

GOD DWELLS AMONG HIS PEOPLE

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- **Acknowledge God's Glory (Exodus 40: 34-38)**

If you lived all year long....



God's Story

- Week 1: God Begins the Story
- Week 2: God Chooses a People
- Week 3: God Delivers His People
- Week 4: God Instructs His People
- **Week 5: God Dwells Among His People**
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Follow God's Plan

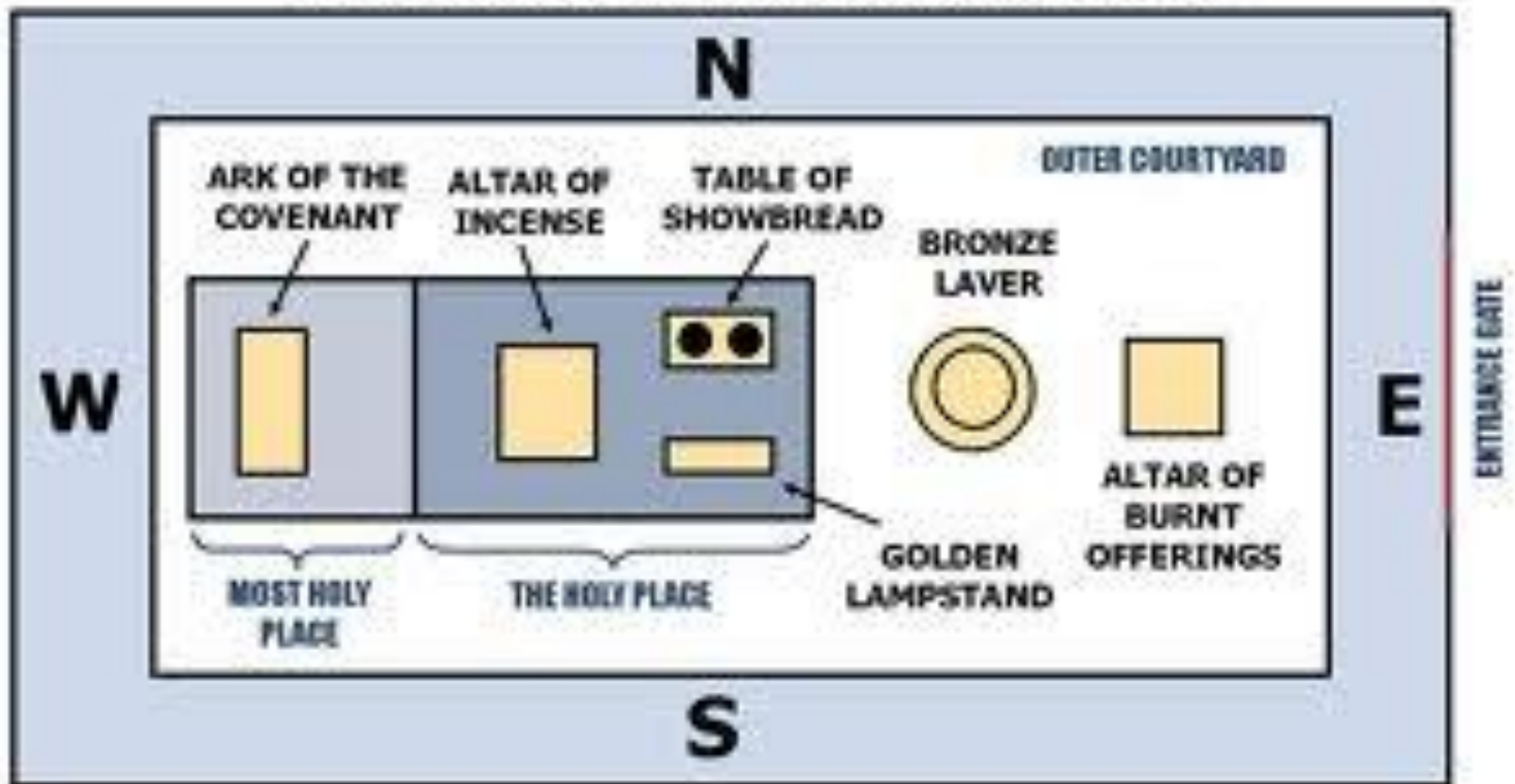
Exodus 26: 30-33

- ³⁰ Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.
- ³¹ “You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.
- ³² You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks *also being of* gold, on four sockets of silver.
- ³³ You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.



