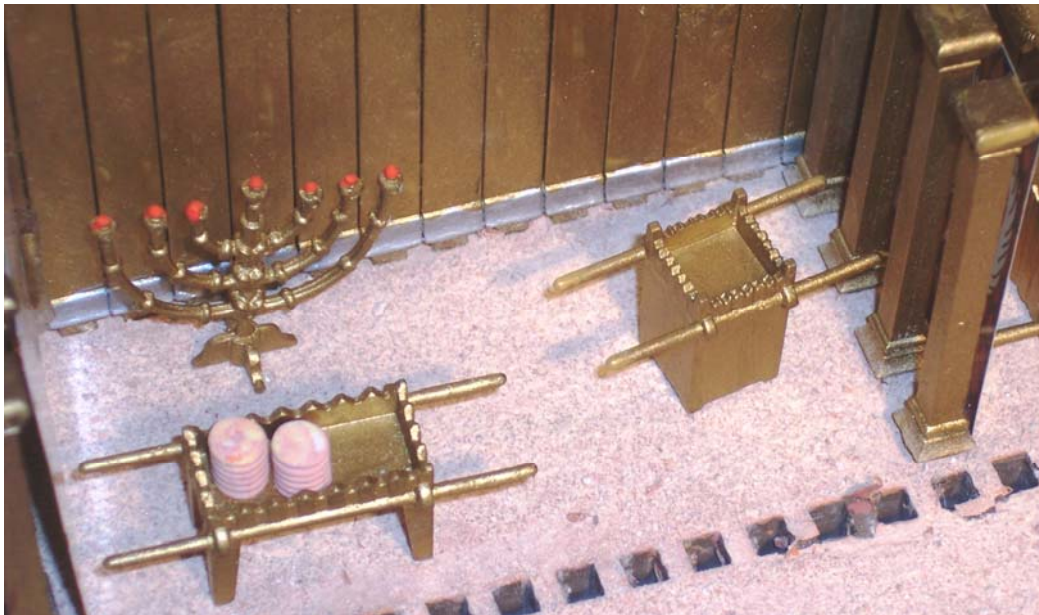
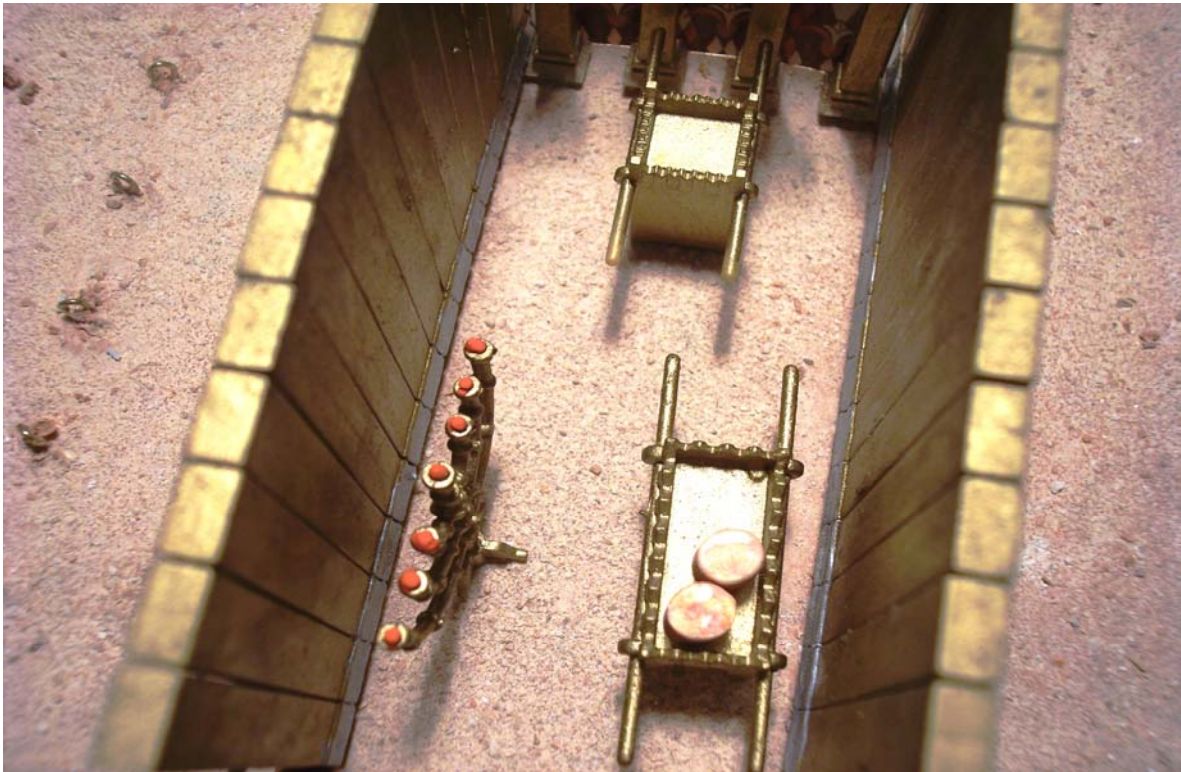


