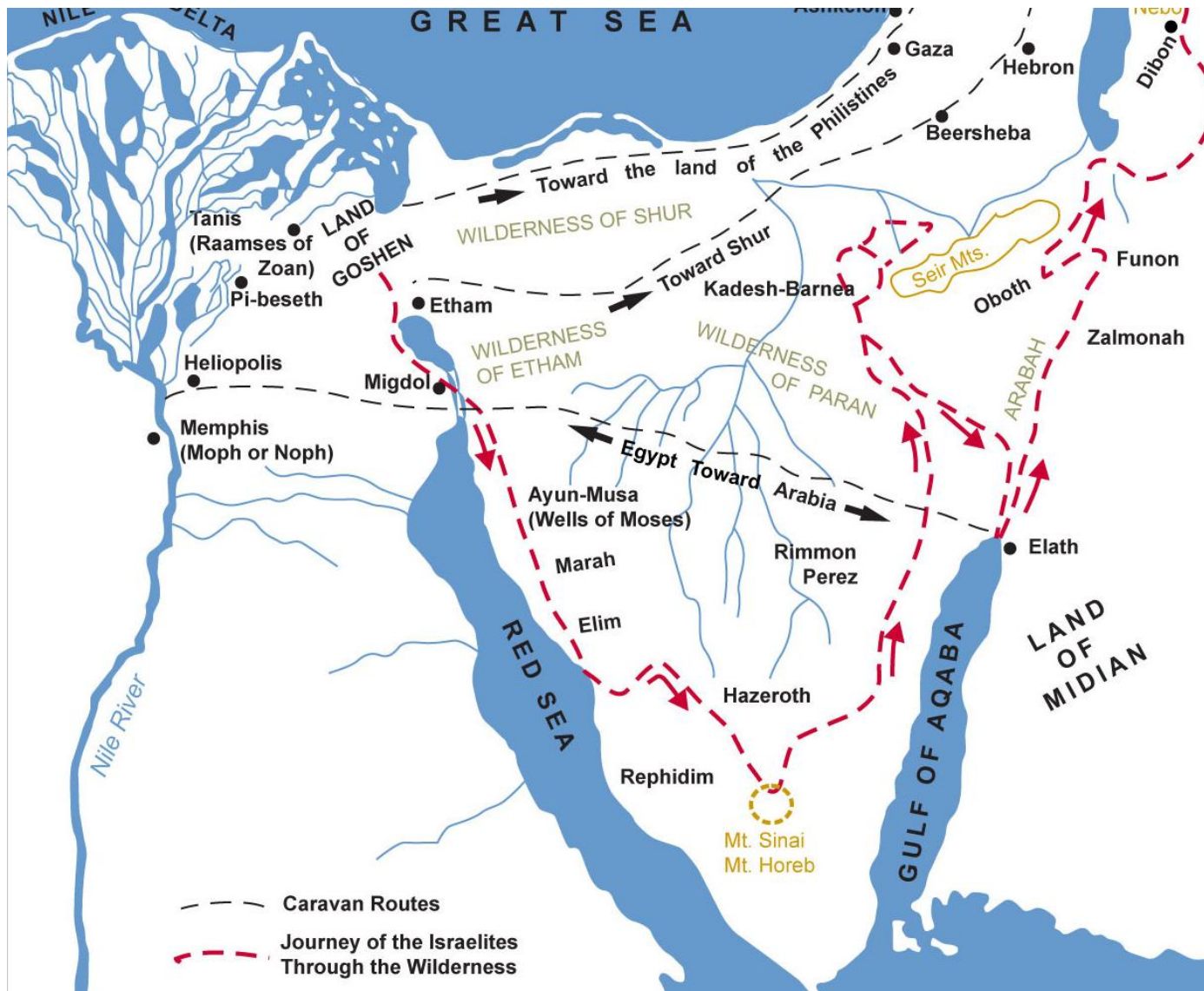


Exodus 32-40

The Dangers of
Forgetting God and His
Benefits.

Abide & Remember!

Psalms 103:2



Exodus Map

Timeline after Israelites left Egypt

It was 3 months after Israelites have gone out of land of Egypt.

Spent 2/couple of days preparing to meet God at Mt Sinai

40 days in in cloud on mountain peak with God

Approximately 4 ½ months to push aside and forget all The LORD has done and who He is.

