

SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

PT 2: THE TEMPLE OF GOD

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The Holy Temple and Man - 1 Corinthians 3:16

1. The Physical Temple - divided into three Parts
 - i. The Outer Court
 - Offering of sacrifices
 - ii. The Holy Place
 - Only the priests can enter to present oil, incense and bread to God
 - iii. The Holy of Holies
 - Separated by a veil from the Holy Place
 - No man can enter
 - Only the High Priest is permitted to enter once a year to sprinkle blood sacrifice upon the mercy seat

2. Man as God's temple - also has three parts
 - i. The body is like the outer court
 - It occupies an external position with its life visible to all
 - It is here where Jesus serves as a substitute and dies for mankind
 - ii. Man's soul is like the Holy Place
 - It embraces man's emotion, will and mind
 - iii. Man's spirit is like the Holy of Holies
 - It is the secret place of the Most High, the dwelling place of God
 - Man cannot reach it unless God is willing to rend the veil
 - Here man unites and communes with God



Your Spirit And Soul And Body - I Thessalonians 5:23

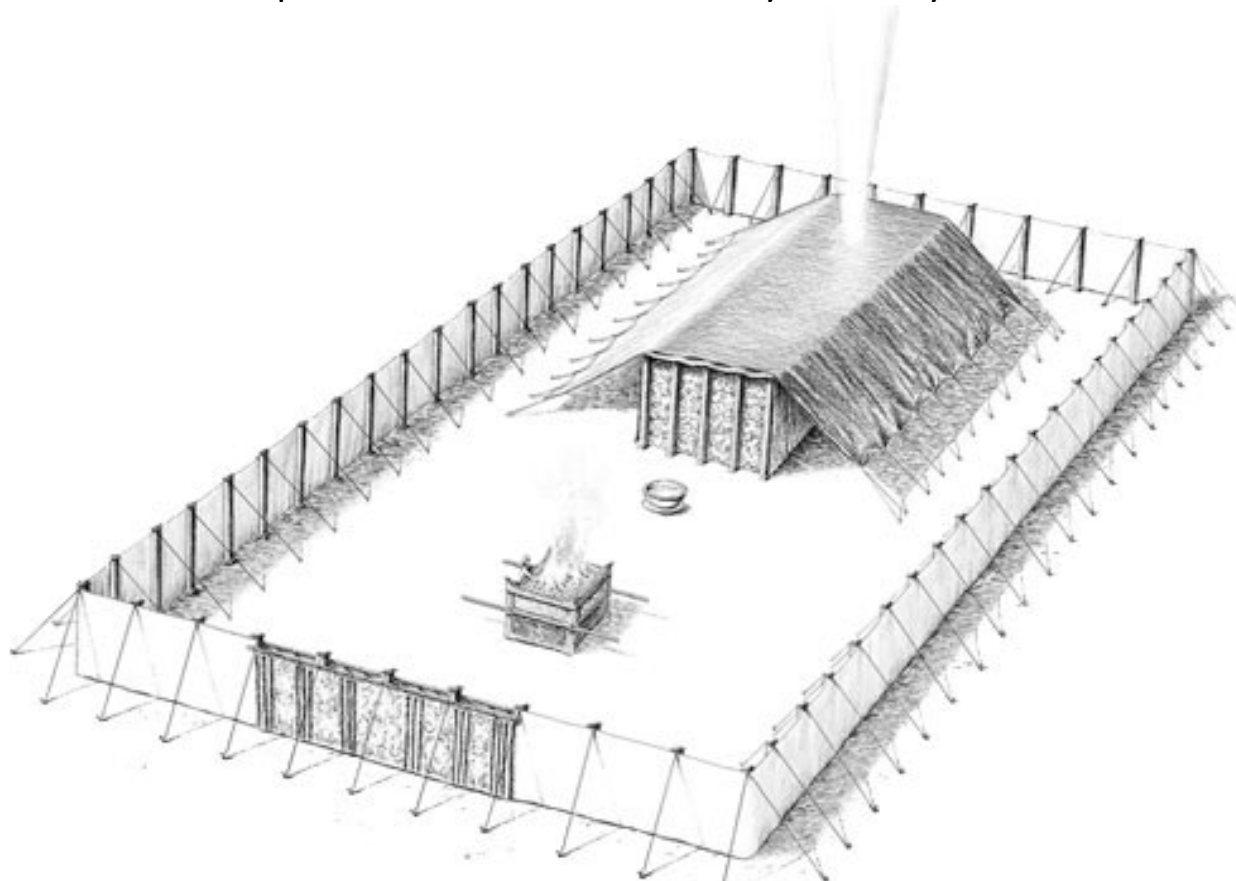
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 - i. It is not soul and spirit and body, nor is it body and soul and spirit
 - ii. The spirit is pre-eminent, the body is the lowest and the soul stands between

