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A History Lesson by Stephen: From Abraham to Moses

Acts 7:2 – 22

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

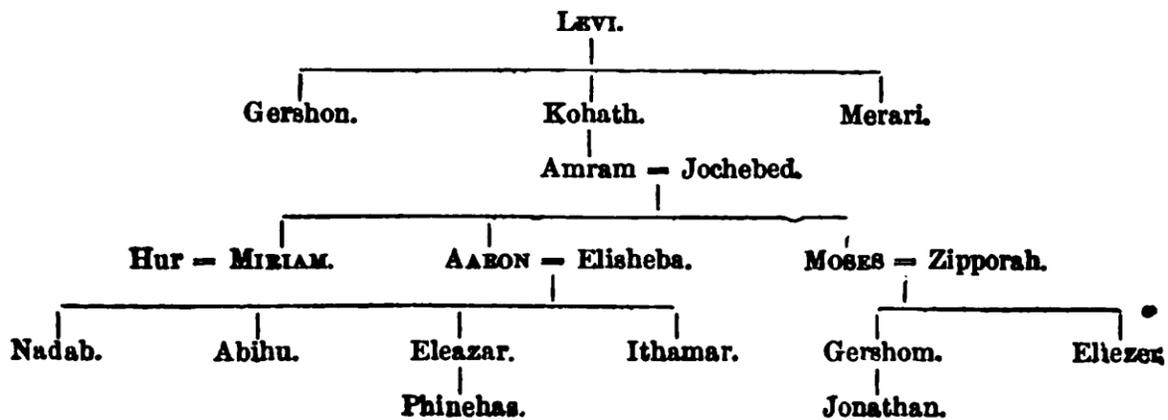
21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

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Attributes of Moses

- **Born to believing parents**
 - **Hebrews 11:23**
By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- **Of the Tribe of Levi**



- **Refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter**
 - **Hebrews 11: 24 – 25**
24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;
25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
- **Considered the insult for the coming Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt**
 - **Hebrews 11: 26 – 27**
26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.
27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.
- **The meekest man on the earth**
 - **Numbers 12:3**
(Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)

God Appears to Moses in the Wilderness of Mount Sinai

Acts 7: 30 - 34

30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

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32 *Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.*

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

God Sends Moses to Deliver His People

Jehovah Has Sent You

Exodus 3:13 - 15

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

Aaron

Exodus 4:27 - 31

27 And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.

29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:

30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.

31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

Moses Returns to Egypt

Exodus 5:1b -2

1b ...Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who *is* the LORD [Jehovah], that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD [Jehovah], neither will I let Israel go.

God Sends Ten Plagues Executing Judgment against All the gods of Egypt

Exodus 12:12

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of

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Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Israel Spoils the Wealth of Egypt

Exodus 12:35 - 36

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

They Walk in as a Family, They March Out as a Nation

Exodus 12:37 - 38

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

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|------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Reuben | 46,500 | (Joseph): Ephraim | 40,500 |
| Simeon | 59,300 | (Joseph): Manasseh | 32,200 |
| Gad | 45,650 | Benjamin | 35,400 |
| Judah | 74,600 | Dan | 62,700 |
| Issachar | 54,400 | Asher | 41,500 |
| Zebulun | 57,400 | Naphtali | 53,400 |
| Total of the military array | | | 603,550 |

This gives us an estimate of 2.5 million walking out of Egypt.

The Four Hundred and Thirty Years of Sojourning Ends

Exodus 12:40 – 42

40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It *is* a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

God gave His promises to Abraham 430 years before the Exodus from Egypt, on “the selfsame day”, Nisan 15.

See Appendix A, Four Hundred or Four Hundred and Thirty Years? (page 28), for additional information on this calculation.

