individual's life.

SYMBOLISM

Ancient Tabernacle: The rituals performed in the tabernacle were highly symbolic and conducted with great reverence, emphasizing the holiness of the space and the presence of God.

LDS Initiatory: The initiatory is performed in a sacred and reverent manner within the temple, emphasizing its symbolic nature and the presence of the divine.



These parallels highlight the continuity of sacred practices and the emphasis on purification, consecration, and dedication to God found in both the ancient tabernacle and the modern temple ceremonies.

If you have questions, comments, or corrections regarding this document, please contact Peter Brooks.

First Presidency Statement on the Garment



The garment of the holy priesthood reminds us of the veil in the temple, and that veil is symbolic of Jesus Christ. When you put on your garment, you put on a sacred symbol of Jesus Christ.

Wearing it is an outward expression of your inner commitment to follow Him. The garment is also a reminder of your temple covenants.

You should wear the garment day and night throughout your life.

When it must be removed for activities that cannot reasonably be done while wearing the garment, seek to restore it as soon as possible.

As you keep your covenants, including the sacred privilege to wear the garment as instructed in the initiatory ordinances, you will have greater access to the Savior's mercy, protection, strength, and power.

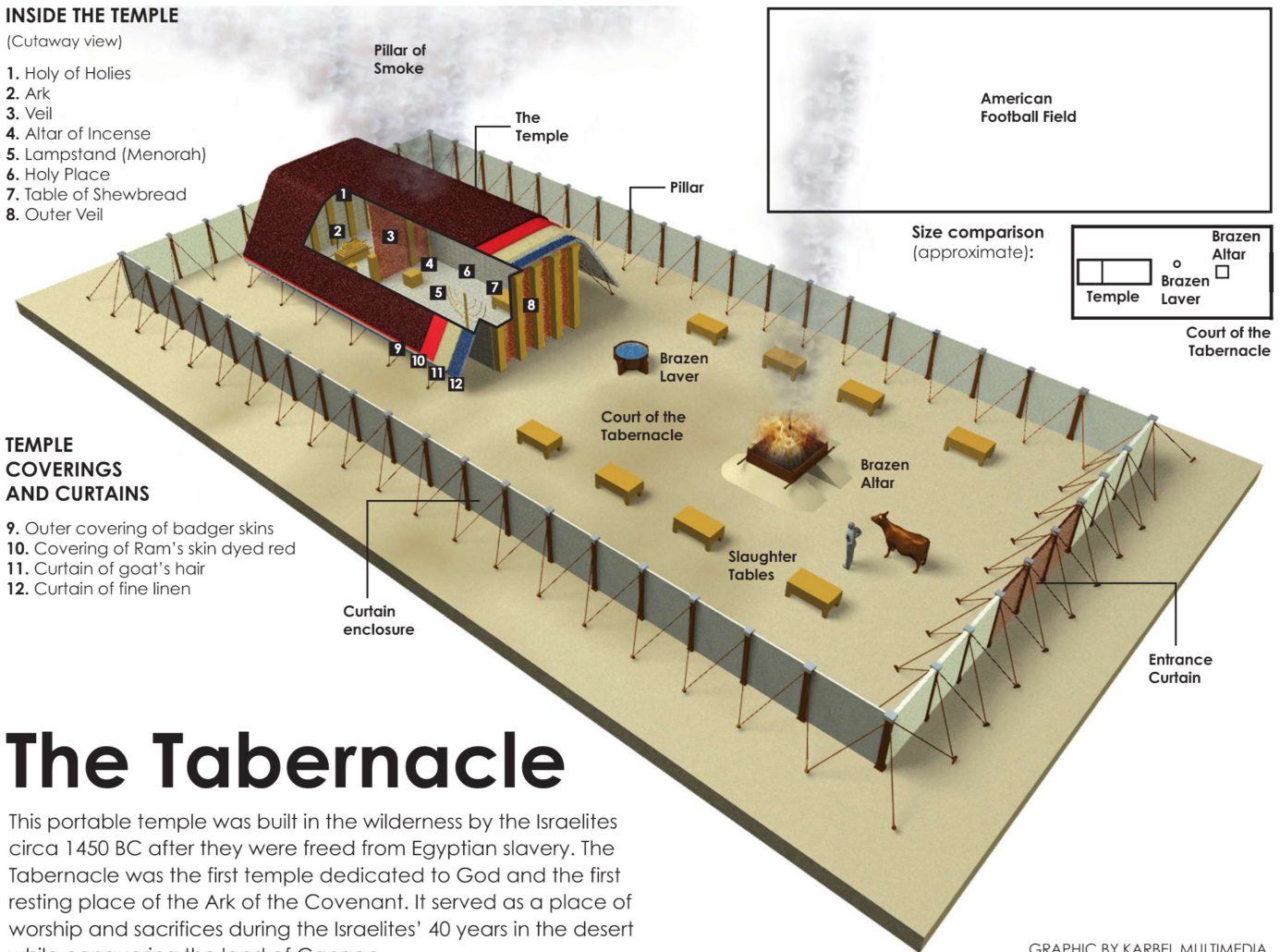
INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

