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**Hebrews—Jesus: Greater than All & Above Everything!**

***“Newer, Better, Divine!”***

***Hebrews 9:1-14***

**READING: Hebrews 9:1,11-14**

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**[HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THOSE IMPLEMENTS OF WORSHIP IN RELATION TO FORESHADOWING CHRIST]**

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**12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

**13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,**

**14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

**REVIEW...**

**Jesus: Greater than All & Above Everything!**

**THE GOAL IS *NEARNESS TO GOD*. EVERYONE CRAVES IT. EVERYONE NEEDS IT. IN FACT, SEPARATION FROM**

GOD IS, BY DEFINITION, **DEATH—A SPIRITUAL DEATH**. IT IS UNCOMFORTABLE HERE AND CHRIST OFFERS THE REMEDY. BUT, IN ETERNITY, IT IS HOPELESS...

**2 Thessalonians 1:9**

*9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power;*

**NO CHRIST, NO ACCESS TO GOD.**

**John 14:6**

*...no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

THE WRITER TO THE HEBREWS HAS BEEN MAKING THE STRONG CASE TO THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE THE MISTAKE OF REACHING BACK TO THEIR RELIGION FOR COMFORT AND FOR HOPE, THAT **THERE IS NO HOPE IN THE OLD COVENANT OR THE TRAPPINGS OF THAT RELIGIOUS APPROACH TO GOD.**

ULTIMATELY THAT APPROACH IS BASED ON **HUMAN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE BLOOD OF ANIMALS**. THE NEW COVENANT IS ABOUT **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.

-HIS PRIESTHOOD IS BEYOND COMPARE

-HIS COVENANT IS NEW AND MUCH BETTER

-HIS MINISTRY IS MORE EXCELLENT IN EVERY WAY

THEREFORE HE GIVES US *A BETTER CALLING, A GREATER HOPE, SUPERIOR CERTAINTY* AND ULTIMATELY THE *BEST REST* IN HIM. **WE'VE TALKED ABOUT ALL OF THAT IN THESE 12 WEEKS OR SO IN HEBREWS.**

**PROPHET JEREMIAH 6TH-7TH CENT. BC, SAID (JER. 31)**

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**“Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant... IT WILL BE...”**

- WRITTEN BY GOD
- TOTALLY DIFFERENT
- WITH THE JEWS *“all Israel will be saved...” Rom. 11:26*
- NOT LAW...GRACE
- ON THEIR MINDS AND HEARTS—*NOT EXTERNAL CHANGE, INTERNAL CHANGE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

WHEN YOU GET SOMETHING NEW, HOW DO YOU REFER TO THE **PREVIOUS** ONE? **OLD!**

## **INTRODUCTION...**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE OLD ONE IN VSS. 1-10...**

A PICTURE OF JESUS. **THE OLD ONE HAD A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE!** IT HAD *PICTURES OF JESUS.*

***I Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship [ORDAINED OF GOD] and the earthly [TEMPORARY] sanctuary.***

THE WRITER IS **NOT TRASHING THE PREVIOUS SANCTUARY.** HE IS POINTING OUT IT’S LEGITIMATE PURPOSE. EVERYTHING HE HAS POINTED TO, IN WHICH JESUS IS SUPERIOR, **HAD A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE.** BUT, AS HE SAID IN THE LAST CHAPTER, WHEN THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE CREATED ARRIVED, **THEY ARE NOW OBSOLETE IN THEIR FUNCTION.**

**WE LAUGH AT LITTLE KIDS OR CATS WHO GET MORE OF A KICK PLAYING WITH THE BOX THAN WITH THE TOY, BUT WHEN ISRAEL FOCUSED ON THE LAW RATHER THAN THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW, IT WAS THE SAME THING!**

THE WRITER'S POINT HERE IS THAT THE FIRST COVENANT, **IN THIS CASE THE LAW**, CONTAINED REFLECTIONS OR TYPES OF THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY. **THEY POINTED TO THE REAL THING!** **IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT THE TABERNACLE—IT'S IMPLEMENTS AND WORSHIP—YOU SEE JESUS!**

**HE WON'T GO INTO GREAT DETAIL, BUT HE WILL GIVE SOME EXAMPLES OF...**

**-PICTURES OF JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY...**

HOW THE...