Forgetting who God is and taking His provision for granted leads to pride, spiritual complacency, and moral decay in the biblical narrative

What Israelites Forget About God

Faithfulness and Mindfulness of Covenant: "God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob" (Exodus 2:24).

Compassionate: God tells Moses, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out... and I am concerned about their suffering" (Exodus 3:7).

All-Powerful/Self-Existing/Absolute Reality/Only True God! ("I AM"): Not only declared it (Exodus 3:14) but demonstrated it through the plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. God reveals His absolute sovereignty over nature, rulers, and false gods.

Holy and Righteous Judge: Narrative while at Mount Sinai (Chapters 19–31), God's absolute purity, moral perfection, and demand for justice come to the forefront.

Merciful, Patient & Provider: Despite the constant grumbling and lack of faith from the Israelites in the wilderness, God reveals Himself as a patient and miraculous caretaker.

Desiring to Dwell Among His People: Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8).

Exodus 32-34 Summarize

Exodus 32: The Golden Calf

Idolatry: While Moses is on Mount Sinai (for 40 days), the impatient Israelites pressure Aaron to make an idol. Aaron melts their gold earrings into a golden calf.

God's Anger and Moses Intercession: God is angry and threatens to destroy Israel even to, but Moses begs God to show mercy. Pleads that God remembers the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel (Jacob).

Judgment: Moses comes down, smashes the stone tablets in anger, destroys the calf, and has the Levites execute 3,000 rebellious men. Moses ask God if there was a way to make atonement for the people's sins, even offer up himself. God tell Moses the people should bear consequences of sin. A plague also strikes the people.

Exodus 33-34: The Tent of Meeting and Covenant Renewal

God's Instructions & Presence: God tells Moses to break camp and head to Canaan and to pitches a temporary "Tent of Meeting" outside the camp where he talks with God face. God only met with Moses outside camp do to obstinate of people He might destroy.

Moses Sees God's Glory: Moses asks to see God's glory. God allows Moses to see His goodness and a glimpse of His trailing presence from the safety of a rock cleft, since no one can see God's face and live

New Tablets & Covenant Renewed: God tells Moses to cut two new stone tablets. God reveals His character of mercy and grace on Mount Sinai and rewrites the Ten Commandments.

Moses' Shining Face: After speaking with God, Moses' face radiates light. This made Israelites fearful since sign of Moses present with God. After talking and relaying God message to Israelites he would put veil on. 2 Corinthians 3 explains.

Exodus 35-40 Summarized

Exodus 35–39: Building the Tabernacle

Sabbath and Offerings: Moses gathers the community, reminds them to keep the Sabbath, and collects material offerings for God's dwelling place.

Craftsmanship: Skilled artisans Bezalel and Oholiab lead the construction.

Creation of Sacred Objects: The workers build the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the bread, the golden lampstand, the altars, and the priestly garments for Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 40: Glory of the Lord

Assembly: Moses sets up the completed Tabernacle on the first day of the first month, placing all the holy furnishings inside.

Consecration: Moses anoints everything with holy oil and washes Aaron and his sons to start their priesthood.

God's Glory: A cloud covers the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord fills the Tabernacle, directing the Israelites when to travel or stay throughout their wilderness journey.

God's Anger towards Israelites of Obstinate

Exodus 32

7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

8 They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

9 The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an **obstinate** people.

10 Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."

Exodus 33

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'

2 I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way."

Moses Intersection

Exodus 32

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?”

12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? **Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people.**

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

14 And **the Lord relented** from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.



Moses Intersection

Exodus 32

30 The next day Moses said to the people, “You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps **I can make atonement for your sin.**”

31 So Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.

32 But now, **if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.**”

33 But the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.

34 But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”

35 Then the Lord sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.



Exodus 34:6-7

6 Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;

7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."