The Tabernacle

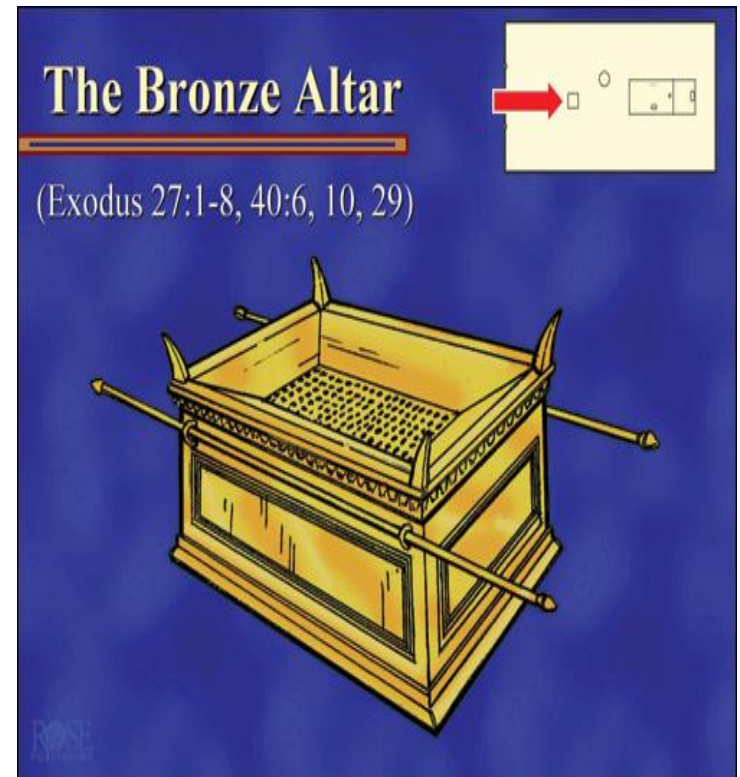
THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES (EXODUS 35-40)



Bronze Altar

Atonement/Sacrifice

- The blood of animals sacrificed here covered the sins of the people
- There is no atonement for sin without the shedding of blood
- Christ was our sacrificial lamb
- His blood took away our sin



Bronze Laver



Sanctification

- Placed between altar and tent
- Between Atonement and Presence: personal purification
- The Priest could not enter Holy Place with blood on his hands
- Laver surrounded by mirrors
- We are washed by the water of the Word
- Separate selves from sin (Jn 17:17; 2 Pet 3:18; 2 Tim 2:19-21)

Golden Lampstand

Light

- Only light in Holy Place
- Lit whole room
- God is light , no darkness in Him (1 John 1:5)
- Speaks of the Church: If we walk in the light...then we have fellowship... (1 John 1:7, Rev. 1-3)



Table of Showbread

Life

- 12 loaves unleavened bread
- 2 rows/stacks of 6
- Always present before Me
- Frankincense
- “Showbread” (bread of face, bread of life)
- Jesus is the bread of life (John 6:51)



Altar of Incense



Prayer

- Before the veil
- Before Holy of Holies
- Prayers for the people
- Offered regularly,
continually (I Thess. 5:17)
- Prayers of Saints (sweet
fragrance (2 Cor. 2:14-16)