**-PRIESTS' OFFERINGS PREVIEW JESUS ...**

AND THAT THE...

**-PATHWAY IN REQUIRES JESUS...**

**LITERALLY BOOKS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN [GO ON AMAZON—*SEEING CHRIST IN THE TABERNACLE*] ON THE TYPOLOGICAL VALUE, OR THE SYMBOLS REPRESENTED, IN ALL THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE AND ASPECTS OF IT'S WORSHIP CEREMONY. EVERY SINGLE DETAIL CAN BE TRACED TO HAVING SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS.**

**FIRST LET'S LOOK AT...**

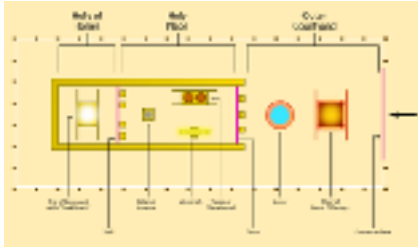
**I. PICTURES OF JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY (VSS. 2-5)...**

***2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one,***

2 CHAPTERS ABOUT CREATION. 50 ABOUT THE TABERNACLE. AN EXTENSIVE, DETAILED SERIES OF PICTURES OF CHRIST.

**THE WRITER DOESN'T GO INTO GREAT DETAIL SINCE THEY WERE VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT. BUT, EVERY DETAIL PICTURES JESUS. [GET LASER POINTER]**

E.G., **ONE DOOR INTO THE TABERNACLE. (JESUS)**



HEADING FROM THE EAST AND ENTERING IN THE **OUTER COURT** WAS AN ALTAR MADE OF BRASS CALLED...

**-THE BRAZEN ALTAR**

PERFECT PICTURE OF JESUS—  
THE SACRIFICE [OUTSIDE] FOR SIN. (FORGIVENESS)

ALSO MADE OF BRASS IS A WASHING AREA CALLED...

**-THE LAVER**

A WASHING/CLEANSING AREA. REMINDS US THAT JESUS CLEANSSES DAILY THROUGH THE CROSS—RESTORATION OF FELLOWSHIP. (FORGIVENESS + CLEANSING)

**1 John 1:9**

*9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

MOVING WEST...

**-THE TABERNACLE ITSELF**

45' LONG, 15' HIGH, 15' WIDE

THE HOLY PLACE= 2/3 OF IT.

THE HOLY OF HOLIES WAS A CUBE 15'2

THE THREE PIECES OF FURNITURE IN THE HOLY PLACE [**WRITER ONLY MENTIONS 2**]

GOLDEN LAMP STAND—7 CANDLES [SOLID GOLD].

**JESUS LIGHTS OUR PATH.**

TABLE OF SACRED BREAD [OR SHEWBREAD]—12

LOAVES [ONLY PRIEST ATE AT END OF WEEK]. **JESUS FEEDS US.**

TABLE OF INCENSE—ACACIA WOOD W/GOLD.  
 BURNING COALS FROM ALTAR IN OUTER COURT.  
**JESUS INTERCEDES FOR US.**

**[REPEAT] 2 *For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one,***

THE LARGE TENT THAT FORMED THE OUTER WALL OF THE MOBILE TEMPLE IN THE WILDERNESS.

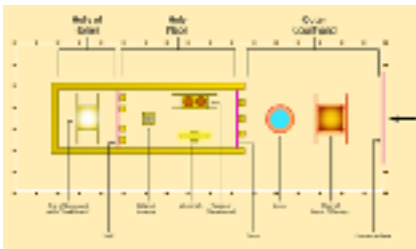
***...in which were the lampstand...***

**THE LIGHT OF LIFE.** AS ONE PASTOR POINTED OUT, NOT—AT THIS POINT—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

**John 9:5**

5 “*While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.*”

THAT WAS DURING HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY. HE TOOK THE LIGHT W/HIM. WHOEVER KNOWS HIM HAS **THE LIGHT OF LIFE. HE LIGHTS OUR PATH.**



***...and the table and the sacred bread;***

AS SOME SAY, “THE TABLE OF *SHEWBREAD*. HE FEEDS/ SUSTAINS US WITH THE WORD. HE IS THE BREAD OF LIFE.

