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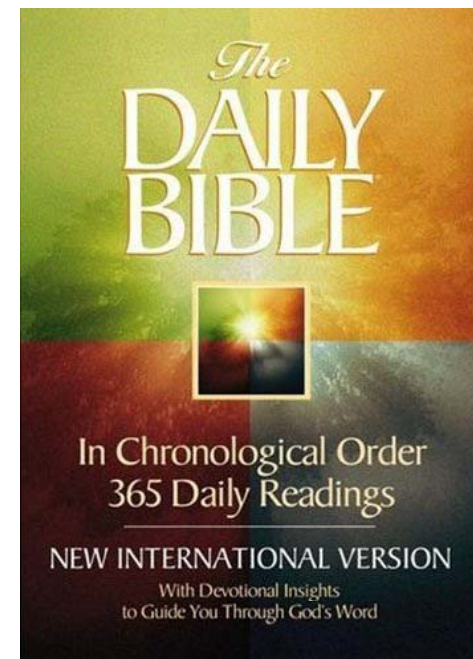
## Lesson 6 - The Presence of God with Israel

February 7, 2010

# This Week

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- ▶ We'll cover readings for January 31-February 6
- ▶ Exodus 32-40, Leviticus 8-9, Numbers 1-9
  - ▶ The Covenant is Broken and Renewed (Exodus 32-34)
  - ▶ Building the Tabernacle (Exodus 35-40)
  - ▶ Priests are Ordained (Leviticus 8-9)
  - ▶ Israel is Numbered (Numbers 1-9)



# Introductory Discussion

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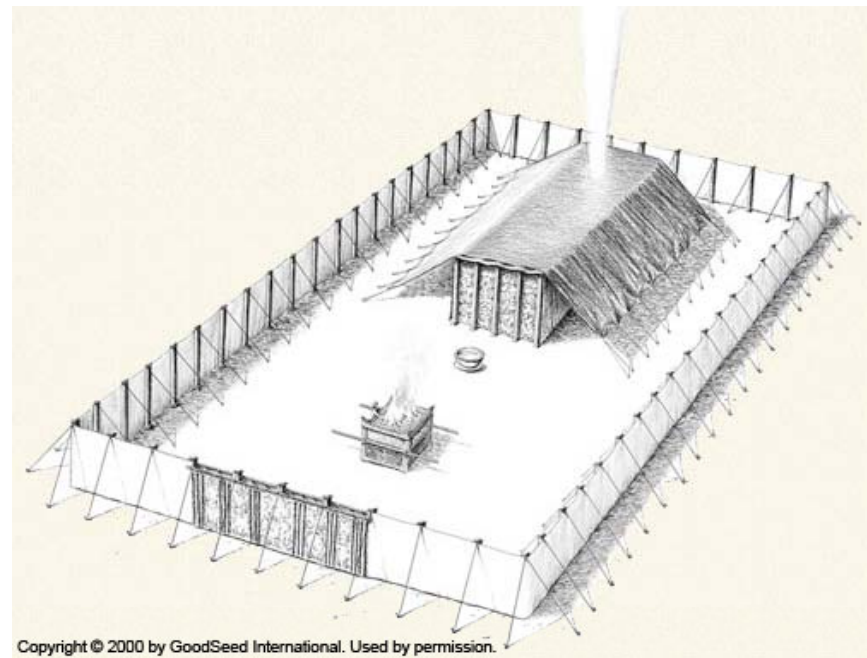
- ▶ This section opens with the story of the golden calf.
  - ▶ What do we learn about Israel or people in general?
  - ▶ What do we learn about God?
- ▶ The aftermath of this story show God deliberating with Moses about whether or not God's presence will go with the people.
  - ▶ What was the significance of this decision for Israel?
  - ▶ For you?
- ▶ The symbol of God's Presence



# The Tabernacle

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- ▶ This section includes the construction of the tabernacle. Is that difficult for you to visualize? What do you think it meant for Israel to watch its construction?
- ▶ Who did God appoint to lead the construction effort?
- ▶ Why the exacting specifications?
- ▶ Why the costly materials?



