

Preparing to Worship

Exodus Chapters 25-27

Why did you come here this morning?

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**To worship the living God, and
to sing His praises**



**Worship the God
Who has chosen to redeem us**

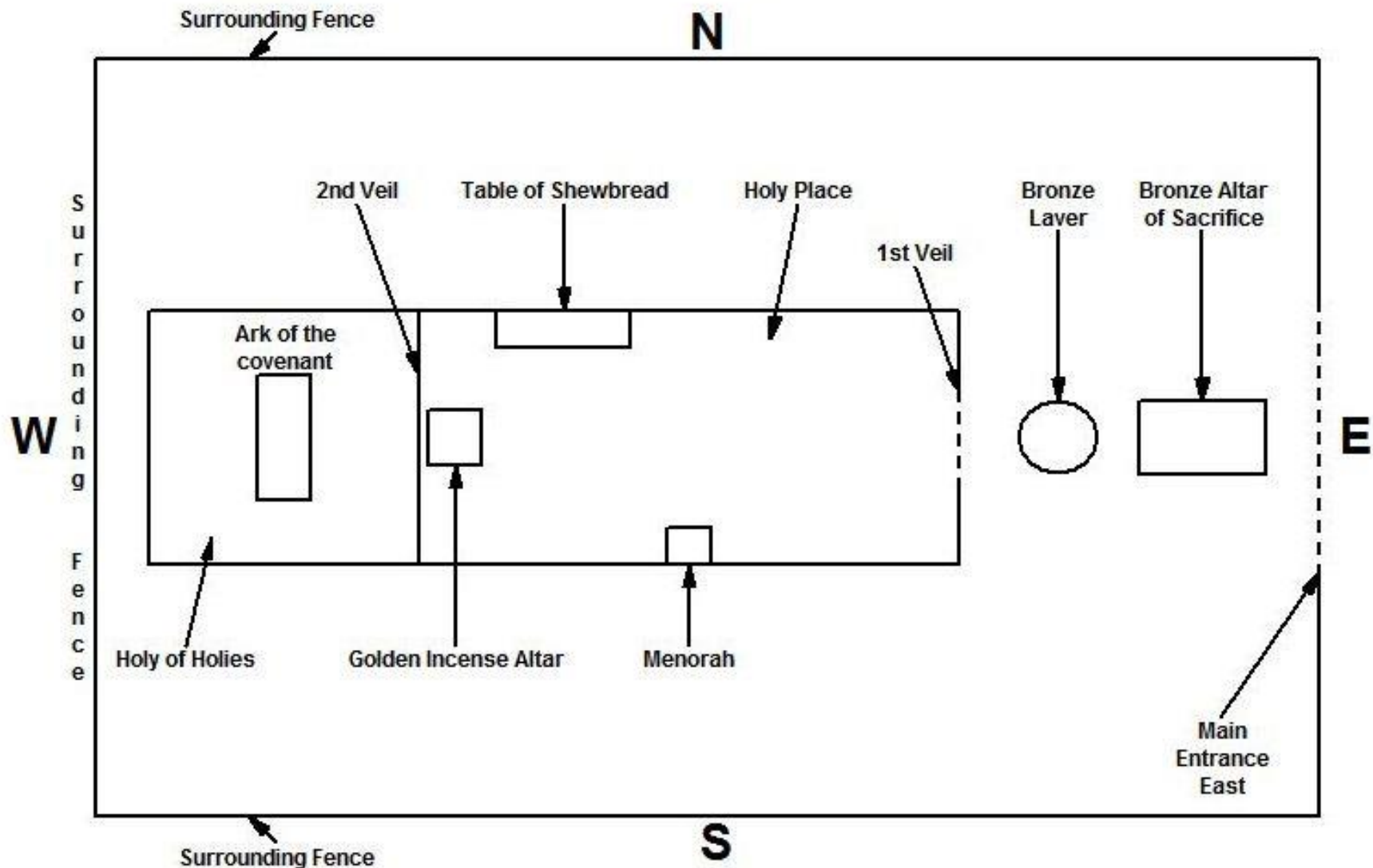


Full-size model of the tabernacle photographed in the Timna Valley
in southern Israel

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Specifications for the Tabernacle

Tabernacle of the Wilderness



Who are we Worshipping?

