

Tabernacle

Dwell Among You | Resting Place | Mishkan

*LET THEM MAKE ME A SANCTUARY,
THAT I MAY DWELL AMONG THEM.
EXODUS 25:8 / HEBREWS 8:1, 10:1*

Why Study the Tabernacle?

1. To Understand the Priesthood and to value Jesus as our High Priest - Heb. 9:23,24

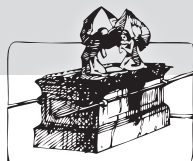
2. Center of All Feasts - Every celebration pointed to the coming Messiah. The Tabernacle was the center of sacrificial service to God, study, prayer, but most of all His divine presence. An example of what every home can be, a resting place for His Shechinah Glory. To help us understand the culture Jesus lived in.

3. To Understand the Signs of the Times - Lunar Calendar began when the tabernacle was built (Exodus 12:2). It was based off of the sky reminding them God was in charge of time. Everyday the sky pointed to the next feast which pointed to the Messiah (Matt 24:3-31). Jews are longing to rebuild the temple to sacrifice as they used to. They don't believe the Messiah will return until it is rebuilt.

4. Part of God's Redemptive Plan was to build the Tabernacle. It was the end of exile when His Glory fell. God waited 430 years to fulfil His promise. This reflected another covenant to come Acts 2-4, Heb. 10:6. Full redemption will be fulfilled in His second coming and the millennium.

5. Learn Heart Postures directing us to the Holy of Holies in prayer - a shadow of what is in heaven - We are His meeting place. Rev 11: 19, Rev 15:3-5

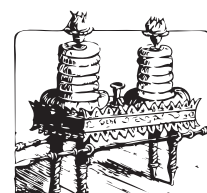
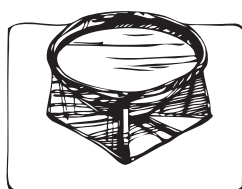
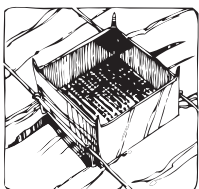
JP = Jewish Perspective



CP = Christian Perspective

**The LORD is my
strength and song,
and he is become
my salvation: he is
my God, and I will
prepare him an
habitation; my father's
God, and I will exalt
him.**

Exodus 15:2 KJV



OVERVIEW

01

Historical Overview

Prophecy Fulfilled, Shiloh, Lunar Calendar, Mt Sinai
Heart Posture : Prepare to receive

Read

Lev 8 -10
Heb 4:14
-5/7,8

02

Holy Priesthood

He has set us apart as a Holy Priesthood - A Holy Nation. Set apart to Him - We are His.

Ex 38:1-20
Heb 9

Heart Posture : Connect to what He has covered for us. His heart of love that longs to dwell among us and keep us right with God - He is our advocate

03

Outer Courts

Connecting to the cost of sin = death. Cleansing of my outward and inward body - redemption

Ex 25: 23 - 40/
26/27:9-21/
30:1-10,22-38

Heart Posture : Connect to your sin - repent | accept forgiveness | receive inner and outward cleansing - receive His Propitiation for our sin - conscience

Heb 10:1-18

04

Holy Place

Revelation - enter into the Spirit - Daily Provisions of strength - prayer led by the spirit

Ex 25: 10-
22/26: 31-34/
37:1-9/

Heart Posture : Agendas put aside - listening to the Holy spirit- leaving time and space for Him to speak - Revelation, Provision and Prayers = sweet aroma

Heb 10 :19/11

05

Holy of Holies

The Priest must be right or will die for God is Holy. Only went once a year with fear and trembling

Ex 40

Heart Posture : Completely surrendered - Quiet Rest - songs of adoration - Completely taken by His Holiness - Accurate Fear of God - receive His Mercy

Heb 12,13

06

Ark of the Covenant

The Ark found?- What does this mean for us today? How are we the dwelling place of God? A Priestly Nation set apart for His good works?

History

Week 1

It took a 400 - 430 years to fulfil a prophecy given to Abraham. Our God is the Faithful God. Gen. 15:13-14, Ex. 12:40

"And [God] said to Abram, Know positively that your descendants will be strangers dwelling as temporary residents in a land that is not theirs [Egypt], and they will be slaves there and will be afflicted and oppressed for 400 years. (Fulfilled in Ex. 12:40) But I will bring judgment on that nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with great possessions." Genesis 15:13-14

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Jews anticipate the Third Temple will be built by the Messiah and never be destroyed.