HOLY OF HOLIES

Only high priest
allowed to enter
once a year

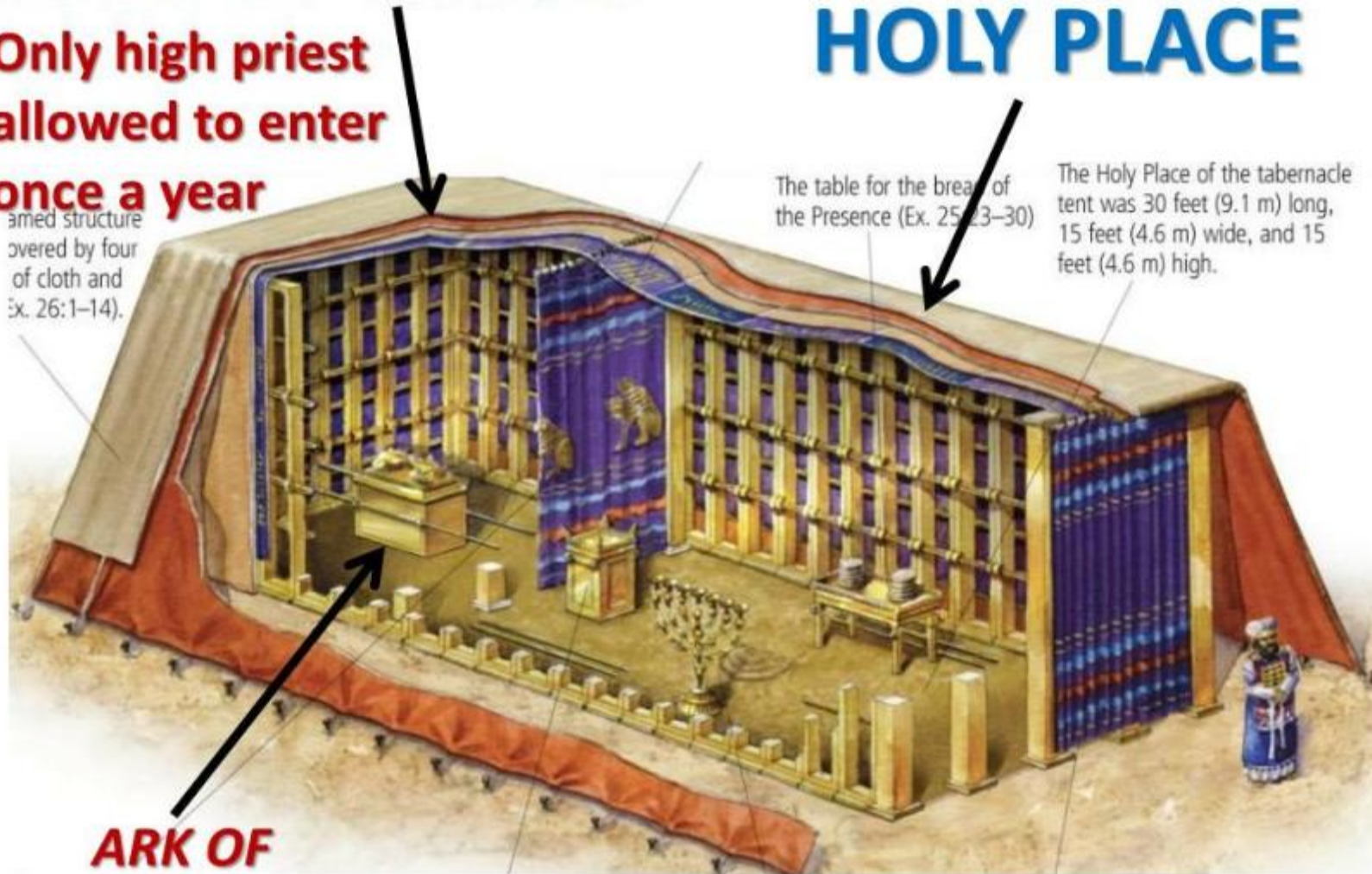
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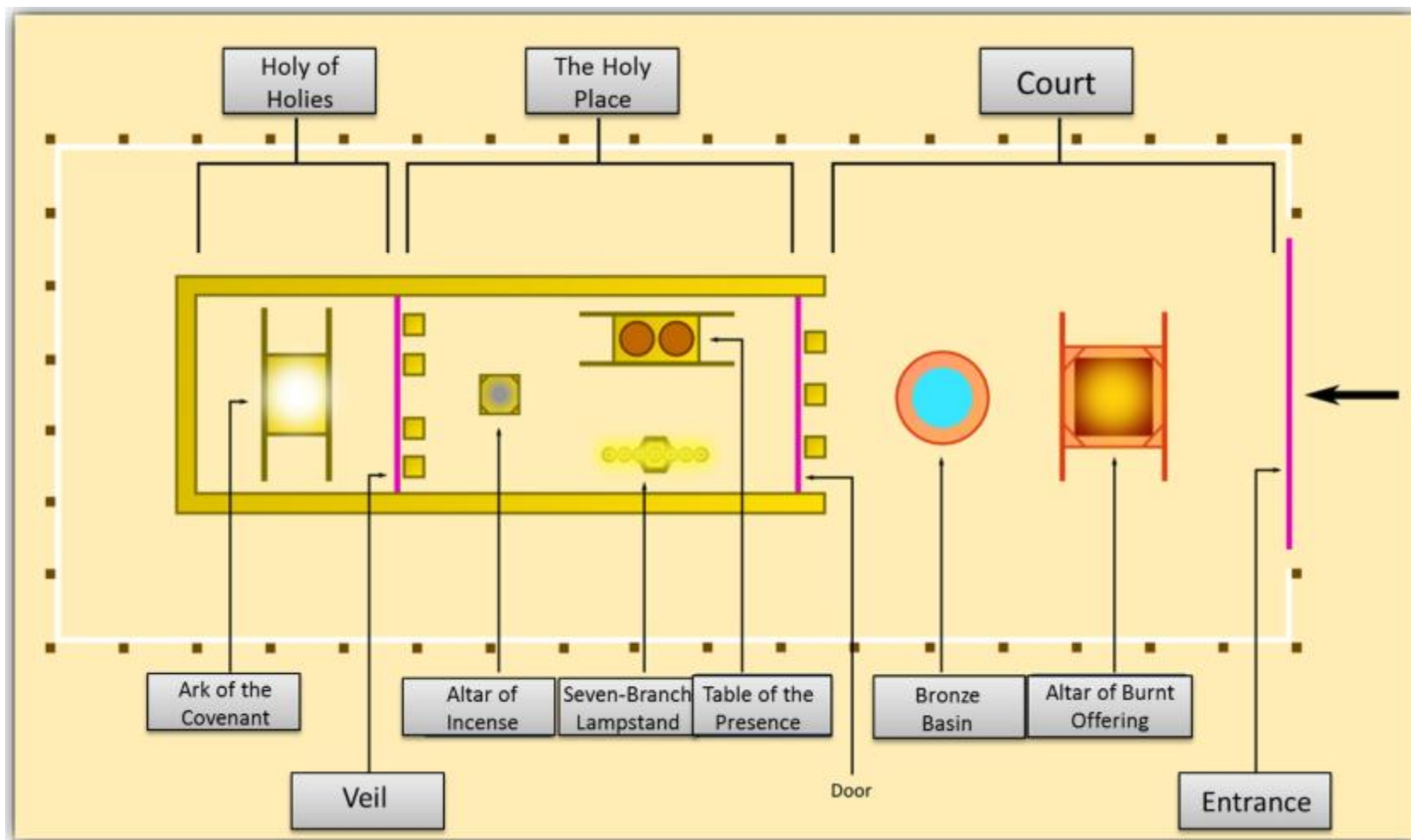