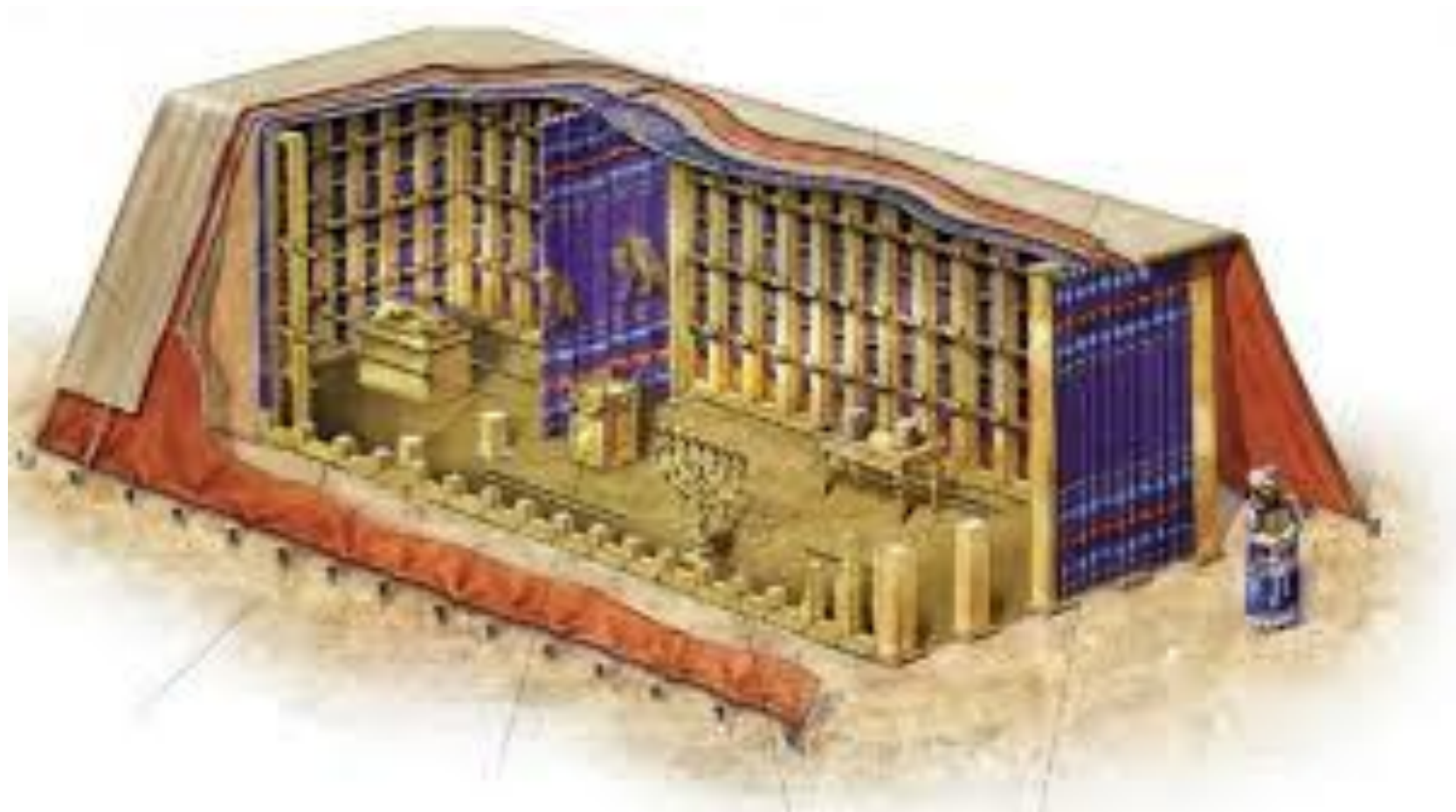
Ark of Covenant

Presence of God

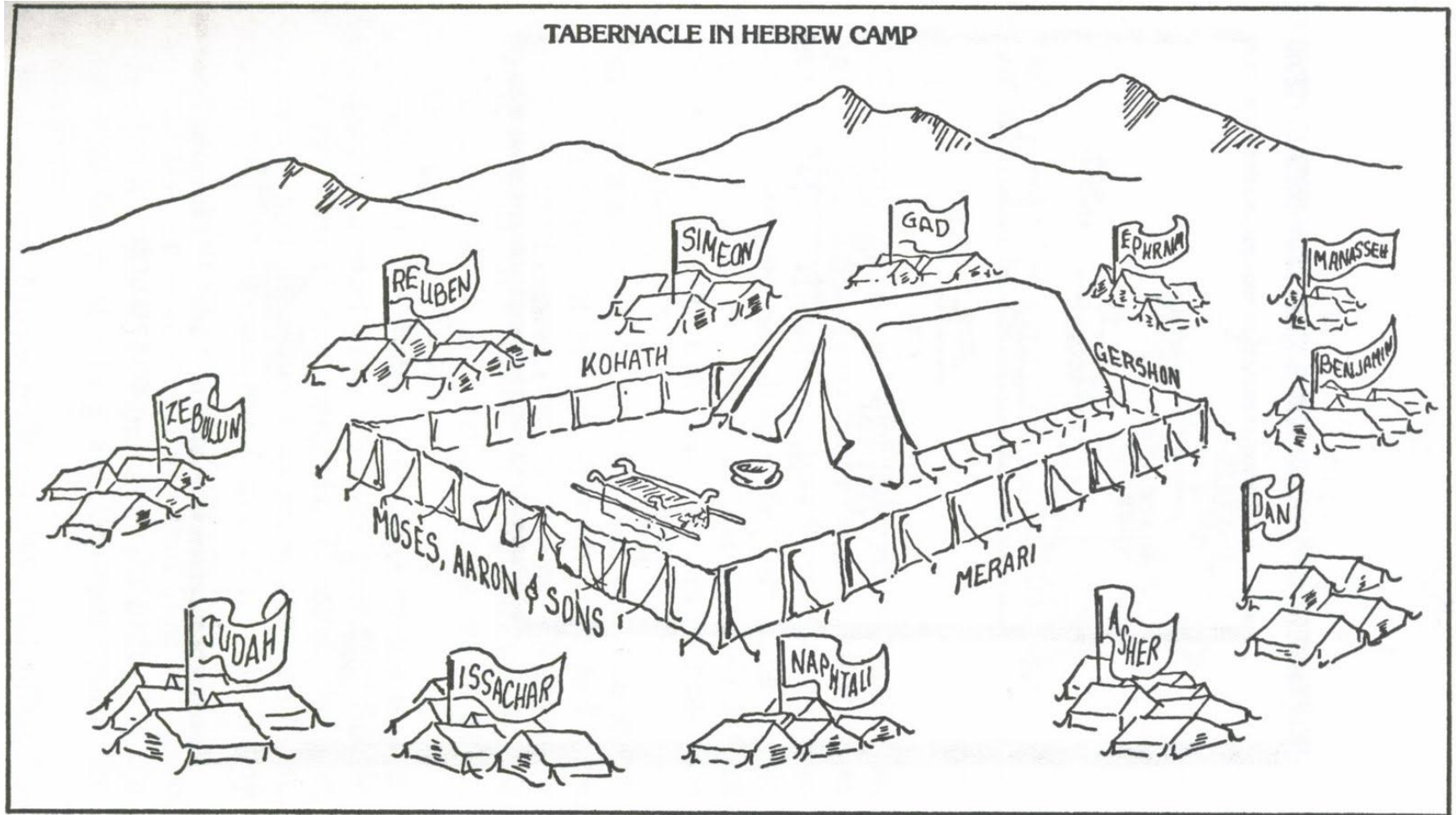
- Acacia wood overlaid with Gold
- Contained 3 items
 - Tablets of the Law
 - Aaron's Rod
 - Pot of Manna



