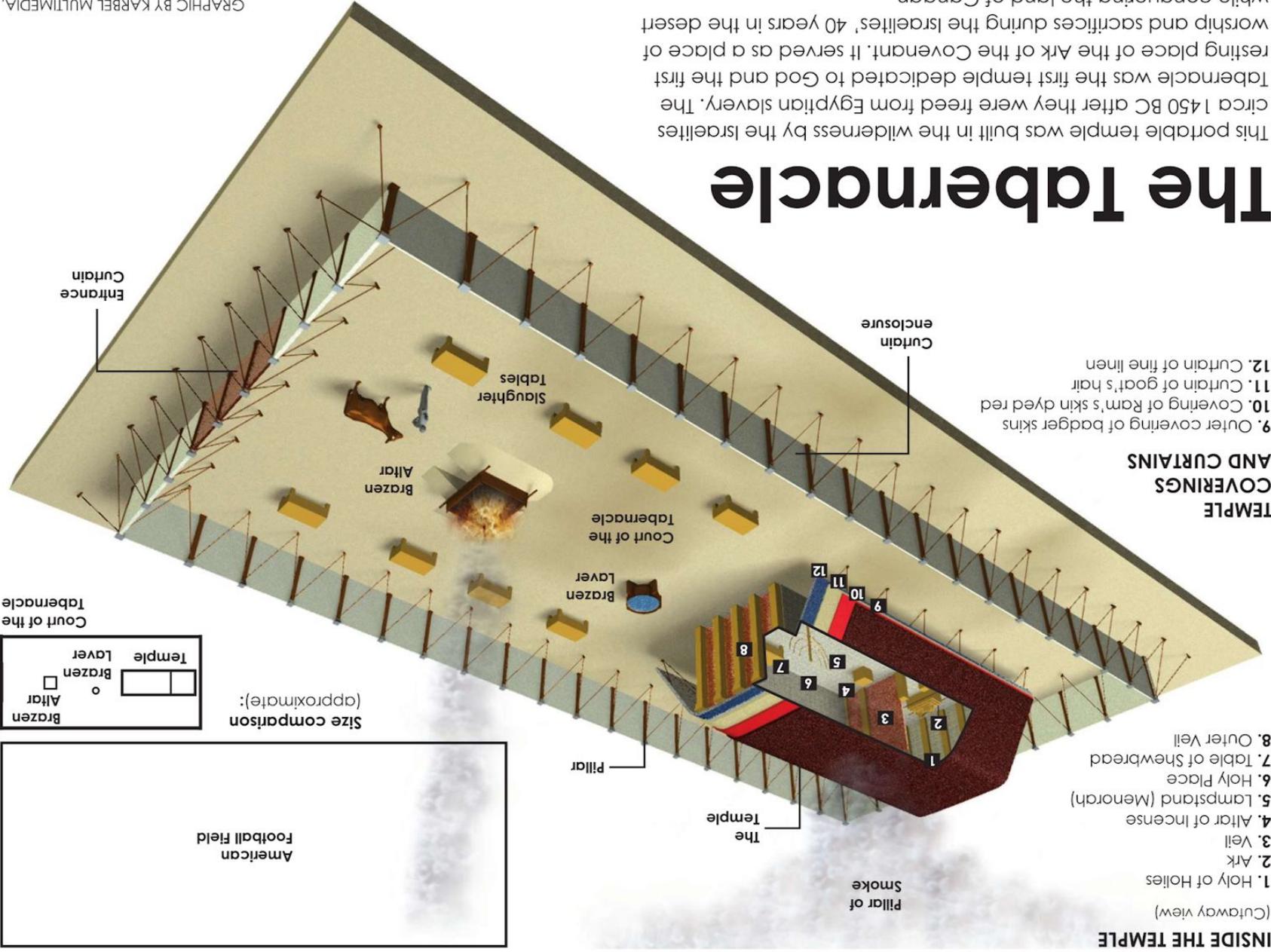


# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

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## INSIDE THE TEMPLE

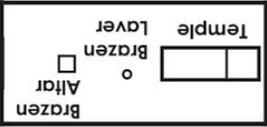
- 1. Holy of Holies
- 2. Ark
- 3. Veil
- 4. Altar of Incense
- 5. Lampstand (Menorah)
- 6. Holy Place
- 7. Table of Showbread
- 8. Outer Veil