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God's people aren't going to be strangers in a foreign land anymore; they are to be God's nation in His land of promise

Israel Crosses on Dry Land, Pharaoh and Egypt's Army Drowns in the Red Sea

Exodus 14:21 – 22

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Exodus 14:26 - 28

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Song of Deliverance and the First Mention of a Habitation for God

Exodus 15:1 – 2

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Journey from Egypt into the Land of Promise Can Be Broken into Three Portions

1. The March Out of Egypt to Mount Sinai

- a. The Tabernacle is set up on the first day of the first month (Nisan or Abib) of the second year. The dedication of the Tabernacle lasts that entire month. (Leviticus is given during this time.)
- b. On the first day of the second month (Iyyar or Ziv), Moses begins to number the people (Numbers) and afterwards they begin moving towards Canaan.

2. The March from Mount Sinai to the Borders of Canaan

- a. For forty days the twelve spies gather ripe grapes and other fruits which would indicate the season of the Feast of Tabernacles, just six months after the Passover.

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- b. After approximately a year and six months since leaving Egypt, the Israelites refuse to enter into the Promised Land. They were turned back to wander in the wilderness.
- 3. The Wandering in the Wilderness and Entrance into Canaan**
- a. By the end of the tenth month of the fortieth year, the Israelites reach the plains of Moab east of the Jordan River.
 - b. The rest of the year is occupied by the final exhortation of Moses (Deuteronomy) and his death.
 - c. On the tenth day of the first month (Nisan or Abib), now forty years after leaving Egypt, under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites cross the Jordan and the Passover is eaten in the land of Canaan.

The March Out of Egypt to Mount Sinai

No Need to Take Thought for Food or Raiment

Exodus 16:2 -4

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:3 – 4

3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

The lesson of manna: Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Mount Sinai

Remember, Exodus 3:12

And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Exodus 19:1 - 12

1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

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2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes.

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death.

Exodus 19:16 - 18

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Exodus 24:16 – 18

16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

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Moses Receives Instructions to Build the Tabernacle

Exodus 25:1 – 9

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.
- 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,
- 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,
- 5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,
- 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,
- 7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.
- 8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.
- 9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

God Shows Moses the Pattern

Hebrews 8:5b

...as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Where God Would Meet with and Dwell with Man

Exodus 29:42b – 46

- 42b ... *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.
- 43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.
- 44 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.
- 45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.
- 46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I *am* the LORD their God.

Bezaleel and Aholiab

Exodus 35: 30b – 35

- 30b ...the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
- 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;
- 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,
- 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work.
- 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

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35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

The Glory on Moses' Face When He Descends from the Mount

Exodus 34:29 - 33

29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.

The Work Begins

Offering for the Tabernacle

Exodus 35:4 – 5a

4 And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, saying,

5a Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart...

Exodus 35:20 - 29

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.

23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought *it*.

25 And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;

28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

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29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

The Offering Needs to Be Restrained

Exodus 36:3 - 7

3 And they [Bezaleel and Aholiab] received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

Total sum of all Gold, Silver and Brass = \$62,892,561.20

See Appendix B, Calculation of Modern Value of Biblical Gold, Silver and Brass (page 29), to see how this sum was determined.

The Work Is Done

Exodus 39:42 - 43

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

On the first day of the first month (Nisan or Abib) of the second year of the exodus of the children of Israel, the Tabernacle is completed.

This is the end of the Book of Exodus and the end of Part I.

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The Three Sections of the Tabernacle

Courtyard

- The court was rectangular with dimensions of 150 feet by 75 feet, giving it an area of 11,250 square feet.

Outer Court Walls

References: Exodus 27:9 - 19

- The outer court walls were 150 feet by 75 feet, 7 ½ feet high and made of “fine twined” (woven) linen held up by 60 pillars that were overlaid with silver and sat in brass bases.
- The pillars were held in place with cords and brass pins (stakes) driven into the ground.
- The pillars were joined to one another by silver “fillets” (rails).

