

The More Excellent Ministry of Jesus

Hebrews 8:1-6

Comparison in Hebrews 7:26-28

Levitical Priests	Christ as the Final High Priest
Unholy (sinful)	Holy (sinless)*
Guilty	Innocent*
Defiled	Undefiled*
Sinners themselves	Separated from sinners*
Not exalted	Exalted above the heavens*
Need to offer daily sacrifices for their own sin*	Does not need to offer sacrifices for His sin because He has no sin*
Need to offer daily sacrifices for the sins of others*	Offered Himself once for all as a sacrifice for the sins of others*
Function as men before God*	Functions as a Son before God*
Appointed by the Law*	Appointed by the word of the oath
Weak*	Perfectly strong
Temporary	Permanent*

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 - In the position of honor – *seated*

Hebrews 10:11 ¹¹Every (*Levitical*) priest **stands daily** ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

Hebrews 1:3b When He had made purification of sins, **He sat down** at the right hand of the Majesty on high

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Psalms 110:1 ¹The LORD says to my Lord: “**Sit at My right hand** Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

Mark 16:19 ¹⁹So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them (*11 disciples*), He was received up into heaven and **sat down at the right hand of God**.

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Romans 8:34 ³⁴who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is **at the right hand of God**, who also intercedes for us.

Ephesians 1:20b He (God) raised Him (Christ) from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**

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Colossians 3:1 ¹Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, **seated at the right hand of God**.

1 Peter 3:22 ²²who (Jesus Christ) is **at the right hand of God**, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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- He ministers in a better sanctuary (vv2-5)