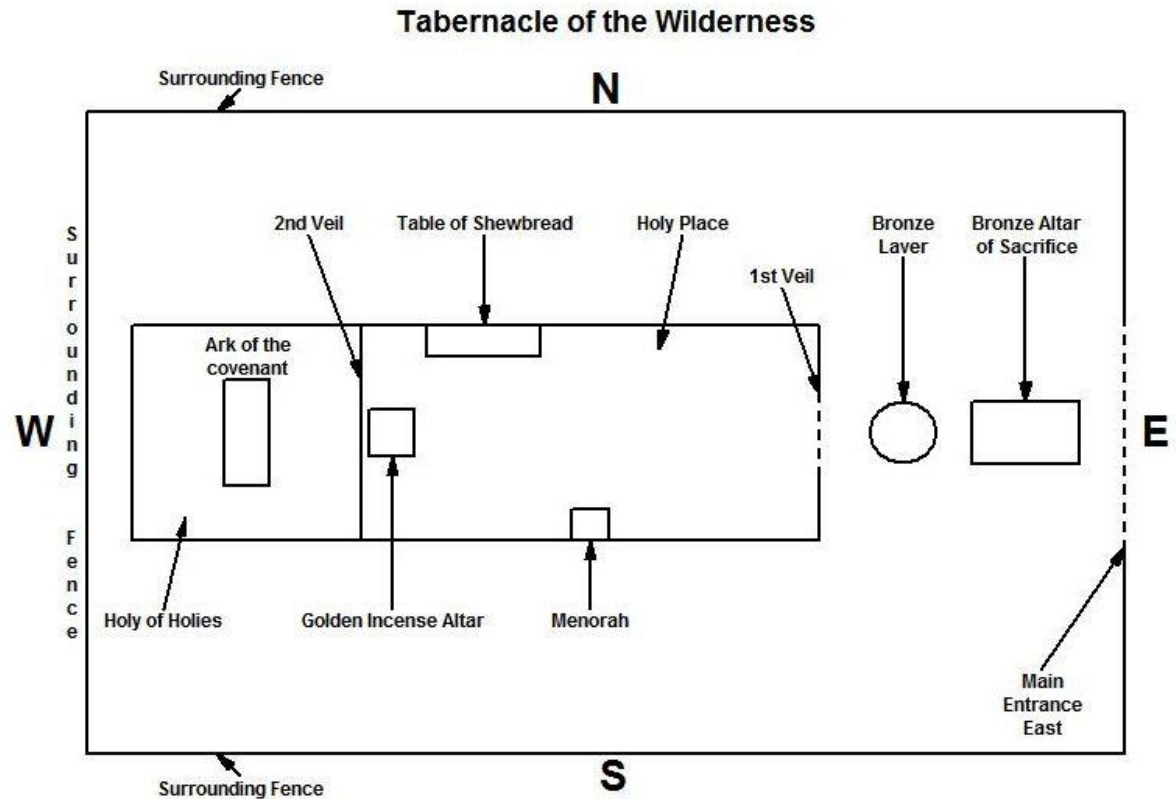


Illustration:

- something of the nature of our God
- how He relates to us
- how we relate to Him

Expelled from the Garden

Gen 3:23-24 the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



Gen 3:23-24 (ESV)

Resources Required

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me....

Ex 25:1-2 (ESV)

A New Testament Collection

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us....

2 Cor 8:1-5 (ESV)

And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

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**the Lord's work
is to be supported by those who benefit
from that work**

The Ark



Model of the Ark. Biblical text notes the poles were set in the base (not the top) of the ark though.

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The Table



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The Lampstand



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Light of the World



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Jn 8:12 (ESV)

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“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Mt 5:14 (ESV)

The Tabernacle



Beyond the Curtain The Holy of Holies



The Holy Place

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The Bronze Altar



The Court of the Tabernacle



How Can We Approach a Holy God?

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Our Intermediary (Go-Between)

For our sake [God] made him [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God

2 Cor 5:21 (ESV)

... remember that you were ... separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Eph 2:12-18 (ESV)



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He is Risen!



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**We have access
to the very
throne of God**



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Jesus... Mediator of a New Covenant

[Jesus] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

Heb 9:15 (ESV)

If you haven't yet...

**Receive the life eternal that
is His gift for you,
that His perfect holiness
may be manifested through
even you.**