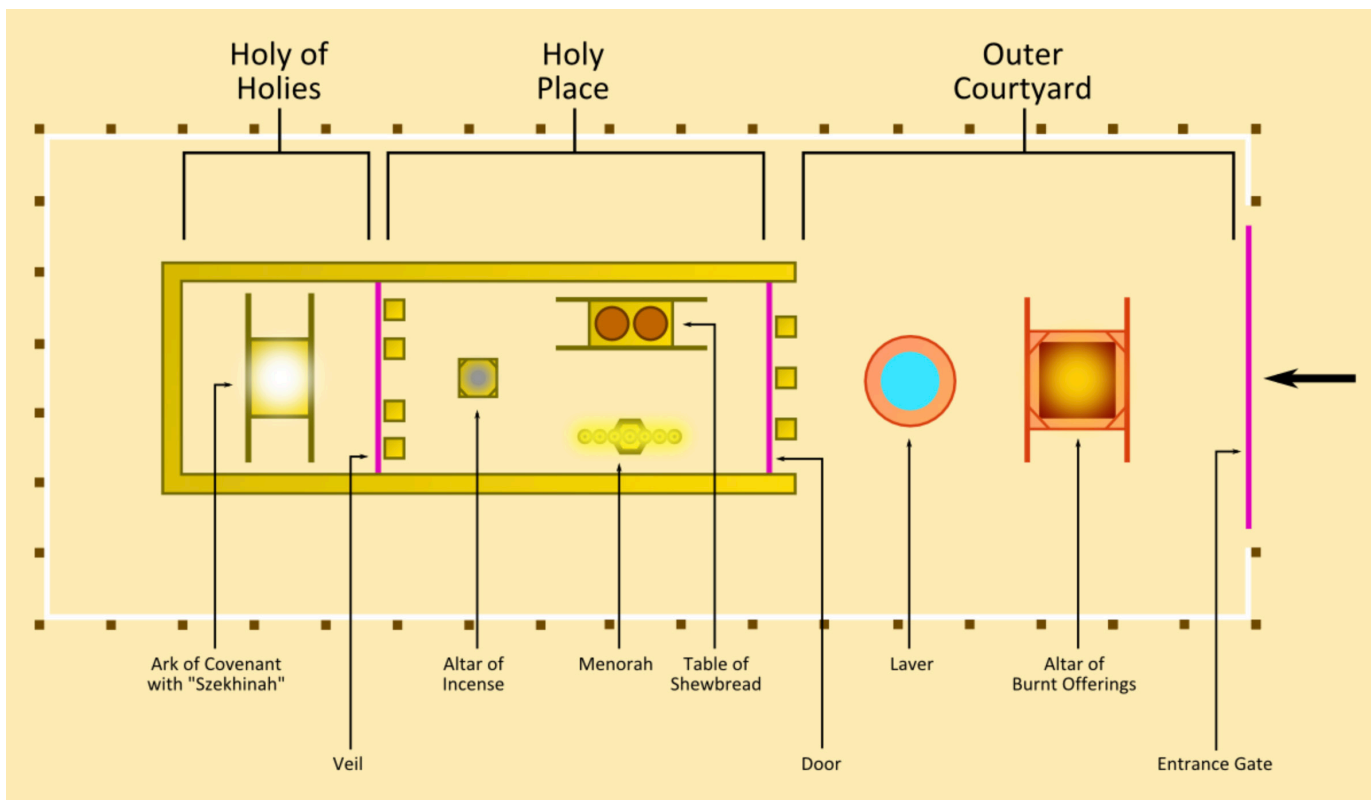
9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