COMPARED TO THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF THE ISRAELITES.

**John 6:49**

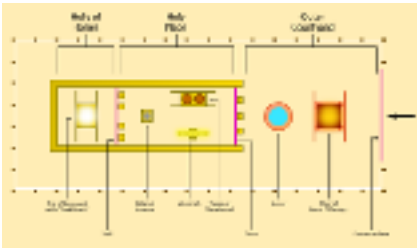
49 “*Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died....*

**John 6:51**

51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

THE ALTAR OF INCENSE REPRESENTS HIS INTERCESSION ON OUR BEHALF, THE WRITER DOESN'T MENTION IT OUTSIDE HOLY OF HOLIES.

**...this is called the holy place.**



STILL MOVING WEST...

**3 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,**

ONE PIECE OF FURNITURE...

**4 having a golden altar of incense [ACTUALLY THIS**

**WOULD HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE ACCORDING TO EX. 30]**

ONE COMMENTATOR SAID IT MAY HAVE BEEN PROPHETIC SINCE JESUS IS ACTUALLY THERE IN THE HEAVENLY HOLY OF HOLIES, INTERCEDING FOR THE SAINTS. BUT, SOMEHOW IN THE 1,500 YEARS BETWEEN MOSES AND THE 1ST CENTURY TEMPLE WORSHIP, THE INCENSE ALTAR WAS MOVED BEHIND THE VEIL. PERHAPS THIS WAS THEIR CURRENT PRACTICE.

**...and the ark of the covenant ...**



THERE IS A WHOLE GENERATION THAT GREW UP ONLY HEARING ABOUT THIS PIECE OF FURNITURE THROUGH *INDIANA JONES AND RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK*. **THIS IS**

**THE ARK! THE REAL ONE. IT IS A BOX DESCRIBED AS...**

*vs. 4...covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat;*

**Exodus 25:22**

*22 "There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, ...*

THE PRIEST WENT IN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE BEFORE GOD. HE WENT IN ONCE A YEAR, VERY BRIEFLY. **BY CONTRAST WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD AT THE MOMENT WE ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE OR FORSAKE US. THAT NEED FOR NEARNESS IS MET. NEVER TO BE ALONE AGAIN.**

**THE PRIEST HAD TO SPRINKLE THE BLOOD ON THE MERCY SEAT. CHRIST SHED HIS OWN BLOOD AND CHRIST IS THE MERCY SEAT WHERE MAN MEETS GOD.**

*...but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.*

PARTIALLY BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH LITERAL THICK BOOKS ARE WRITTEN AND PARTIALLY BECAUSE THE TRUTHS ARE TOO WONDERFUL TO INNUMERATE HERE.

*PICTURES OF JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY...*

**PRIESTS' OFFERINGS PREVIEW JESUS (VSS. 6-7)...**

IT'S NOT JUST THE PHYSICAL IMPLEMENTS OF WORSHIP THAT REFLECT JESUS, BUT THE WORSHIP ITSELF.



***6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,***

EVERY DAY THEY HAD WORK TO DO. TEND TO THE CANDLES. CHANGE THE BREAD. FILL THE WATER, ETC. CHRIST DOES NOT CEASE WORKING ON OUR BEHALF. EVERY DAY HE CONTINUES HIS PRIESTLY WORK ON OUR BEHALF.

***7 but into the second, only the high priest enters once a year,***

THE HIGH PRIEST ONLY ENTERED INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES ONCE PER YEAR. **IT WAS THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, YOM KIPPUR.** IT WAS A DAY THAT COVERED ALL THE SINS BUILT UP NOT COVERED BY THE OTHER SACRIFICES OF THE YEAR.