Outer Court Entrance

Reference: Exodus 27:16

- The outer court entrance was on the east side and was 30 feet wide with fine twined linen of blue, purple and scarlet decoratively wrought with needlework.
- It was upheld by four pillars of brass with brass bases that were also joined by silver “fillets” (rails).

Brass Altar

References: Exodus 27: 1- 8, 28: 1 -7

- The brasen altar was made of shittim wood overlaid with brass.
- The dimensions of the altar were 7 ½ feet wide, 7 ½ feet long and 4 ½ feet high.
- This was where the children of Israel would offer their sacrifices and was as far as the average Israelite was allowed to approach.
- Sacrifices were bound to bronze horns that were on each corner of the altar.
 - **Psalm 118:27**
God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
- There were also several brass utensils, pans and shovels made for the service of the altar.

Without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

The first offering by a man was by Abel when he brought of the firstlings of his flock. And there were altars of sacrifice that were used in the times of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they built. But this—The Tabernacle--was new. This was built by God’s direction and established by law for continual sacrifice by the entire nation.

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God lit the Brass Altar

Leviticus 9:22 – 24

22 And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 6:12 – 13

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

Brass Laver

References: Exodus 30:17- 21, 38:8, 40:7, 30-32

- The laver was a large basin filled with water for the required washing and cleansing of the priests.
- Its exact shape and dimensions are not specified.
- It was made out of polished brass mirrors that the women offered.

Exodus 30:19 – 21

19 For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat:

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

21 So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Holy Place (Sanctuary)

- The Tabernacle containing the Holy Place and Holiest of Holies was 18 feet wide by 45 feet long and over 15 feet high.
- The Holy Place was rectangular, 30 feet by 15 feet.
- The Holiest of Holies was a square, 15 feet by 15 feet.

Entrance

- A hanging of finely twined linen of blue, purple and scarlet
- Held up by five pillars overlaid with gold, seated in five brass bases and topped by gold chapiters
- Joined by hooks and rods (fillets) overlaid with gold

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Roof Coverings

Reference: Exodus 26:1-14

- Four roof coverings were draped over the entire structure and were staked down by cords and pins.
- These hides were oiled, thereby making them waterproof.
 - Top covering was of “badger” skins—most likely sheep or goat leather.
 - The third covering was of rams’ skins dyed red.
 - The second covering was made of goat hair (black, long and coarse).
 - The first covering was of finely twined linen of blue, purple and scarlet with cherubim woven into it.

Walls

Reference: Exodus 26:16

- Each wall was comprised of boards that were 15 feet tall and 2 ¼ feet wide, made of shittim wood overlaid with gold.
- These boards were fitted together by tenons (mortises).
- The boards were seated into silver bases.
- Accompanying support was provided by gold rings and gold-overlaid bars.

Shittim or acacia wood

- Came from the acacia tree which grew in the deserts of Sinai.
- Very fine dark reddish-brown grain
- A very hard and dense wood with thick gum deposits making it unpalatable to insects and wouldn’t let foreign matter in, such as water and other decaying agents. It was, therefore, less likely to rot.
- Called “incorruptible wood” in the Septuagint.

Candlestick

References: Exodus 25: 31 - 40

- Made of a talent of solid gold, giving the candlestick a modern gold value of \$2,043,600 and weighing approximately 120 pounds.
- Six branches came out (three on each side) with buds and blossoms on each branch.
- Cups were to be on the top of each branch shaped like almond flowers.
- The oil burned was a high quality olive oil provided by the offerings of the Israelites.
- This was the only source of light within the Holy Place other than glory from the Mercy Seat, which was obscured by the veil.
- Tongs and snuffing dishes were made for the keeping of the lamps, which Aaron was to do every morning and evening.

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Golden Table

References: Exodus 25: 23-28, 26:35, 37:10-15, 40:22

- Made of shittim wood overlaid with gold with a pure golden crown around the top.
- Dimensions were 3 feet long, by 1 ½ feet wide and 2 ¼ feet high.
- 12 pieces of showbread (one for each tribe) were to be placed on the table every Sabbath.
- There were also plates and pitchers made of pure gold for wine in the drink offerings placed here.