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THE HOLY PLACE (APPLICATION)





Hebrews 9:1-2

9:1 Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

The Holy place or the sanctuary as it was called was the first part of the tabernacle. It was the place where only the high Priest and the sons of the high priest could enter. The priests symbolically ate in this part of the temple, they trimmed the lamp stand which had to continually burn with olive oil, and the high priest also burned sacrificial incense to God from this part of the Temple.

The Holy place had a golden table, a golden lamp stand, a golden alter of incense and other utensils of gold like cups, spoons etc.

THE PLACE OF INCREASE IN CHRIST

The events that occur in the holy place are eternal events which never cease. Anyone who seeks the glory of the Father must pass through this part of the tabernacle. It is a place of growth and application of the word so that you grow into that full statue of the Christ.

The Holy place can be likened to a university where you are taught by teachers who are experts in their field. In the University you learn in class rooms and at times go through practical lessons. All this prepares you for your graduation where you will then continually apply all that was imparted into you by your teachers.

On graduation you become like your teachers or masters who taught you all those years in the university. You may choose to teach or work in some other way, but at the end you earn a living as a result of the knowledge gathered.

Those who didn't go through the training process you went through will never come to mastery of that knowledge you have.

We can also liken the holy place to a training camp for soldiers, after which they qualify to defend and keep a country's integrity in place. They go through teachings on warfare; they study strategies on winning wars. They are taught discipline and submission, so that soldiers are known and seen as societal models of discipline. After their training, soldiers are empowered with authority to defend the integrity of a country.

All these are shadows of what really takes place in the holy place of God's tabernacle. In the Holy place we are trained and taught in the ways of righteousness so that we grow up into that perfect man called Christ. We are taught about our duty as servants and housekeepers in God's house. In this place we are prepared and taught of Him, so that eventually we are promoted to the place where we become like Him or as Him.

THE STUDENT BECOMING THE MASTER

Matthew 10:24-25

24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.

Like we see in the natural world a student becomes a teacher, an employee becomes the Boss, a disciple becomes a master. All these were tapped from that spiritual concept of receiving and submitting to the Master Christ and then becoming like the master.

Shadows of this are seen in Elijah and Elisha, Moses and Joshua, the disciples and Jesus, Paul and Timothy etc.

If you study the book of the kings closely you will notice that Elisha served Elijah faithfully while He was still around. Typologically Elijah represented the manifested seed of Christ and Elisha a servant and disciple. Obviously Elisha tapped from the knowledge and faith of Elijah and eventually became like Elijah when Elijah left the scene.

In likewise manner Joshua was a servant of Moses and He also served in the tent of meeting continually [(**Exodus 24:13**), (**Exodus 33:11**)]. He learnt perfectly well from His master, for this reason at the appointed time He was found fit to be like Moses. That power and grace that Moses possessed, was laid upon Joshua at the demise of Moses. Joshua had tapped from His master.

We saw this same master disciple relation with Jesus and His Disciples; they all did the same works He did when He finished His ministry in the Flesh. All the while they walked with Him, He taught them and always revealed hidden things pertaining to God's kingdom to them. He told them that those without (those outside) hear in parables but those within hear the truth from the master. [**Mark 4:11 -12**]

What he was saying is that those with Him, (His Disciples) were within the tabernacle in the holy place. This is the place where truth is

taught and application of that truth is practiced so that we can evolve into the teacher of this same truth. Those without are those outside the tabernacle who never get to meet the teacher and learn of Who is the true teacher? The true teacher is Christ, the spirit of the Christ.

Jesus confirmed this when He said there is only one teacher and instructor, The Christ [**Matthew 23:10**]. There is only one Father of all who imparts life into us; there is also only one guru or master which is the Christ. The Christ teaches us the truth and causes us to be vessels of truth.