ON THE ROBE OF THE EPHOD—THE SHOULDERS EACH HAD **6 OF THE STONES/NAMES** REPRESENTING HALF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL. THE BREASTPLATE HAD 12 STONES REPRESENTING THE 12 TRIBES.

JESUS HAS US IN HIS HEART AND ON HIS SHOULDERS. **HE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO CARRY US TO GOD.**

**AS THE PRIEST WORKED HIS WAY TO THE SACRIFICE OF ATONEMENT,** AFTER DOZENS OF BLOODY SACRIFICES, HIS FANCY PRIESTLY GARMENTS COVERED WITH BLOOD, HE STRIPPED THEM OFF. THEN, HE WOULD PUT ON A PLAIN WHITE GARMENT. NONE OF THE JEWELS OR STONES.

**JUST AS JESUS HUMBLED HIMSELF.** BEFORE HE DID HIS ATONEMENT FOR SIN. THEN AFTER THE SACRIFICE, THE PRIEST PUT ON THE JEWELLED PRIESTLY GARMENTS, RETURNING TO HIS FORMER GLORY.

*...not without taking blood, which he offers for himself [OF COURSE THAT WAS SOMETHING JESUS DID NOT HAVE TO DO] and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.*

JESUS' SACRIFICE WAS OFFERED SOLELY FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.

*PICTURES OF JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY...*

*PRIESTS' OFFERINGS PREVIEW JESUS...*

**PATH IN REQUIRES JESUS (VSS. 8-14)...**

GOD GAVE ALL OF THESE THINGS TO TEACH THE PEOPLE THAT THE OLD COVENT WAS *LIMITED*, IT *LACKED THE PERFECTION NECESSARY* AND IT WAS ONLY *TEMPORARY*...

*8 The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,*

WITHOUT A SAVIOR PEOPLE COULD NOT GET INTO THE HOLY PLACE OR THE HOLY OF HOLIES AND SEE THE SIGNIFICANCE. THEY HAD TO STAY IN THE OUTER COURT. PRIESTS HAD TO STAY IN THE HOLY PLACE. *ONLY THE HIGH PRIEST COULD ENTER THE HOLY OF HOLIES.*

WHILE THAT FIRST TABERNACLE IS STANDING THERE WAS NO ACCESS TO GOD BY THE PEOPLE.

*9 which is a symbol [PARABLE—A STORY WITH A PARALLEL MEANING] for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,*

THEY ARE THE BOX. THEY HAVE A PURPOSE BUT THEY ARE **TEMPORARY**...

***10 since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations ...***

**ALL TEMPORARY THINGS. ALL MEANINGFUL. ALL SERVED A PURPOSE. BUT THEIR SIGNIFICANCE WAS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST. THEY WERE SIGNS.**

***...for the body imposed until a time of reformation.***

OR, COMPLETION. A TIME OF “BRINGING THINGS TO WHERE THEY ARE INTENDED TO BE.”

***11 But [YES!] when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;***

PAUL, IN DESCRIBING TO THE MEN OF ATHENS AT THE AREOPAGUS THE KIND OF GOD WE HAVE SAID IN ACTS...

***Acts 17:24***

*24 “The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;*

AND GUESS WHERE WE LIVE. THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME!

***Ephesians 2:6***

*6 [HE] raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

***12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.***

**CHRIST'S WAS ETERNAL, NOT TEMPORARY!**

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**HE DOESN'T JUST CLEAN UP THE OUTSIDE. WE ARE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST. IT'S NOT JUST TEMPORARY, IT'S ETERNAL!**

**CREATED BY, ADMINISTERED BY, GOD HIMSELF!**

**APPLICATION...**

**THROUGH THAT REFORMATION—MAKING THINGS THE WAY THEY SHOULD BE—HE USHERED IN TRANSFORMATION. HIS WAS A COVENANT WRITTEN ON MIND AND HEART. BE TRANSFORMED...**

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**Pray—**

**Offering—**

**—ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

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