Altar of Incense

References: Exodus 30:1–10, 34–38, 40:5

- Made of shittim wood overlaid with gold.
- Dimensions were 1 ½ feet long, by 1 ½ feet wide and 3 feet high
- It stood right outside the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holiest of Holies.
- The incense was to be burned every morning and evening.
- The ingredients of the incense for the Tabernacle were specific. If anyone would duplicate the formula, he would be forever cut off from Israel.
- On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest would bring some of this incense from the altar in a censer with him into the Holiest of Holies.

Holiest of Holies

Veil

References: Exodus 26:31-33, 36:35-36

- A thick curtain separating the Holy Place from the Holiest of Holies.
- Rabbinical literature states that the veil was as thick as a man's palm.
- Made decoratively of finely-twined linen of blue, purple and scarlet with gold cherubim woven into it.
- Held up by golden hooks on four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold topped by golden chapiters.
- These pillars were seated in silver bases.

Cherubim

References: Genesis 3:24, Psalm 80:1, 99:1, Isaiah 37:16, Ezekiel 1:4-28, 10:1-22, Revelation 4:6-9

- First usage of “cherubim” occurs in Genesis when God places cherubim east of the garden along with a flaming sword to keep man out, “lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever” (Genesis 3:22b)
- Fearsome spiritual creatures with four faces and four wings, often mentioned in proximity to God’s throne.
- Cherubim were woven into the veil and the innermost roof covering, signifying limited access even to the priests.

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Ark

References: Exodus 25:10-22, 37:1-9

- Made of shittim wood overlaid with gold on the inside and outside.
- The lid (Mercy Seat) was made of pure gold.
- On top of the lid on each side facing inward and with their wings stretched out were two solid gold cherubim.
- Dimensions were 3 ¾ feet long, by 2 ¼ feet wide and 2 ½ feet high, which did not include the additional height of the cherubim and Mercy Seat.
- Where God would commune with Moses and where the High Priest would once a year make an atonement for the sins of the children of Israel
- Four gold rings (two on each side) in which to insert staves for carrying the ark

How Israel Encamped

The Tabernacle was in the very center of the camp and the children of Israel encamped around it with their tents pitched facing towards it.

Numbers 2:2

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

What Balaam beheld when he looked down at their encampment:

Numbers 24:2, 5 -6

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and thy tabernacles*, O Israel!

6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and as cedar trees beside the waters.*

When the Camp Moved

Numbers 9:15 - 16

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

Numbers 10:35 - 36

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

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Numbers 9:21 - 23

21 And *so* it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

- See page 26 for a sketch of the encampment.

The tribes of the three sons of Levi--**Gershon, Merari** and **Kohath**—were responsible for the following:

- **The Gershonites** were appointed to carry the cloth items, including the roof coverings, hangings for the doors, hangings for the courtyard walls, and the cords and pins.
- **The Merarites** were appointed to carry the frames of the Tabernacle including the boards of the Tabernacle, the bars, the bases, the pillars and the pillars and bases of the courtyard walls.
- **The Kohathites** were appointed to carry the items in the Sanctuary (after the sons of Aaron would cover them), including all of the furniture, the altars, the veil, and everything related to their use. They were under the direct supervision of Eleazar, son of Aaron.

Priesthood of Aaron and His Sons

Numbers 18:1 – 3, 6 - 7

1 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are given as a gift* for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you as a service of gift*: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

Aaron and his sons were to be priests. Levi was joined to them to assist in the service of the Tabernacle

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High Priest

There was only to be one High Priest. There were certain tasks that were entrusted to him alone. He was also responsible to oversee the entire line of priestly duties.

Priestly Garments

Moses was instructed to speak to wise-hearted men whom God filled with the spirit of wisdom to make holy garments for Aaron and his sons for “glory and beauty.”