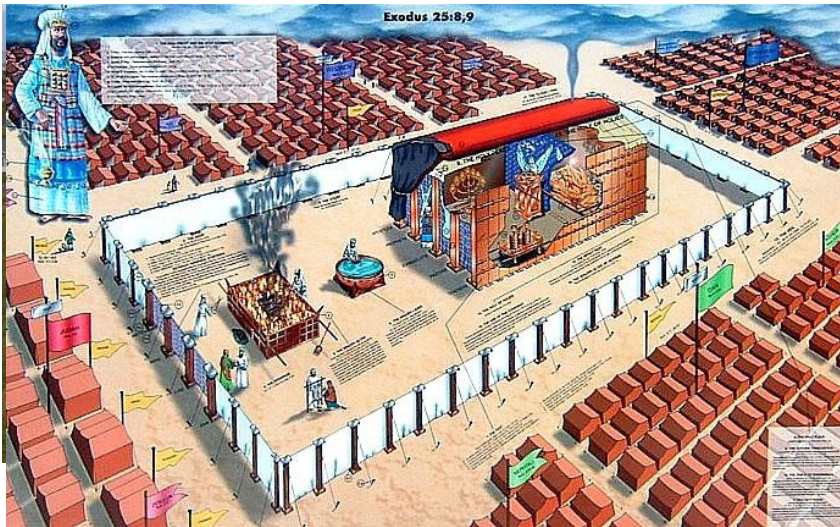
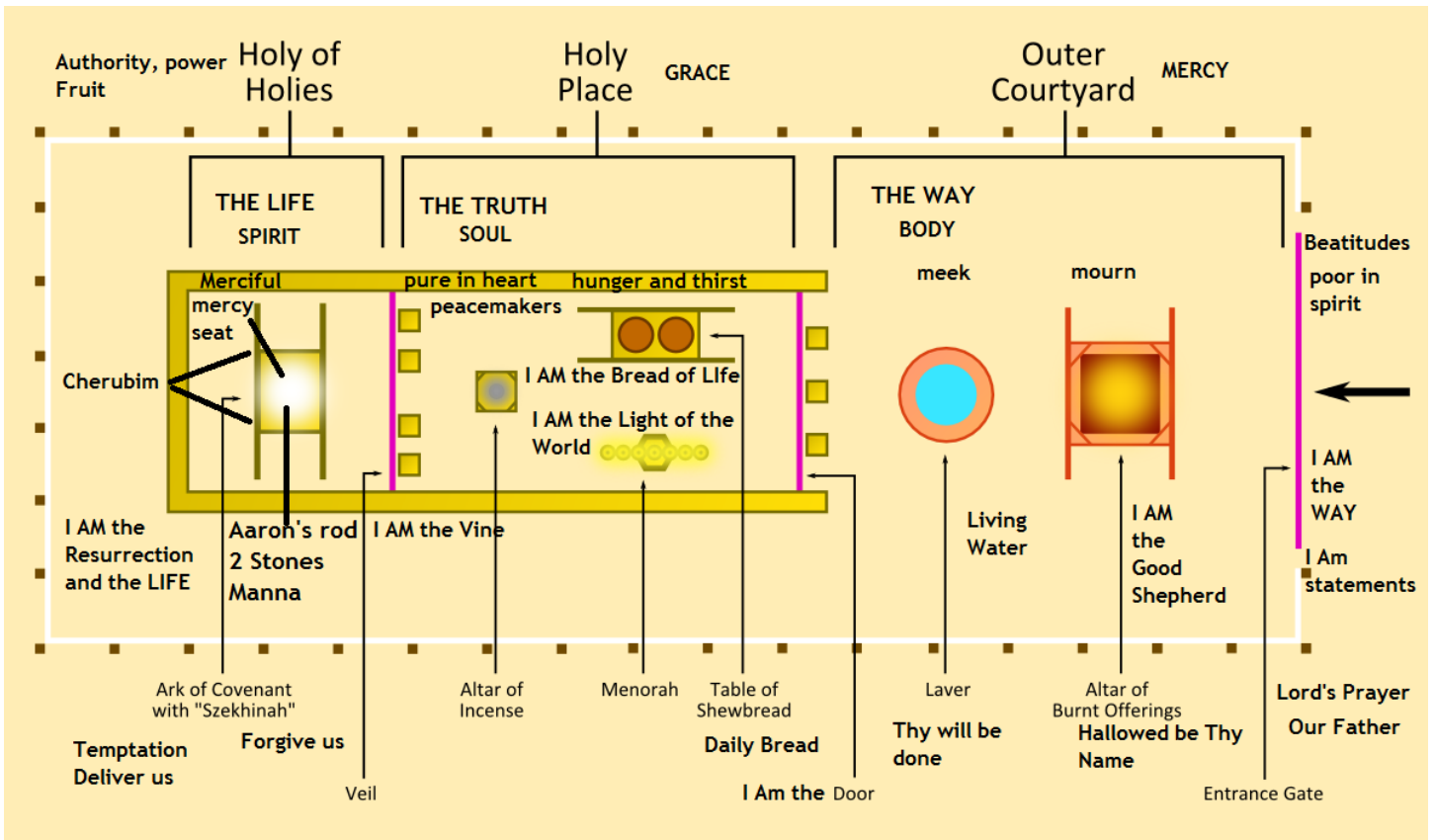


