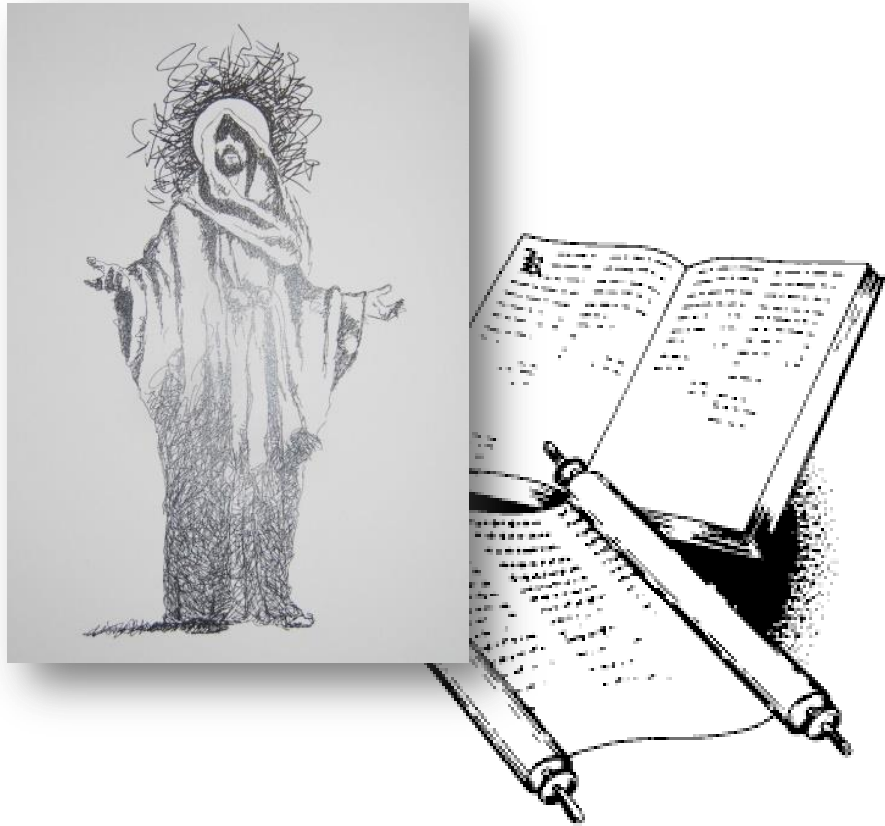


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A Teacher

For over twenty years now I have spent a lot of time going over the Bible, other books and studies, following leads on the internet and listening to the Holy Spirit, all in an effort to do as the scriptures tells us to do.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV), "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

I'm not the most interesting speaker, but I tell you that I am committed to 1 Peter 4:11

1 Peter 4:11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: ..."

This is ingrained into the core of my calling in Christ and therefore a part of who I am and who I have become. What I care about is that the word of God is accurate and true and rightly divided. I work hard to do that, because that's what a teacher is.

Proverbs 25:2, "It is the glory of God to CONCEAL a thing: but the honor of kings is to SEARCH OUT a MATTER."



Now let us go and open our Bibles and search out the matter and

“Look a little closer.”



Part One



Hidden Messages of God in Scripture



The Amazing Number Seven

For a moment let's consider the number seven. The number seven is a Biblical number of completion, perfection and of divine authorship. Over 500 times in the Bible the number seven is used to show the touch of God (Divine Authorship), upon something. It starts in Genesis chapter 1 with the seven creative, (or restorative) days and the seventh being declared holy.

In the natural world around us there are an amazing number of groupings of seven and here are but a few samples.⁶

1. **The Seven Continents:** North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Antarctica.
2. **The Seven Oceans in the World:** North Pacific Ocean, South Pacific Ocean, North Atlantic Ocean, South Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean, Arctic Ocean
3. **The Seven Colors in a Rainbow:** Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.
4. **The Seven Musical Notes:** A B C D E F G
5. **There are Seven Stars in the Big Dipper:** This cluster of stars points to the North Star which has been the "Guiding" star since the ancient of times.
6. **The Seven objects in our solar system that are visible to the naked eye:** Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn.
7. **Seven digits in a row** have been proven to be the average limit of remembrance for most human beings. This is why we have seven digits in our phone numbers (excluding the area code).
8. **There are seven metals** from antiquity upon which civilization was based. Iron, Lead, Tin, Copper, Mercury, Silver, Gold,
9. **The Periodic Table of Elements** consists of seven distinct levels.

⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV0hUldrYp4>

Touched By the Hand of God

Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

In the first verse of scripture we find some remarkable pieces of evidence of supernatural authorship. It is here that we find where God tells us of **WHEN**, **WHERE** and **WHAT** He created

- When: In the Beginning: [**TIME**] has also been translated “*dateless past*”
- Where: The heavens: [**SPACE**] plural meaning the three heavens,
- What: The earth: [**MATTER**] “*erets*” meaning dry ground, dirt.

Elohim tells us in this very first verse of the scriptures when He created **Time** (endless and eternal), **Space** and the expanse of it and **Matter** the things we can see and touch.

For thousands of years scientist and philosophers have speculated on the makeup of the universe. It wasn't until the twentieth century that physicists confirmed that the universe and its foundation consists of Space and Time. The two of these concepts are so closely linked that astrophysics speaks of a Space-Time Continuum. Science today seeks the knowledge of what was told us in the first verse of scripture over thirty centuries ago.

As an additional note, the “time” (endless and eternal) we speak of here is not the same as described in Gen.1:3-5. “In the beginning” time is endless and eternal, it has no end. The evening and the morning were not the first twilight of eternity, but rather for us is a boundary line between time and eternity. Time as we count it is temporal, in that it has a beginning (Gen 1:3-5) and will have an end (Rev. 21). It marks a time when Elohim began to create. He did it ... in the beginning (Beresheeth of time) some translators even suggest a translation of “In the dateless past.”

Seven Features of Genesis 1:1

The translation of Genesis 1:1 from the original Hebrew has ten words in it, however in the original text there are only seven words in it as shown below.

This is what Genesis 1:1 looks like in the Hebrew. It reads from right to left, the English just below it. The red numbers above each word is just a counter of each number in the verse and the blue numbers below each word is the number of letters in that word.



Of all the scriptures it is this one verse that contains seven features of the number seven out of seven words.

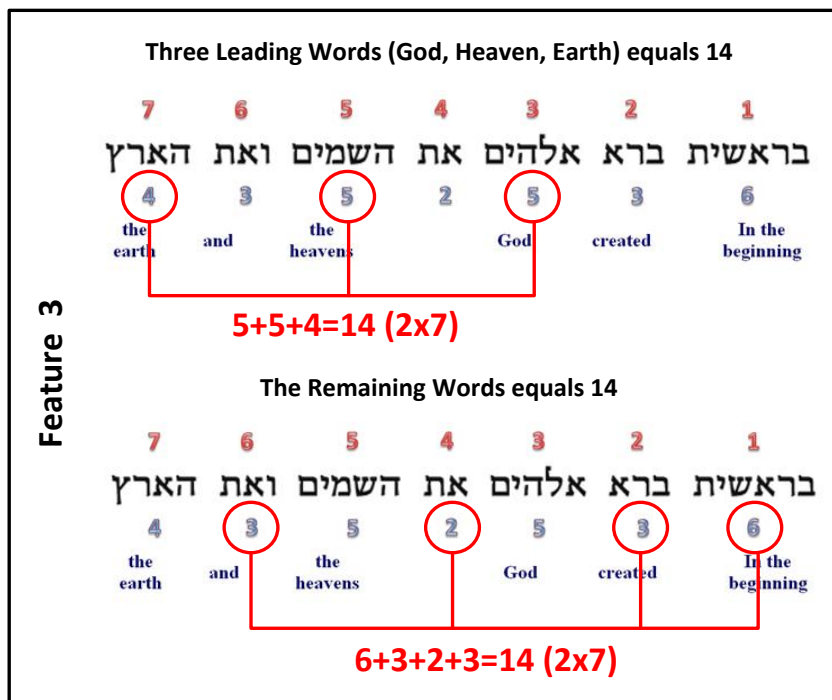
Feature 1: The total number of Hebrew words is 7.

Feature 2: The total number of Hebrew letters is 28 ($4 \times 7 = 28$)

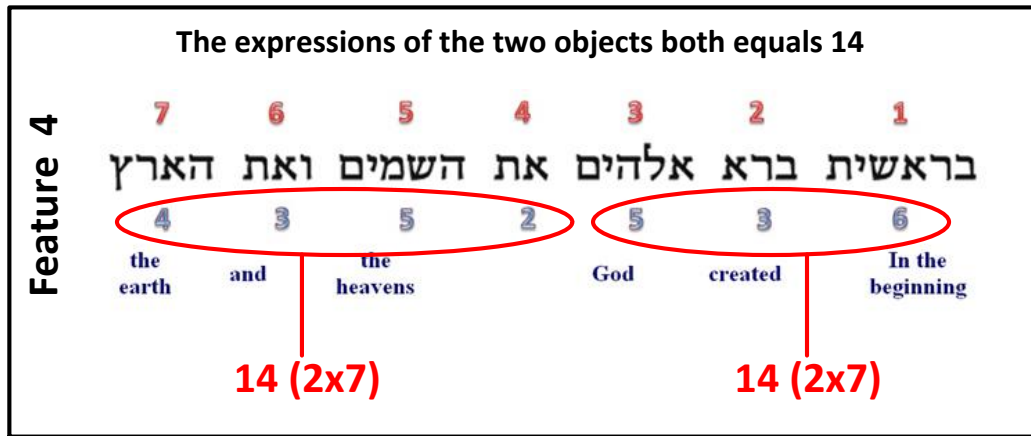
Feature 3: The three leading words in the verse (God 5), (heavens 5), and (the earth 4) there letters when added together is $5+5+4 = 14$ (2×7)

The remaining number of letters in the verse is, (in the beginning) 6, (created) 3, the (Aleph and the Tav) 2, (and) 3.

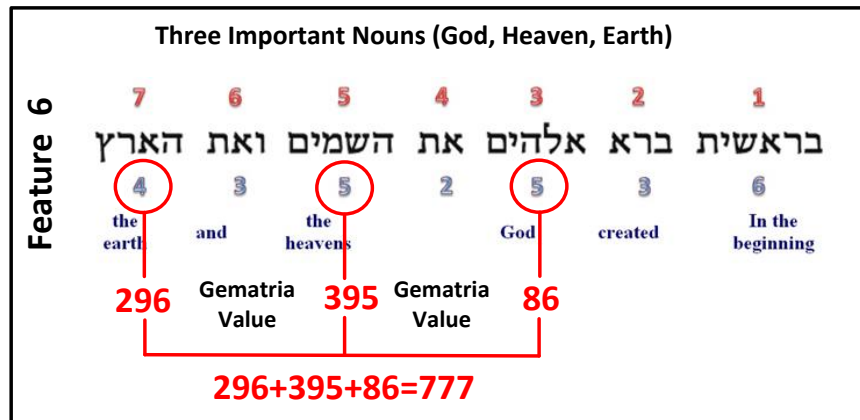
When added together is $6+3+2+3=14$ (2×7).



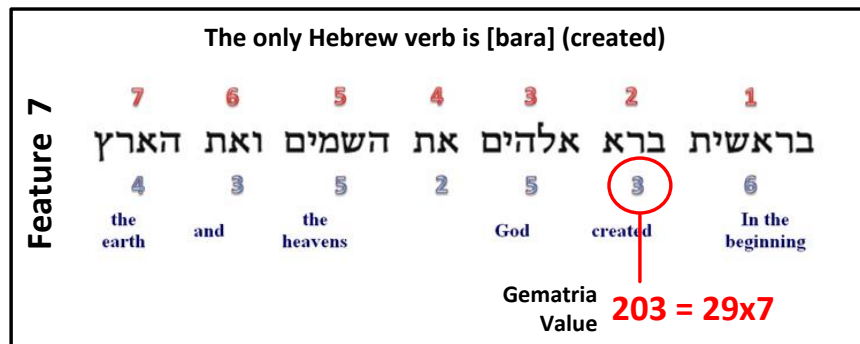
Feature 4: The expressions of the two objects (In the beginning God) and (Aleph-Tav the heavens and the earth) are made up of 14 letters or (2x7)



Feature 6: There are three important nouns in this verse, God, heaven and the earth. Their Gematria⁷ values assigned to each word or expression is 86 (for God), 395 (for heaven) and 296 (for earth). When added together the Gematria value equals 777. $86+395+296=777$



Feature 7: The only Hebrew verb in the verse is [bara] (created). Its numeric value (Gematria) is 203. $203 = 29 \times 7$



These facts are beyond the grasp of the casual reader. They are discovered only by special investigation and counting. Surely they could not have been seen or placed there by the original writer Moses.

According to the law of chances that for any one feature of a seven word sentence to be a multiple of seven accidentally is only one chance in seven, but for seven features of this seven word sentence to be a multiple of seven accidentally is 1 in 823,543.