- Order of garments from underneath to exterior:
 - Linen breeches for undergarments
 - Coat
 - Long covering of fine linen embroidered in a square or diamond pattern with a matching belt
 - Robe
 - Made of one piece with pomegranates and gold bells hanging off the bottom.
 - Ephod
 - Made of blue, purple and scarlet dyed linen with gold thread woven into it.
 - Held by a sash at the waist.
 - On each shoulder was set an onyx stone in a gold setting with the names of six tribes engraved on each side.
 - Breastplate of judgment
 - Made with finely twined linen with the same colors as the ephod.
 - Dimensions were 9 inches by 9 inches.
 - Set in it were 4 rows of three precious stones.
 - **Exodus 28:21**
And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.
 - Doubled in order to retain the Urim and Thummim.
 - Used by the High Priest to consult God.
- On his head was a linen mitre (turban) with a plate of pure gold on his forehead.
 - Engraved on the plate were the words “Holiness to the Lord.”
- *See page 27 for a sketch of the High Priest’s garments.*

The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16:2 - 15

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail before the mercy seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

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4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering.

10 But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself:

12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil:

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not:

14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Leviticus 16:20 – 22

20 And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:29 – 31

29 And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you: *that* in the seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:

30 For on that day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31 It *shall be* a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls, by a statute for ever.

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Leviticus 16:34

34 And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Rebellion of Korah and the Sons of Korah

Korah was the grandson of Kohath. He became discontent, along with Dathan and Abiram (the sons of Eliab) and men from the tribe of Reuben. In pride, they roused a group of 250 men together to challenge the rights of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood.

Numbers 16:3

And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD? Moses instructed the rebellious men to stand before the door of the Tabernacle and burn incense. God then warned Moses to let the assembly know to get away from Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, their households and the other rebels.

Numbers 16:28 – 32

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* of mine own mind.

29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them:

32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods.

Numbers 26:9 – 11

9 And the sons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and Abiram, *which were* famous in the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD:

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.

11 Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

The sons of Korah:

- Frequently mentioned among the Levites, specifically in service. The sons of Korah became the doorkeepers for the Tabernacle.
 - **I Chronicles 9:19**
And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, *being* over the host of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entry.

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○ I Chronicles 9:27

And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

- After seven successive generations, the prophet Samuel arose from the line of Korah (**I Chronicles 6:28**).
- A group of the sons of Korah (Kohathites) are listed among David's mighty men (**I Chronicles 12:6**).
- During the time when King David brought the Ark to Jerusalem, the sons of Korah were appointed as leaders of the service of music for the Tabernacle and, eventually, for the Temple. Often mentioned is Heman the Korahite, who was the grandson of Samuel.

I Chronicles 6:31 – 33a

31 And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.

32 And they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.

33a And these *are* they that waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites...

Considering the subject of doorkeepers:

Psalm 84:1 – 12

1 How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of* them.

6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

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The Three Items in the Ark

Hebrews 9:4b

...the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant

The Golden Pot That Had Manna

Exodus 16:32 – 34

32 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

Aaron's Rod That Budded

Numbers 17:1 - 10

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod.

3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of their fathers.

4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.

5 And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.

6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods.

7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.

8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod.

10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

The Tables of the Covenant

Deuteronomy 31:14, 24 - 26

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

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24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Moses Dies and Israel Enters the Promised Land

These are Moses' last actions:

- He gives his 5th book of the Bible (Pentateuch), Deuteronomy, beginning on the 1st day of the 11th month (Shevat) of the 40th year.
- In chapter 31, Moses, now one hundred and twenty years old, gathers all Israel and speaks a word of encouragement.
- In chapter 32, Moses sings all Israel a song.
- In chapter 33, “Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.”
- In the final chapter, 34, God takes Moses to the top of Mount Nebo and shows him all of the Promised Land that Israel will soon claim.
- God buries Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:10 - 12

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua then leads the people into the Promised Land:

- They cross the Jordan on Nisan 10 of the 41st year.
- The priests go first carrying the ark and the waters stand up on a heap. The children of Israel again cross on dry land.
- They then eat the 41st Passover on the 14th of Nisan. The manna then stops and they eat the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Later David will bring the Ark to Jerusalem and his son Solomon will build a Temple to house the Ark.