The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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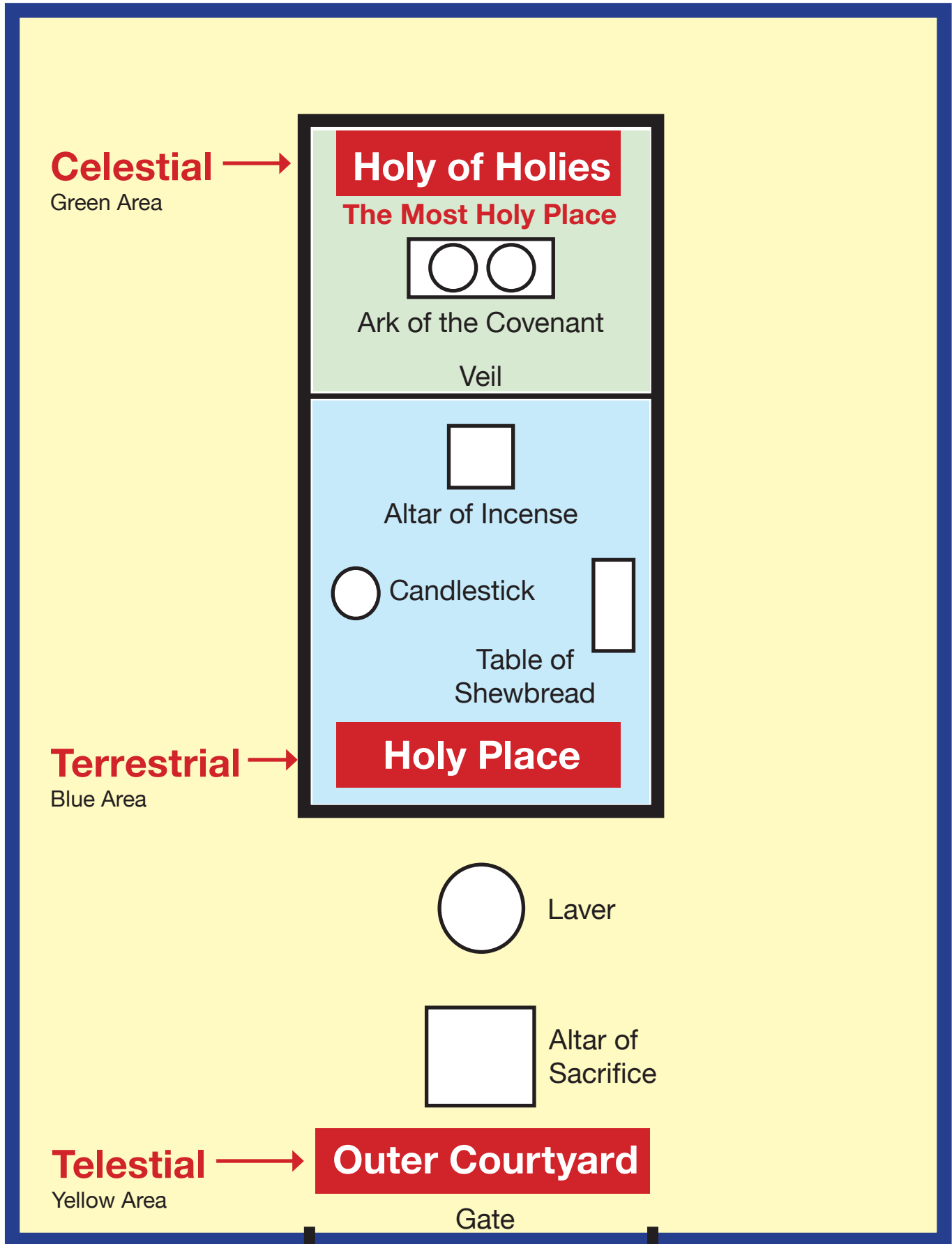
Another replica of the tabernacle

Altar of Burnt Offerings



TABERNACLE

"The Tabernacle of the Congregation" or "The Tent of Meeting"



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God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden

Find these animals: bears, rabbits, cats, birds, dogs, geese, sheep, lions, snake, horses, hippos.