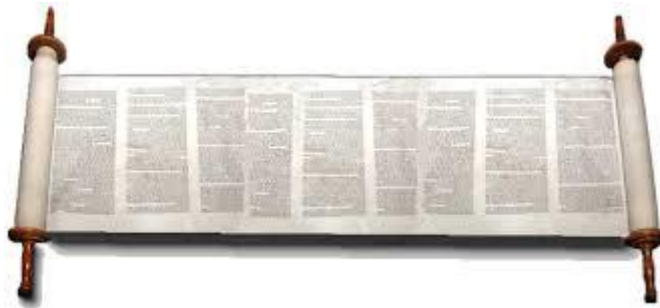
⁷ http://www.whatabeginning.com/ASPECTS/HebGrk_Schemes.htm

The number seven is used purposely over five hundred times from Genesis to Revelation to show the divine touch of God. It is as though God is telling “those who have eyes to see and ears to hear,” that in the very first verse of scripture that His divine touch is on His word. This startling revelation of sevens has only been discovered in the last few years of history.

Part Two



Jesus in Genesis verse one



(ברית)

(Covenant)

Beresheet

בראשית

† א ש נ ר

Tav Yod Shin Aleph Resh-Bet

(sign of the
covenant)

(Bar = Son of)

Jesus in the very first verse

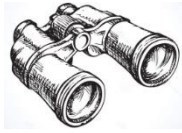
If you opened your Bible looking for Jesus you would not have to read very far before you would find Him, that is if you know where to look. Remember a casual reading of the scriptures is great for an early morning devotional, but you have to dig a little to find the treasure, it's just not laying on the surface all the time. If you're looking for Jesus by the time you have read the very first verse of your Bible you would have to stop. There in the first verse of the Bible in the first four words you can find Jesus, that is if you know how to look.



Genesis 1:1 “In the Beginning God created the heavens and the Earth.”

So you might be asking yourself, “Where is Jesus in this verse?” Good question, I asked the same question myself. Remember the Bible as we have it today is a translation. Ultimately if you go back far enough you will get to the original Hebrew, the language of the people who wrote it.

There are two ways we can interpret the Hebrew. The most common way is just word for word translation and the other would be in its Pictographic format. Let's look at the pictographic method and see if this will help our understanding of the reported sightings of Jesus in verse one.



A Closer Look⁸

Many years ago while I was reading through my Bible I ran across John 3:16. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son ...” I stopped right there in the middle of the verse. I suddenly had a question. I asked God “When did you give your only Son?” Was it when He was born? It would take a while, but God did give me the answers I was looking for. By-the-way the answer to my question of “when,” was “In the beginning before the foundation of the world.” Several years later God showed me where that is in the scriptures.

Now for the next example of Jesus in the first verse of the Bible. This one will take some explanation. For this we will focus on the very first word of the first verse. In the Hebrew it is the word “*Beresheeth, or Bereshith.*” Beresheeth in the Latin is translated Genesis from which the book gets its name. Beresheeth means “*origin, creation*” literally reading “*in the beginning.*” Dakes Annotated Bible renders this word “*In the Dateless Past*” which I prefer over the more general term “In the Beginning.”

I mentioned there were two ways to interpret the Hebrew and the second way is an ancient method. Each one of the twenty-two Hebrew letters has a corresponding numeric value as seen in the ancient practice of the Gematria, and there was also an ideographic and pictographic symbol associated with each of the twenty-two letters. An Ideogram is a written character symbolizing the idea of a thing without indicating the sounds used to say it.⁹























Today we still use pictograms in various places rather than a written word, ie: restroom signs, crossing signs and traffic signs. After you have looked at the chart below then let’s look at a few words in the Bible, and especially the first four words of Genesis 1:1. For when you become familiar with the pictographic symbols on the chart it is then possible to derive the meaning of certain words and even complete verses of the Bible giving you deeper insight into the actual meaning.



⁸ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NR_MZ2Si2N0

⁹ https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=ideogram+definition

Hebraic Pictograms

Name	Pictograph	Meaning	Name	Pictograph	Meaning
Aleph		Ox / strength / leader	Lamed		Staff / goad / control / "toward"
Bet		House / "In"	Mem		Water / chaos
Gimmel		Foot / camel / pride	Nun		Seed / fish / activity / life
Dalet		Tent door / pathway	Samekh		Hand on staff / support / prop
Hey		Lo! Behold! "The"	Ayin		Eye / to see / experience
Vav		Nail / peg / add / "And"	Pey		Mouth / word / speak
Zayin		Flow / weapon / cut off	Tsade		Man on side / desire / need
Chet		Tent wall / fence / separation	Qof		Sun on horizon / behind
Tet		Basket / snake / surround	Resh		Head / person / first
Yod		Arm and hand / work / deed	Shin		Eat / consume / destroy
Kaf		Palm of hand / to open	Tav		Mark / sign / covenant

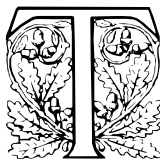
Note: Aleph – Bet together spell AV (Father) teaching us that all things begin with God who is the Father of us all.

B'riti, (B'rit, Berit)

(My Covenant)¹⁰¹¹

(בריתי)

Genesis 6:18, “But with you will I establish my covenant; and you shalt come into the ark, you, and your sons, and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.”



The Hebrew word for covenant in scripture is *b'rit*. The first mention of covenant in the Bible is in Genesis 6:18 when God says to Noah, “*But I will establish My covenant with you...*” Frequently, when God uses the word “covenant” he says, “My covenant”. The Hebrew for “My covenant” is *b'riti*.

The Hebrew letters used in the spelling of *b'riti* are BET (the Hebrew equivalent of the letter “B”), RESH (R), YOD (I), TAV (T) and YOD (I). The modern Hebrew alphabet is derived from an ancient Hebrew or Semitic pictograph alphabet. Each pictograph represented a letter and a meaning that correlated to the pictograph. The pictographs could be used to spell words and to tell a story.

Using the Hebrew word for “My covenant” (*b'riti*), the BET is derived from a pictograph of a house or a tent. The meaning was a house, as in “the house of David”. The RESH was represented by the head of a man, and the meaning was the first or highest person. Together, the letters BET and RESH form the Hebrew/Aramaic word for “son” (*bar*). The YOD was pictured as the arm and fist from the elbow to the hand, and symbolized the hand or works. The TAV was pictured as a cross, more specifically two (2) crossed sticks, and symbolized a mark or covenant.

I have only recently realize that not only each book in scripture each chapter and sentence, but each individual word and each individual letter is divinely placed and constructed to tell a story and to reveal the richness of God’s word. The story of “My Covenant” is but one example, but a monumental one. The story of “My Covenant” is that of the entire (Christian) Bible. In short ...

⁴ <http://beautyofthebible.com/2007/11/09/my-covenant/>
http://www.logosapostolic.org/hebrew_word_studies/1285_berit_covenant.htm

¹¹

God's covenant is his Son with his hands on a cross.



My Covenant (בריתי)

ב -BET: House (House/Tent) ט

ר -RESH: First/Highest Person (Man's Head) ר

י -YOD: Hand/Works (Arm/Hand) י

ט -TAV: Covenant/Mark (Cross) †

י -YOD: Hand/Works (Arm/Hand) י

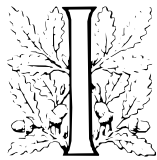




A Closer Look

(The First word of the Bible)

BERESHEET



In the original Hebrew the first word of the scriptures is the word “Beresheet” when translated it becomes “In the Beginning.” As we take a closer look at this word we look at each individual Hebrew letter that makes up the word. Here is the word Beresheet in the Hebrew.

בראשית

Now in the chart below we are shown the pictographic and meaning for each letter that makes up the Hebrew word



In the beginning (בראשית)



<p>ב -BET: House (House/Tent) 𐤁</p> <p>ר -RESH: First/Highest Person (Man’s Head) 𐤓</p> <p>א -ALEPH: Strength/God (Ox Head) 𐤀</p> <p>ש -SHIN: Consume/Destroy (Teeth) 𐤑</p> <p>י -YOD: Hand/Works (Arm/Hand) 𐤅</p> <p>ת -TAV: Covenant/Mark (Cross) 𐤛</p>	<p>God “Son”</p> <p>𐤁 𐤓</p> <p>Destroyed</p> <p>𐤑</p> <p>Cross Hand</p> <p>𐤛 𐤅</p>
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The first two letters are the *BET* ב and the *RESH* ר . When these two letters are put together you get the Aramaic word “BAR” meaning “Son of.” An example of this can be found in scripture.

Mt. 16:17, “Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

Now let's do the same with the remaining four letters of the word.

The Aleph –  (Mightiest, strong powerful leader , God) 



The Shin –  (Teeth, To Consume/Destroy 

The YOD –  (Arm/Hand, My hand my effort, My work) 

The Tav –  (Two sticks crossed, Covenant/Mark, Cross) 

When we combine the first two letters of Beresheeth with the remaining four letters (above) we get the following pictographic sentence.

“The Son of God will be destroyed (or killed) by His own hand on a cross.

<i>Bet-Resh</i>	<i>Aleph</i>	<i>Shin</i>	<i>Yod</i>	<i>Tav</i>	
					

Here in the very first word of the Bible we see Jesus the “*Son of God,*” in a covenant agreement willing to lay down his life and be *killed* by His *own hand* on the *cross*. The plan was set in motion the time was still four thousand years into the future. Listen to what Jesus had to say about it.

John 10:17-18, ¹⁷ “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

Plain text (scriptural) agreement:

Isa. 53:5, “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

John 18:37, “Pilate therefore said unto him, are you a king then? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.

Revelation 13:8, “... The Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”



A Closer Look

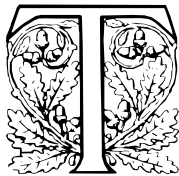
(The Second word of the Bible)

“In the beginning God CREATED
the heavens and the earth.”

BARA

(To Create)

בָּרָא



he Hebrew word “Bara” (the first verb found in the Bible) comes from the same root word as “Bere,” as in Beresheet. It is made up of the same letters as Bere.

BET ב , RESH ר and the Aleph א.

Bet-Resh is translated “BAR” meaning “Son of” and the Aleph is “God.”

The pictograph sentence would then read, “The Son of God is the Creator.”

Plain text scriptural examples:

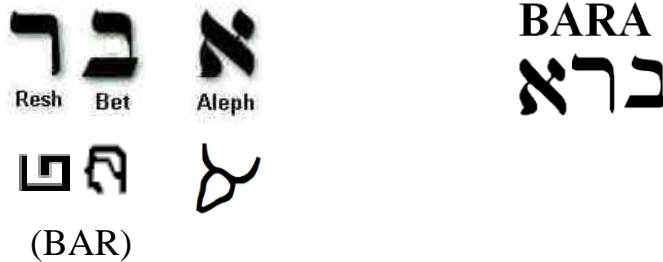
Col.1:16, “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”

Heb. 1:2, “but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.”

God the Father looked into the future and saw the sin that would rise up in the hearts of man, but His love for us was greater than the sin He found in us. Then the Son, who is the creator of all things also became our Redeemer. The Father so loved the world (*Jn.3:16*) that He gave His Son and a plan was decreed (*blood covenant*) and it was established from the foundations of the world.

To redeem mankind the *Son of God* would be *destroyed* (killed) *by His own effort* on a *cross (Beresheeth)*. Only then somewhere in the dateless past there came a moment when the ...

Son of God began to create.



John 1:1-3, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²The same was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

Creator and Redeemer ... established from the foundations of the world is Jesus.

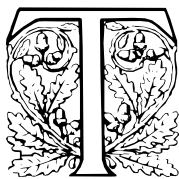


A Closer Look

(The Third word of the Bible)

ELOHIM (אלהים)

The Lord is My Shepherd¹²



he first of the many names God gives himself is Elohim. In the first sentence of the Bible, “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,*” the Hebrew word translated *God* is Elohim.

We have all read numerous translations or interpretations of Elohim. The Lord is my strength, the plural nature of the word Elohim for one God, the powerful one, it seems the discussion is endless...and perhaps justifiably so. The subjects of God, the nature of God, the word of God, etc. are endless, why should one of the names of God be any less so.

While we certainly do not intend to resolve any of the discussions mentioned above, we do want to suggest another alternative (not necessarily in place of, but in addition to, all the above).

As before, let’s look at what the ancient Hebrew pictographs show us about the name *Elohim*. Elohim is spelled in Hebrew ALEPH (the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and similar to our letter “A”). In the ancient Hebrew pictographs, **ALEPH** is pictured as an ox head, and it signifies strength, or God – as in the Lord is my strength. **LAMED** (L) Pictured as a shepherd’s staff, meaning to shepherd or lead. **HEY** (H) (pictured as a man with outstretched or open arms, meaning God’s grace or to behold. **YOD** (I) Pictured as the arm from the fist to the elbow, meaning my hand or works. **MEM** (M) Pictured as waves of water, meaning waters or peoples/nations.
