High Priests continued to enter into the Holiest of Holies once a year in atonement for the sins of the people until a HIGH PRIEST BY A GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE came...

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Glory Exceeded by Comparison

II Corinthians 3:7 – 10 Working Translation

7 If the ministry of death, which was engraved in letters on stones, occurred with *such* glory that the sons of Israel were not able to look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (which is *now* made inactive),

8 *then* how will the ministry of the spirit not be even more glorious?

9 (In fact, if *there is* glory in the ministry of condemnation, *then* the ministry of justness abounds much more in glory.

10 As a matter of fact, that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect: because of the glory that exceeds *it*.

“the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory... And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. ”



The Day of Atonement



Appendix A – Four Hundred or Four Hundred and Thirty Years?

Abraham's seed began with Isaac and continued in Isaac's son Jacob and Jacob's 12 sons and their offspring, called the children of Israel. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old. The 400 years spoken of in Genesis 15:13 and Acts 7:6 began with the birth of Isaac and ended with the Exodus of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt. During this 400-year period, Abraham's seed would be a stranger in a land that was not theirs.

Genesis 15:13

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Acts 7:6

And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

There is also the mention of a 430-year period. God gave His promises to Abraham 430 years before the Exodus. The 430 years began with God giving His promise to Abraham when Abraham still lived in Mesopotamia and ended with the Exodus of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:40-41

40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Galatians 3:16-17 Working Translation

16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It does not say "and to seeds," as many, but as one, "**and to your seed,**" who is Christ.

17 Now this I say *regarding* the covenant previously ratified by God: The law, which came 430 years later, does not invalidate *it [the covenant]* so as to make the promise [*to Abraham*] inactive.

The 400 years spoken of in Genesis 15 and Acts 7, and the 430 years spoken of in Exodus 12 and Galatians 3, both end with the Exodus of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt.

What you have here are essentially two periods of time. One is a period of time that lasted 430 years and began with the promises that were spoken to Abraham. This "sojourning of the children of Israel" included Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, beginning when Abraham received the promises then left Haran. It also included the birth of Isaac onward to the Exodus.

The second period started with the birth of Isaac and ran parallel with the 430-year period. Both periods of time ended with the Exodus. The 30-year difference represents a period of time between when Abraham received the promise until Isaac was born.

Appendix B - Calculation of Modern Value of Biblical Gold, Silver and Brass

Gold

\$1,310 per troy ounce on 3/24/14

one shekel's weight = 0.52 troy ounces

one talent = 3000 shekels

\$681.20 per shekel

\$2,043,600 per talent

Silver

\$19.85 per troy ounce on 3/24/14

\$10.32 per shekel

\$30,960 per talent

Brass

Market value of brass (90% copper/10% zinc) \$2.20 per pound, per Jay Weir

\$0.151 per troy ounce on 3/24/14

\$0.078 per shekel

\$234 per talent

Total Modern Value of the Gold

Exodus 38:24

All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

29 talents x \$2,043,600 per talent = \$59,264,400
+ 730 shekels x \$681.20 per shekel = \$ 497,276

Total Sum of the Gold = \$59,761,676

Total Modern Value of the Silver

Exodus 38:25

And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

100 talents x \$30,960 per talent = \$3,096,000
+ 1,775 x \$10.32 per shekel = \$ 18,318