215 years in Canaan – From Abraham to Jacob who brought the Israelites to Egypt surviving the famine through Joseph his son – 12 tribes of Israel
215 years in Egypt until Moses obedience to deliver them from exile.

Shiloh -The patriarch Jacob first spoke of Shiloh on his deathbed, giving a promise to the tribe of Judah.

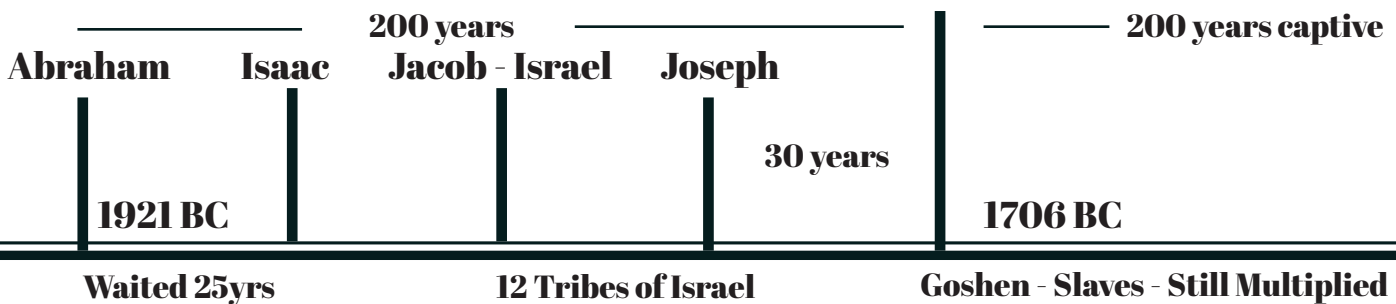
"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." Genesis 49:10

After the Israelites entered the promised land, the tabernacle made its way to Shiloh, where it stood for 369 years. Joshua cast lots to divide the land putting the Ark in the Tribe of Ephraim - Joshua 18:9,10, Judges 21:19, Jer. 7:12 -14 In Shiloh the curtained walls of the tabernacle were replaced with stone, but the roof remained a covering of skins. (Zevachim 14:6) From the time Israel entered the promised land until the time of Samuel, the Ark of the Covenant remained in the Tabernacle at Shiloh. Hannah, prayed to God about her barren womb here. She offered her son Samuel to minister before the Lord in Shiloh. 1 Samuel 1:1-28; 3:21



The Beginning of The Nation of Israel

Move to Israel's Bondage in Egypt



Ancient Israel refused to walk with God,

He abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh, the tent which He had pitched among men, and gave up His strength to captivity and His glory into the hand of the adversary. —Psalm 78:60,61

The Philistines took the Ark and destroyed Shiloh in 1104 B.C. (1 Samuel 4:10-11). The Israelites worshiped God in the tabernacle for almost 500 years until Solomon’s Temple was built. David's heart cry was fulfilled by providing a permanent house of worship for the Lord.

The First Temple (Jerusalem 1000 – 586 B.C.E.) Was built under the reign of King Solomon and destroyed by the Babylonians. The ark vanished when the **Babylonians conquered Jerusalem in 587 B.C.** The Jewish historian Josephus says that "the temple was burnt four hundred and seventy years, six months, and ten days after it was built".



The Second Temple (Jerusalem 516 B.C.E. - 70 C.E.) Was built under Persian rule. It was rebuilt under great stress in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah with the help of Darius king of Medopersia. It was constructed by a number of Jewish exile groups returning from Babylon under the governor Zerubbabel. It was inferior to Solomon’s temple and the one Ezekiel saw



in visions. The second temple was completely refurbished, during the reign of Herod the Great. The original structure was totally overhauled into the large and magnificent edifices and facades that Jesus would have experienced. The Second Temple had no Ark and the blood was sprinkled where the Ark would have been and the incense was put on the Brazen Altar of incense. **It was destroyed by the Romans (Titus' Army) and lasted 585 years** -Zech. 5-6

Lunar Calendar While the Israelites were still in slavery, God gave the people their first mitzvah (roughly translated: a precept, decree, or commandment). God informed Moses and Aaron that the upcoming new moon was distinct and He told them, "**This month shall be the beginning of months to you; it is to be the first month of the year to you**" (Exodus 12:2). Keeping this lunar-based religious calendar was significant because it required the population to deliberately watch for God's appointed times, rather than relying on any dating systems men devised.

