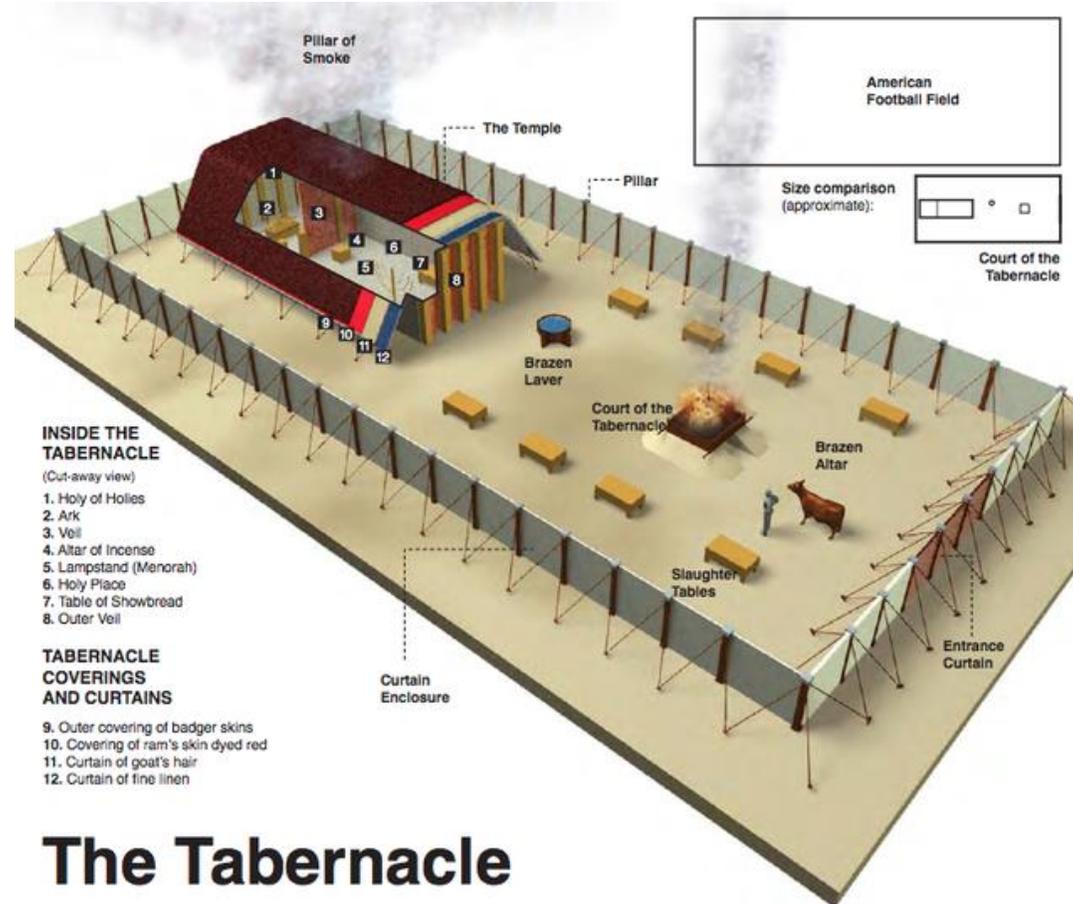


The Church: The Temple of God

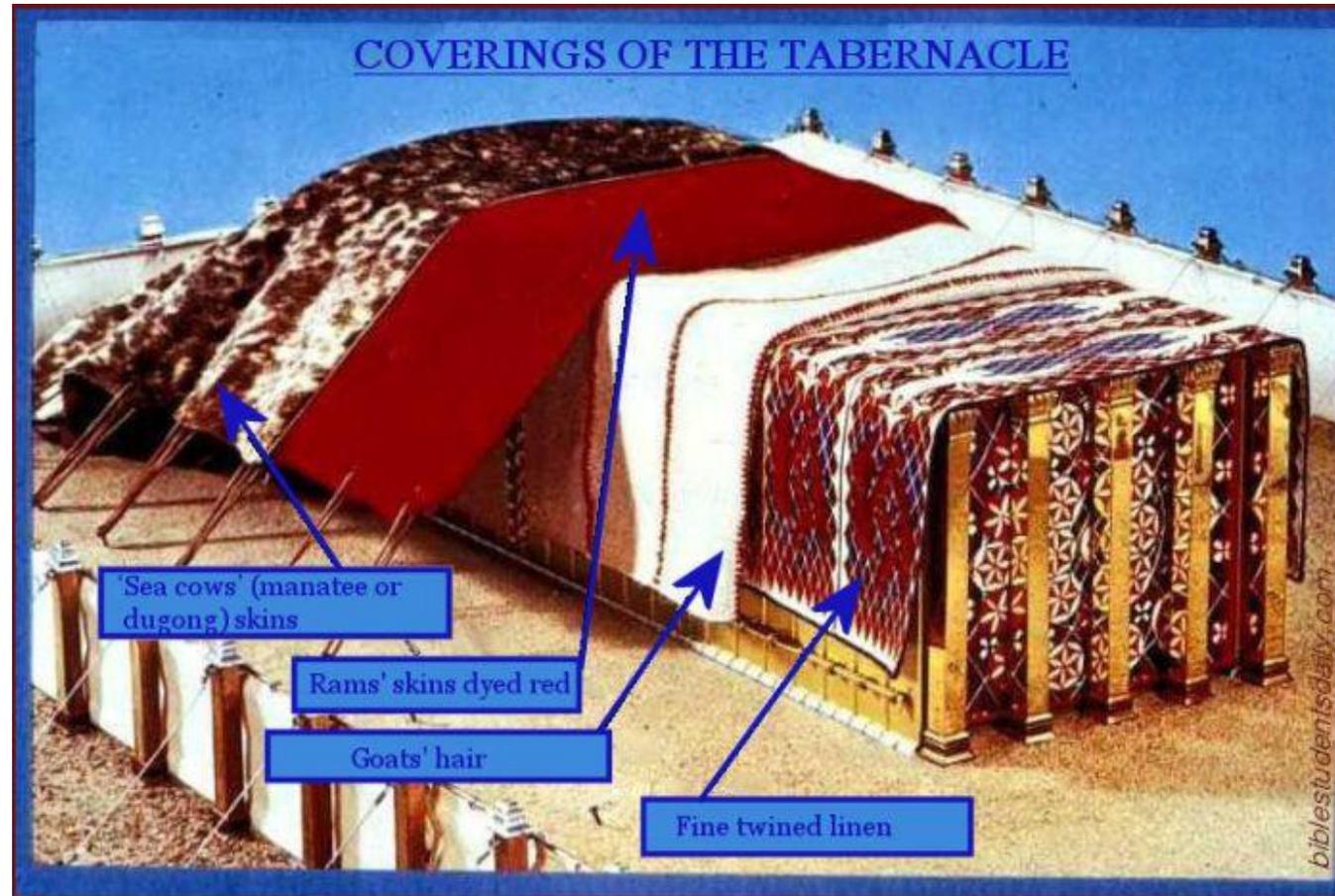
The Tabernacle-the moveable temple

- **1**The LORD said to Moses, **2**“Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. **3**These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; **4**blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; **5**ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; **6**olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; **7**and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.
- **8**“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. **9**Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.”

The Layout of the Tabernacle



The elaborate coverings of the Temple



Solomon's Temple



Zerubbabel's Temple



Herod's Temple



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John 2: 18-19

- **18**The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”
- **19**Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.**”
- **20**They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” **21**But the temple he had spoken of was his body. **22**After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.
- **Not that temple, but this temple.**

John 4: 19-24

- **19**“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. **20**Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
- **21**“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22**You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23**Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 14: 15-17

- **15**“If you love me, keep my commands. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Matthew 27: 50-51

- **50** And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.
- **51** At that moment **the curtain of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split **52** and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. **53** They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Acts 2:46-47

- **46**Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47**praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 7:44-50

- **44**“Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen. **45**After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David, **46**who enjoyed God’s favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. **47**But it was Solomon who built a house for him.
- **48**“However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says:
 - **49**“ ‘Heaven is my throne,
 - and the earth is my footstool.
 - What kind of house will you build for me?
 - says the Lord.
 - Or where will my resting place be?
 - **50**Has not my hand made all these things?

Acts 22:17

- **17**“When I returned to Jerusalem and was praying at the temple, I fell into a trance **18**and saw the Lord speaking to me. ‘Quick!’ he said. ‘Leave Jerusalem immediately, because the people here will not accept your testimony about me.’

Acts 17: 24-28

- **24**“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. **25**And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. **26**From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. **27**God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. **28**‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’”