Total Sum of the Silver = \$3,114,318

Appendix B - Calculation of Modern Value of Biblical Gold, Silver and Brass

Total Modern Value of the Brass

Exodus 38:29

And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

$$\begin{array}{r} 70 \times \$234 \text{ per talent} = \quad \$16,380.00 \\ + \quad 2,400 \times \$0.078 \text{ per shekel} = \$ \quad 187.20 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\text{Total Sum of the Brass} = \quad \mathbf{\$16,567.20}$$

Jesus Christ - The Forerunner Entered for Us

By the end of this afternoon's presentations, you should be able to:

1. Identify who Melchizedek was and name some characteristics that make Jesus Christ similar to him.
2. List a minimum of 5 things that make Jesus Christ a more perfect high priest than the earthly priests we learned about this morning.
3. Identify where the mercy seat is, where God meets man for his atonement today.
4. List a minimum of 3 verses that describe our access to our heavenly Father.
5. Compare the new glory that is ours with the former glory we saw this morning with the Tabernacle period.
6. Identify God's dwelling place: past, present and future.

Our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished so much for us and has made so much available that was not available in past times. Our response to what we have been freely given is one of thankfulness and humble appreciation, and we eagerly turn our hearts in service to our heavenly Father.

The Example, the Shadow and the Pattern of What Was

Hebrews 8:1-6

Hebrews 8:5

Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Three key words in verse 5:

| English | Greek | Definition |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| example | <i>hupodeigma</i> | imitation |
| shadow | <i>skia</i> | image cast by an object and representing the form of that object, a shadow |
| pattern | <i>tupos</i> | a figure formed by a blow or impression, branding iron, key stroke from type writer |

Examples:

John 13:14-15

14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example [*hupodeigma*], that ye should do as I have done to you.

Hebrews 10:1

For the law having a shadow [*skia*] of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

I Corinthians 10:11

Now all these things [speaking of examples of those that followed other gods] happened unto them for ensamples [*tupos*]: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

[Introduction to Hebrews](#)

Hebrews 1:1-3

A significant subject dealt with in this writing to the people of Israel is Jesus' office as the royal high priest. We will see that he is "a great high priest," who has passed into the heavens. He was tempted in all points as others are, but without sin. Thus he is a compassionate high priest.

[A Priest Forever after the Order of Melchizedek](#)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Genesis 14:1-20

1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

2 *That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.

3 All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea.

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto Elparan, which *is* by the wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazezontamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same *is* Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim;

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slimepits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Hebrews 7:1-22

Verse 2: *melchi* (king) *sedec* (righteousness)

[In Christ, We Have More: Greater, More Perfect, More Excellent, Better](#)

Hebrews 1:4

Hebrews 3:1-3

Hebrews 7:22-28

Hebrews 8:1-7

Hebrews 9:1-28

Hebrews 9:5

And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat [*hilastērion*]; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Hilastērion means “the place of atonement,” which is where God met with His people to make reconciliation for their sins.

Exodus 25:17

And thou shalt make a mercy seat [Hebrew: *kappôreth*; Greek: *hilasterion epithema*] of pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

In Hebrews chapter 2 we see an interesting related word, *hilaskomai*, and it means “to atone for sin.”

Hebrews 2:17

Wherefore in all things it behoved him [Jesus Christ] to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation [*hilaskomai*] for the sins of the people.

Another related word is *hilasmos* (i.e., what was offered) in I John.

I John 2:1-2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation [*hilasmos*] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins* of the whole world.

I John 4:10

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation [*hilasmos*] for our sins.

Jesus Christ is the place of atonement:

Romans 3:24-25 King James Version

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation [*hilastērion*] through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 3:24-25 Working Translation

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that *is* in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God set before Himself *to be* the place of expiation and conciliation in his blood through believing. *This He did* with a view to a demonstration of His justice by the passing over of the previously committed sins in the forbearance of God.

In summary of the above, here’s what we find:¹

- Jesus Christ was the place of atonement for mankind.
- Jesus Christ made atonement for mankind.

