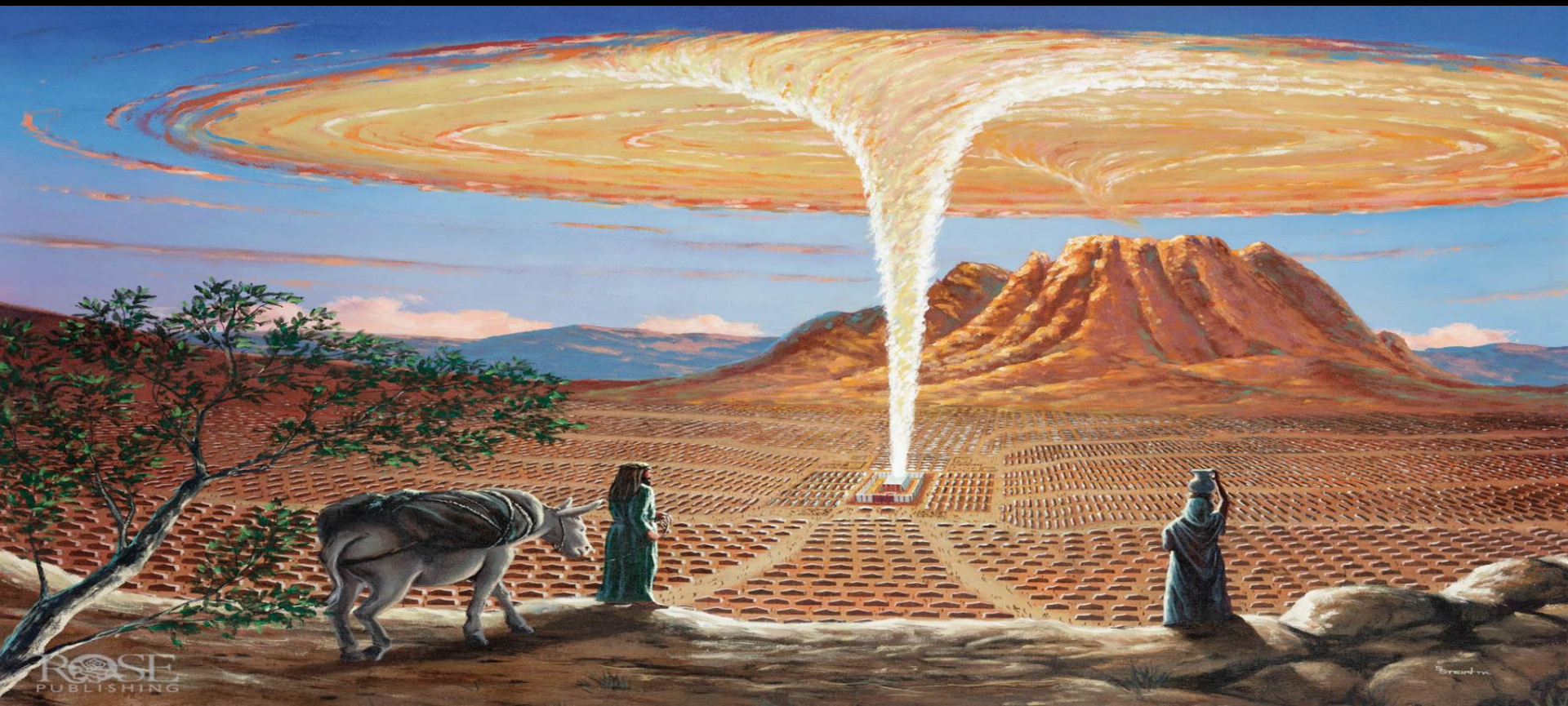
