

In the Tabernacle with God

Exodus 40:16-37

We are going to ask three questions about the tabernacle today. Why? What? Who?

1. _____ do we need a tabernacle?

Hebrews 8:5 They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: “Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain.”

Israel needed a central place to _____ with God.

2. _____ does the tabernacle communicate?

The tabernacle illustrated that there was still a _____ between God and man.

Hebrews 9:1–10 (NLT) When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties. **7** But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. **8** By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use. **9** This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. **10** For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.

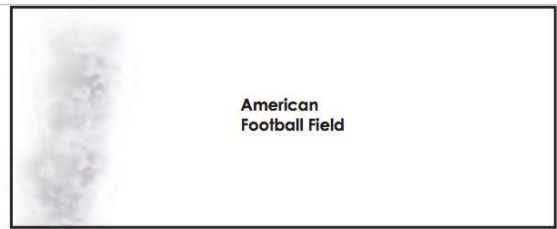
3. _____ does the tabernacle point to?

- **Matthew 26:61:** “This man, said, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again,’ ”
- **Hebrews 9:11–15** So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. **12** With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever. **13** Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. **14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. **15** That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.
- **Hebrews 4:16** So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.
- **If we come into the tabernacle what do we find?**
 - You find a _____ based relationship.
 - You find _____ with God.
 - That our community is supposed to be a place of _____.

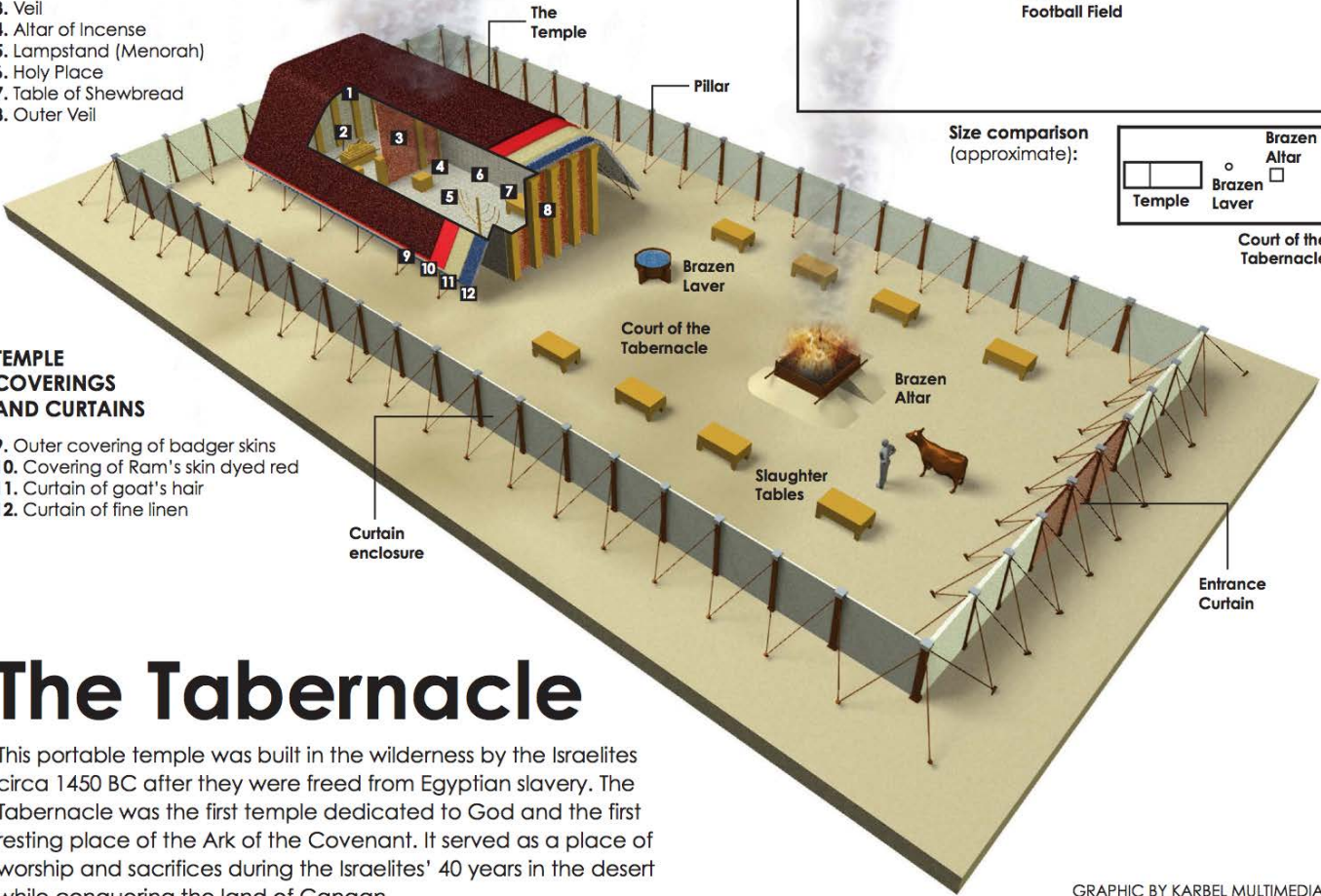
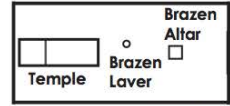
INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

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



Size comparison
(approximate):



TEMPLE COVERINGS 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

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.