¹ Also see: Walter J Cummins, *Scripture Consulting Selects Studies* (Franklin Ohio: Scripture Consulting), pp 363.

- Jesus Christ was the atonement offering for mankind.
- Jesus Christ was the equivalent substitute for mankind.
- Jesus Christ was the ransom for the eternal redemption of mankind.
- Jesus Christ's accomplishments brought about mankind's justification.
- Jesus Christ's accomplishments brought about reconciliation between mankind and God.

No Separation: No Veil, No Wall of Partition –We have Access!

Hebrews 10:1-23

Matthew 27:51

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Mark 15:38

And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Luke 23:45

And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst.

Ephesians 2:13-19

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Acts 21:27-31

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all *men* every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

Josephus writes about this wall:²

"Proceeding across this [the open court] towards the second court of the temple, one found it surrounded by a stone balustrade, three cubits high and of exquisite workmanship; in this at regular intervals stood slabs giving warning, some in Greek, others in Latin characters, of the law of purification, to wit that no foreigner was permitted to enter the holy place, for so the second enclosure of the temple was called."

In 1871, archaeologists excavating the Temple site found an example of such a warning notice, carved in limestone, and dating from about 31 A.D. This notice is now in a museum in Istanbul, Turkey.

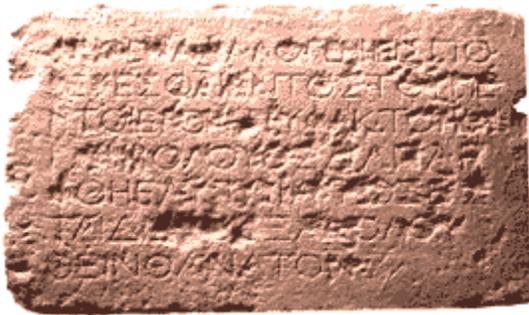


Photo: Jerusalem Christian Review

The notice says:

“Whoever is caught [going beyond the barrier] will have himself to blame that his death ensues.”

Our free access is further mentioned in Romans and Ephesians as follows:

Romans 5:2

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

² Josephus (Jos. War 5, v, 2; cf. Jos. War 6, ii, 4; Jos. Antiq. 15. xi, 5; Philo Leg. 212)

Ephesians 3:12

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

It is interesting to note that the word “access” only appears in the above verses and it is the word *pros-agōge* and it means “admission or access” thereto.

Also, in Hebrews chapter 4, we see:

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Ministration of the Spirit – More Glorious

II Corinthians 3

God’s Dwelling Place

Past - God gave the Tabernacle and the Temple as tangible signs of His presence. But these were temporary, and the God Who inhabits eternity and heaven and earth always sought a perfect dwelling place where He could have man’s exclusive, perfect worship.

Act 7:44-50

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus [Joshua] into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Present

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone* [foundation stone];

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22 Working Translation

21 In him, the entire building being framed together grows into a holy [*sanctified*] sanctuary in the lord.

22 In him, you also are built together for God's dwelling place by the spirit.

Acts 2:33

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Whenever we speak in tongues, we are worshiping God, and He is receiving the worship that He worked to bring about from the very beginning. What a privilege we have!

Future

Jeremiah 3:12-19

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* merciful, saith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall *that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

Ezekiel 37:21-27

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Revelation 21:1-5a

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5a And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

Closing

Hebrews 6:16-20 Working Translation

16 Now, men swear *oaths* by *someone* greater *than themselves*, and to them an oath for confirmation *is* an end to every dispute.

17 By this *means*, God, desiring to demonstrate more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His decision, guaranteed *it* by an oath,

18 so that by two unchangeable things (by which *it was* impossible for God to lie) we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to lay hold on the hope [*of what is*] lying before *us*.

19 We have this *hope* as an anchor of the soul, both firm and secure, even for entering behind the veil,

20 where *one* running ahead entered on our behalf, *namely*, Jesus, who became Psalm 110:4: “**a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**”