We do become teachers also when we submit to the spirit of Christ and become joined to that spirit. In this union you lose your identity as a carnal separate entity from God. When you open your mouth to speak it is no longer that personality born some years back in flesh form speaking but that spirit which is from the beginning with the Father.

CHASTISEMENT OF THE SONS OF GLORY

Of course during the period of discipleship there might be periods when we are chastised. This is a process every child of God that is called to glory has to pass. The chastisement is for our good so that we reach the perfect goal of the master.

Using the school example, while you might have friends out of school, staying out at night clubs, and playing their life away, you might have to subject yourself to hours of late night studies and hours of lectures. It might not sound or feel pleasurable at that moment, you might fail a course or class and have to retake it, we all know it is not a thing done with joy. What happens after all this, normally in the world those who eventually graduate forget the rigors of schooling that they went through. They begin to earn and have a much easier life ahead of them compared to those who refused to sacrifice that time out in school. Those who refused to go to school now have to normally struggle on for the rest of their lives and generally never

make it. They now look in regret and feel ashamed in the presence of those they once laughed out when they were in school.

The Generals who are given all authority over the troops and power to protect the state, forgets the difficult training sessions He had when He was at the academy. The drills and the endurance tests are now things of the past. While He was undergoing the training, He had the option to drop out but continued on because He was able to foresee the glory ahead.

In likewise manner the Lord passes us through His Holy Ghost School where we learn things of the kingdom and apply them to our lives. Like the Father will chastise His son so will the Lord train and instruct all who will partake of the glory that surpasses knowledge. The thoughts of the Father towards the son are thoughts of Love and a good ending. His hope and desire is to see us bear fruits of peace and immortality above all the conditions of this world [**Hebrews 12:5-11**], [**Deuteronomy 8:5**], [**Proverbs 13:24**].

THE WILDERNESS AS A TYPE OF THE HOLY PLACE

The Israelites had to pass through the wilderness for a period of forty years before they could see the promise land. They had received the blood of the lamb in Egypt during the Passover; they had passed through the red sea and were baptized into Moses which was a shadow of baptism into Christ. They passed through the wilderness as a means for their chastisement so that they could walk in the ways of God and continually live when they eventually entered the Promised Land.

The old Egyptian Nature (World) had to be purged in the wilderness. They had to be fed by the Lord from above so that their systems were totally purged of what they had eaten in Egypt. Those above forty had to die off so that only those who could learn of God and receive from God entered the promise land. The old had to be done away with. Those men who were over twenty apart for Joshua and Caleb were all consumed in the wilderness so that a new generation emerged to possess the Promised Land.

The Lord took them through all this, so that they could be instructed of Him to live. In this place the Lord opened up His streams of river from the rock that Paul likened to Christ. The streams of rivers from the rock prophetically point to a revelation of Himself and His kingdom. He teaches them to hear Him and flow with His spirit. So that after they came out of the land of Egypt, God regenerated them in the wilderness and brought forth a new creation qualified for the Promised Land. Of course it might not have been funny in that harsh wilderness, but let us look unto the Lord and His promises of perfecting us and giving us rest. Some of us really hunger and thirst after righteousness, as you do this you might still notice a dark part in you. You may begin to see the wickedness and unbelief logged within you. You may begin to get bored at times and look back to admire the world and its vain riches. But the Lord admonishes us not to get weary, do not get tired; look unto the author and finisher of our faith. The Lord takes no pleasure in those who draw back, let us endure and be patient as we pass through the holy place. The witnesses in the glory of Christ admonish you and urge you on in this quest for beauty and glory. Always remember the word of His patience in keeping His word.