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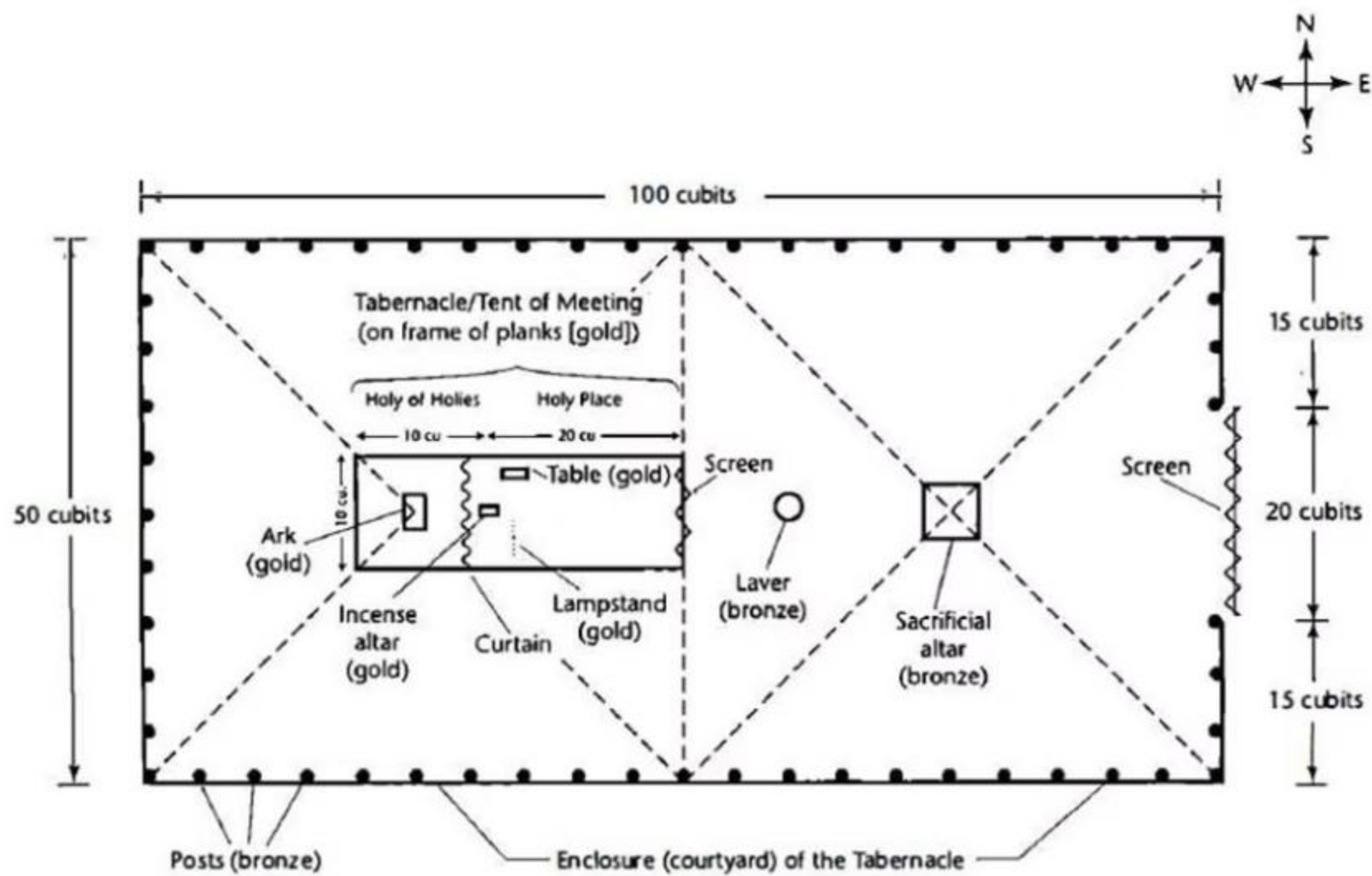
The table for the bread of
the Presence (Ex. 25:23-30)