In other words, the **LORD** is my **SHEPHERD** by his **GRACE** he provides for **MY** needs (I SHALL NOT WANT), he takes me by **MY HAND** and **LEADS** me by still **WATERS**. Sounding familiar? That’s right, Psalm 23. So, while the Lord is definitely our strength, I think He primarily wants to be our shepherd.

¹² <http://beautyofthebible.com/2007/11/14/the-lord-is-my-shepherd/>

Approximately 400 years after Moses is given the Torah (the first 5 books of the Bible), and writes “In the beginning God (Elohim)...” David writes perhaps the most memorable and most quoted Psalm, “The Lord is my shepherd...” I wonder if Moses knew...

Here is the visual depiction of Elohim:

Elohim (אלהים)

<p> -ALEPH: God/Strength (Ox Head) </p> <p> -LAMED: To Lead (Shepherd's Staff) </p> <p> -HEY: Grace/Behold (Man w/Open Arms) </p> <p> -YOD: My Hand/Efforts (Hand/Arm) </p> <p> -MEM: Waters/Nations (Water) </p>	<p>Shepherd Lord</p> <p> </p> <p>I shall not want</p> <p></p> <p>He leads me by still waters</p> <p> </p>
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The LORD is my SHEPHERED by His GRACE He provides for



MY needs (I SHALL NOT WANT), He takes me by MY HAND



and leads me by still WATERS.





A Closer Look

(The Forth word of the Bible)

Genesis 1:1 (The Hebrew reads from the right to the left)

בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ

the earth	and	the heavens	God	created	in the beginning
ha-a-erets	eth	ha-sha-ma-yim	et	Elohim	ba-ra Be-re-sheet

Maybe you noticed there is no translation for the two symbols ; את

these two are the Alef א and the Tav ת, the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. A Jewish person will tell you they are there for grammatical reasons and yes that may be true, but for the Christian it means so much more just to find these here where they are at. The Alef when translated to the Greek is where we get the word **ALPHA**. The Tav when translated to the Greek is **OMEGA**. In these two symbols we have the beginning of all things and the ending of all things. That seems to sound familiar doesn't it?

Revelation 1:8, "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:11, "I am the Alpha א and the Omega ת, the First and the Last,"

Revelation 1:17, "... I am the first and the last,"

Revelation 22:13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Right here in the fourth word of the Bible we can find Jesus telling us he was there. If you were to add this to the verse it might read a little different, maybe something like this. "In the Beginning God the son created the heavens and the earth." This would certainly agree with many other verses in scripture (John 1:1 for example).

א ת א Ω

Alef Tav

Alfa Omega

More Bible Facts

- The word Christian appears in the Bible only 3 times: Acts 11:26, 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16
- Although the Father is called God (Isa. 63:16; Mt. 6:9), Jesus the Son is called God (Ro. 9:5; Jn. 1:1-3; Mt. 1:23), the Spirit is called God (Heb. 9:14; Acts 5:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:17) and thus we have the concept and understanding of the Trinity. However the actual word “Trinity” is not in the Bible.
- The very last word in the Bible is the word “Amen.”
- In the Book of **Genesis** we find in chapter twenty-two a picture of our salvation through Abraham and his son Isaac as he was about to be sacrificed upon an altar. It is a prophetic account of the coming Christ and His perfect sacrifice upon the cross (as foretold in Gen. 1:1).

In the Book of **Psalms**, the middle book of the Bible in chapter twenty-two is an exact prophecy of the crucifixion of Jesus right down to the mocking words of the crown on his head and the gambling away of his clothing. These words were written about one thousand years before they came to pass at the crucifixion of Jesus.

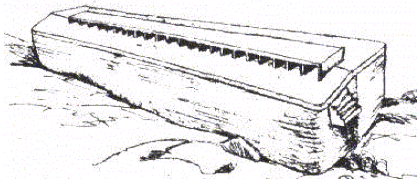
In the Book of **Revelation** the last book of the Bible in chapter twenty-two speaks of our salvation now being complete in Jesus.

The first book of the Bible and in the middle of the Bible and in the last book of the Bible in chapter twenty-two each speak of intricate and beautiful ways of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

Part Three

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Pictures of Jesus



Jesus of the Bible

The Bible in its entirety is a revelation of Jesus, it is God revealing His Son to man. In the Old Testament we find stories of the events that were very real for the people of that time but for us have become **TYPES and SHADOWS** of what was to come. The New Testament contains the **SUBSTANCE** of those Types and Shadows. The substance was revealed when Jesus became flesh and became for us the fulfillment of the Bible prophecy.

Jesus is the totality of God's Word, and the eternal treasure of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The more you find Jesus and the closer to Him you can come the richer your life will become.

God's word is a treasure, and you rarely find treasure just sitting on the surface, you have to dig for it. It is impossible to look at God's word in one glance and think you know it. God's word is deeper than depth itself, its more eternal than eternity itself, and it shall never pass away (Mt.24:35; Mk. 13:31; Lu. 21:33). You cannot discover the word of God by simply reading it once or twice or even a thousand times. The scriptures say you have to study it.

2 Tim. 2:15 (NKJV), - "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Psalms 119:18 (NKJV), - "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Acts 8:30 (NKJV), - "And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Esaias, and said, Do you understand what you read?"

So we study the scriptures so that we too may understand. One of the first and most important things to understand is that the Bible is a revelation of only one person. In the Old Testament he was known as God, or the LORD (Elohim, El-Shaddai, Yahweh, Jehovah and Adonai). Today we know him as the second person of the Trinity. Although



Jesus was referenced and eluded to in the Old Testament as the Son of God, it was not until He came into His this world born of a woman that we can now truly call Him the “Son of God.”

There are at least 353 Old Testament prophecies¹³ that speak to the future coming of Jesus and with it the fulfilment of their prophecy. The Old Testament prophesied what the New Testament fulfilled.

The NEW in the OLD is Concealed,
The OLD in the NEW is Revealed.

Prophecy concerning Jesus:

Psalm 40:7, “Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.”

Isaiah 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Revelation 19:10, “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Acts 10:43, “To Him give all the prophets witness”

Jesus personally referenced these scriptures concerning Himself:

Luke 24:44, “... all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me”

John 5:46, “For had you believed Moses, you would have believed me: for he wrote of me.”

¹³ <http://www.accordingtothescriptures.org/prophecy/353prophecies.html>



A Closer Look

(The very first prophecy)

*The Mother Prophecy*¹⁴



After the fall of Adam and Eve the scriptures gives us the account of the punishment God gives to Adam and Eve and Satan the serpent. It is a very important prophecy worth a second look. In one simple verse, God gave an overview of the entirety of redemptive history.

Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Note: “enmity,” is defined as being opposed to, or hostile to, a deep-rooted hatred for someone, or a group, strife.

Eve, the mother of all humanity, sinned, and God declared that from that day forward there would be hostility between herself and Satan. Beyond this, Satan’s “seed,” or followers, would be at enmity with the offspring of Eve, those who did not follow Satan. But even more important, Satan’s seed would be at war with the seed, which is the Messiah, and His followers.

According to this ancient prophecy, history would tell the story of the people of Satan in conflict with the people of God. Then comes the glorious promise that although Satan would merely bruise the heel of the Messiah, in the end, the Messiah will crush the skull of Satan as well as his followers.

In this single verse, in one brief declaration, we have a synopsis of redemptive history. It then becomes for us a type of “**MOTHER PROPHECY**” of which all other prophetic promises concerning the Messiah come from.

In the above scripture the term “bruise,” or “strike his heel” means to set back or to trip up.

¹⁴ “The Mideast Beast” by: Joel Richardson pg.16

THE FULFILLING THE MOTHER PROPHECY

Two part prophecy:

I will put **ENMITY** between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed.

It shall **BRUSE** your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

WAR OF THE SEEDS

(Historic)

As stated earlier “**Enmity**,” is defined as being opposed to, or hostile to, a deep-rooted hatred for someone. History has proved this to be true and accurate. As all men are born of the woman there are always those who will choose the darker side they align themselves with the evil of this world. There are also those who will choose righteousness and the good that is in the world and by their very nature choose to serve God.

These two opposites have been engaged in war, fighting and killing each other since Cain killed his brother Abel. As long as there is a sin nature there are those who will choose it over God. Six thousand years of the seed of Satan fighting the seed of Eve and there will be no end in sight till the King of all Kings comes and puts a stop to all the madness and killing.

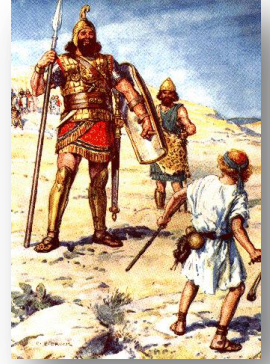
A BRUISE FOR A BRUISE

(Prophetic)

“it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

The word “it” here is referencing the enmity statement of the first part. In this second half of the prophecy God is speaking directly to Satan. The word translated “**BRUISE**” in reference to the head would be better translated “**CRUSH**” God is saying that Jesus “His heel” will crush your head, while you (Satan) will bruise his (Jesus) heel. Let’s look at what happened in history that fulfilled this second half of the prophecy. This takes us to the story of **David and Goliath**.

Goliath was a very large man anywhere from 6'-9" to 9'-9". He came from the town of Gath (1 Sam.17:4) and was the chief warrior and champion of the Philistine army. He came out onto the field of battle and challenged anyone from Israel to come out and fight him and thus settle the battle that way.



David on the other hand was just a teenager (14-17yo approx.) who had come out of the fields tending sheep and now was the shield-bearer and harpist to King Saul. David grew tired of hearing Goliath's taunting God's people, so he volunteered to go and kill the pagan Philistine.

1 Samuel 17: 49-51, ⁴⁹ "And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung *it*, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it."

To the victor goes the spoils of war and so David not only kept the head of Goliath, but the armor also. His greatest trophy however was the head which was so large David needed both hands to carry it, or he simply dragged it behind him. Then David took the head of Goliath to Jerusalem, but his armor he put in his tent (1 Samuel 17:51-54).

Jews would not have permitted the Gentile giant's head to be buried within the city walls. It would have been buried outside the city walls. David took it outside of the city to a hill just outside the walls and buried it there. This place became known as the "place of the skull" and not just any skull, but of the skull of Goliath, the champion, and the seed of Satan. The hill is also known by another name which is "Golgotha" The term is a corruption of Hebrew for "Goliath of Gath," Goliath of Gath = GoliGath = GolGath = GolGatha = Golgotha.

Mark 15:22, "They brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, place of a Skull."

Luke 23:33 (ASV), "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left."

It is noteworthy to mention at this point that the feet were often nailed to opposite sides of the upright beam.¹⁵ A nail was then driven through the heel bone into the wood, making sure the body would not come off the cross.

What does all this mean?

Jesus many times in scripture claimed to be the son of David King of Israel.¹⁶ David was the one who slue Goliath and buried his head on Golgotha. Now remember Gen 3:15, her seed shall crush your skull? Now the cross that Jesus was nailed to was standing on the **SKULL** of Satan's champion Goliath. At the same time all Satan could do was to "bruise His **HEAL**." A direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Gen 3:15.

Now as to the first part of the prophecy, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed." All the wars of history of good vs. evil have been in fulfillment of "The Mother Prophecy." The seed of Satan is all those who decide to follow Satan and do his bidding here on earth. Satan and his demons will forever be at odds and battle the seed of all those who follow God. It has been the classic battles of right vs. wrong, good over evil and so it will be until Jesus comes back and puts a stop to it all. Jesus will set up His Messianic Kingdom and men will no longer study war and there will peace at last.

Isaiah 2:4, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Within the Mother Prophecy we can find Jesus if we do a little digging ... yep He is there. Thank You Lord!

¹⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion#Nail_placement

¹⁶ Mt. 1:1, 12:23; Mrk. 12:35; Lu. 1:31-33; Acts 13:22-23

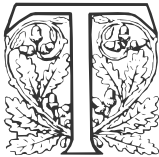


A Closer Look

(Noah and Jesus)



Finding Jesus in Unexpected Places ...



he Bible is about Jesus Christ. If we study carefully we can find Him on every page – not just in the New Testament, but also in the Old Testament. “Here I am,” Jesus said, “it is written about me in the scroll” (Hebrews 10:7).

*The Gospel in Genesis*¹⁷

The Bible is not simply 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, the Bible is an integrated whole which bears evidence of supernatural engineering in every detail.

The Jewish rabbis have a quaint way of expressing this very idea: they say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes. But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us, He will interpret the very words; He will even interpret the very letters themselves; in fact, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters!

¹⁷ Excerpts from “A Hidden message: The Gospels in Genesis,” By: Chuck Missler. Visit <http://www.khouse.org>

When I first heard this, I simply dismissed this as a colorful exaggeration. Until I reread Matthew 5:17-18.