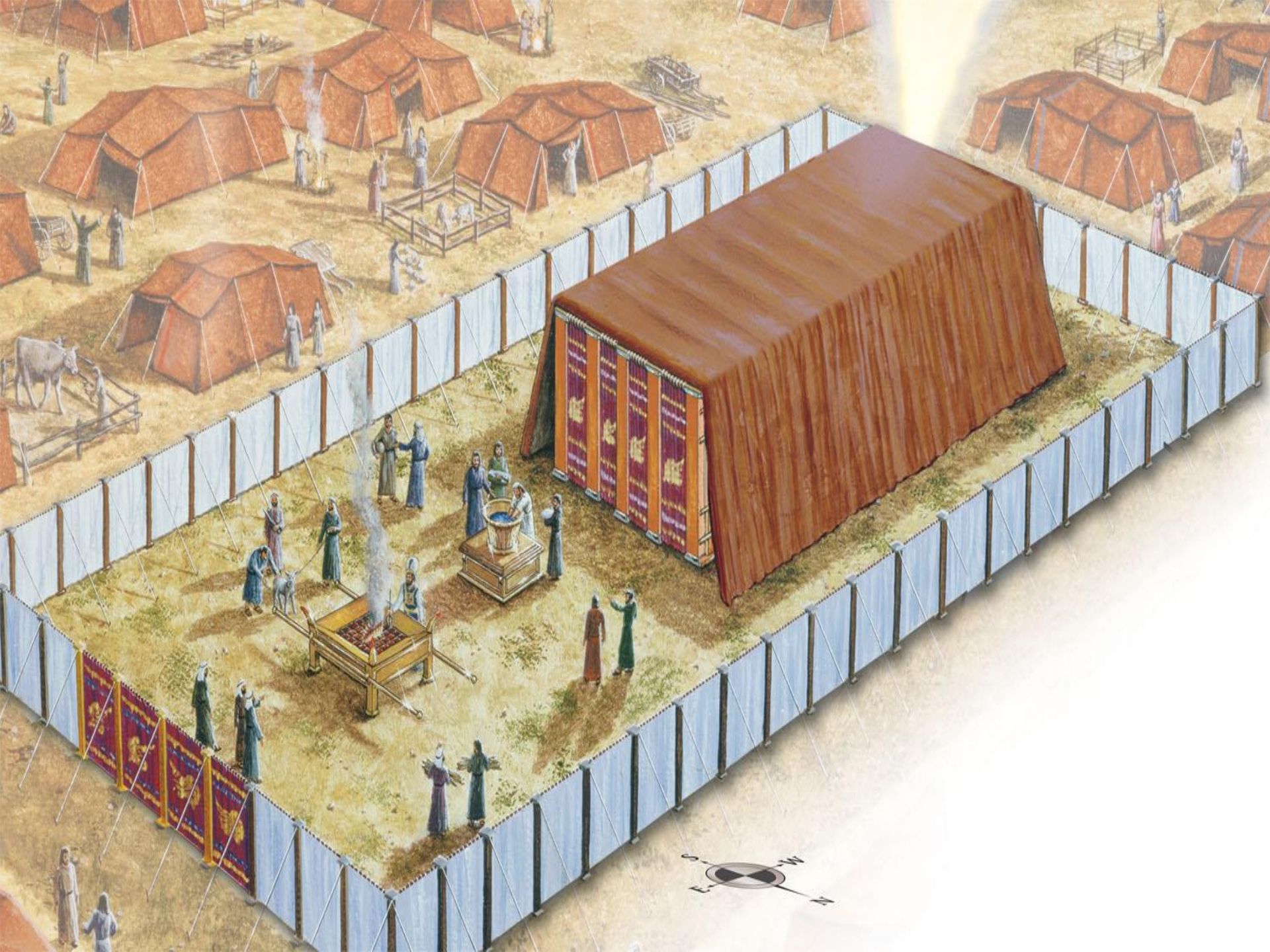