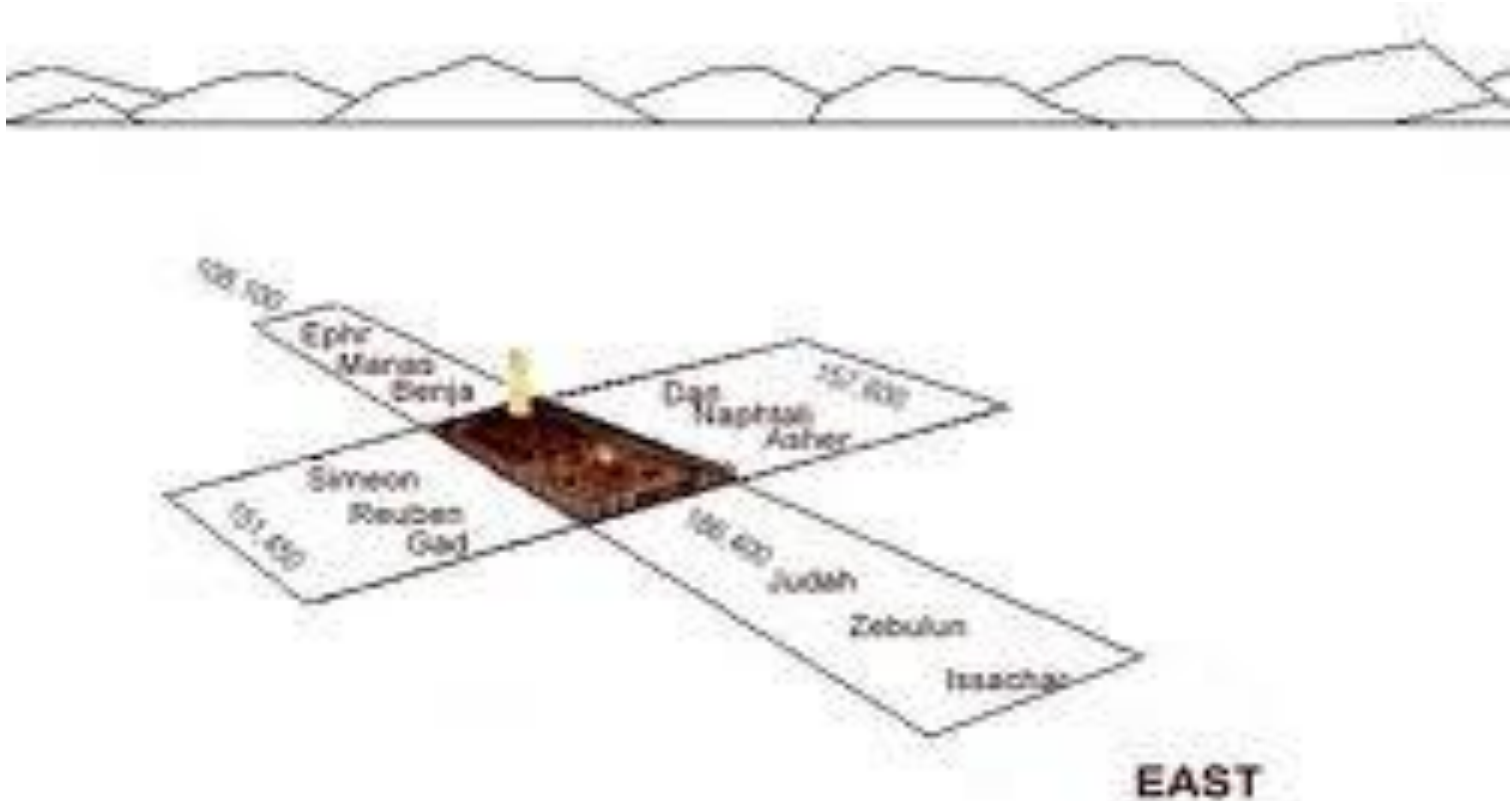
The Holy Place & Most Holy Place



The Camp



Camp Arrangement by Tribe



The Divine Is in the Details

- Genesis 6: 13-16
 - What if Noah had built the Ark 20' shorter than he was instructed?
- Joshua 6: 2-5
 - What if Joshua had only marched around Jericho for five days?
- Judges 7: 4-7
 - What if Gideon had taken 500 men instead of 300?

Encounter God's Presence

Exodus 29:43-46

- ⁴³ I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.
- ⁴⁴ I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.
- ⁴⁵ I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.
- ⁴⁶ They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

Encounter God's Presence

“I will meet with the Israelites there...”

- To “meet” carries the idea
 - To set an appointment
 - A set time to gather

Encounter God's Presence

“I will meet with the Israelites there...”

- Why is “there” important?
 - Can we meet God, encounter His presence, outside of corporate worship?

Encounter God's Presence

“I will consecrate...”

- Fr. Latin: *con* (with) + *sacre* (sacred)
- associated with the sacred
- Lit. “made holy”

Encounter God's Presence

“consecrated by My Glory”

- Glory (Hebrew) means “heavy”
 - Important
- Associated with :
 - Honor
 - Splendor
 - magnificence

Encounter God's Presence

“I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God”

- Dwell (*shakan*) “shekinah glory”
 - To live with, walk with, abide with
 - Reveal myself to you (glorious ways)

“I am Yahweh their God”

- I delivered you...so that I might dwell with you.

Encounter God's Presence

- How I Prepare:
- How God Prepares Me:

Acknowledge God's Glory

Exodus 40:34-38

- ³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.
- ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

Cont...

Acknowledge God's Glory

Exodus 40:34-38 (Cont.)

