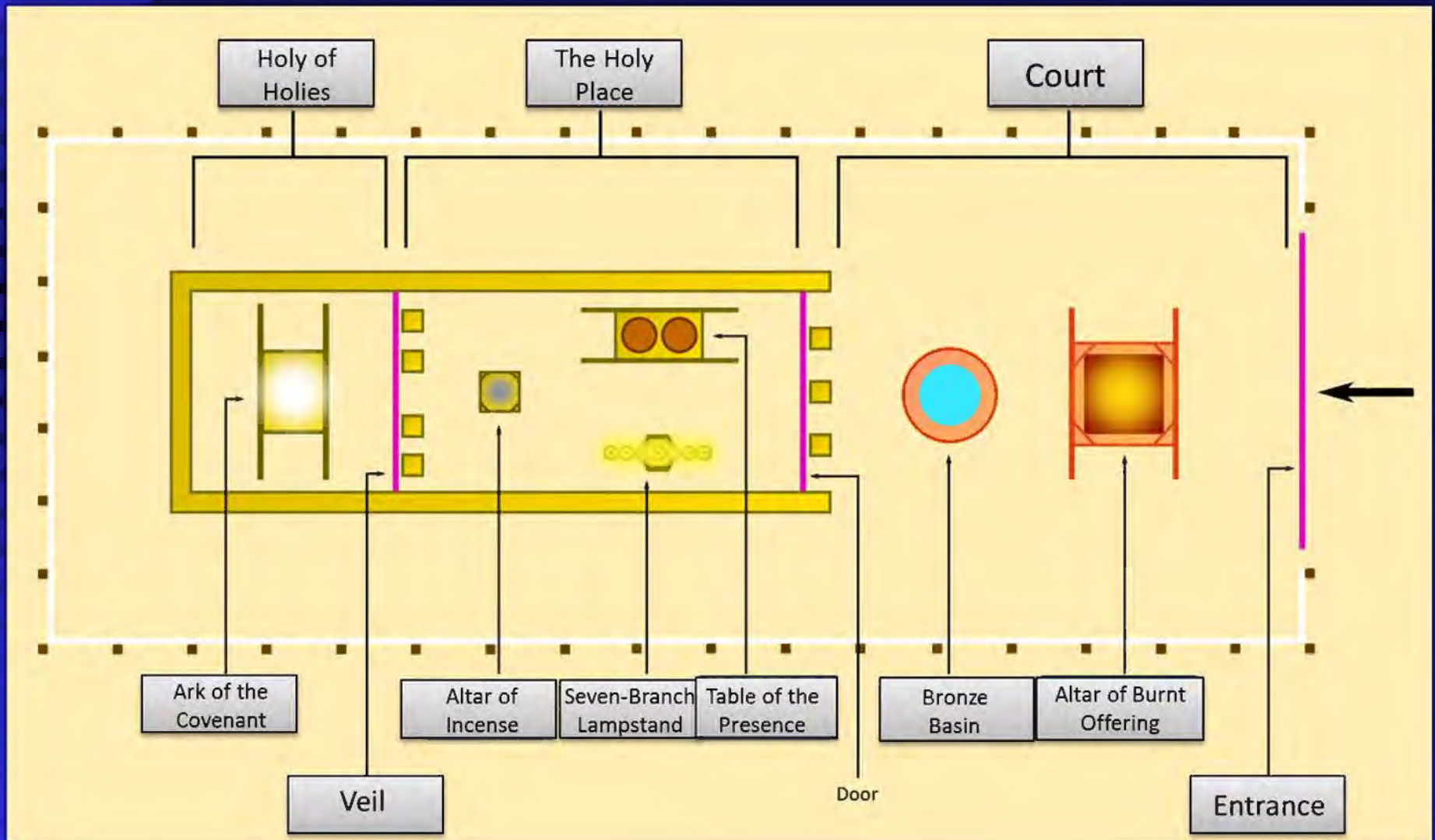


# Cultus Overview

- Tabernacle
- Offerings
- Priesthood
- Feasts

# Plan of the Tabernacle (Exodus 25-31)



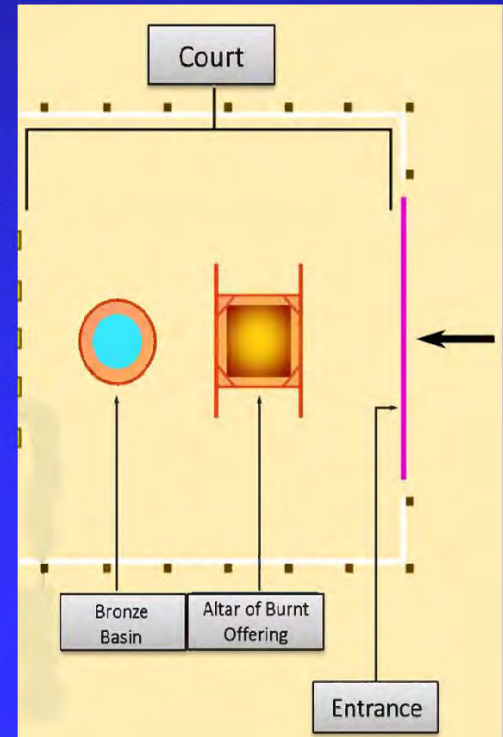
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Altar of Burnt Offering



