

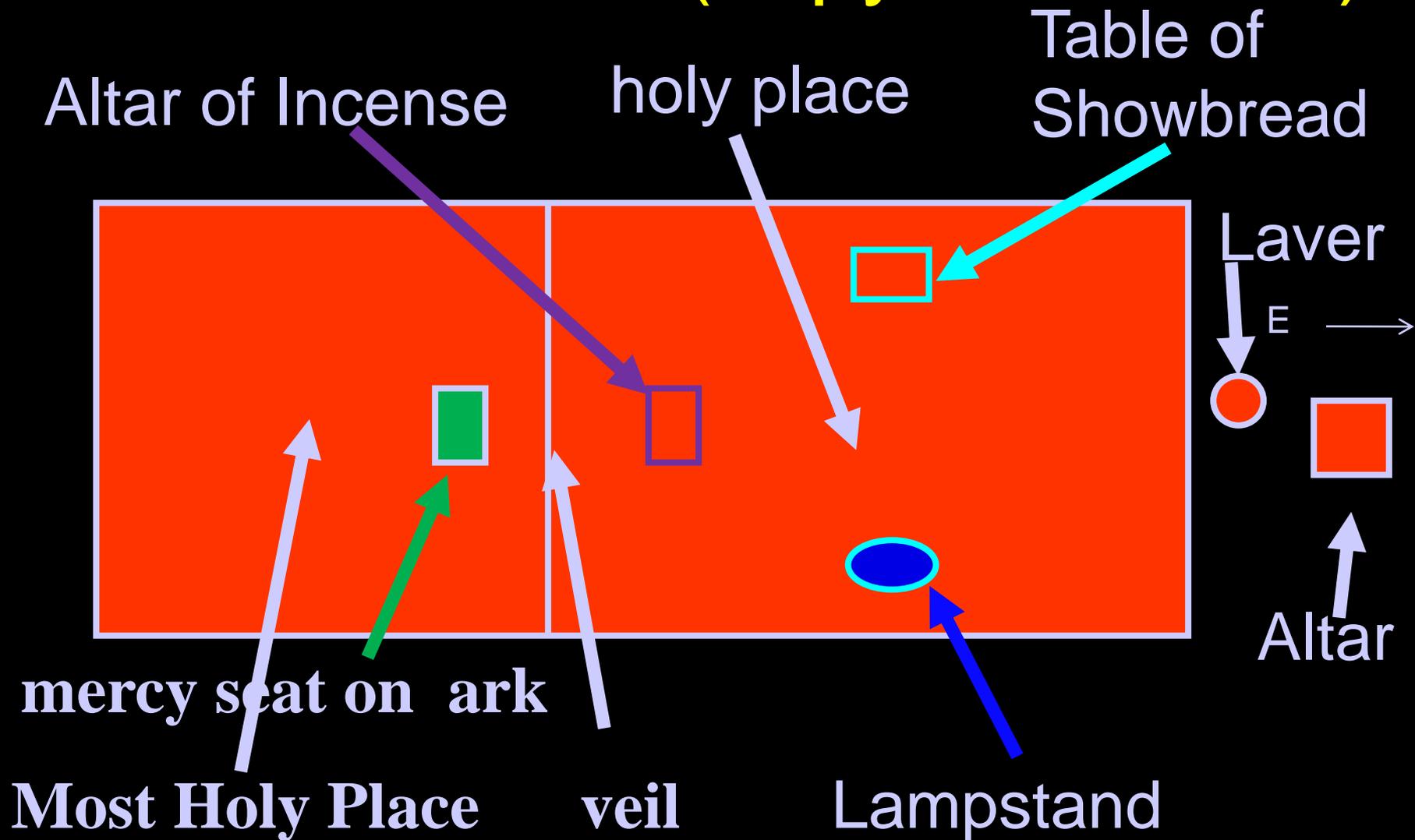
The Tabernacle & The Church

- *Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We **have such a High Priest**, who **is seated at the right hand** of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a **Minister of the sanctuary** and of **the true tabernacle** which **the Lord erected, and not man.** Heb. 8:1-2*
- *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.**” “With His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Heb. 9:11-13)*

The Church

- *The true **tabernacle***
- *The **Lord** erected and not man*
- *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.**”*
- *“**With His own blood***
- ***He entered the Most Holy Place once for all,***
- ***having obtained eternal redemption***

The Tabernacle (Heb 9:11-13) of This Creation (copy & shadow)



Copies vs Heaven Itself

- Therefore it was necessary that the ***copies*** of the ***things in the heavens*** should be purified with these (blood of bulls and goats), but ***the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these***. For ***Christ has not entered a holy place made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us***. Heb. 9:23-25
- We can learn many things about what Jesus did after he entered heaven through the copy.
- He took His own blood, entered the true heavenly most holy place and gave eternal redemption.