The Holy Place of the tabernacle
tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long,
15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15
feet (4.6 m) high.

ARK OF COVENANT







“as the Lord had commanded”.

Phrase mention 20 time in Exodus

Twice referencing Moses and Aaron (Exodus 7:10 & Exodus 7:20)

3 times referencing the Son of Israel (Exodus 12:28 and Exodus 12:50) This in reference on Passover and how The Lord told Moses and Aaron how He wanted them to observe, remember and celebrate the day. (Exodus 39:43) This reference to priestly garments, setup and work on Tabernacle.

15 times referencing Moses

Exodus 34:4 – Moses cutting out tablets like former 10 Commandment Tablets

Exodus 39:1, 5, 7, 21, 26, 29 & 31 – Design of Priestly Garments

Exodus 40:19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 & 31 – Final assembly, setup and instruction for Tabernacle

Faithful Obedience Brought

Recognition and Blessing from Leadership

- Upon completion of the Tabernacle and the priestly garments, Moses inspected all the craftsmanship. Because the community had utilized their God-given talents in exact alignment with His commands, **Moses blessed the workers and the congregation**. This blessing served as validation of their faithfulness, standing in stark contrast to the judgment they had previously faced during the episode of the golden calf.

The Descent of God's Glory and Presence

- The immediate consequence of their total obedience was the inauguration of the Tabernacle as a functional dwelling place for God. As soon as Moses finished setting up the structure exactly as ordered, a cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. Their meticulous preparation allowed the holy, sovereign presence of God to safely dwell directly in the midst of the camp.

Clear Divine Guidance for Their Journey

- The visible manifestation of God's glory provided the Israelites with a tangible mechanism for national navigation. The cloud served as their visual guide throughout their subsequent 40-year wilderness journey
- When the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on their travels
- When the cloud remained stationary, the camp would stay in place and not travel.

Psalms 105:1-14

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name.

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;

³ Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;

⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

⁵ Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

⁶ The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed.

⁷ **He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.**

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

⁹ He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

¹⁴ **For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust.**