

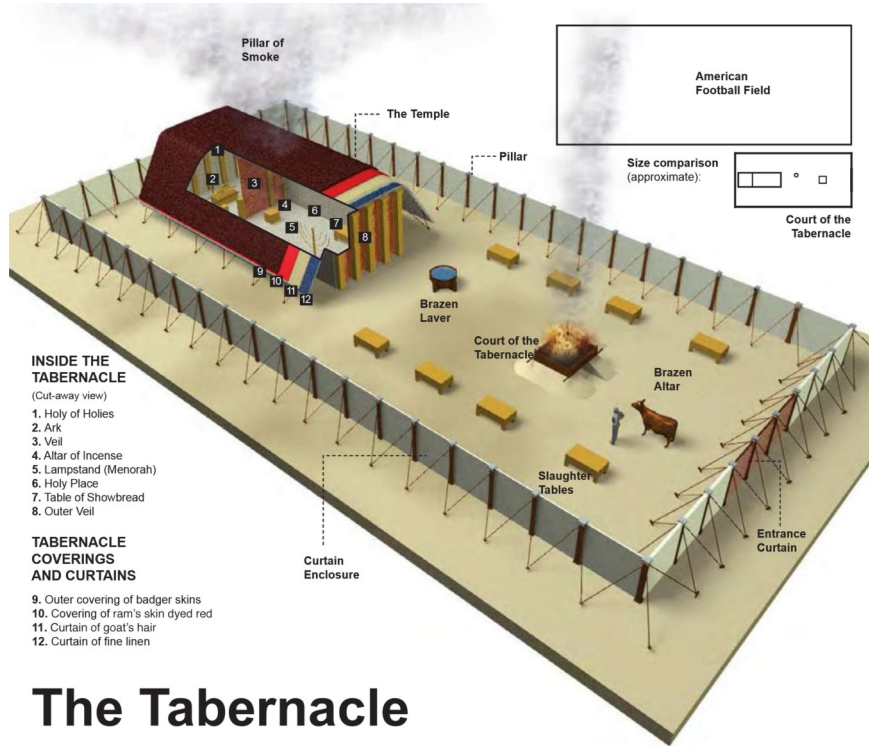
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Redemption: The Exodus is a story of redemption (Ex. 15:13). In what ways does the story of the Exodus foreshadow a Christian's salvation today?

The Law of God: Exodus is the first time God instructed that His law be written down for an entire nation. His law was thorough and very precise. It also called for severe consequences when broken. What can the New Testament Christian learn about how God wants His people to follow His law for Christians from the book of Exodus?

Idolatry: The Israelites suffered for their idolatry, and God was clear how He felt about idolatry. What forms of idolatry pose a threat to Christians today? (Col. 3:5)



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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“That You May Grow Thereby...”

A weekly Bible reading plan



Exodus 29-40

Idolatry, Renewal, and Building the Tabernacle

Overview

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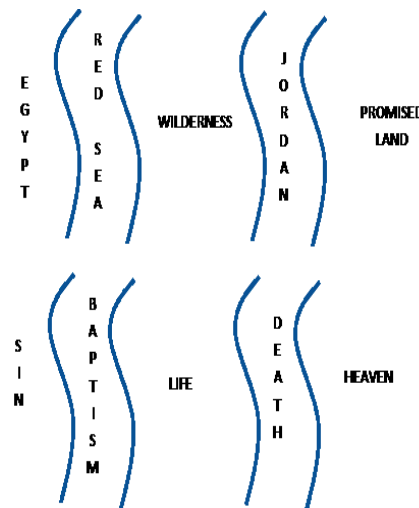
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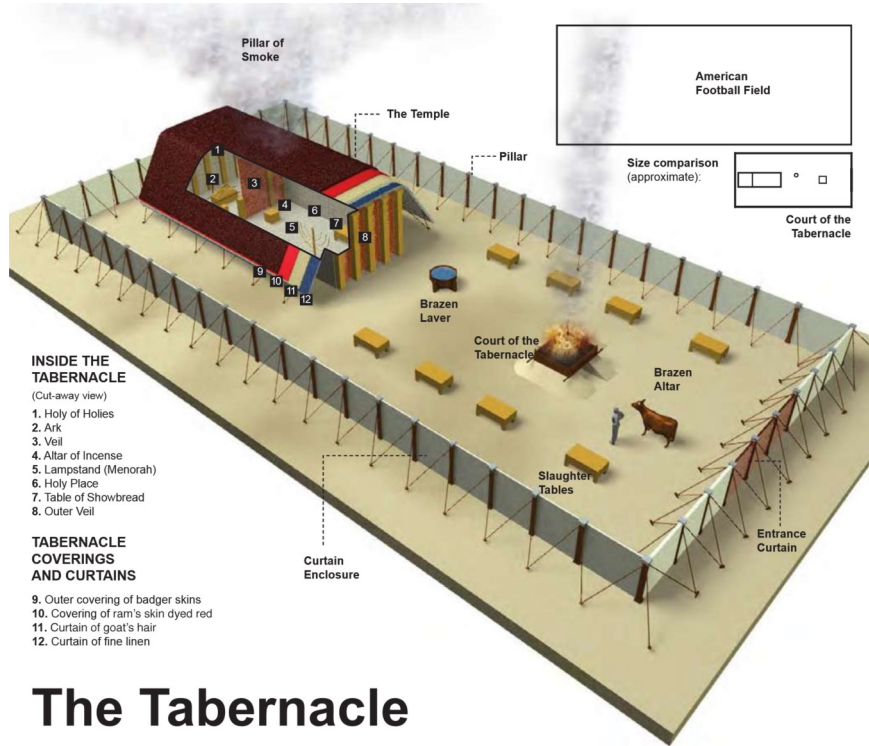
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