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The exile was not over until the Jewish people built their Mishkan, the Tabernacle, in the Wilderness. Ramban

Wandering in the Wilderness

Moses

1491 BC



40 years

Canaan The Promised Land

Joshua

1451 BC



Land Divided Among 12 Tribes / Levites 48 cities

Mt Sinai

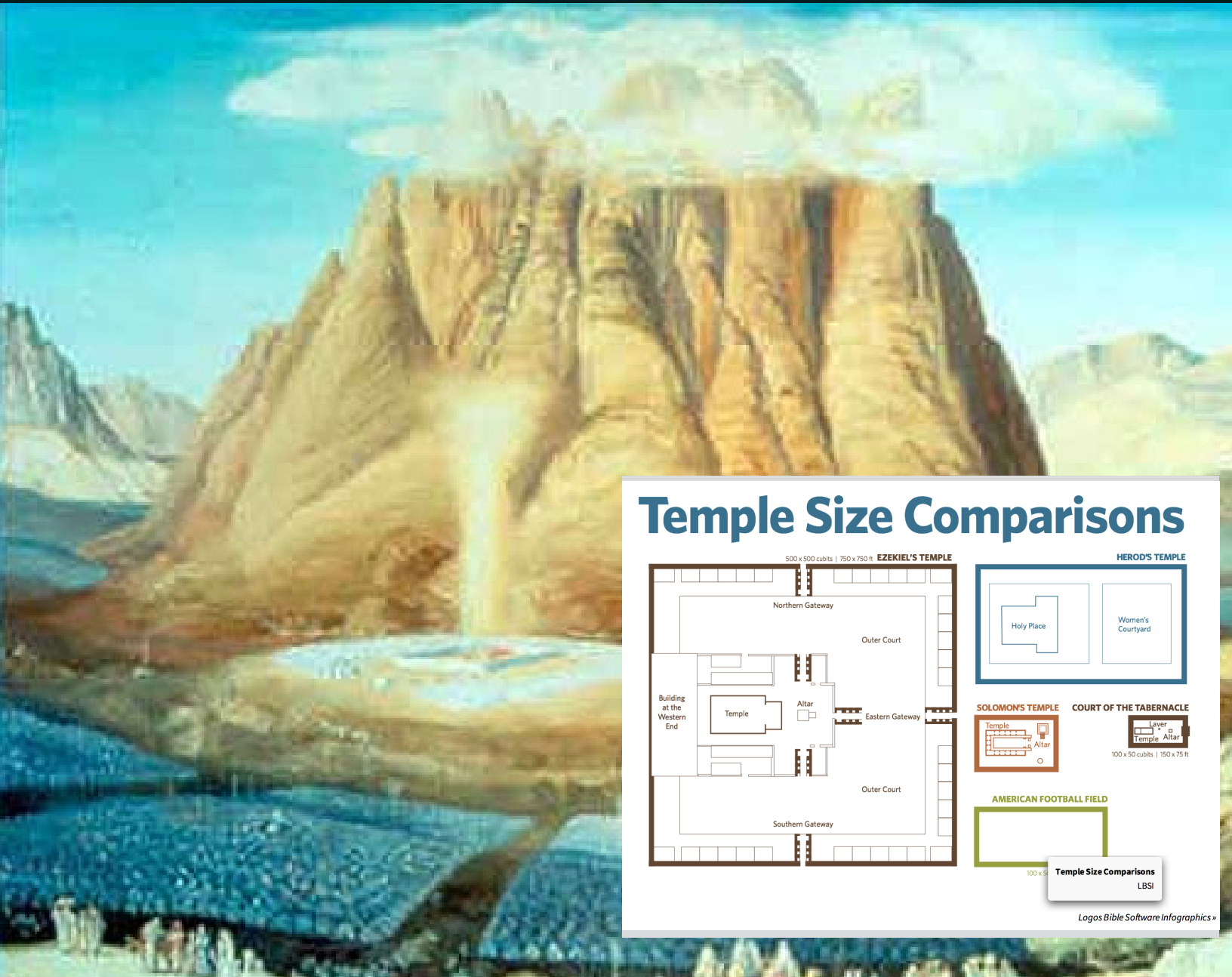
The Tabernacle was built at the base of Mount Sinai(Ex 40:17 / 9 - 12 months)

