

CHRIST

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Genesis 14:17-20

Lesson: A Priest Forever

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- I. The Historical Portrait (Gen. 14:17-20)
 - *Malach* – King, *Zedek* – Righteousness

Observations:

- ✓ This is the first mention of Priest and a Priest-King
- ✓ Abraham acknowledges the greatness of Melchizedek

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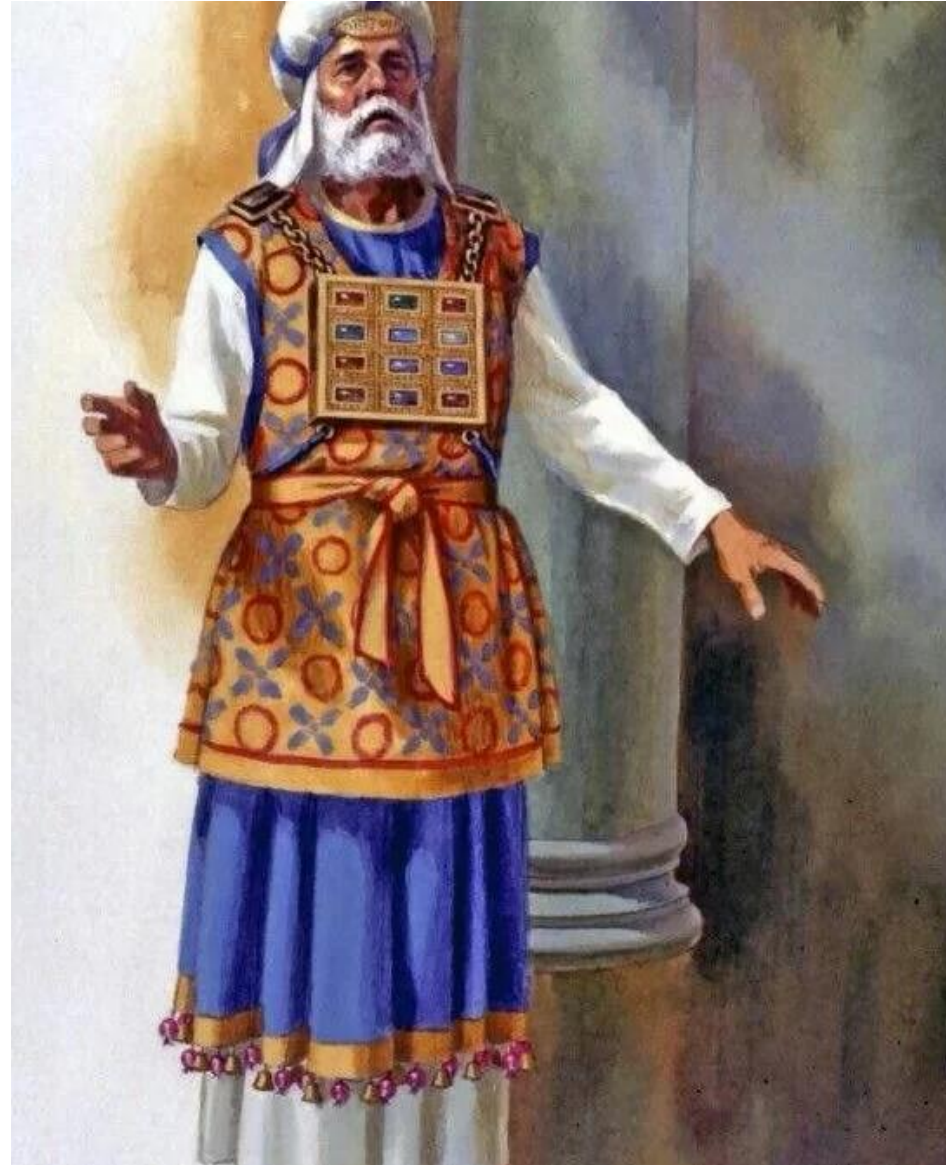
- ✓ The coming Messiah will be a Priest-King
- ✓ The coming Messiah will be of the Order of Melchizedek