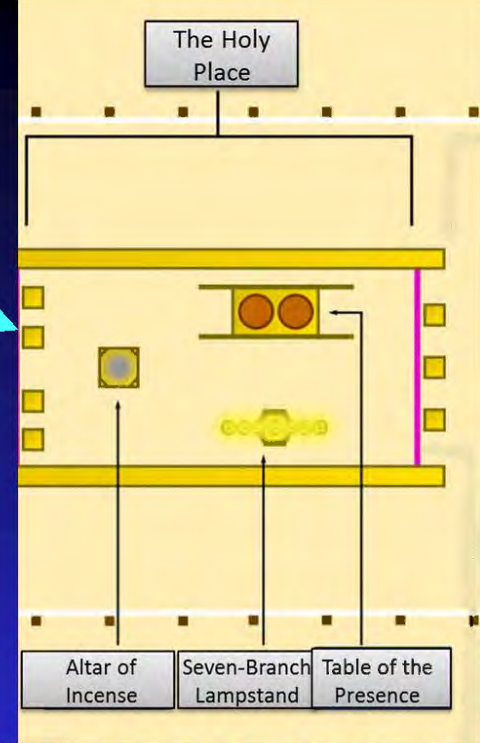
Bronze Laver





# The Holy place

- Table of showbread



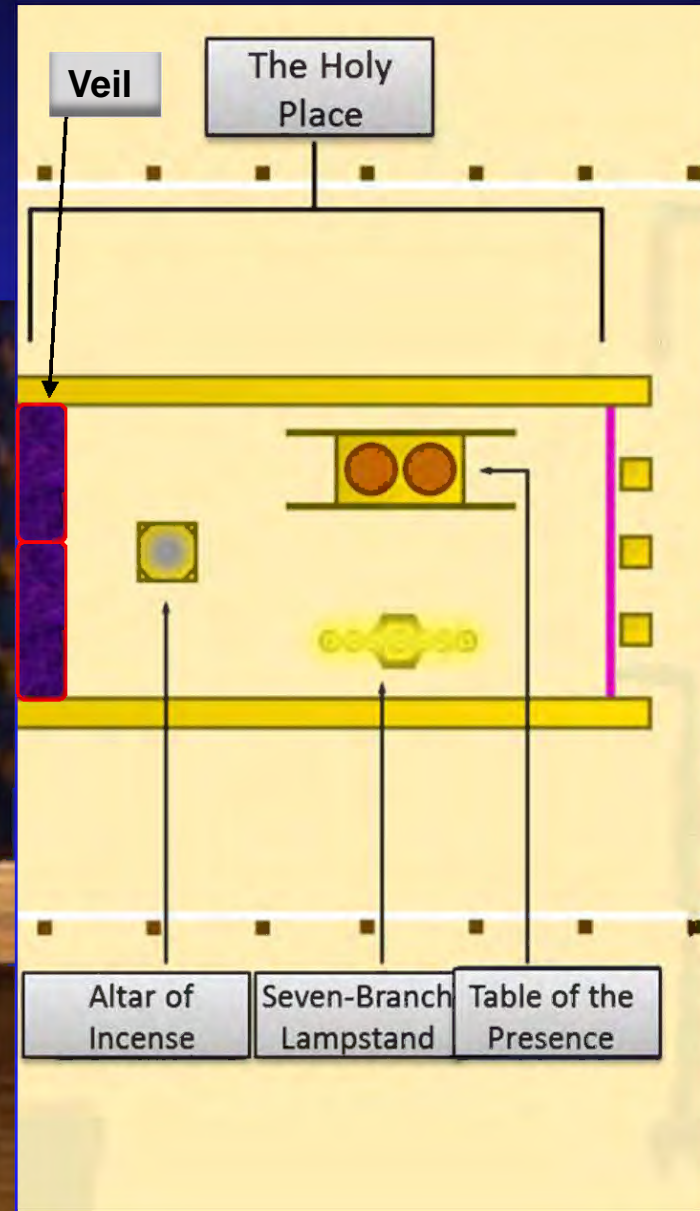
- Golden lampstand



Veil

# The Holy Place

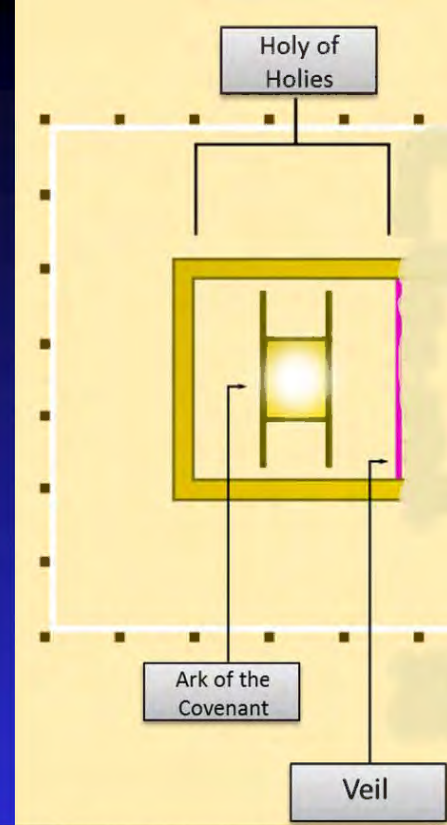
- Altar of Incense (before the veil)
- Veil





# Holy of Holies

- PRESENCE (Person) of God: Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies
- Entered only once annually by Chief Priest alone