Matthew 5:17-18, "Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

A "jot and tittle" are the Hebrew equivalent of our, "dotting an every i, and the crossing every t". Every word, letter, even spaces shall be explained.

A remarkable example of this can be glimpsed in Genesis Chapter 5, where we have the genealogy of Adam through Noah. This is one of those chapters which we often tend to skim over quickly as we pass through Genesis it's simply a genealogy from Adam to Noah.

But God always rewards the diligent student. Let's examine this chapter more closely. In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names. What do these names mean in English?



A look at the Patriarchs (The Blood Line which leads to Jesus)

Here I am going to try and share with you a few small details of the ten patriarchs as to how old they were at the time of their son's birth, the meaning of their name and how old they were upon their death. There is a good reason for looking at these so hang in there till the end of the list, you will be blessed.

1. There was a man whose name was **ADAM**. His name means "*Man* because he was the first man." Now Adam was 130 years old when his third son Seth was born. Adam lived another 800 years and was 930 years old when he died (Gen. 5:3-5)
2. The third son of Adam was **SETH** whose name means *appointed*, for his mother Eve said of him, "For God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew." (Gen. 4:25)

3. Now Seth was 105 years old when a son was born to him who was **ENOS** which means *mortal*, frail, or miserable. It was in the days of Enos when men began to defile the name of the Living God (Gen. 4:26). Enos was 90 years old when his son Kenan (possibly Cainan) was born. Seth lived another 807 years. (Gen.5:6-8)
4. **KENAN** whose name means *sorrow*. He would be the patriarch for the tribe of men called Kenites. Kenan was 70 years old when his son Mahalalel was born and lived another 840 years before he died. (Gen. 5:12-14)
5. **MAHALALEL** was 65 years old when his son Jared was born. Mahalalel's name means *blessed, or praise*; having the *el* ending (the name of God). Thus Mahalalel means the *blessed God*. Mahalalel lived 830 years after the birth of his son (Gen. 5:15-17)
6. **JARED** whose name means *shall come down* was 162 when his son Enoch was born and lived another 800 years (Gen.5:18-20).
7. **ENOCK** was 65 years old when his son Methuselah was born. His name means *teaching*, or commencement. Enoch walked with God and lived another 300 years and God took him to heaven alive having never died.

He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ (although it is quoted in the New Testament Book of Jude): Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against" (Jude 14, 15).

Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came.

8. **METHUSELAH** was 187 years old when his son Lamech was born and lived another 782 years (Gen. 5:25-27). The root word of Methuselah's name "*muth*" means death; and "*shalach*," which means to bring, or to send forth. Thus his name means "*his death shall bring*".

Note: Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood

would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth. (Can you imagine raising a kid like that? Every time the boy caught a cold, the entire neighborhood must have panicked!) And, indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the flood came. It is interesting that Methuselah's life, in effect, was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. Therefore, it is fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, speaking of the extensiveness of God's mercy.

9. **LAMECH** was 182 years old when his son Noah was born and lived another 777 years (Gen.5:28-31). His name is still evident in our own language today and in its various forms we get the word lament or lamentation. Lamech then suggest the state of *despairing*.

10. **NOAH** was 500 years old when he begot his three sons (Gen 5:32).

Note: there is some controversy as to Noah's age at the birth of his sons and there are related scripture suggesting the sons were born at different times. For this look at Noah we shall use Gen. 5:32 as our reference.

Noah's name is derived from the word *nacham*, which means to bring *rest*, relief, or *comfort*. Lamech explains why he named his son Noah in Genesis 5:29.

Genesis 5:29, ²⁹Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

Noah live another 350 years after the flood (Gen.5:28-31). He was 600 years old at the time of the flood. His grandfather Methuselah died the same year as the flood as was foretold.

Now that I have explained what the patriarchs names mean we can look at the overall picture that Jesus wanted us to discover. Remember that verse in Proverbs?

Proverbs 25:2 "It is the glory of God to CONCEAL a thing: but the honor of kings is to SEARCH OUT a MATTER."

Now let's look at the names again:

<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Yrs. old when son Born</u>
Adam	Man	130
Seth	Appointed	105
Enosh	Mortal	90
Kenan	Sorrow	70

Mahalalel	The Blessed God	65	Total years from Adam to to the flood 1,556 years
Jared	Shall come down	162	
Enoch	Teaching	65	
Methuselah	His death shall bring	187	
Lamech	The Despairing	182	
Noah	Rest or comfort	500	

The remarkable truth of what God has hidden in His word is for those who will look. If you will seek, you will find. The above Hebrew names when translated to English and put end to end would read as such.



“Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring the despairing rest.

Here is the Gospel hidden within a genealogy in Genesis. Here again we can find Jesus. God is trying to show the world His Son for those who will but seek Him. You will never convince me that a group of Jewish rabbis conspired to hide the Christian Gospel right here in a genealogy within their honored Torah!

Evidence of Design

The implications of these discoveries are more wide spread than is evident at first glance. It demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of mankind. It is a love story, written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea almost 2,000 years ago.

The Bible is an integrated message system, the product of supernatural engineering. Every number, every place name, every detail every jot and tittle is there for our learning, our discovery, and our amazement. Truly, our God is an awesome God.

It is astonishing to discover how many Biblical controversies seem to evaporate once you simply recognized the integrity of these 66 books, penned by 40 authors over thousands of years. It is remarkable how many subtle discoveries lie behind the little details of the text. Some of these become immediately obvious with a little study.





Pictures of Jesus



The Ark as a “TYPE” pointing us to Jesus



One place we find Jesus in the Old Testament is in “type”. A type is an example or illustration that points to a person or an event. Finding Jesus hidden in type is a most exciting and rewarding study. Remember Proverbs 25:2, “...the glory of kings is to search out a matter.” Let’s look at Noah’s Ark as a type of Christ and see what we discover and “search out the matter”.

Eight things the Ark teaches us about Jesus¹⁸

1) The Ark was provided by God, through grace.

Genesis 6:13-14, “God said to Noah, ‘The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark...’”

Before the flood came God provided Noah a way in which he could escape. Why? Because “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” (Genesis 6:8)

God doesn’t change. He’s still righteous so He must judge sin yet He’s still merciful and “takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.” (Ezekiel 33:11) Through His grace He has provided a way to escape before judgment comes.

Jesus is the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:8) So our salvation was not a spur of the moment decision. Before you were created God knew what it would cost Him to have you spend eternity with Him and He thought you were worth the price. His love was greater than the sin that He saw.

2) The Ark’s design was revealed in advance

Genesis 6:14-15, “And this is how you shall make it...”

God gave Noah very specific instructions as to how the ark was to be built. In the same way, in the Old Testament God gives very specific details about Jesus’ life and mission. We refer to these details as **MESSIANIC PROPHECIES**.

¹⁸ <http://biblestudyplanet.com/2010/04/25/8-things-noahs-ark-teaches-us-about-jesus/>

For example, the Old Testament tells us that Jesus would be the Son of God (Psalm 2:7), that He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), He would be an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10), and that He would be raised from the grave (Psalm 16:10).

3) The Ark had a window above

Genesis 6:16, “You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above...”

Noah and his family were not to look down or around for their salvation, they were to look up towards heaven. In the same way the believer is to keep his eyes focus on Jesus and not on the world around him or hell below him. Jesus is always taking our eyes off the temporary and refocusing them on the eternal. “In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

4) The Ark had rooms

Genesis 6:16, “make rooms in the ark...”

Just as the ark had rooms, Jesus told us that in His Father’s house “are many mansions” or literally, that the Father’s house has many “dwelling places”. (John 14:2) When we come to Christ we receive more than just forgiveness for our sins, we become a part of God’s family.

1 John 3:1, “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

5) The Ark had only one door

Genesis 6:16, “...and set the door of the ark in its side.”

There were two groups of people during the time of the flood – those who survived and those who didn’t. The ark was the only way of salvation. Those who survived walked into the ark through the one door.

In the same way there are two types of people in God’s eyes – those who will be judged and those who are forgiven. Jesus is the only means of salvation and the only door into heaven. “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved.” (John 10:9) And again, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

6) The Ark was a refuge from the storm

Genesis 6:17-19, “...I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every living thing of all flesh you shall

bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you;
they shall be male and female.

The ark was a place of refuge from the storm. Jesus is our refuge from God's wrath. "Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." (Romans 5:9-10)

7) Man was invited in

Genesis 7:1, "Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark..."

Noah was invited into the ark to rest from the storm. Jesus gives us an invitation to rest from life's storms. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

8) They were secure in the Ark

Genesis 7:16, "So those that entered, male and female of all flesh,
went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in."

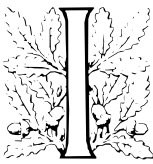
The Lord shut Noah in the ark and He kept him secure. In the same way we are not saved by works, but by grace. We have trusted in Christ for our salvation and as a result we are "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." (Ephesians 1:13-14) And again in John 6:37: "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."

What's Special about Nissan 17?

The issue of the two Jewish calendars.

The Beginning of the **RELIGIOUS** Calendar

Exodus 12:1, “Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

 In Exodus 12:1-2 God tells Moses that the year from that point on will begin “This month”, but it is not for the purpose of counting years, but rather, it is in commemoration of the momentous transformation, from slavery to physical liberation from Egypt. Passover, on the other hand (which many call the beginning of the New Year) is celebrated in its own right as the pivotal event which led to the Exodus. Therefore, the 1st day of Nissan (or *Nisan*) became the date for the first month of the Hebrew/Jewish calendar, also referred to as the religious calendar (year).

In other words, months in the Hebrew/Jewish calendar are numbered beginning with the month of Nissan as explicitly stated in the Torah (*Old Testament*). In fact, the title “First of the Months” is reserved in the scriptures for the month of Nissan (Ex. 12:2).

Note: A piece of history: The name of the first month was not always Nissan, but rather Abib. God changed it after the Babylonian captivity to Nissan - Meaning: “their flight”

(Neh. 2:1).

Then there is the **CIVIL** Calendar. This is the point in the year from which the years are counted. This is the historical date agreed upon by the sages that was the date of creation of man. Rosh Hashana (September 2010), started year 5771 from the creation of Adam.

So why am I telling you this? Up until the Exodus from Egypt the months were numbered from Tishri (September) forward. Therefore the flood of Noah happened before Jacob was in Egypt. At this point in scripture we are told that in the 7th month (from Tishri) and on such a day something happened. That month, the 7th month they are speaking about would be the month of Abib (later changed to Nissan).

Gen 8:1-4, "...The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down, and on the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat."

Now let us fast forward approximately 2000 years to the week of the crucifixion. God has changed the head of months to Nissan centuries ago and we find Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jews everywhere were flocking to Jerusalem for it was the week of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first day of the feast is called Passover, the day the lambs were sacrificed for the sin of the people. Jesus came into Jerusalem on the 11th day of Nissan, on the 1st day of the week we call Sunday and this day is better known to us as Palm Sunday.

The next day (Monday) Jesus would tell his disciples that He would be killed in two days (Wednesday).

Hebrew	English	Number	Length	Civil Equivalent
ניסן	Nissan	1	30 days	March-April
אייר	Iyar	2	29 days	April-May
סיון	Sivan	3	30 days	May-June
תמוז	Tammuz	4	29 days	June-July
אב	Av	5	30 days	July-August
אֶלוּל	Elul	6	29 days	August-September
תשרי	Tishri	7	30 days	September-October
חשוון	Cheshvan	8	29 or 30 days	October-November
כסלו	Kislev	9	30 or 29 days	November-December
טבת	Tevet	10	29 days	December-January
שבט	Shevat	11	30 days	January-February
אדר א'	Adar I (leap years only)	12	30 days	February-March
אדר ב'	Adar (called Adar Beit in leap years)	12 (13 in leap years)	29 days	February-March

Matthew 26:1-2, "When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be handed over for crucifixion."

This would be Nissan 14th the day of the Passover, according to the command of God. He would then rise again as prophesied three days later on the 17th day of the seventh month, the same day that the ark of Noah came to rest on Mount Ararat having brought them through the waters of the flood (a type of baptism) and into a new life.

Seven events in scripture that¹⁹ occurred on Nissan 17

1. Noah's Ark safely rested on Mt. Ararat (Gen 8:4) Note that the seventh month was later designated as the first month at the time of the Exodus (Ex. 12:2).
2. The Hebrew people entered into Egypt 430 years before being delivered (Ex.12:40-41)
3. Moses led the Israelites through the parting of the Red Sea (Ex.3:18; 5:3)
4. Israel entered and ate the first fruit of the Promised Land (Joshua 5:10-12)
5. The cleansing of the Temple by Hezekiah (eight hundred years after entering the promised land. (2 Chronicles 29:1-28)
6. Queen Esther saved the Jews from Elimination (Esther 3:12, 5:1)
7. The Resurrection of Messiah (think about it)

The odds of just two of these events both happening accidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year (360 days) are one in 129,000.