- **And in us, His Holy Spirit dwells!**

1 Corinthians 3:16

- **16** Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? **17** If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and **you together are that temple.**

Destruction of the Temple

The utter destruction of the temple in 70 CE did away with much of what was Judaism, as opposed to Christianity.

The continual sacrifice ended, as did the great significance of genealogies— outside of those in Scripture.

Ephesians 2: 19-22

- **19**Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20**built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21**In him the whole building is joined together and rises **to become a holy temple in the Lord.** **22**And in him you too **are being built together** **to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

- There is the sense, then, in which the collective body of God's people are his temple. On the other hand, we, as individual Christians, are each temples of God because his Holy Spirit resides in us.
- All Christians, we have varying levels of responsibility for the conduct and care for others. For example, the responsibility given to elders, deacons, ministers, parents, etc.
- Ultimately, though, we can only control how we respond individually as temples of God and his Holy Spirit. How then should we live?

1 Thessalonians 5:19

- **19**Do not quench the Spirit. **20**Do not treat prophecies with contempt **21**but test them all; hold on to what is good, **22**reject every kind of evil.

Ephesians 4: 30-32

- **30** And **do not grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Corinthians 6: 9-11

- **9**Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men **10**nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. **11**And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and **by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8

- **1**As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. **2**For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.
- **3**It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should **avoid sexual immorality**; **4**that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, **5**not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; **6**and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. **7**For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. **8**Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

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Galatians 5: 16-26

- **16** So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- **19** The **acts of the flesh** are obvious: **sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.** I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- **22** But the **fruit of the Spirit** is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26** Let us **not become conceited, provoking and envying** each other.

James 1: 19-20

19My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20**because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

- So then, the church-the temple of God. All of us. Each of us. God forbid that we should abuse God's temple, which we are! Let us treasure this precious gift that God has given to us, that our bodies become a temple, housing His indwelling Holy Spirit.