- ³⁷ but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.
- ³⁸ For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

The Cloud

- First mentioned in Ex.13: 21-22
- Represented the Lord Himself
- Led the Jews out of Egypt
- Guided Jews on journey to Promised Land (Num. 9:15-23)



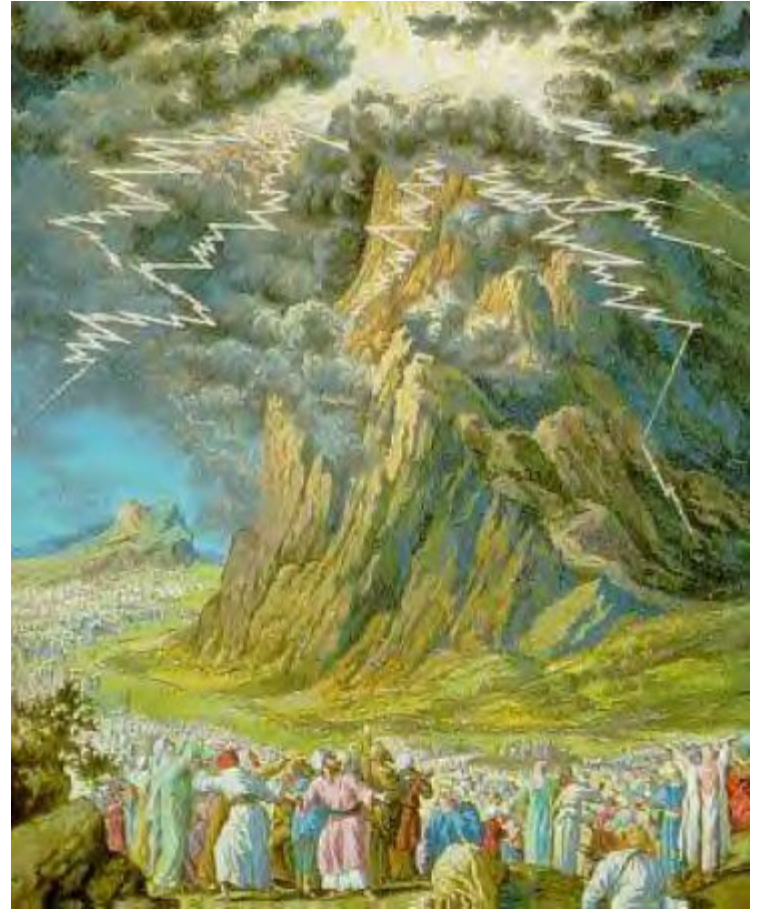
The Cloud



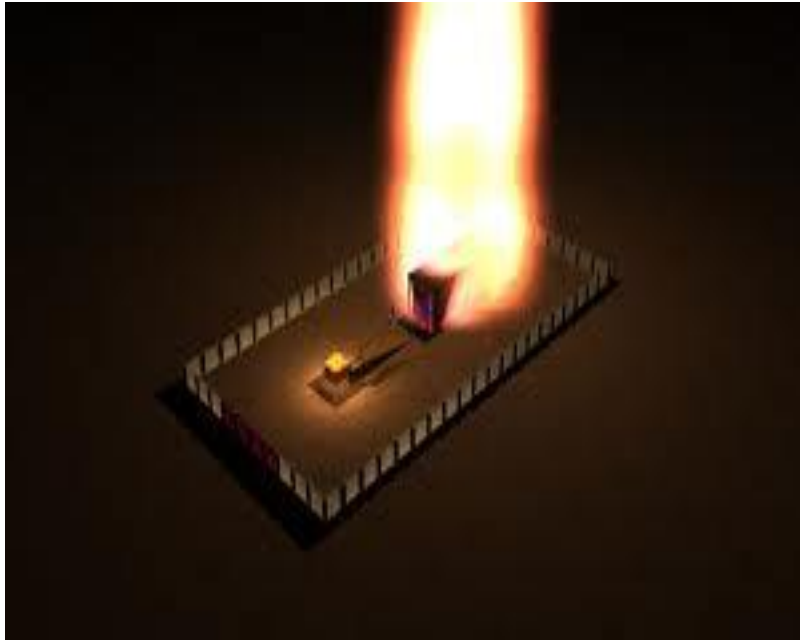
- Stood as a buffer between attacking Egyptians and fleeing Hebrews (Ex. 14: 19-24)

The Cloud

- Covered the summit of Mt. Sinai as Moses met with the Lord. (Ex. 24:15-18)



The Cloud



- The cloud now covered the tabernacle
- God's presence and glory were in close proximity to all Jews.
- No longer one man (Moses)

God Leads Us Today



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