The Tabernacle

Pillar of smoke

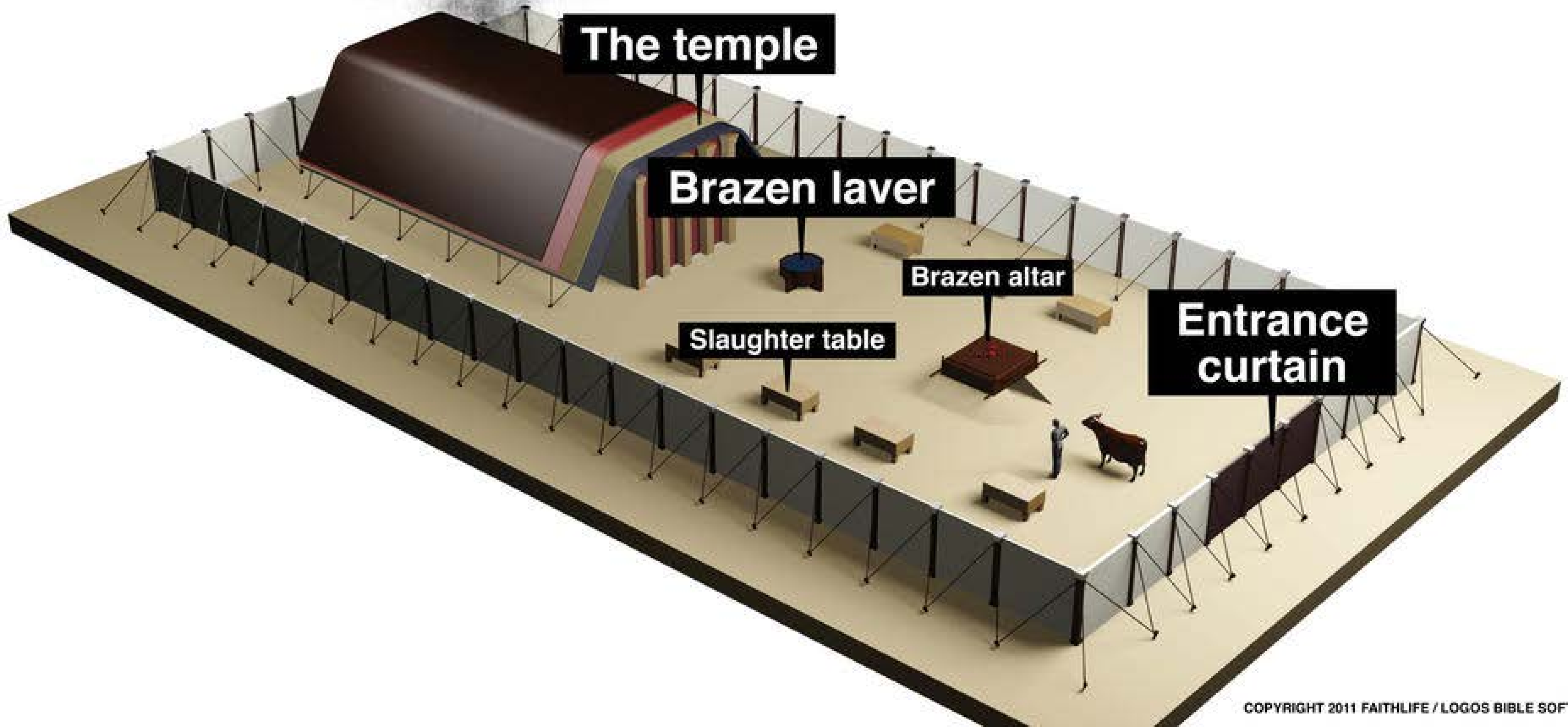
The temple

Brazen laver

Brazen altar

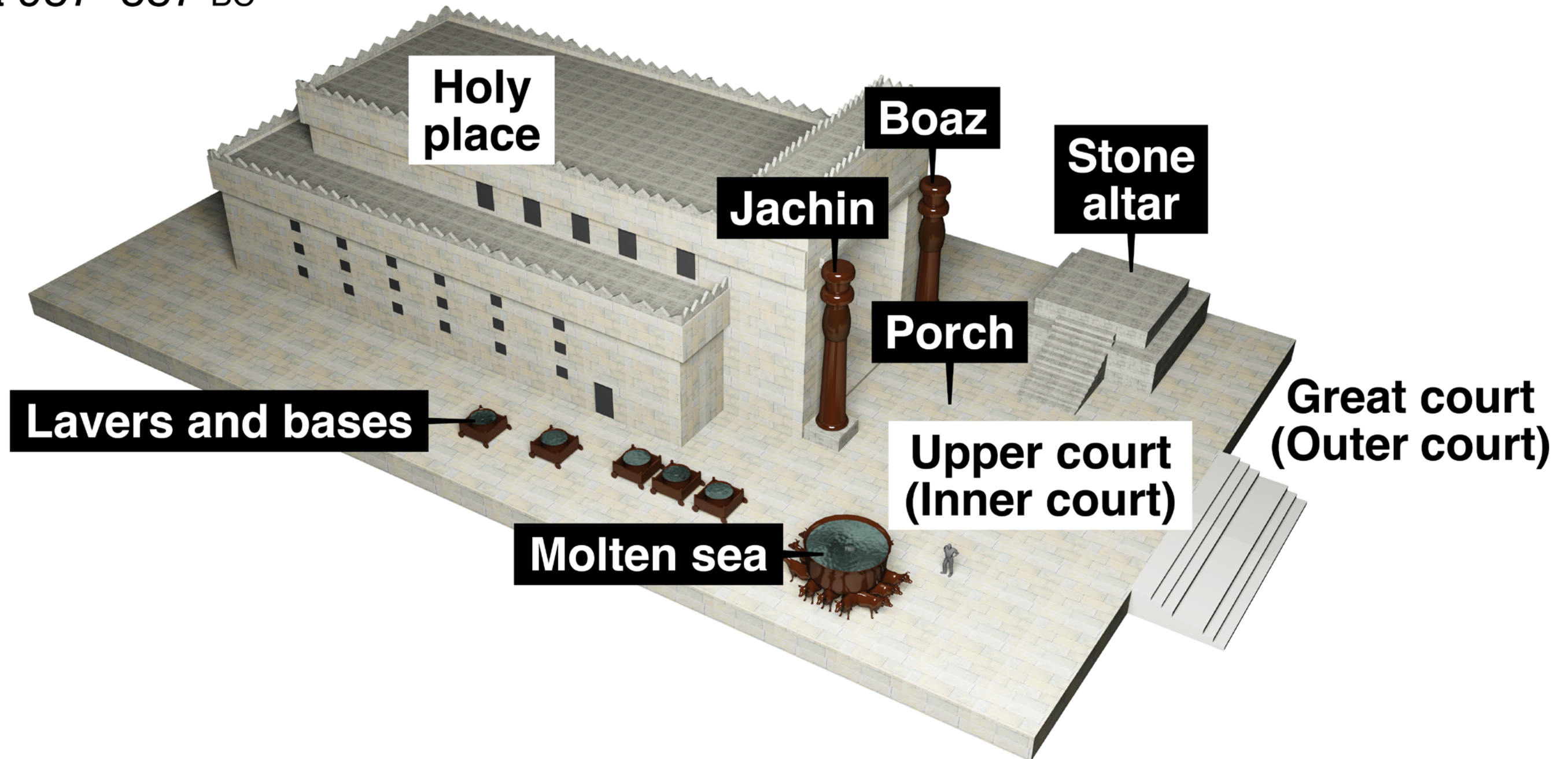
Slaughter table

Entrance curtain



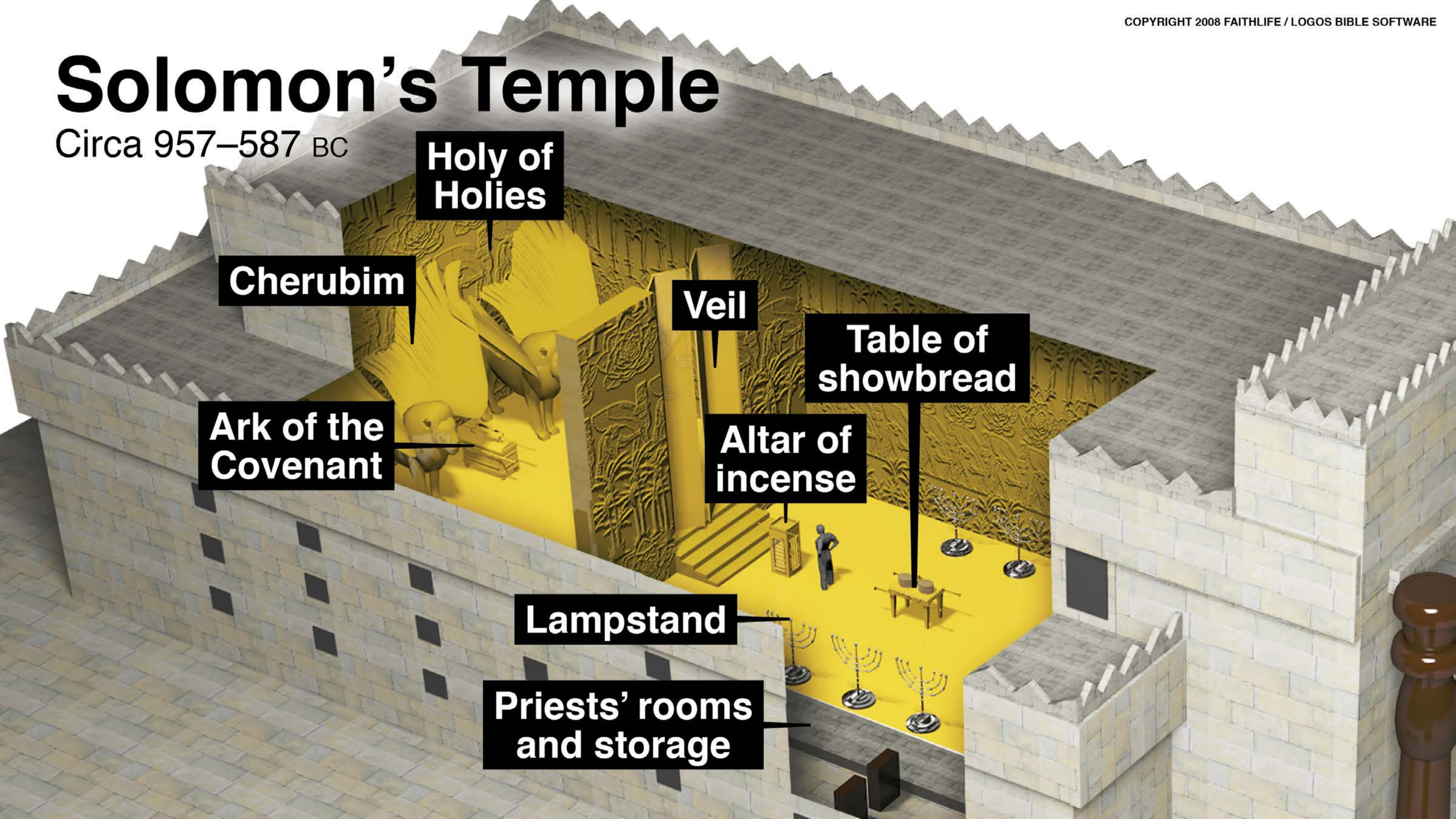
Solomon's Temple

Circa 957–587 BC



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**Holy of
Holies**

Cherubim

**Ark of the
Covenant**

Veil

**Table of
showbread**

**Altar of
incense**

Lampstand

**Priests' rooms
and storage**

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 - Made by God Himself (v2)

John 19:30³⁰ Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Hebrews 7:27²⁷ who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because **this He did once for all** when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 10:10¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the **offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**.

1 Peter 3:18¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins **once for all**, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

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- He ministers in a better sanctuary (vv2-5)
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 - Where He actively ministers (v3)
 - In the heavenly place that is fitting (vv4-5)

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- He ministers in a better sanctuary (vv2-5)
- He provides a more excellent ministry (v6)

(ESV) **Hebrews 8:6** ⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

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- He provides a more excellent ministry (v6)
 - Just as He is the mediator of a better covenant with better promises

Observations and Application

- There is no one like Jesus!

Superior Mediator

Superior covenant

Superior High Priest

Superior promises

Superior seat

Superior sacrifice

Superior sanctuary

Superior place of honor

Superior ministry

Superior position of honor

- Christian, this is *your* Jesus!

- Love, adore, worship, and thank Him like never before!