The odds of these events all happening coincidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year are one in 783 quadrillion, 864 trillion, 876 Billion, 960 Million (783,864,876,960,000,000).

One of the things I love about God is that He is very exact and precise. It's like He loves to provide clues, little bread crumbs, throughout His word for us to follow if we will take the time. The mystery of the 17th is one of those bread crumbs. What starts off as an insignificant date mentioned in Gen 8:4 is in reality the first in a series of clues that God gave pointing to the resurrection of His Son! All we need to do is take some more time searching and following the clues! And if you follow these right to the end, you'll find that God's clues always lead to His Son, Jesus!

Again we see that it is and always has been ... all about Jesus.

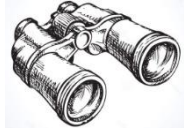
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Part Four



The Tabernacle





A Closer Look

The Tabernacle of God

(A foreshadowing of things to come in the age of the Church)²⁰

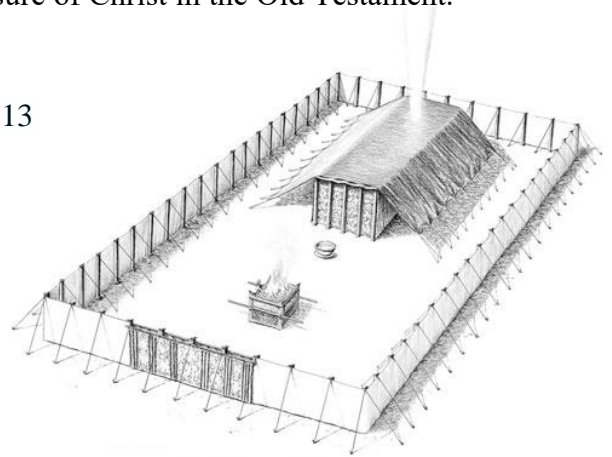
“The revelation of the Tabernacle is the greatest treasure of Christ in the Old Testament.”

Author Unknown

Exodus 25-40; Hebrews 9-13



The tabernacle was a moveable “Tent of Meeting” that God commanded Moses to build. God wanted to dwell among His people, the Israelites. He wanted to have fellowship with them and be able to communicate with them.



The tabernacle and its courtyard were constructed according to a pattern set by God, not by Moses.

We study the tabernacle to understand the steps the Lord laid out for a sinful people to approach a Holy God. The tabernacle was built approximately 1440 B.C., and was the place where God dwelt with His people for 400 years. It was used from the time of the exodus until the time of King Solomon, when the temple was built. The tabernacle was the center of the Israelite camp. The twelve tribes of Israel camped around the tabernacle in a special arrangement.

The tabernacle consisted of a tent-like structure (the tabernacle proper) covered by rug-like coverings for a roof, and an external courtyard (150 feet by 75 feet). The whole compound was surrounded by a high fence about 7 feet in height. The fence was made of linen hangings held by pillars.

The tent (tabernacle proper) was divided into the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The tent was made of acacia wood boards overlaid with gold and fitted together to form the walls, measuring 45 by 15 feet. On top, four layers of curtains acted as a roof to shield

²⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJCEFvclhDI>

the tabernacle from sun and rain: The innermost layer was woven with fine linen and embroidered with figures of cherubim (angels), the second layer was made of goat's hair, the third layer was made of rams' skins dyed red, and the outermost layer was made of porpoise skins. The curtains were pinned to the ground with loops and clasps.

The specific layout of the tabernacle and its courtyard is significant because it illustrates God's prescribed way for man to approach Him.

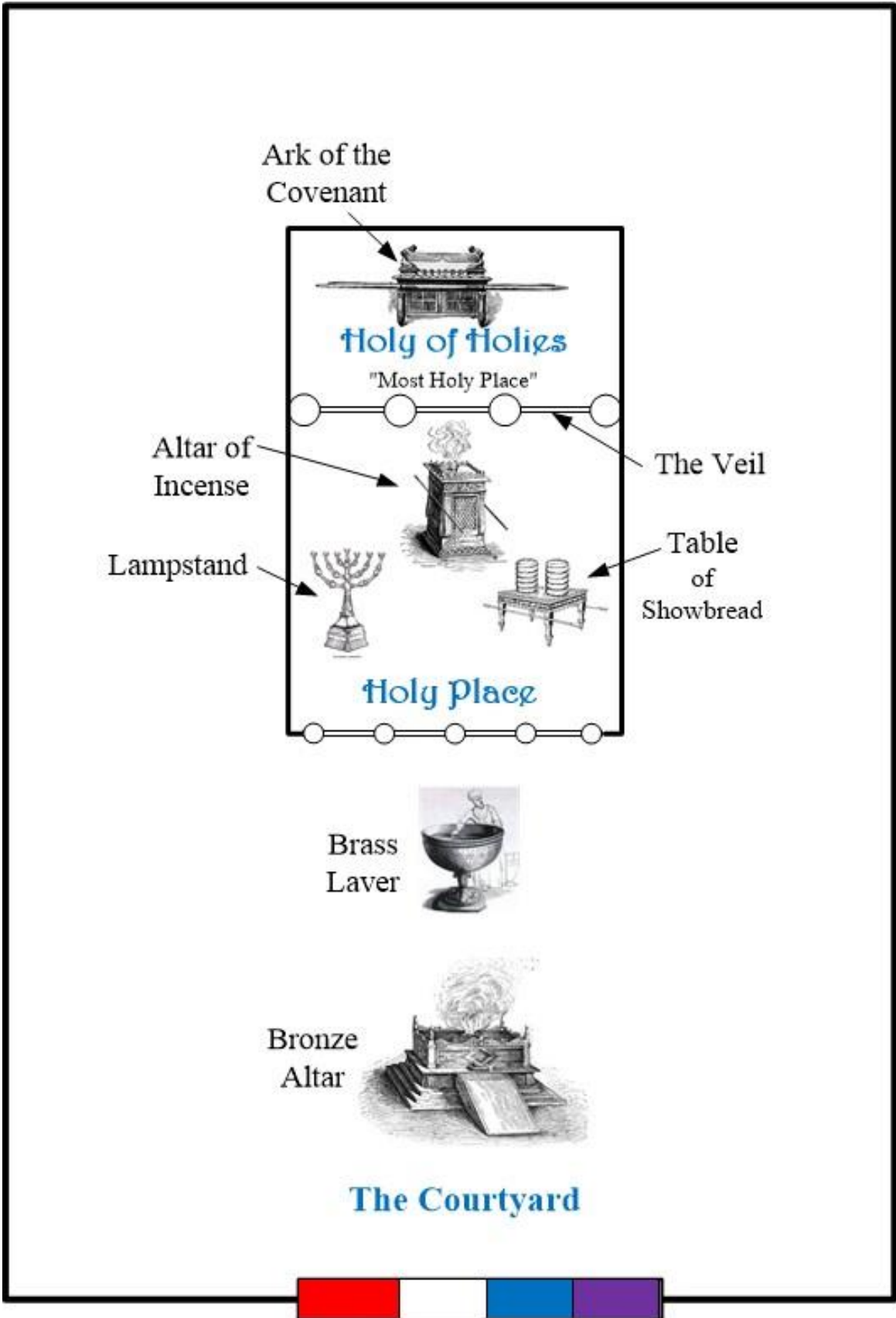
The whole compound was surrounded by a high fence with only one entrance. A person could not simply come from any direction into the tabernacle as he pleased — he had to enter through the **ONE GATE** which was always located to the east (so that people were facing west when they entered the tabernacle — a direct opposition to the pagan sun worshippers of the day who always faced east). Upon entering the gate, he encountered the brazen altar, where he was to present his animal offering, and then hand the reigns over to the priests, who make atonement and intercession for him in the tent.

This setup informed the Israelites that they could only come to God in the way He prescribed. There was no other way. As we will see even more clearly in the following sections, God is using the *Old Testament tabernacle* to tell us that we, too, must come to Him in the way He has provided for us through Jesus Christ.

Here in the tabernacle we can find Jesus. Every piece of the tabernacle, and every piece of material in it, all point to Jesus and to the glory that we will see one day in heaven. This tabernacle is but a copy of the one in Heaven.

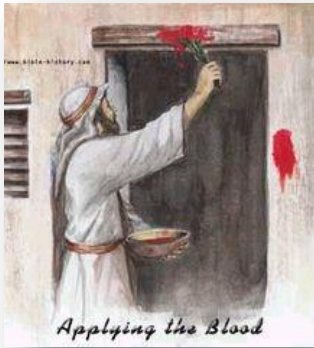
Hebrews 8:5, They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

(Ex. 25:9, 40; 26:30; 27:8; Num. 8:4; Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5)



Building God a House

The first Passover was in Egypt. It was the night that God's people put the blood of a lamb without blemish over the door post of their houses. With that the death angel would Passover their house and everyone that was in the house would be saved.



With great miracles God brought His people out of Egypt with instructions for them to build Him a Tabernacle so He could dwell among them. Prior to the building of the Tabernacle Moses had to go up onto the mountain to even hear God's voice. God wanted to come down to be among His people.

Exodus 25:8, "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them."

Church Alert: The Tabernacle that would be built would also speak of Jesus and His church. Again the message is the same Jesus wants to come down and dwell among His people. (Rev. 3:20)

Let's take a look at the Lord's instructions to Moses and see if we can find Jesus in the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:1-10

¹And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering.

³And this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

⁴And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

⁵And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

⁶Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

⁷ Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

⁹ According to all that I shew you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall you make it.

¹⁰ And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

A Picture of the Gospel

Scripture in Review:

v₁₋₂, And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering.

The Lord told Moses to take up an offering and for those who gave of it willingly He called it “His offering.” The Tabernacle was to be built from the offerings of God’s people of those who would give from their heart.

v₃, and this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

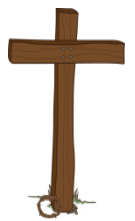
The first three items God asked for was **GOLD** (which speaks of purity), **SILVER** (which speaks of redemption), and **BRASS** (Which speaks of suffering). It is God saying “My Son (*Gold*) will become a man to redeem (*Silver*) through suffering (*Brass*).

v₄, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

Notice how the color of the cloth and of the type all point to Jesus and His reason for coming. Cloth of blue (*Son of God*), purple (*King of Glory*), scarlet (Suffering Savior), fine linen (*Perfect Man*), goats hair (*The Prophets*).

v₅, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood

In this verse we have a picture of the cross. The rams skins dyed red (*Speaks of the Son of God dying on Calvary*), badgers skins (*Jesus being marred, His suffering*), shittim (acacia)* wood (Meaning His body saw no corruption,



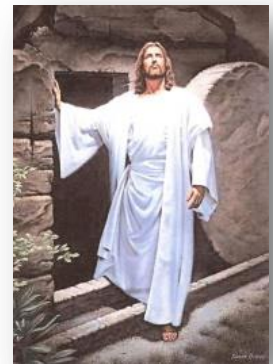
Ps.16:10; Acts 2:27; 13:37,37). These things again clearly point to the foreshadowing of the one who is to come. God is showing us His Son, here we can find pictures of Jesus.

*Note: Acacia trees would have been one of the only types of trees growing in the wilderness regions traveled by Israel. In addition, acacia wood is dense and extremely strong, making it a great option for any type of wooden construction. One researcher has noted, “This wood is resistant to decay because the tree deposits in the heartwood many waste substances which are preservatives and render the wood unpalatable to insects making the wood dense and difficult to be penetrated by water and other decay agents.”²¹

v6, “Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense.”



It is amazing that right after the picture of His Sons resurrection that God speaks of the Oil, anointing and of incense. These speak of the Holy Spirit and now within these few verses we have the Gospel given to us in order.



Church Alert: In the Gold we see Jesus coming from heaven, the silver says He came as a man to redeem and in the brass we see His death. That was what He told Pilot (John 18:33-38) “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world.”

He is the Son of God, He is the King of Glory, He is the Suffering Messiah, and He is the perfect man. He is the Prophet and He is the one who died on the cross. He is the one who was marred more than any other man, He is the one whose dead body saw no corruption, but rose from the dead and as a result from the oil (healing) will flow.

²¹ <http://www.gotquestions.org/acacia-wood.html>


Entering the Tabernacle

John 14:6, Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Matthew 7:13-14, ¹³“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.¹⁴ Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Duet. 4:29, “But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

One man’s encounter

 Like many Christians I have been saved for some time but for a long time I have felt the need for more, more of God in my life. It wasn't until I was to the point of desperation for God that something happened, then last night I fell asleep ...

I found myself walking among the clouds not knowing where I was going when I felt a pulling in my spirit, a nudge to continue on for a little bit more. Actually I should say I was being drawn²² to what I would discover was the house of the Lord. Here I thought I would find more. It was different than what I thought I'd see, but without hesitation I stepped beyond the curtains that were considered the door. I wonder if He is home.

