

PICTURE OF JESUS

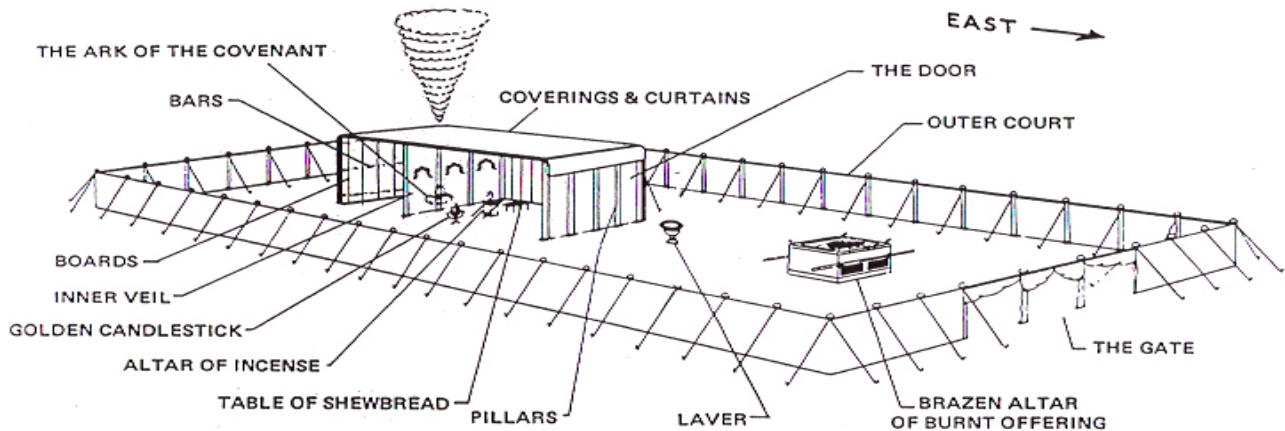
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Hebrews 9:1–10 (ESV)

The Tabernacle the OT PHYSICAL PICTURE OF JESUS which is fully revealed in the NT. God wants us to understand this. We will quickly walk through this wilderness Tabernacle which God had Moses to set up showing us the way we can approach God, the creator of heaven and earth. This is not intended to be an in-depth study of the tabernacle so I will not reference all the related Scripture. However, some of the Scripture will be in my notes which will be posted on our web site. To help us understand, the OT approach to God, we will use the following diagram.

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS



Note the cloud! God said that HE would give them a cloud to guide them in the desert.

Outer court – White Linen sheets representing the righteousness of Jesus and those who trust HIM. (Revelations 19:8, Jeremiah 23:6, 1Corinthians 1:30)

One Gate – Means One Way – Jesus is the One Way. (John 14:6)

Bronze Altar for Sacrifice – The priest brings the sacrifice. Jesus is the priest and the sacrifice. (Hebrews 8:1, 9:26)

Basin filled with water – Cleanse oneself. NT cleanse with water, the Word. (Ephesians 5:26)

Tabernacle – Exodus 26:1

This tabernacle has wooden beams and siding covered in gold. This was covered by colorful linen interwoven with angels. Over the linen was a covering of ram and goat skins. There is one entrance through a decorated linen door. The back third of this room was separated top to bottom by a thick curtain called the Most Holy Place. Another picture will help us understand what this look like.



First, we should note that King Solomon duplicated this tabernacle in a massive building project triple the size. As we enter into the Tabernacle, note that there are not any windows or light.

Golden Candlesticks – Jewish Menorah which was located to the left. The candlesticks remained burning day and night. This represents Jesus. Jesus said, “HE was the light of the world.” John 1:4 and John 8:12

Table of Shewbread – The table was located on the right. It always had 12 fresh loaves of unleavened bread on it. This represented Jesus as our life and sustenance. Jesus said, “HE was the bread of life.” John 6:35

Altar of Incense – This altar was in front of the curtain that divided the room. A fragrant incense was burned morning and evening on this altar. This provided a pleasing fragrance before the LORD representing the prayers of both Jesus and believers. Psalm 141:2, Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, Revelation 8:3-4

Curtain – The ark of God is behind the curtain in the Most Holy Place.

Ark of the Testimony or Covenant – This is a gold box representing the presence of God. It has a gold covering called the Mercy Seat with two gold angels over it looking down into it. The 10 commandments are in the ark.

The word for the lid, Mercy Seat, is the same word for Propitiation which means paying the penalty and turning away the wrath of God.

Jesus said, “HE was the Propitiation.” So, Jesus is the covering over the ark with the angels looking through Jesus to see the Law.

This is where God said HE would meet with the people and speak with the people. (Exodus 25:22, Hebrews 9:5) One more fascinating fact.

This huge curtain separates the Ark of God from the rest of the tabernacle and outside world. When Jesus died on the cross, this curtain in the temple was supernaturally torn in half from top to bottom opening the way to ark of God. Hebrews 10:20 reveals that the

Curtain represented Jesus’ fleshly body. As Jesus’ body was ripped apart on the cross, the curtain representing HIS body was ripped open making an unobstructed path to God.

(Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, Luke 23:45) This is what God desired to show us about HIS mind and purpose for Jesus and HIS ministry.

Through Jesus and HIS ministry we are eternally joined to God.

Hebrews 9:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² Jesus entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of HIS OWN BLOOD, thus securing an eternal redemption.

We are the temple of God. Jesus is carrying out HIS ministry in us. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and indwells us. This is why we behave as we do.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.