"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself" Exodus 19:4

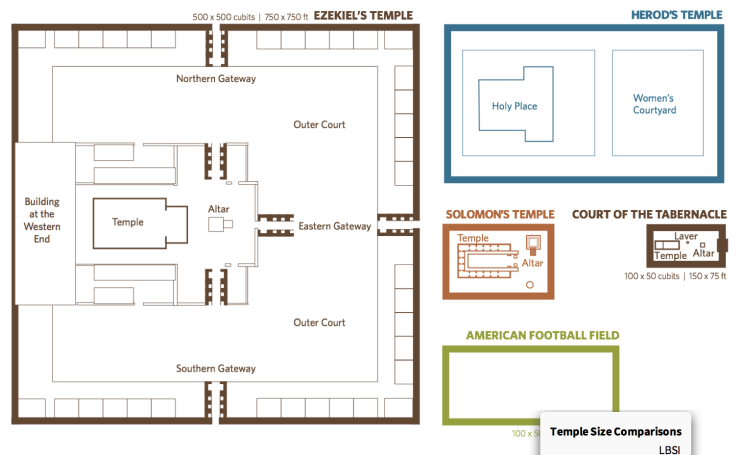
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"Tell Israel, as it were, it is not because I have nowhere to dwell that I tell them to make me a Tabernacle. Until the world was created, My Sanctuary was above...but because of My love for you, I will leave my heavenly Sanctuary and descend and dwell among you, and the Torah says, : They shall make a Sanctuary for me – so that I may dwell among them."

Tanshuma Yashan, Nasso 19



Temple Size Comparisons



Cloud by Day - Fire by Night

Angels (Ex 23:20-23, 32:34, 33:2) and the glory of God guided the Israelites to Mount Sinai - Cloud- Fire

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"The entire Mishkan and all its parts symbolized Mount Sinai. The glory that had rested on the mountain in an awesomely open manifestation, in a crescendo of shofar blasts and fiery holiness, would henceforth be in the Tabernacle, but in a subdued, quiet manner. Just as God spoke to Moses from the mountain so too, in the Mishkan God would come to Moses from atop the Ark, from between the two Cherubim." Rabbi Bitterman

And they shall know [from personal experience] that I am the Lord their God, Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God. Exodus 29:46

God Lead the Israelites "by day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night." Ex. 13:21

"Then the **angel** of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the **cloud** brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long." Ex. 14: 19,20

"In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the **cloud** lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and **fire** was in the **cloud** by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels." Ex. 40: 36-38

Gods' Sign of His Provisions "While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud." Ex. 16:10

God Welcomed Moses into the Cloud "the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud." Ex. 24:16

God Confirmed all was Done as He Instructed "Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him." Ex. 40:16 " Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." Ex 40:34 - Solomon's Temple - Kings 8: 6-13

God Confirmed He was Behind Moses Leading with His Presence so that people might believe it was God speaking to Moses promoting faithfulness. Ex 19:9

A Glory Cloud rested over the Ark of the Covenant God gave instructions on how to build the ark before all other instructions so that we would never forget what the tabernacle is about - **His Presence.**

"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites" Exodus 19:6

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. Matt 24:30

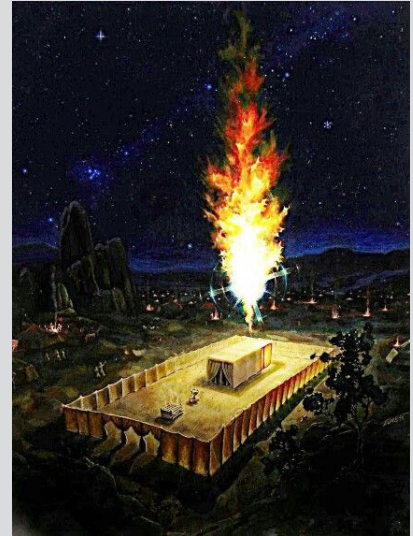
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Discussion Questions

1. The Philistines destroyed the Tabernacle in 1104 BC - The Israelites could have encountered and conquered the Philistines earlier in their journey. Why didn't they?

Why didn't they escape by the way of the land of the Philistines? Exodus 13: 17

How did their lack of spiritual maturity affect the length of their journey?



2. The glory cloud and fire lead the Israelites through the desert. How did that change through their journey in the desert?

Before the Tabernacle was built -Ex 14:19

After the Tabernacle was built? - Ex 40:34 -38, Num 9:15 - 23

What was God communicating by this (meaning of Tabernacle)?

3. When did the Israelites see a similar glory again? 1 Kings 8: 3-11

When did the disciples see a similar glory? Isaiah 4:5 (prophecy of coming Messiah), Luke 2: 8-15, Mark 9:7, Acts 2:1-4
What was similar and different about the glory?

When will we see His glory again? Ezekiel 1:28, Matt 24:30, Rev 1:7/ 14:14

How does this reflect in our journey today? Romans 8: 17 -20