# Construction of the Tabernacle (Exodus 35-40)

- Main activity the ~ 1 year Israel was at Sinai
- Collection for Tabernacle
  - Exodus 25.1-9; 35.4-9
  - Results: Exodus 35.20 – 36.7
    - Recall the plunder of the Egyptians

# Construction of the Tabernacle

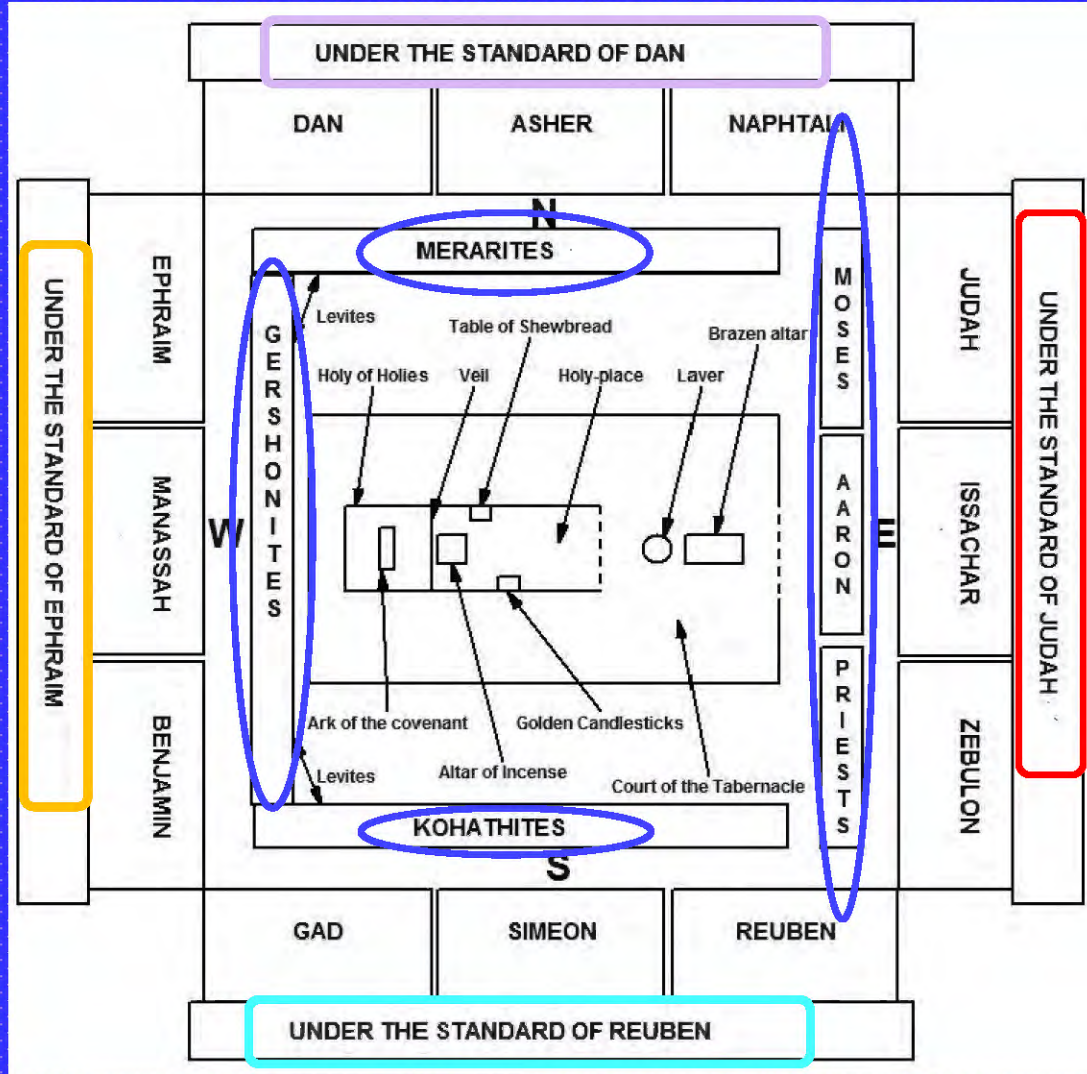
- Began ~ 3 months after arriving
- Completed second year, first month, first day (40.17)
- The PRESENCE (EXODUS 40.34-38)