## TEMPLE AND CURTAINS

- 9. Outer covering of badger skins
- 10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
- 11. Curtain of goat's hair
- 12. Curtain of fine linen

American  
Football field

Size comparison:  
(approximate):



Court of the  
Tabernacle

Pillar

Pillar of  
Smoke

The  
Temple

Brazen  
Laver

Court of the  
Tabernacle

Brazen  
Altar

Slaughter  
Tables

Curtain  
enclosure

Entrance  
Curtain

## **The Tabernacle Prayer**

Exodus 24:15-25:9, Hebrews 9:24

### **I - The Brazen Altar: Exodus 38:1-7**

The altar reminds us of the seriousness of sin and the necessity of sacrifice- we should be thankful for Christ's sacrifice! Our confession and repentance should be for specific sins.

To do:

- Repent and confess
- Thanksgiving

#### **A prayer:**

Lord, thank you for dying for my sins. Thank you for your work on the cross. Lord I confess \_\_\_\_\_ to you. I repent of \_\_\_\_\_ and I receive your forgiveness.  
(1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

### **II - The Brazen Laver:**

#### **Exodus 30:17-21**

Here we are reminded of our very real need for periodic cleansing. Cleansing from the effects of sin in our lives and from the stuff of the world. We are to be reminded that God desires holiness.

To do:

- Ask for cleansing from the world and from sin

#### **A prayer:**

Lord, would you come and cleanse me from sin and its effects today. I can't do this alone. Would you also cleanse me from all the things that I have seen and heard and experienced that might draw me away from you. Amen.  
(Hebrews 10:22, James 4:8, 2 Cor. 7:1)

### **III - The Golden Lampstand (Menorah):**

#### **Exodus 25:31-40**

Here we see the only thing lighting up the Holy Place, the Menorah. The light is a symbol of God's light in our lives, of the Holy Spirit. We should daily spend time asking for God's Holy Spirit to shine on our lives.

To do:

- Ask the HS to fill and anoint you.
- Ask for wisdom and knowledge.
- Ask for God to shine his light on you!

#### **A prayer:**

Lord, please shine your light on my life today. Please illuminate the dark spaces in my life. Please fill me with everything that I need. May your Holy Spirit release in me the gifts you have bestowed upon me. Amen.  
(John 16:13-16, 1 Corinthians 12:7-10).

### **IV - The Table of Showbread:**

#### **Exodus 25:23-30**

The bread that was daily placed on this table represents God's provision. Everything we have is from God and we should spend time acknowledging that and thanking God for it. Proclaim God as the source over your home, your family, your life.

To do:

- Receive that which we need for today
- Thanksgiving for all we've been given
- Proclaim God as our source

#### **A prayer:**

Lord, you are my source and I thank you for everything you have given me and all that I have.

I ask that you continue to provide for my needs. Thank you for providing for me. Amen.  
(John 6:35, 49-50)

### **V - The Altar of Incense: Exodus 30:1-6**

Incense is often associated with prayer in the OT. Prayer is a "sweet aroma" to God. The altar is a place of dedication of our lives to God. It is here we make a commitment to God to follow and to lay down our lives for Him.

To do:

- Draw near to God
- Confess a desire to follow Him

#### **A prayer:**

Lord I dedicate my life to you. May my life be a pleasing aroma to you. May all I do today honor you and glorify you. Lord I bring this \_\_\_\_\_ (specific request) to you. Amen.  
(Psalm 141:2)

### **VI - The Ark of the Covenant: Exodus 25:10-22**

Above the ark of the covenant, between the wings of the angels God said he would be present (v22). God's presence in a tangible form! Once a year a priest would enter here, but as Christians we have access to God's presence freely.

To do:

- Humbly, yet boldly enter God's presence.

#### **A prayer:**

*(You probably don't need anything planned to say. You are in the presence of Almighty God).*  
(Hebrews 10:22)