As I walked through the curtain a feeling came over me. It was a Holy feeling, and suddenly I wasn't sure I belonged in here, but at the same time I didn't want to leave. I looked around and thought it was very dim. I could still see the faint outlines of objects in the room, things made of gold. Without having any prior knowledge of this place I somehow sensed a feeling of familiarity here. A thought ran through my mind, “This is my Father’s house.”

There was little light to see by, just the faint flickers of objects made of gold. Without any warning the object to my left lit up and suddenly I could see my

²² John 12:32

surroundings. It was a **GOLDEN LAMPSTAND** with seven candle holders and the candle in the middle was now glowing as if someone had just lit it. Then as I watched one by one another candle holder ignited with its light until all seven were burning brightly. Then a voice came, not so much an audio voice, but one I clearly heard just the same, “[I am the light of the world.](#)”²³

I said to myself rather quickly, “I think He’s home, I’m sure of it.”

I turned to see the room I was in and saw a golden table. I took a moment to look at this table and as I counted twelve round loaves of bread in two stacks. I wondered what this could be for. Again I heard that same voice clearly say to me, “[This is my TABLE of SHOWBREAD, take and eat of Me.](#)” This I did, but I only took one bite, and it filled my stomach. There was something about just taking that one bit, I felt it please the Lord. Again I heard “[I am the bread of life.](#)”²⁴

After a few moments my attention was drawn to a smaller piece of furniture that looked like a small altar. As I looked at it, a fire ignited and the smell of a wonderful aroma came up and filled my senses. Within a few minutes the entire room was filled with a wonderful fragrance. Without ever being told, somehow I knew our prayers were like this incense. They come up as a sweet aroma to God and He breathes them in.

Now directly behind this **ALTER of INCENSE** I saw the most beautiful draperies hanging from the ceiling with images of angels on them. The drapery formed a divider between this Holy Place and another room where I felt that I dared not go through. Still my spirit yearned for more, what was the purpose of all this, I thought?

While I was still in amazement of the three pieces of furniture in this room and what they could mean, I was certain that volumes of books could be written about this room alone. Then I heard again that soft voice deep within me say to me “[What do you seek?](#)”

I answered the voice that spoke, “I don’t know, what this place is?”

“[It is my house,](#)” said the voice. “[It is a Holy place. Take off your shoes for where you stand is Holy to Me.](#)”

I suddenly felt an over whelming since of holiness in the room. I did as I heard the voice say and removed my shoes. Though I had no fear, I was in awe of my surroundings and of the voice. There was someone here. I knew it because I could feel their presence and I surely heard His voice. My humbled heart was overcome and I fell to my knees. The Spirit of Holiness came over me like a warm blanket, one I could feel.

²³ John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16

²⁴ John 6:35, 49-50

Again the voice said to me, “I see you and I know your heart. You are tired and weary from the cares of this world. Come to me, and I will give you rest.”²⁵

“But I can’t see you.” I answered. I stood to my feet and shouted “Where are you?”

Without another word being spoken I heard a ripping noise and looked up in the direction of the noise, I saw the very thick and beautiful curtain that was behind the Alter of Incense begin to rip in two from the top all the way down to the bottom. There before me stood one who was so bright and so beautiful to look at. With his hands held out to me, I saw the person of the voice that spoke to me.

“Now I say to you, the veil no longer separates us. As you have come looking, so I have made myself known to you. I am here, for I am Jesus whom you seek.”



²⁵ Matthew 11:28

The Transitions of the Believer

Depicted in the Tabernacle

To enter into the tabernacle of God you must go through the GATE first.

*The Gate*²⁶

Exodus 27:10-16; 38:14-19; John 10:9



“Go through the narrow gate.”
(Matthew 7:13)

What is it that you seek?



e now stand at the Gate, for every man who stands at the Gate I would ask him this question, “What do you seek”? It is the right question to ask of someone standing at the gate.

WHAT DO YOU SEEK? ... God’s power (His hand) or God presence (His face)? This reminds me of something I have learned over the years. If you seek God’s hand (His rewards, gifts of service) and not His face, you will not find what you are looking for, or receive. If you seek God’s face first (speaks of relationship with Him), you will find Him

²⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ew0H2W-B-AY>

and then He will give you what is in His hand for you (His blessings). For those who seek Him will find Him and in Him is the keys to the Kingdom.

Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

GOD’S POWER is not for you it is for others through you. It does not change you it does not nourish you and does not maintain you. God’s power does not feed you. God’s power was seen by Israel, but they wanted to go back to Egypt. It was seen for 40 years and they rejected Him. His power was seen when Jesus walked the earth and they said to crucify him. God’s power does not keep you alive

We need to enter into **GOD’S PRESENCE**. To find God is to find a life worth living on a much grandeur scale. God’s presence is what you need for living, it nourishes you, it keeps you and transforms you into the image of Christ Jesus. Forget about yourself and with a humble heart on bended knee let Jesus transform you. God’s great desire for you is that you be transformed into the image of His son.

The Tabernacle is the Road map. It is the pattern to enter into His presence where by you are transformed into His image.

Entering into His presence

The Matter of Our Salvation



We have found our way to the Tabernacle that was built in the wilderness according to the word of God. Here is another place where I believe we find Jesus in the Old Testament. So far we have seen how He is pictured in the building of the Tabernacle. Now, more than anything else we want to meet Jesus. First we stand at the Gate because here is where we are introduced to Jesus, here we find Him ... He is the Gate, the way to the Father. If you want to enter into the Tabernacle then there is only one way in. Let’s go meet Jesus!

An Introduction to Jesus and the Four Revelations

Church Alert: The first transition of anyone seeking salvation happens at the Gate when he is introduced to Jesus. At the Gate there is repentance and the coming to Christ and accepting Him as Savior. Jesus became our sacrifice and High Priest for us.

Before you can enter into the presence of God you must experience the Gate. It is an introduction to Christ Jesus where you meet him as **SAVIOR** of your soul and **KING OF GLORY**. You met him as the **MAN CHRIST** and the **SON of GOD** these are the four revelations of Jesus. When we have experienced all four of these revelations we are then saved. For those who know Him only as “Man” their relationship / salvation doesn’t last and they fall by the wayside.

Psalm 100:4, “Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.”

There was only one Gate to the Tabernacle and therefore one way in. The Gate was made of heavy draped material in four different colors, all having different meanings and represented

The Four different revelations of Jesus.

Exodus 26:36, “You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver.



1. The white curtain - In the Book of **MARK** we are introduced to Jesus. We identify with **JESUS THE MAN**. As soon as Jesus was baptized He identified himself with sinful humanity



2. The scarlet curtain - In the Book of **LUKE** we find the Holy Spirit revealing to us **JESUS THE SAVIOR** / Redeemer. The man Christ who died on the cross and shed His blood.



3. The blue curtain - In the Book of **JOHN** we experience Jesus in the revelation of the **SON OF GOD**. We begin to worship Him, praise and exalt Him.



4. The purple curtain – In the Book of **MATTHEW** we finally know Him as **KING** and Matthew writes about His Kingdom. We ought to obey Jesus the King.

These four revelations represent Christ in His fullness to us at the time of our salvation.

Psa. 84:10 "One day spent in your Temple is better than a thousand anywhere else; I would rather stand at the gate of the house of my God than live in the homes of the wicked."

John 10:9, "I am the door (Gate): by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."



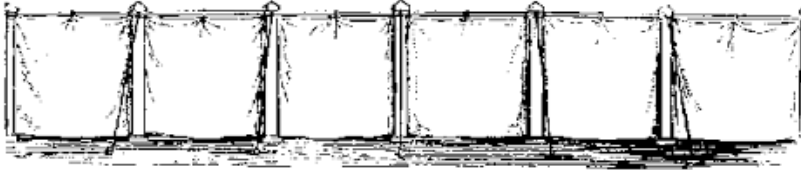
The Gate





The Courtyard

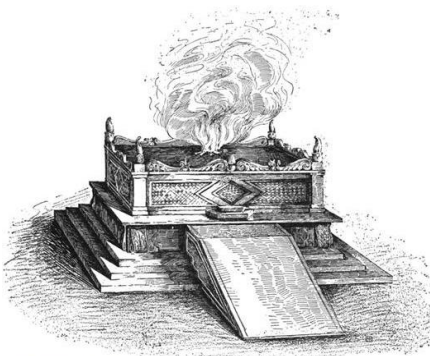
The Court Fence:



The curtain around the outer court was of fine white linen, which was fastened to 60 supporting pillars of bronze. Within the outer court there were the great "bronze altar of burnt offering" (Ex 27) used for sacrifices and offerings, and the "bronze laver" (Ex 30) used for the cleansing and purifications of the priests. The Tabernacle itself stood at the West end of the court.

The different areas of the Tabernacle pictured stages in the believer's life. The deeper into the Temple you go, the closer to God you become.

The Bronze Altar



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The Bronze Altar was made of acacia (shittim) wood and covered with bronze. The four corners had horns. There were bronze shovels, basins, fleshhooks (forks), and fire pans to collect ashes. A bronze grate with a ring in each corner was put under the altar. Carrying poles made of acacia wood covered with bronze were used to carry the altar.

Hebrew: The male, the head of the house would bring the sacrifice into the courtyard. Here he would lay his hands on the head of the sacrifice while it was killed. Symbolically his sins and that of his household would be transferred to the sacrifice.

- The animal represented an underserving recipient of a deserved punishment.
- God wanted people to trust in His provision, so He asked that the sacrifice be valuable and perfect.

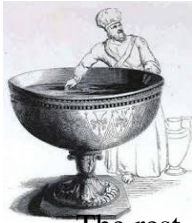
The sacrifice was only temporary covering the sins of the people. Therefore the sacrifice had to be repeated on a regular basis.

Church Alert: Jesus Christ bore our sins and became our sacrifice. Each individual now must make their own decision to accept Gods sacrificial lamb and what He did for them on the cross. For New Testament Christians the cross becomes a type of Bronze Altar.

- The perfect animal sacrifice foreshadowed Jesus, who became for us the perfect sacrifice who atoned for the sins of all.



The Brass Laver



The laver was made from brass mirrors donated by women. It may have had a shiny mirrored surface which would help the priest to wash thoroughly and to remind him that the Lord sees past the outward appearance, straight into the heart.

The rest of the steps were performed by the priests on behalf of the people. After making the sacrifice, the priest washed himself at the laver. This washing purified the priest and prepared him to enter the tabernacle. The Lord said that the priest must wash so that he would not die. Jesus washes us clean of our sins.



The Holy Place

In the courtyard outside the tabernacle tent, all items were made of common bronze, but inside the tent, close to God, they were precious gold, symbolizing deity and holiness.

The second transition is when the believer goes through the door into the Holy Place. This door was not for everyone, but only for those who want to continue their walk with the Lord until they not only know Him as Savior, but as the Lord of their lives.

The Holy Place – Every day the priests entered into the Holy Place to serve the Lord. Inside were the table of showbread, the seven-branched golden lampstand, and the altar of incense in front of a veil that separated the Holy Place from the smaller area called the Most Holy Place. (Exodus 26:33; Hebrews 9:2, 6)

The Golden Lampstand



The Golden Lampstand

The lampstand provided light in this otherwise dark room. The priest trimmed the wicks to keep them burning brightly. The lampstand or Candlestick was made from a single piece of gold. It was not pieced together. It had a central shaft with six branches, three on each side, making it a seven-branched lampstand. Each branch had knobs, flowers, and an almond-shaped bowl to hold pure olive oil. (Exodus 25:31-40)

The Light:

It was pretty dark in the Holy Place without any light. In this lampstand they did not use candles but rather an oil-lamp made of 75 pounds of pure gold which speaks of Christ (Ex. 25:39). Candles give light by consuming themselves. Lamps give light by means of oil from an external source. The light that we shine is not because of our own abilities, but because of Christ burning in us.

John 8:12, "I am the light for the world."

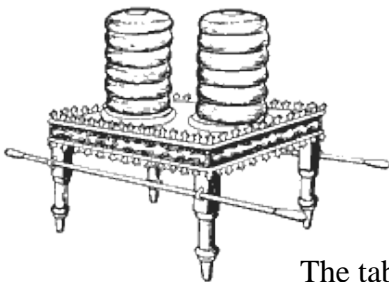
The Word:

The lamp stand of the tabernacle also speaks of the Word of God.

Psalms 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."

The light to your path speaks of something like a lighthouse, showing you the direction of your end-destination. The lamp for your feet is close and personal, showing you one step at a time.

The Table of Showbread



The table of showbread was a small table made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. It measured 3 feet by 1.5 feet and was 2 feet, 3 inches high. Gold carrying poles were put through rings on the corners of the table. There were also gold dishes, pans, pitchers, and bowls. (Exodus 25:23-30; Hebrews 9:2)²⁷

The table of showbread stood on the right side of the Holy Place across from the golden lampstand and held 12 loaves of bread representing the twelve tribes of Israel. The loaves were a continual reminder of the everlasting promises between God and the children of Israel, and a memorial of God's provision of food. The priests baked the

²⁷ http://the-tabernacle-place.com/articles/what_is_the_tabernacle/tabernacle_table_showbread

bread with fine flour and it remained on the table before the Lord for a week; every Sabbath day the priests would remove it and eat it in the Holy Place, then put fresh bread on the table. Only priests could eat the bread, and it could only be eaten in the Holy Place, because it was holy.