# The Tabernacle Materials

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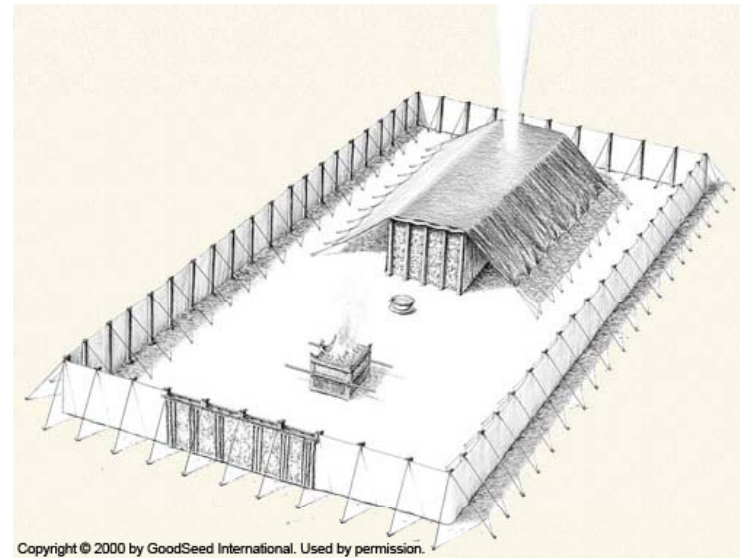
- ▶ Weight of Metals Used
  - ▶ Gold: 29 Talents, 730 Shekels
    - ▶ 1 Metric Ton (\$28.2M USD)
  - ▶ Silver: 100 Talents, 1775 Shekels
    - ▶ 3.4 Metric Tons (\$1.4M USD)
  - ▶ Bronze: 70 Talents, 2400 Shekels
    - ▶ 2.4 Metric Tons (\$8K USD)
  - ▶ Total (Metals Only): 6.8 Metric Tons (~ \$30M USD)
- ▶ Can you imagine lugging this structure around the desert for 40 years?
  - ▶ It was no simple task to take down and set up