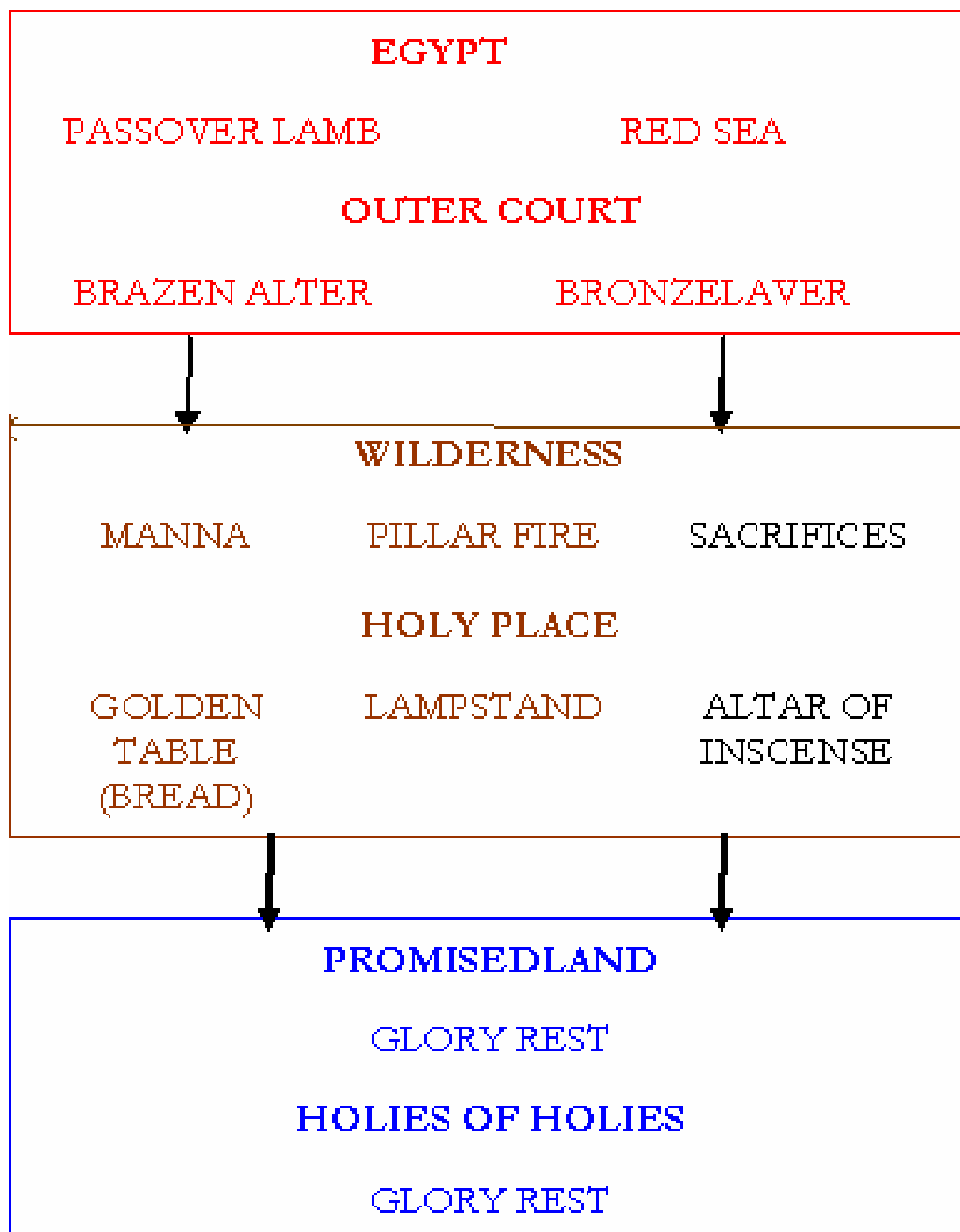
Jesus after His baptism had to go through the wilderness temptation and instruction for 40 days and forty nights also. Moses had to also go through the same thing for 40 years after leaving the comfort of Egypt. In all these they all came to expected ends and fulfillment, they are shadows for all of us to follow. Moses returned a different man having the power of God with Him, so also did Jesus start a ministry with demonstration of power of God.

When we enter the holy place it is a place of no return, you can not go back to your ignorance and worship of idols found in the world, it is a place of continuous progress into God's glory. The holy place is a passage way to glory, so all who enter this place in Christ are admonished to hang on till the end. When we say the end, we mean when the work of regeneration has be completed.

Below is a sketch showing the similarities between the progress of Israel from Egypt into the promise land and the progression from the outer court towards God's glory found in the Holies of Holies. The

Passover blood points to the brazen altar; the red sea points to the Bronze laver etc. We will look into this more closely in subsequent chapters.

SKETCH SHOWING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TABERNACLE AND THE WILDERNESS



To summarize it all, the Holy place is a place of increase and maturing in the knowledge of Christ. He must increase and we must decrease, for in Him is the fullness of God's blessings. Living a life outside Christ is like living in darkness and ignorance of our true natures as Sons of the living God. We all originated in Him and must

The next three Chapters will deal with the major Furniture pieces in the Holy Place. They are the Golden Table of Shew Bread, the Golden lampstand and the golden altar of incense.