The Church Jesus Built

- *true tabernacle*
- *Lord erected and not man*
- *Christ High Priest of good things to come*
- *with the greater and more perfect tabernacle*
- *not made with hands*
- *not of this creation*
- *With His own blood*
- *He entered the Most Holy Place once for all,*
- *having obtained eternal redemption*
- *heavenly things themselves – better sacrifices*
- *Christ has not entered a holy place made with hands*
- *Copies of the true,*
- *heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God for us*

It Did not Stop with the Tabernacle

- David asked to build God a house.
- God gave David a new pattern for Solomon:
- *10 Jehovah hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.*
- *11 David gave to Solomon his son the **pattern**...*
- *12 the **pattern** of all that he had **by the Spirit**...*
- *19 **'All this,'** said David, **'have I been made to understand in writing from the hand of Jehovah, even all the works of this pattern.'***

1Chr. 28:10-19 ASV

Solomon's Prayer & God's Answer

- *“Your eyes may be open toward this temple night and day, toward the place of which You said, ‘My name shall be there.’*
- *“I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 14 ...I will hear from heaven, ... I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. (1Kings 8:29-30; 1Chr. 7:12-16).*

God's Warning

- The power and value of this temple is based upon the faithfulness of their fellowship.
- *if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments” “this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight.” 1Kings 9:6-7*
- Without true submission and faith and trust in God as manifested by keeping His word, the temple is only a building.

Destruction of Temple

- *I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, 'My name shall be there. 2Kings 23:27*
- *God sent Nebuchadnezzar from Babylon.*
- *He burned the house of the Lord and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire. 2 Kings 25:9-10*

History

- After the 70 year captivity, God used Zerubbabel the governor, and Joshua the High Priest, to build a new temple. (Haggai 1-2).
- He sent Haggai and Zechariah, to encourage and rebuke them because they had not finished it diligently. (Ezra 5:1-2).
- After the foundation for this new temple was laid, many who had seen the glory of Solomon's temple wept because it was so small Ezra 3:12-13
- God's answered that when He sent the Messiah, He would build a temple far greater and more magnificent than Solomon's

Prophecy

- *Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH!
From His place He shall branch out, And He shall
build the temple of the Lord; Zech. 6:11-13*
- Who is the BRANCH?

The Branch is the Messiah

There shall come forth **a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.**

2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isa 11:1-2

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That **I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.** 6 In His days Judah will be saved, Jer 23:5-6

What will the Branch (Messiah) Do?

- *Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And **He shall build the temple of the Lord; 13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**”
Zech. 6:11-13*
- The Messiah will build the temple
- bear the glory
- Sit and rule on His throne
- Be a priest on His throne

The First, Second and Third Temple

- *'Who is left among you who saw **this temple in its former glory?** And **how do you see it now?** In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing? 6 "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 **and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,**' says the Lord of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. 9 **'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,'** says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts.'"
Hag 2:3, 6-9*

The Coming King and His Priests

- *'Behold, **the days are coming,**' says the Lord, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 15 'In those days and at that time **I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness;** He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely.*
- *17 "For thus says the Lord: '**David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; 18 nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.**'" Jer. 33:14-18*

The Coming King and Priests

- *the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, 20 "Thus says the Lord: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne,*
- *and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'" Jer. 33:19-22*
- When was this fulfilled?

Has This Happened Yet?

- *Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 1 Peter 2:4-9*
- *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,*

We are a kingdom, Priests to His God

- *To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1:5-6*
- These prophecies and their fulfillment help us understand how the copies and the true have all come to fruition. The copies are helping us understand who we are and how God sees us.