# Layout of the Structure

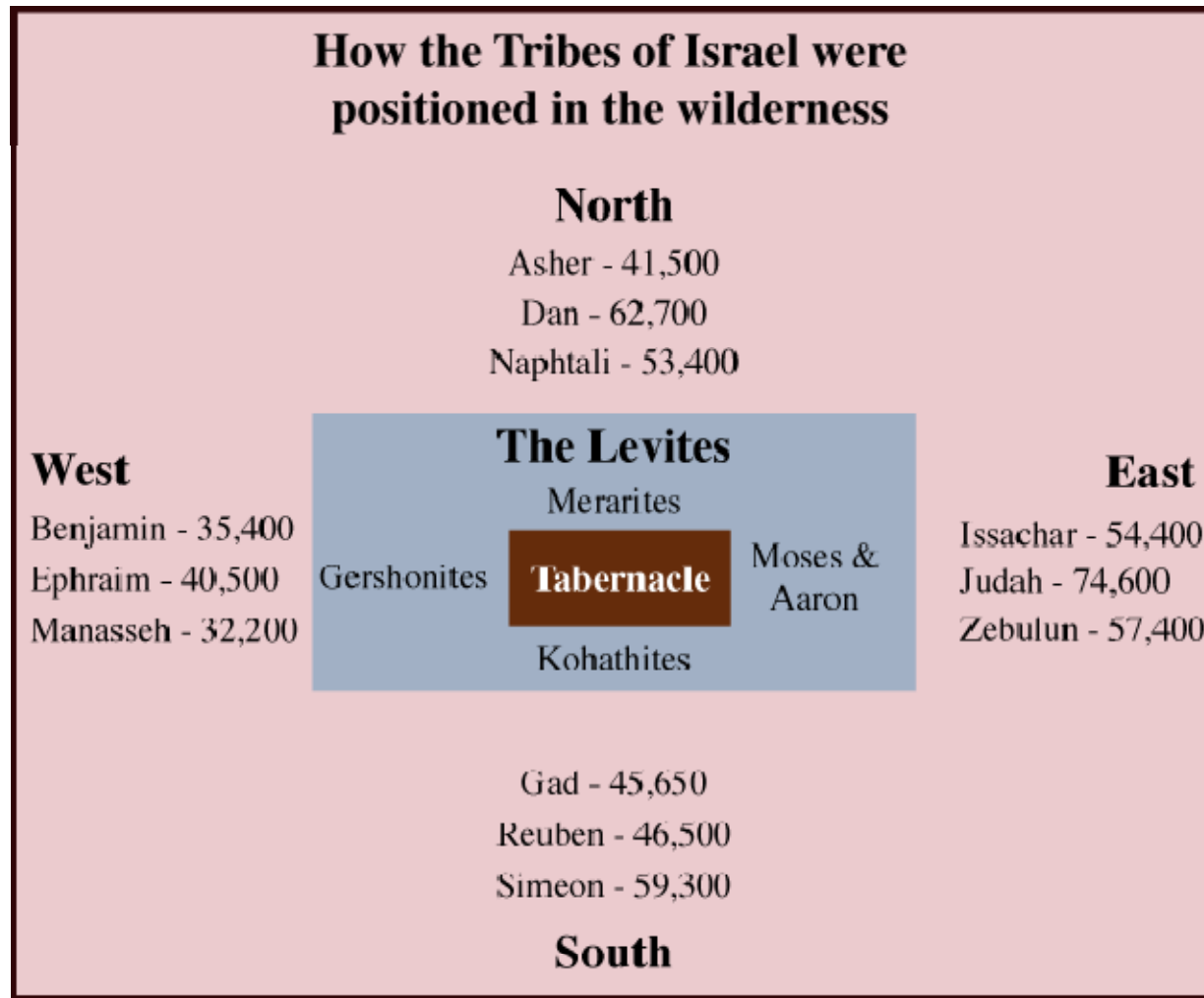
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- ▶ Outer Courtyard
  - ▶ 150' x 75', ringed by linen curtains, on wood frames
  - ▶ Entrance faced the rising sun, to the East
  - ▶ Contained the Altar of Sacrifice and Bronze Laver
- ▶ Tabernacle Proper
  - ▶ A large tent (45' x 15' x 15')
  - ▶ Covered with:
    - ▶ Fine cloth curtain
    - ▶ Goat hair curtain
    - ▶ Ram skins dyed red
    - ▶ Hides of sea cows



# Order of Encampment

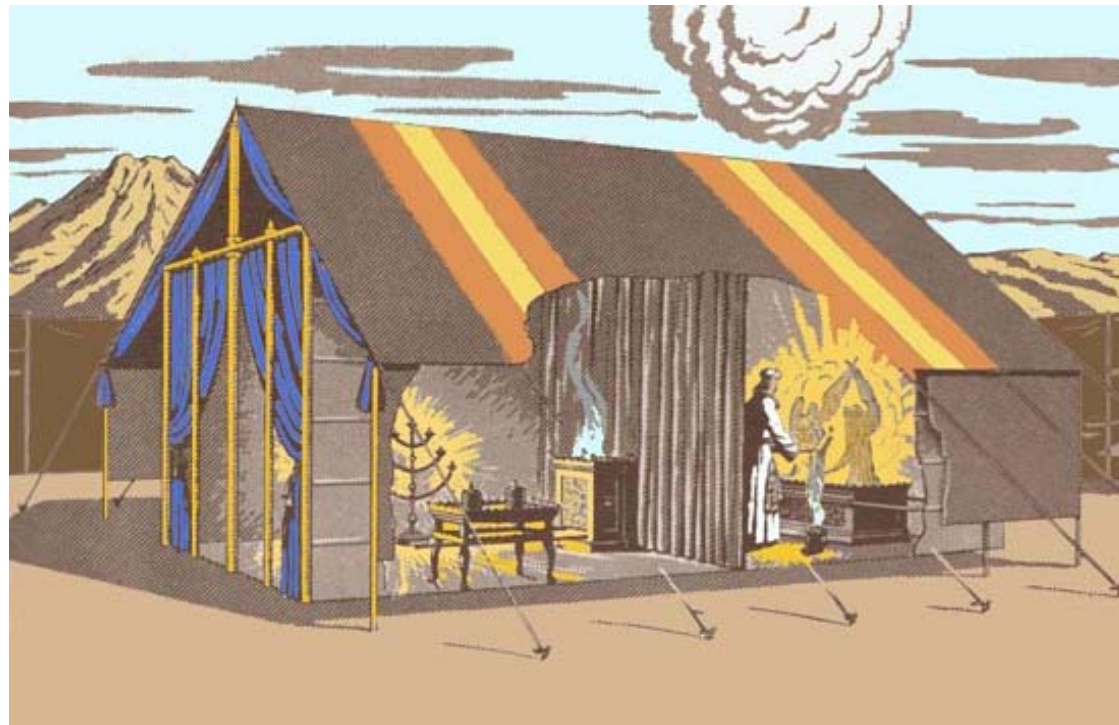
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# Divisions of the Tabernacle