4. The wisdom of the Bible in likening man to a temple
 - i. The Holy of Holies
 - This is the most sacred place

- All activities in the Holy Place and in the outer court are regulated by the presence of God in the Holy of Holies
- Before the fall of man, however, the soul, in spite of its many activities, was governed by the spirit

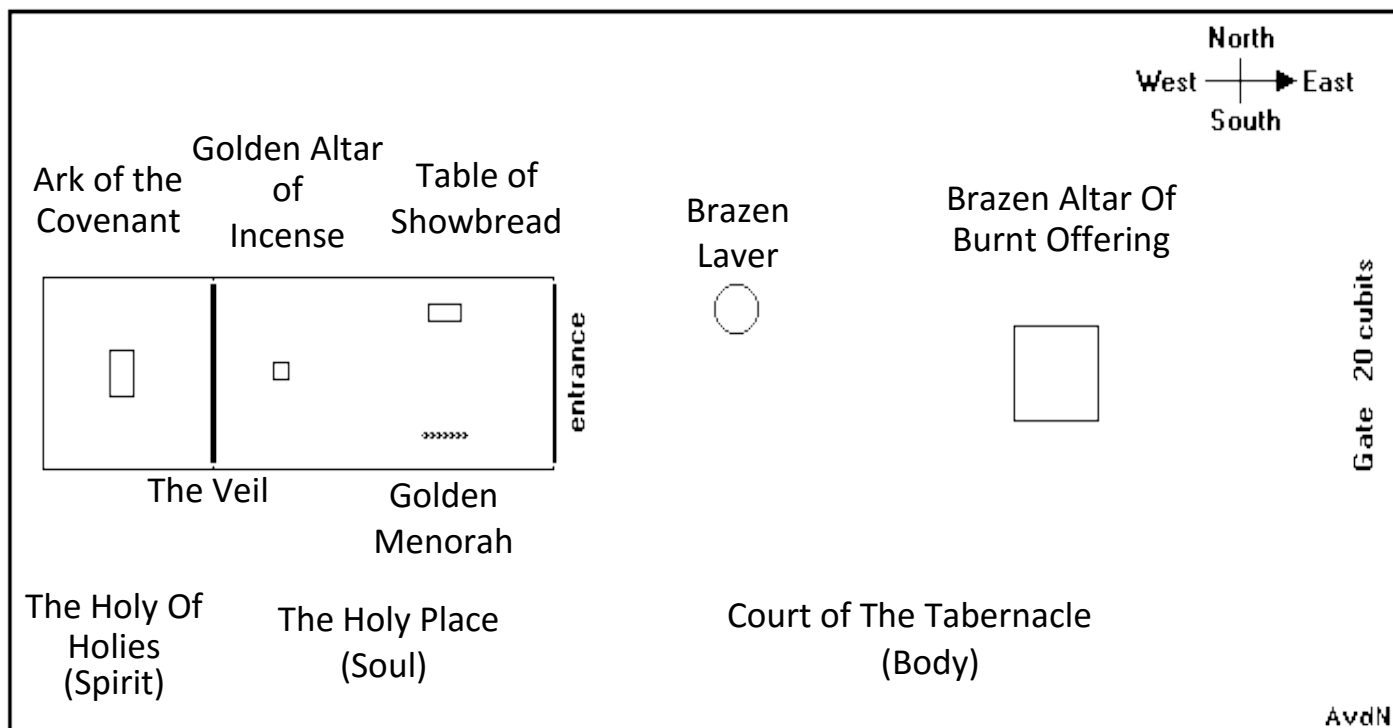
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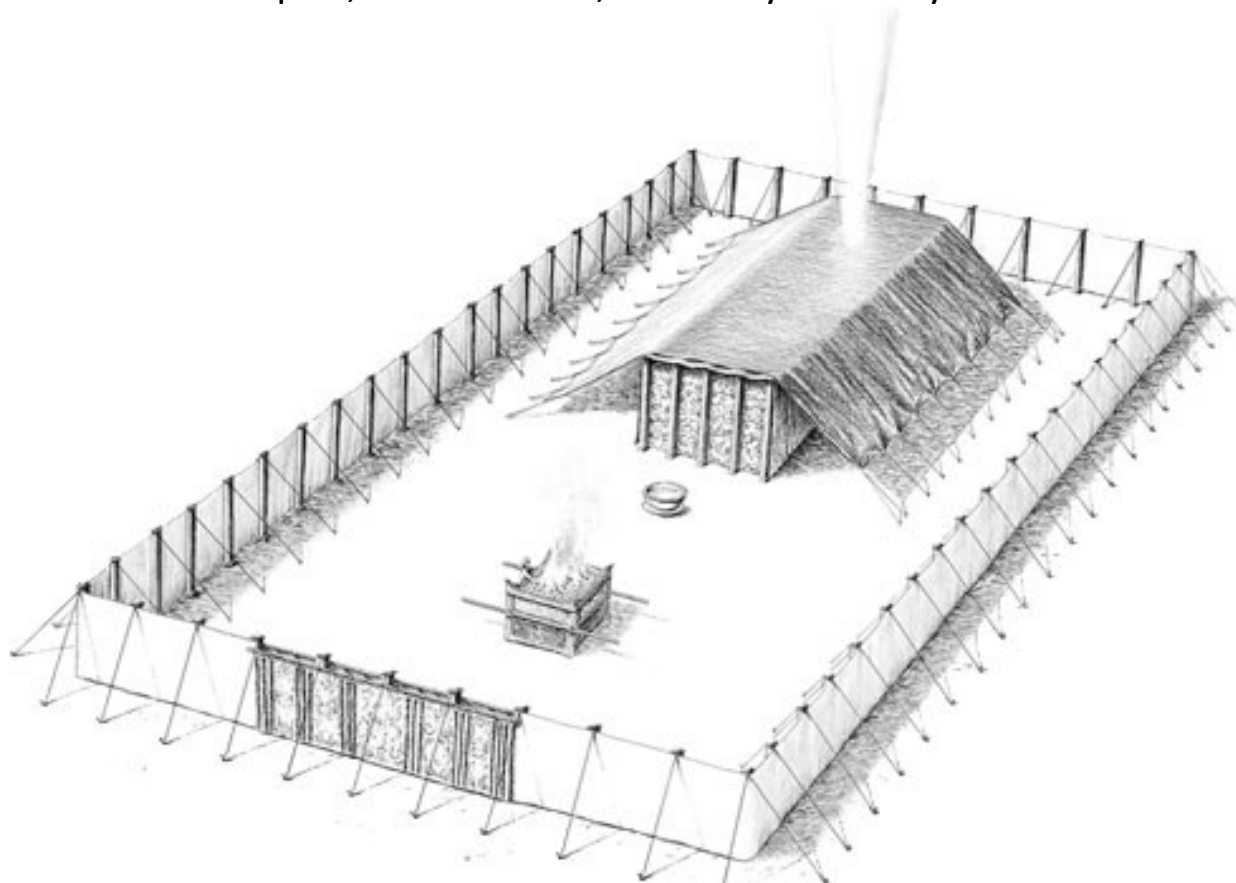
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