“Showbread” also was called “bread of the presence” because it was to be always in the Lord’s presence. The table and the bread were a picture of God’s willingness to fellowship and communion, literally speaking, sharing something in common with man. It was like an invitation to share a meal, an extension of friendship. Eating together often is an act of fellowship. God was willing for man to enter into His presence to fellowship with Him, and this invitation was always open.

Church Alter: Jesus exemplified this when He ate with tax collectors, prostitutes and the sinners of Jewish society. But this was more than just a gesture of friendship on earth. Jesus came to call sinners to Him, make them right with God, so that they could enjoy everlasting fellowship with God.

John 6:35, 49-50, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. ... Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die.”

God so desires our fellowship that He was willing to come to earth from heaven as our “bread of life” to give eternal life to all those who would partake in it. At Jesus’ last Passover meal with His disciples, Jesus described Himself as bread again:

Matthew 26:26, “While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, ‘Take and eat; this is my body.’”

Jesus’ broken body is our only access to fellowship with God. Today, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, or communion, to remember this important truth. And today, as in the day of Moses’ tabernacle, God still desires to have fellowship and sit down for a feast with His people.

Revelations 3:20, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

The Altar of Incense



The golden altar of incense sat in front of the curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. It was a square with each side measuring 1.5 feet and was 3 feet high. It was made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. Four horns protruded from the four corners of the altar.²⁸

Once a year on the Day of Atonement, the horns of the altar were sprinkled with the blood of the sin offering.

God commanded the priests to burn incense on the golden altar every morning and evening, the same time that the daily burnt offerings were made. The incense was to be left burning continually throughout the day and night as a pleasing aroma to the Lord. It was made of an equal part of four precious spices (stacte, onycha, galbanum and frankincense) and was considered holy. God commanded the Israelites not to use the same formula outside the tabernacle to make perfume for their own consumption; otherwise, they were to be cut off from their people (Exodus 30:34-38).

No other incense was to be burned on the altar. The incense was a matter of life and death, as Leviticus 10:1-2 clearly shows us, when two of Aaron's sons offered a "strange fire" before the Lord and were struck dead.

The incense was a symbol of the prayers and intercession of the people going up to God as a sweet fragrance. God wanted His dwelling to be a place where people could approach Him and pray to Him.

Isaiah 56:7, "...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

The picture of prayers wafting up to heaven like incense is captured in David's psalm and also in John's vision in Revelations:

Psalm 141:2, "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice."

Revelations 8:3-4, "Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand."

²⁸ http://the-tabernacle-place.com/articles/what_is_the_tabernacle/tabernacle_altar_of_incense

Church Alter: The golden altar, furthermore, is a representation of Christ, who is our intercessor before God the Father. During His days on earth, Jesus prayed for the believers. He was like the high priest of the tabernacle, who bore the names of each of the Israelite tribes on his breastplate before God. Just before He was betrayed and sentenced to death, Jesus interceded for His disciples and all believers, asking God to guard them from evil and sanctify them by His Word, and that they may see God's glory and be a witness to the world (John 17:1-26). Today, Jesus still is our high priest at the Father's side, interceding for God's people:

Romans 8:34, "Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Since we have been forgiven of our sins through the blood of Christ, we also come boldly in prayer in Jesus' name. When we pray in Jesus' name, we are praying based on the work He has done and not on our own merit. It is in His powerful name that we are saved and baptized, and in His name we live, speak and act.

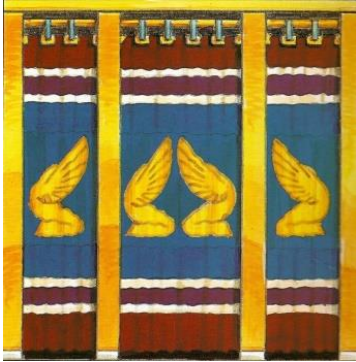
John 14:13-14, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."

The horns of the golden altar were sprinkled with blood from the animal sacrifice to cleanse and purify it from the sins of the Israelites (Leviticus 4:7, 16:18). Just as the horns on the brazen altar represent the power of Christ's blood to forgive sins, the horns on golden altar signify the power of His blood in prayer as we confess our sins and ask for His forgiveness.

James 5:15-16, "And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

In Luke 1:5-17, the priest Zechariah was in the Holy Place when an angel appeared near the altar of incense. Zechariah fell down with fear. The angel announced that God had heard Zechariah's prayers and that he and his wife would have a son named John (the Baptist) who would turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. (Exodus 30:1-37; Hebrews 9:2)

The Veil



The veil was a divider, a thick curtain that was made of fine linen with blue, purple and scarlet yarn. There were figures of cherubim (angels) embroidered onto it. Cherubim, spirits who serve God, are in the presence of God to demonstrate His almighty power and majesty. They also guarded the throne of God. These cherubim were also on the innermost layer of covering of the tent. If one looked upward, they would see the cherubim figures.

The word “veil” in Hebrew means a screen, divider or separator that hides. What was this curtain hiding? Essentially, it was shielding a holy God from sinful man. Whoever entered into the Holy of Holies was entering the very presence of God. In fact, anyone except the high priest who entered the Holy of Holies would die. Even the high priest, God’s chosen mediator with His people, could only pass through the veil and enter this sacred dwelling once a year, on a prescribed day called the Day of Atonement.

The picture of the veil was that of a barrier between man and God, showing man that the holiness of God could not be trifled with. God’s eyes are too pure to look on evil and He can tolerate no sin (Habakkuk 1:13). The veil was a barrier to make sure that man could not carelessly and irreverently enter into God’s awesome presence. Even as the high priest entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement, he had to make some meticulous preparations: He had to wash himself, put on special clothing, bring burning incense to let the smoke cover his eyes from a direct view of God, and bring blood with him to make atonement for sins.

Hebrews 9:7, “But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.”

So the presence of God remained shielded from man behind a thick curtain during the history of Israel.

Church Alert: When Jesus died on the cross everything changed. God’s offering of His Son (the Lamb of God) was now complete. Less than one mile away in the temple, the curtain that divided the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn in half, from the top to the bottom. Only God could have carried out such an incredible feat because the veil was too high for human hands to have reached it, and too thick to have torn it.



(The Jerusalem temple, a replica of the wilderness tabernacle, had a curtain that was about 60 feet in height, 30 feet in width and four inches thick.) Furthermore, it was torn from top down, meaning this act must have come from above.

As the veil was torn, the Holy of Holies was exposed. God's presence was now accessible to all. Shocking as this may have been to the priests ministering in the temple that day, it is indeed good news to us as believers, because we know that Jesus' death has atoned for our sins and made us right before God. The torn veil illustrated Jesus' body broken for us, opening the way for us to come to God. As Jesus cried out "It is finished!" on the cross, He was indeed proclaiming that God's redemptive plan was now complete. The age of animal offerings was over. The ultimate offering had been sacrificed.

We can now boldly enter into God's presence, "the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf." (Hebrews 6:19-20)

Hebrews 10:19-22, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith."

The Holy of Holies is a representation of heaven itself, God's dwelling place, which we have access now through Christ.

John has a vision of heaven, specifically the New Jerusalem which is a perfect square, just as the Holy of Holies was.

Revelation 21:16, "The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

Hebrews 9:24-26, "For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ... But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."



The Most Holy Place

The Holy of Holies - Within the Holy Place of the tabernacle, there was an inner room called the Holy of Holies, or the Most Holy Place. Judging from its name, we can see that it was a most sacred room, a place no ordinary person could enter. It was God's special dwelling place in the midst of His people. During the Israelites' wanderings in the wilderness, God appeared as a pillar of cloud or fire in and above the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies was a perfect cube — its length, width and height were all equal to 15 feet.

The high priest entered the Most Holy Place only once a year on the Day of Atonement. The focus was the Ark of the Covenant. The glory of God rested upon the lid of the ark (Mercy Seat). The high priest entered to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat to atone for his sins and the people's sins (Exodus 26:33-34; Hebrews).

The Ark of the Covenant



Also known as the Ark of the Testimony. The central focus of the entire tabernacle was the ark, in the Most Holy Place, where God spoke to the high priest above the mercy seat, the place where the winged cherubim faced each other.

Annually, the high priest would sprinkle blood on the mercy seat to atone for the sins of all the people. Then the friendship between God and His people was restored. God reached out and made it possible for the people to know Him.

The Ark of the Covenant (the box) was built out of acacia wood and then covered with gold, with a crown or molding around the top edge. Carrying poles were placed through four gold rings. The poles were wood overlaid with gold. The mercy seat was placed on top of the ark. (Ex. 25:9-22)

Church Alert: In the construction of the Ark we see the **PERSON OF CHRIST** and in the Mercy Seat (lid) we see the **PURPOSE**.

The contents of the ark included:

1. The Stone tablets with the Ten Commandments (“The Testimony”) given by God. The law given by God reminded the people that God would protect them if they were obedient to Him.

Church Alert: Jesus **FULFILLED the LAW** concerning us (Ceremonial Law) that which was done in the temple for the remission of sin is now done away with. He did not do away with the Moral Law (Ten Commandments), or the Civil Law.

2. A golden pot of manna (Ex.16:32-33) reminded the people that God constantly provides for them.

Church Alert: Jesus as he has declared is that **BREAD of LIFE**. In John chapter 6 Jesus tells us at least five times He is that Bread of Life, ie: Jn. 6:33, 35,41,48,51.

3. Aaron’s rod, which budded and bore fruit (Nu. 17:10), proved that Aaron was chosen by God. The rod also reminded the people that God has the power to bring life from death. (John 6:44; Ephesians 2:8-9; Exodus 25:10-16; Hebrews 9:4)

Church Alert: The stick that was dead now has budded showing newness of life, **CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD.**

These three articles God instructed to be put in the Ark of the Covenant, they served a dual purpose.

First they were reminders for the people and future generations of what God did for them, being contained in the Ark which is a type of Christ the Son of God.

Second we can see in the three items contained in the Ark pictures of the PERSON OF CHRIST. The tablets of the law remind us that Jesus came to fulfil the law* (Mt.5:15-20). The Jar or manna reminds us that Jesus is the true Bread of Life, and Aaron’s rod that buds tells us that there is new life in Jesus Christ

When Moses came down from the mountain he was angry at the sin of the people and he broke the tablets (the law), but God remade them. God told Moses to put the tablets in the Ark and do not show the people for they will only break the law again. Jesus was the Ark and the Law resides in Him.



Note: 1 Samuel 6:19, In the scripture we are told that the Philistines took the Mercy Seat (lid) off the Ark of the Covenant to see what was inside of it. What they did without realizing it was to expose themselves to the Law of God, which was inside the box.

The Blood of the sacrifice was on the Mercy seat and by removing the Mercy Seat they were then without a covering from the law. They exposed themselves to the Law of God and fifty thousand of them died. Without the blood covering we are dead.

The Mercy Seat



The Mercy Seat was symbolic of God's divine throne and presence. With the sprinkling of blood on the Mercy Seat, the judgement of God is transformed into grace and mercy. The Mercy Seat was made of pure gold. Two winged cherubs facing each other with their wings outstretched towards each other were on it.

The mercy seat was beaten or hammered from one solid piece of gold. It was placed above the ark. (Exodus 25:17-22; Hebrews 9:5)

The propitiation is the **PURPOSE** of the **MERCY SEAT**. Appeasing, or satisfying God's requirement for sin. The blood of the sacrifice was on the Mercy Seat. Therefore your sins were then atoned for. The blood of Jesus Christ is on the Mercy Seat, for those who believe in Him His blood becomes your covering, your **PROPITIATION** for your sin.