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- ▶ Two divisions
  - ▶ Holy Place
  - ▶ Holy of Holies, or Most Holy Place



# The Holy Place

- ▶ Rectangular space - 30' x 15' x 15'
- ▶ Accessible to priests for daily rituals
- ▶ Contained three items:
  - ▶ Altar of Incense
  - ▶ Table of Showbread
  - ▶ Golden Lampstand



# The Holy of Holies

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- ▶ Cubic enclosure - 15' x 15' x 15'
  - ▶ Arrangement of curtains made it completely dark inside
- ▶ Accessible only by the High Priest
  - ▶ Only once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
  - ▶ “And never without blood ...” (Heb 9:7)
- ▶ Contained only one item
  - ▶ The Ark of the Testimony, or Ark of the Covenant



# The Ark of the Covenant

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- ▶ What is the symbolism of the Ark and its location?
  - ▶ Located in the Holy of Holies
  - ▶ Two cherubim cover the Ark, facing its lid
  - ▶ Represents the mercy seat, where God meets with man
- ▶ What were the requirements to approach the Ark?
  - ▶ God's chosen representative
  - ▶ Only at prescribed time
  - ▶ Only with blood
- ▶ Why was the Ark significant?



# The Symbolism of the Tabernacle

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- ▶ Reminder of God's Presence with His people
  - ▶ Pillar remained over the Tabernacle at all times
- ▶ Yet is also symbolized the separation of the Holy from the common
  - ▶ Veil separated the priests from the Presence
  - ▶ Courtyard separated the people from the Tabernacle
- ▶ Sacrifices were a ever-present reminder of the costliness of sin
  - ▶ Blood everywhere
- ▶ What else?



# Garments of the High Priest

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# Sacrifices of the People

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- ▶ This section also includes the accounts of some of the sacrifices made by people for the tabernacle.
- ▶ What about that inspires you?
- ▶ Why do you think those things were recorded?



# For Discussion

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- ▶ What does this whole section communicate about the seriousness of being in God's presence?
- ▶ What does that mean to us, when we say that God's presence is always with us in the Holy Spirit?
- ▶ What are some examples of things that are (or should be) considered holy today?
- ▶ Do we take the things of God seriously?
- ▶ Do we treat them as holy?



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- ▶ 4. Much of the cultic ordinances (those involving priests, the tabernacle, or sacrifices) seem to exist to give Israel a physical representation of holiness. Why is that important to people pursuing faith? How do you feel about the physical nature of your spirituality?



## Your Turn ...

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- ▶ What insights have you gained from this week's study?
- ▶ What did you find in these passages that you have never seen before?
- ▶ How did the Lord speak to your heart through the Word this week?
- ▶ How will your walk with Him be different as a result?



# Next Week

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- ▶ Readings for February 7-13
  - ▶ To Canaan's Land - Almost

# Questions?