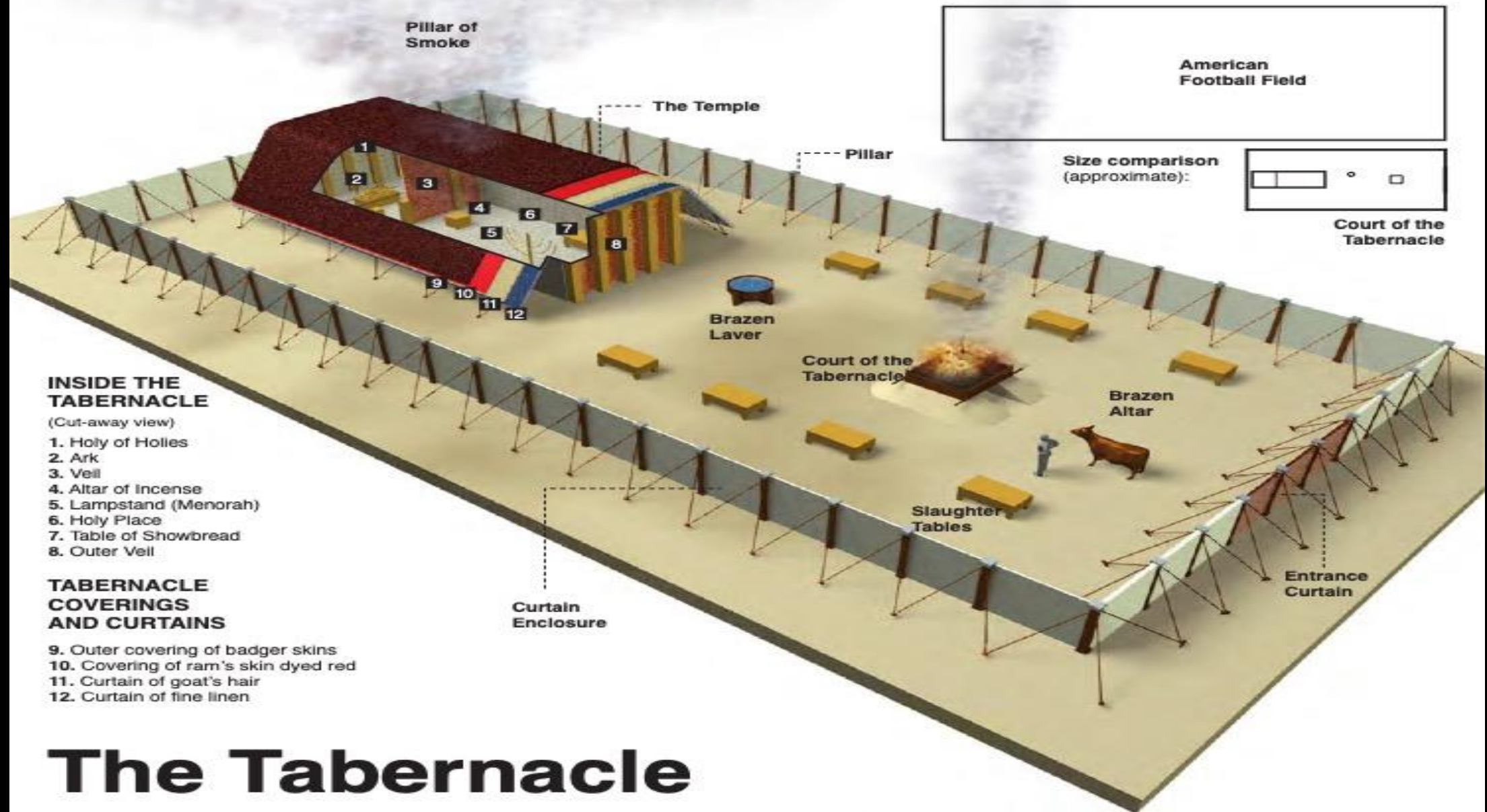
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The Tabernacle

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.

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Weakness of the Aaronic Priesthood:

1. It was Temporary and Mortal (Heb. 7:23-24)
2. It was Hereditary not Perfect (Heb. 7:28)
3. It could Not cleanse the Conscience (Heb. 9:9)
4. It was Earthly and Symbolic (Heb. 8:5)
5. It could not give direct access to God (Heb. 9:8)
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- V. The Perfect Fulfilment (Selected Scriptures)

1. AP was Temporary and Mortal (Heb. 7:23-24)
✓ Christ's was Eternal, NOT Momentary (Heb. 7:3; 5:6; 6:20)
2. AP was Hereditary not Perfect (Heb. 7:28)
✓ Christ's was Divinely Appointed, Not Hereditary (Heb. 4:15)
3. AP could Not cleanse the Conscience (Heb. 9:9)
✓ Christ's was Perfect, Once for All (Heb. 10:10-14)
4. AP was Earthly and Symbolic (Heb. 8:5)
✓ Christ's was Heavenly and Real (Heb. 8:1-2)
5. AP could not give direct access to God (Heb. 9:8)
✓ Christ's provided Open access to God (Heb. 10:19-22)
6. AP Operated Under a Law that could not save (Heb. 7:11)
✓ Christ's is a Guaranteed Covenant, Secures your Salvation (Heb. 7:22, 8:6)
7. AP was Priest's Only (OT)
✓ Christ alone is Priest and King (Zech. 6:13; Col. 1:13; Heb. 4:14)

Why it Matters...

1. It Deepens our Gratitude for Christ (Heb. 7:25)
2. It Gives us Confidence to Approach God (Heb. 10:19-22)
3. It Shapes how You Live (1 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 12:1-2)
4. It Anchors Your Hope (Heb. 4:14-16; 6:19-20)