Church Alert: From the Apostle John

1 John 4:10 (KJV), "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."
(also 1 John 2:1)

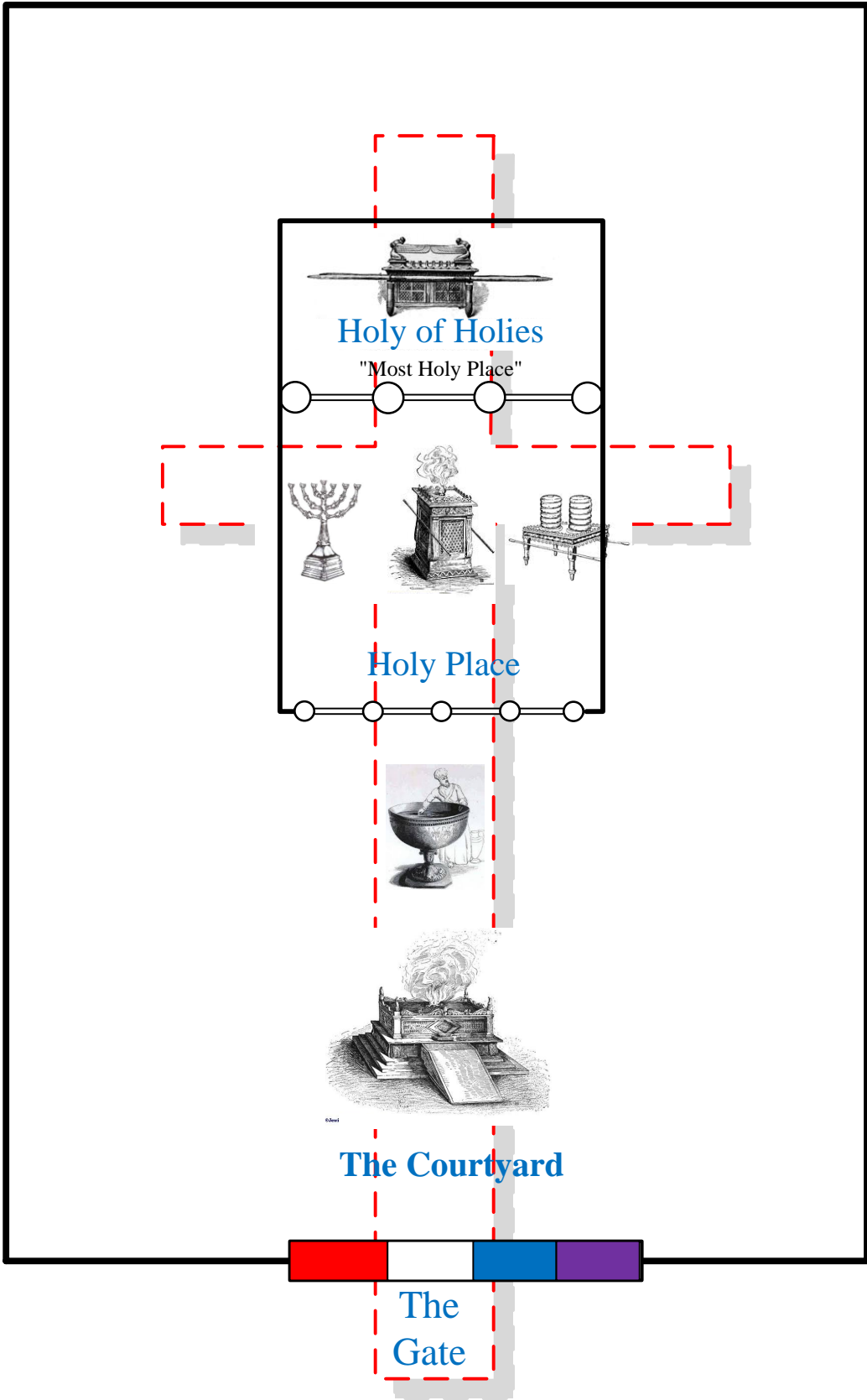


The Cloud and Pillar of Fire



The Lord manifested His presence with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. This cloud or pillar of fire would rest above the tabernacle, directly above the mercy seat. When the cloud or pillar of fire moved, the children of Israel followed it. Wherever it stopped, they camped there until it moved again. (Exodus 25:22; 29:43; 40:34-38)

Church Alert: The Tabernacle that God commanded to be built was not only a place where He could come and dwell among His people, but in every manor a picture of His Son and a foreshadowing of things to come.



What did we find in the study of the Tabernacle? In the beginning we were looking for Jesus and we found Him in every piece of furniture and covering, in all three different areas of the Tabernacle, the Courtyard, The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. The Tabernacle was one way that God has used to show us His Son.



For the Jews, they communed with God through the Tabernacle

1. Bronze altar for sacrifices
2. Bronze laver for washing
3. Lampstand
4. Table of Showbread
5. Altar of Incense
6. Through the Veil into the Most Holy Place
7. Priest and the garments



For the New Testament Christian

1. Christ's sacrifice
2. Cleansing through confession
3. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit
4. Fed by the Living Word
5. Prayer, communication, intercession
6. Entering God's presence boldly through Christ
7. Service to God and others

Why is the Tabernacle important today?

1. Today , believers are God's dwelling place. (1 Cor. 6:19)
2. God's holy presence is among us. (Ex. 40:34-38)
3. As believers, we are part of a priesthood (1 Peter 2:5-9)
4. The tabernacle shows a pattern of worship prescribed by God. (Heb.10:19-25)

Now for My Favorite Question ... WHY?

Why Study the Tabernacle?²⁹

A) 50 Chapters Mention The Tabernacle

Because at least 50 chapters (13-Ex, 18-Lev, 13-Num, 2-Deut, 4-Heb) in the Bible tell of the construction, the ritual, the priesthood, the carrying of the tabernacle, and the meaning of it all. Also many other places in Scripture speak in figurative language concerning the tabernacle. In many Bible studies this subject is overlooked and considered insignificant.

B) The Tearing of the Veil

God Himself thought so much of the importance of the type, as shown by the tearing of the veil:

Matt 27:50-51 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

If we don't understand the meaning in Scripture of the holy of holies and the veil we miss out on extremely significant information concerning exactly what Christ's death meant to sinful mankind.

C) The Tabernacle is a Type of Christ:

Remember what the Word says, "*all Scripture is given by inspiration (God-breathed) of God...*" When we look at the Bible we must remember that it is completely God-breathed. When we look at each Word we must remember that every Word is specifically God-breathed. That was the view of Christ when it came to the Scriptures, that was the view of the apostles, and that must be our view. This is the very Word of God. It doesn't just contain the Word of God, or just point to religious experience, this is the Word of God.

Is it any wonder then that each and every detail and Word about the tabernacle has spiritual significance? As we look to the tabernacle structure itself and its unique pieces of redemptive furniture there is great symbolism and typology found in them. Remember, everything was a finger pointing to the Messiah. The tabernacle, as a type, designed specifically and in detail by God, would point to

²⁹ http://www.bible-history.com/tabernacle/TAB4The_Shekinah_Glory.htm

the character and aspects of the ministry of Christ. The more we become familiar with the tabernacle the more we become familiar with Christ and all that He means to us. What a great reason to become familiar with the Scriptures concerning the tabernacle.

Heb. 10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

Col. 2:17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Jn. 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

D) It is a Representation of the True Tabernacle in Heaven:

The Lord wants us to be aware of His nature and character. Even the angels don't fully understand the nature and character of God but they learn from watching His dealings with His church (Eph 3). Things are really happening in the heavenly dimension and the Lord wants to reveal to us what took place in heaven after the resurrection of Christ. There is a real tabernacle in the heavenlies and Christ really appeared before the throne of heaven as the Lamb of God (Rev 5). There is no doubt that some of these things are a mystery but the more we draw close to God and His Word the more He draws close to us

Heb 9:11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

E) The Presence Within the Holy of Holies Dwells Within the Believer in Jesus:

Jesus said I am the temple (Mishkan) of God. When the glory (Heb. Sh'chinah) would come down like a tornado or funnel right through the roof of the Holy of Holies and the Presence would manifest on the Mercy Seat between the cherubim after the blood was sprinkled, that was the Mishkan. That Presence was what Jesus said dwelt within Him. And in fact Paul said about the church, "Know ye not that you are the temple (Mishkan) of God?" We, as the body of Christ, have the same Presence dwelling within us. **GOD DOESN'T DWELL IN BUILDINGS NOW, BUT WITHIN HIS PEOPLE.**

1 Cor. 6:19, “do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

F) Its teaching covers in type almost all of New Testament truth.

The study of the tabernacle is so rich in meaning to the Christian and so pregnant with Messianic significance that we can spend a lifetime in the study of it and only begin to understand the riches and the depth of truth that lies within the study of the tabernacle.

Rom 15:4, "Whatever things that were written before were written for our learning."

G) Studying the Tabernacle will absolutely strengthen our faith in the Bible.

Be assured that anyone who has delved into the wonderful details of the tabernacle will confess that the Bible is more than just a book. No man could have thought of this. The Bible is the Word of God.

2 Tim. 3:16-17, ¹⁶“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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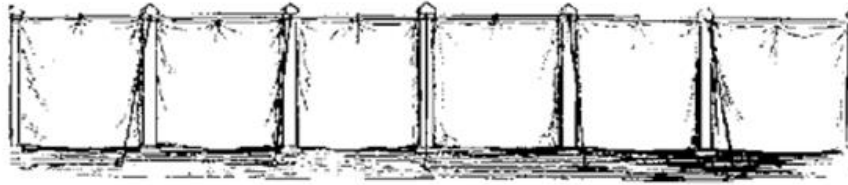
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The Four Revelations of Jesus

1. White Curtain - Jesus the Man
2. Scarlet Curtain - Jesus the Savior
3. Blue Curtain - Jesus Son of God
4. Purple Curtain - Jesus the King





Bronze Altar



Brass Laver
(Washed Clean)

The Veil
Separates men from
God, Only the High
Priest once a year.



Tearing of the Veil
Man boldly go
before God

Altar of Incense
Jesus our Intercessor
before God



Lampstand
(Jn.8:12, "I am the
Light of the World")



Table of Showbread
(Jn.6:35,49-50 - "I am the
Bread of Life")
Mat.26:26 Take and eat;
this is my body.



The Ark of the Covenant

(Ark of the Testimony)



Holy of Holies
"Most Holy Place"

Looking a little closer

My Covenant (Brit / Berit)

Gen. 6:18. (NASB) "But I will establish **My covenant** with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

Brit



Hebrew
Reads R to L

Tav



Sign of the Covenant

Yod



My hand, my effort/
work

Resh



Head Person First

Bet



House / "In"
Abiding within the realm of creation.

(Bet-Resh)

"Bar" = "Son of"

(Pictograms)

God's covenant is **His Son** with **His hands** on a **cross**

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Looking a little closer



Beresheeth (Bereshith)

(In the Beginning)

The Dateless Past

1st word of the Bible
Genesis 1:1

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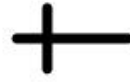
Yod

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Resh

Bet



(Pictograms)

Sign of the Covenant

My hand, my effort/
work

Teeth
Consume /
Destroy

Mightiest
Strong
Powerful
Leader
God

Head
Person
First

House / "In"
Abiding within the
realm of creation.

(Bet-Resh)

"Bar" = "Son of"

Mt. 16:17 ...

Blessed are you
Simon **Bar-Jonah**

The Son of God will be destroyed (or killed) by His own hand on a cross.

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John 10:17-18, (NASB) "17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."



Looking a little closer

Gen. 6:18, (NASB) "In the beginning God **created** the heavens and the earth

(Out of nothing God brought into existence ...)

To Create

2nd word of the Bible

B a r a

(To Create)

3



Aleph

Mightiest
Strong
Powerful
Leader
God

2



Resh

Head
Person
First

1



Bet

House / "In"
Abiding within the realm of creation.

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Reads R to L



(Pictograms)

(Bet-Resh)

"Bar" = "Son of"

Son of God began to create

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Looking a
little closer



Elohim (God)

The Lord is my Shepherd

Elohim

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Mem Yod Hey Lamed Aleph

1 2 3
The **LORD** is my **SHEPHERD** by His **GRACE** He provides for

4 5
my needs (**I SHALL NOT WANT**), He takes me by **MY HAND**

6
and leads me by still **WATERS**.

3rd
word of
the Bible

Ox, bull, gentle, tame, the leader, strength what is first, Adonai.

A staff, cattle goad, rod, to control, teach, learn, tongue

Behold, to show, to reveal

Hand, (closed or closing upon) to work, a deed done, a finished work.

Water, mighty, massive, many chaos (like the deep), to come from (water down stream).

Alef-Tav

(The Beginning and the End)



Looking a little closer

The **Alef** and the **Tav** are the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet is untranslated outside the Hebrew Tora. To the Jew these letters are here for grammatical reasons, but for the Christian they have a deeper meaning.

Rev. 1:8 (NASB), "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev. 1:11 (NASB), "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last."

Rev. 1:17 (NASB), "... do not be afraid; I am the first and the last."

Rev. 22:13 (NASB), "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Right here in the forth word of the Bible Jesus is telling us who He is. He says "I am the Aleph-Tav (Alpha and Omega)." He is that forth word of the scriptures and based on the above scriptures I think He wanted us to know that.

Note: Jesus can be found in the first four words of the Bible, and if that isn't amazing enough He is directly mentioned as "The Son" in the first two Letters of the first word. The entire Bible is about Jesus as Creator and Redeemer. He came into the world to show us the way to the Father.

4th word of the Bible

אָלֶף / אֵלֶּף / אֵלֶּף
Alef / Tav Alpha / Omega



Tav (Omega) **Aleph** (Alpha)
Hebrew Greek



Sign of the Covenant
Mightiest Strong Powerful Leader God

Yehovah Yeshua Ha-Mashiach
(Jesus Christ the Messiah)



Tav †

The Sign of the Covenant.
It is all about Jesus