# Location of the Tabernacle

The 4 camps  
(Numbers 2):

- Judah (East)
- Reuben (South)
- Ephraim (West)
- Dan (North)





**MARCHING ORDER OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL  
AS THEY TRAVELED EAST TO THE PROMISE LAND OF CANAAN:  
Numbers 10:11-28**

**WEST**



**EAST**

Order of Marching

Population ~2-2.5 million

# Leviticus Overview

## Establishment of Fellowship with God

- ◆ **Means:** Offerings
  - to express one's desire to draw near to God
  - not a way to buy the favor of God
- ◆ **Mediators:** priests

## Maintenance of Fellowship with God

- ◆ Separation (from and to)
- ◆ Sanctification



# Five Basic Offerings (Leviticus 1 – 7)

## VOLUNTARY

- ◆ First three (burnt, grain, peace) are called sweet-smelling offerings
  - *voluntarily* given out of gratefulness
  - not because of sin
  - they express worship or love for God

# Voluntary Offerings

## Burnt (or, “Ascent”)

- ◆ Whole male of flock or herd (turtledove, pigeon) burned  
→ Offer whole self to God

## Meal/Grain

- ◆ Fine flour: basic food
  - Again, people owed their whole lives to God (meal = bread of life)

# Voluntary Offerings

**Peace** (“Sacrifice of Alliance or Friendship”)

- ▶ Herd, flock (sheep, goat); male or female
- ▶ Only sacrifice eaten by Priests (breast, right thigh) and person offering
- ▶ Fellowship between God and people (peace)
- ▶ Christ our peace ([Eph 2.13-18](#))



# INVOLUNTARY OFFERINGS

## Sin

- ◆ For sins done through ignorance; *not* for presumptuous sins
- ◆ Priest: bull
- ◆ Leader: male goat
- ◆ Commoner: female goat or lamb
  - ❖ 2 turtledoves, young pigeons
  - ❖ 1/10 ephah of flour unmixed with oil, incense

# Sin Offering

- ◆ Doesn't take away the sin
- ◆ It is an overt act to demonstrate a declaration of repentance and desire to be restored to fellowship with God
- ◆ Christ's death as full payment (ransom) for sin (1 Tim 2.5-6; 2 Cor 5.21)

# INVOLUNTARY OFFERINGS

## Trespass (guilt)

- ◆ Refers to specified sins
- ◆ Emphasizes restitution
  - sin offering deals with the *guilt* of sin
  - trespass offering deals with the *results* of sin
- ◆ Restitution + 20% compensation to the person wronged



# Establishment of the Priesthood (Leviticus 8 – 10)

## Preparation of Priests (8, 9)

- ◆ Aaron and his sons washed with water
- ◆ Aaron arrayed in tunic, sash, robe, ephod with its band, breastplate with Urim and Thummim, turban with its plate, holy crown

# Preparation of Priests (8, 9)

- ◆ Aaron and his sons, the tabernacle, altar & its utensils, the basin & its stand anointed with anointing oil seven times
- ◆ Anointing oil poured on Aaron's head to consecrate him
- ◆ Aaron's sons clothed with tunics, sashes and caps



# Consecration of Priests (8, 9)

- ◆ Bull<sup>1</sup> of the **sin** offering slaughtered and its blood consecrated the horns and base of the altar, to make atonement for it
- ◆ The ram<sup>2</sup> of the **burnt** offering: blood sprinkled around altar and all of flesh offered
- ◆ A second ram<sup>3</sup>, the ram of **ordination**; some of its blood put on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot; remainder around the altar



# Consecration of Priests

- ◆ Some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar sprinkled on the garments of Aaron and his sons
- ◆ This ceremony was to make atonement on behalf of the priests
- ◆ Aaron and his sons stayed in the *tent of meeting* for seven days, until the day that the period of their ordination was fulfilled

# Holiness of the Priesthood

- ◆ Sacrilege of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10)
  - Struck dead
  - God declares importance of the priesthood's obedience
    - ★ ≈ regulative principle of worship