Exodus 27:12-16

3 Essentials Of Knowing And Fellowshiping With God That Come From The Wilderness Tabernacle





Background/Context

- (1446 BC) Moses and people of Israel delivered from Egyptian slavery
- God miraculously delivered and led people
- God leads people through Arabian Peninsula to base of Mt. Sinai (calls Moses to top)
- Imparts divine revelation: 10 Commandments, instructions for worship complex called Wilderness Tabernacle
- Used to teach people on way to Promised Land how to know and relate to God

They Are Accessible And Available

- (vv.12-14) Construction of Tabernacle teaches many lessons about God
- Complex: fine linen “fence” (150 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 7 ½ ft. high)
- Eastern side: curtained entrance gateway; this is ONLY entrance (30 feet long)
- Curtained doorway; beautiful, highly decorated
- Essential lesson: God invites all to come! Anyone who has desire can come and be accepted and welcomed

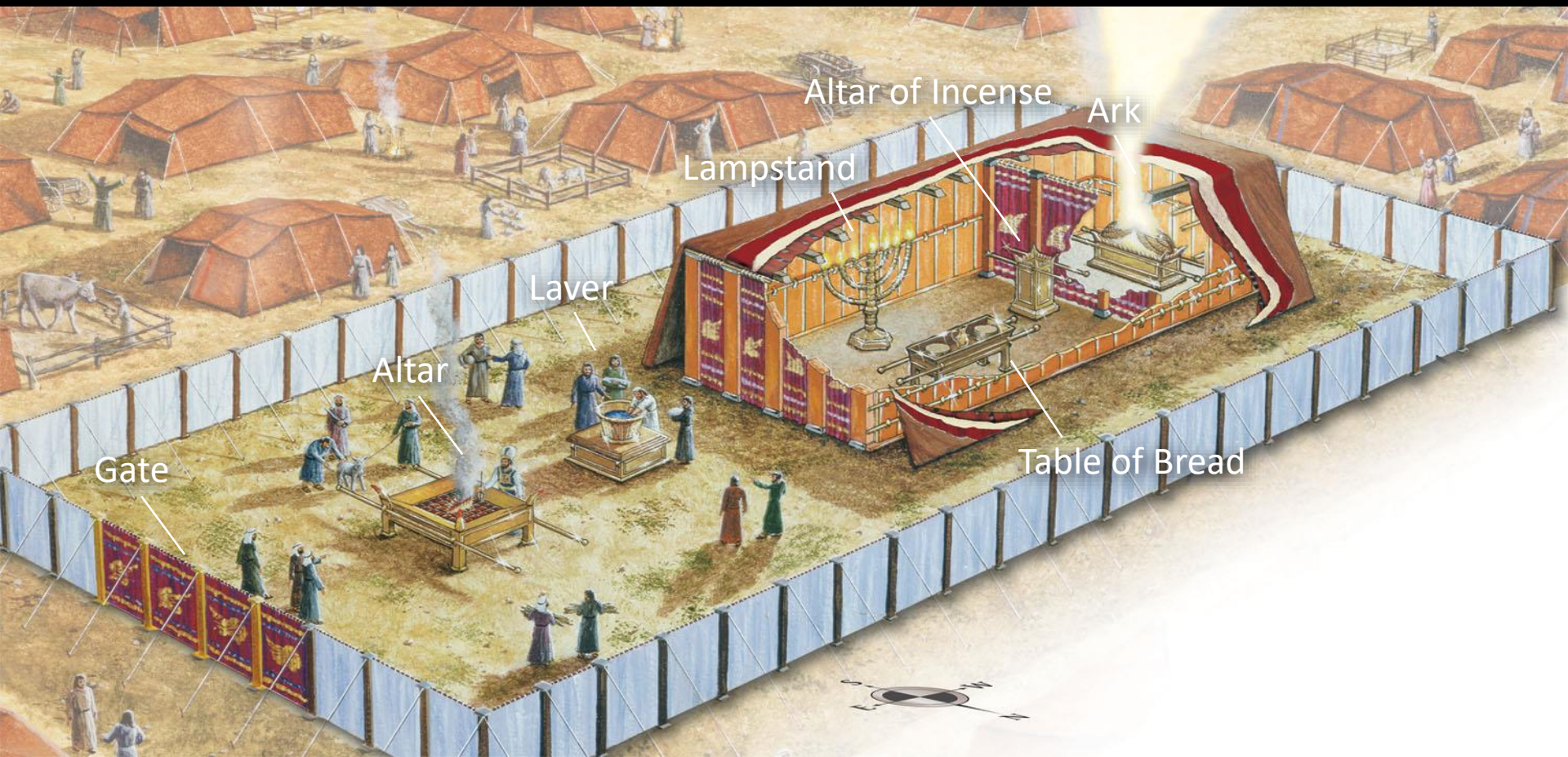
- Is. 55:3, “Incline your ear, and come to Me, hear and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David.”



They Are Not Earned Or Automatic

- (v.15) Tabernacle invites all to come, but must come God's way
- All are welcome but we must enter relationship with God by way He has provided: relationship with Jesus
- Tabernacle: only 1 gateway/entrance; with 2 ½ million people, we would have many gates
- Only 1 way into Tabernacle; so too, only 1 way into relationship with God
- That through relationship with Jesus; receiving His free gift of eternal life

- Acts 4:12, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



They Are To Motivate Attractiveness And Excellence

- (v.17) Curtained gateway, beautiful/functional work of art; made of highest quality
- Embroidered with blue, purple, scarlet yarn: woven into white linen; expression of quality and love
- How believers live and Church operates speaks to world about who Jesus is
- Believers/Churches reflect greatness of Jesus so as to attract those who don't know Him

- Phils. 2:14-15, “Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as bright lights in the world,…”

